

The Grand Chapter of Texas

Order of the Eastern Star

*Extends Fraternal Greetings and Welcomes
You to The One Hundred Thirty-Seventh
Harvest Session*

“A Year of Celebrations”



Harvey Convention Center

Tyler, Texas

August 15-18, 2019

Mrs. Carolyn A. Martin

Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Burley D. Jones

Worthy Grand Patron



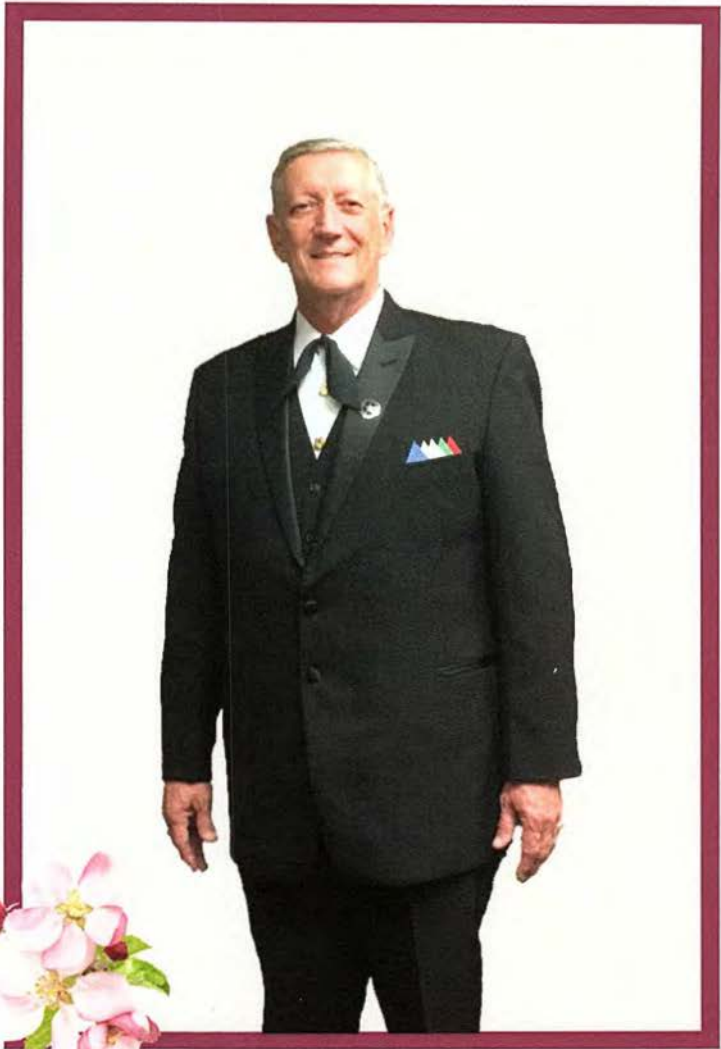
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Dedication and Appreciation

TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF TEXAS

Welcome to the 137th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. We are so pleased that you have chosen to spend this time with us as we conduct the business of your yearly meeting. How exciting for us to be a part of the rich history of this great Order. It is our hope and desire to see the Order of the Eastern Star continue for generations to come. We know you to be dedicated and faithful members who join with us in that hope and seek to see that our benevolent and charitable aims are known throughout our communities. We must always remember that if we Dream It and Believe It, we will Achieve It.

We dedicate this session to the membership of Texas, for each of you are the reason our Order exists. We could not offer this dedication without first expressing our love and thanks for the courtesies extended to us during our year of service. It is truly a humbling experience to be the recipient of such love and kindness. It is you, the individual member, that took the time to speak to us, gave us words of encouragement, and let us know that what we were doing just might work. That means so much to us. To those that have gone down this road before us, we thank you for your assistance and offer to you our deepest respect for your dedication to our beautiful Order.

We are humbled and grateful for the opportunity to have served the membership of this great state. The success of any organization is dependent upon those who are called members. We in Eastern Star are blessed with devoted and loyal members who work daily to see that the our Order does not fail in the aims for which it was created. Your support for our Special Projects and Charities has been overwhelming. Your generosity enabled us to fulfill the dreams of many in need. We hope that you enjoy your Grand Chapter Session in Tyler, Texas renewing old friendships and making new ones as well. You have provided us with incredible memories that will last a lifetime!

As always, our joy has been in meeting you; your learning has been our goal and your friendship is our lifelong blessing.

Carolyn A. Martin
Worthy Grand Matron

Burley D. Jones
Worthy Grand Patron

The Traveling Man

As I travel through this land
Singing as I go
With Brothers and Sisters Hand in Hand
They are always with me I know

Traveling through the sands of time
The Holy Book has taught me many things
By impressing upon my heart and mind
The lessons my Masonic heritage brings

My God has helped me to be a lover of life
By giving me the strength to help my fellow man
To be a true and dedicated provider to my wife
While following the Master's Plan

By His Grace He has carried me all the way
Through my trials here on earth
To His teachings I obligate to stay
Till I reach the end of the road and eternity's rebirth

So as I travel toward His Star in the East
With Brothers and Sisters by my side
I know I will meet no stranger at least
Within this circle of friends I here abide





Distinguished Guests

Most Worthy Grand Matron
Most Worthy Grand Patron

Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons
Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons

General Grand Chapter Elected Officers
General Grand Chapter Appointed Officers
General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members

Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons
of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Past Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons
of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions

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

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

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

Past Most Worshipful Grand Masters and other
Grand Lodge Officers

HONORED GUEST



Mrs. Marianne R. Shenefelt

Most Worthy Grand Matron

General Grand Chapter

and

Past Grand Matron of Wyoming

TEXAS MEMBER and HONORED GUEST



Mr. Henry S. Martin

Most Worthy Grand Patron

General Grand Chapter

and

Past Grand Patron of Texas

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 Benton
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron
General Grand Chapter
and
Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma

HONORED GUEST



Mrs. Barbara "Bobbi" White

Past Most Worthy Grand Matron

General Grand Chapter

and

Past Grand Matron of West Virginia

HONORED GUEST



Mrs. Helen J. Westmoreland

Past Most Worthy Grand Matron

General Grand Chapter

and

Past Grand Matron of Florida

HONORED GUEST



Mr. William E. "Bill" Owen

*Past Most Worthy Grand Patron
General Grand Chapter
and
Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma*

HONORED GUEST



Mr. John Grobler

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

HONORED GUEST



Mr. Robert C. Penoyer

Past Most Worthy Grand Patron

General Grand Chapter

And

Past Grand Patron of Pennsylvania

TEXAS MEMBER and HONORED GUEST



Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane

Right Worthy Grand Secretary

General Grand Chapter

and

Past Grand Matron of Texas

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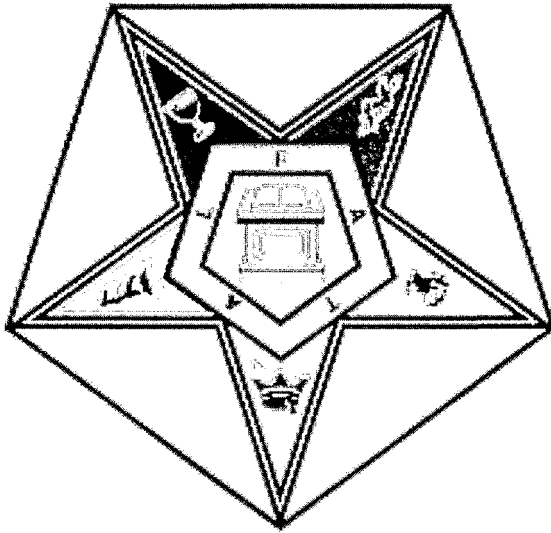
Mrs. Betty Benham

Worthy Grand Esther

General Grand Chapter of Texas

and

Past Grand Matron of Texas



General Grand Chapter
Order of the Eastern Star

General Grand Chapter Committee Appointments



Mr. Bill Wyatt
Ambassador to Alaska



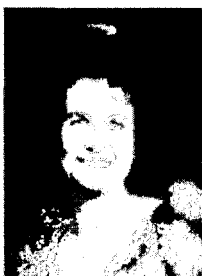
Mrs. Joyce Gilbert
Ambassador to Scotland



Mrs. Naomi Wolfe
Benevolence Committee



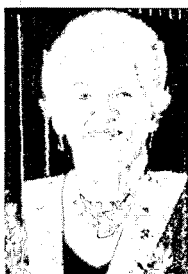
Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas
Credentials Committee,
Chairman



Mrs. Beulah Speer
Heart Committee



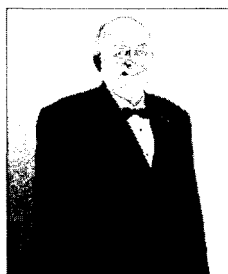
Mr. Glen Whitaker
Heart Committee



Mrs. Betty Friend
International Headquarters
Committee



Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer
Membership Committee,
Chairman



Mr. William "Bill" Crews
OES Journal Committee

General Grand Chapter Committee Appointments



Mr. Tom Murphy
Scottish Rite Committee,
Chairman



Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon
Service Dogs Committee



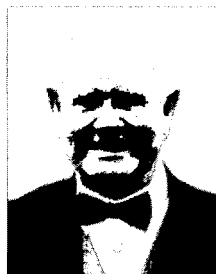
Mr. Trey Smith
Texas Arena Chairman



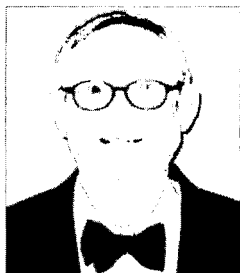
Mrs. Mary Ruth White
Texas Finance Chairman



Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht
Texas Finance Co-Chairman



Mr. Ray Hargis
Texas General Co-Chairman,
Technical



Mr. Herb Garon, Jr.
Texas Legal Counsel



Mrs. Vi Griffin
Triennial Assembly
Social Events, Co-Chairman



Mr. John Creel
Unfinished Business
Committee

General Grand Chapter Committee Appointments



Mrs. Melissa Hudman
Unfinished Business Committee



General Grand Chapter Special Appointments

Mrs. Delia Whitfield	Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron to Mexico
Mrs. Opal Martin	Grand Escort & Personal Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Patron
Mrs. Willie Mae Shaw	Personal Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Patron
Mrs. Ann Wyatt	Campfire Friend
Mrs. Marlene Dribell	Tophat Pride, Chairman
Mrs. Sarah Coursey	Tophat Pride
Ms. Diane Davidson	Tophat Pride
Mrs. Linda Hargis	Tophat Pride
Mrs. Dorothy High	Tophat Pride
Mrs. Wanda Hollingsworth	Tophat Pride
Mrs. Carolyn Garon	Tophat Pride
Mrs. Debara Perry	Tophat Pride
Mrs. Barbara "Jane" Pyle	Tophat Pride

EFFIE MAE DAVIS LIVED A LIFE OF EXCELLENCE! EXCELLING at every endeavor ... living her life for others. Always attempting for others to have the lime-light. Wanting others to get the credit and attention. The most humble person this writer has ever known.

Dr. Effie Mae Davis was born in San Antonio, Texas May 17, 1919, and died September 3, 2018. The only child of Tm and Effie Williams Petriny. A resident of the Highland Park area for over 60 years, and a dedicated member of Baptist Temple. She graduated in 1935 from Brackenridge High School, and in 1939 received a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Baylor University in Waco. During her teaching career she earned both her M.A. and M.D.D. degrees from Texas State University (formerly Southwest Texas State) in San Marcos, Texas, and a Doctor of Education Degree from Nova University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Beginning in 1941 as a substitute teacher, Dr. Effie Mae continued as a classroom teacher, Counselor and Principal of four Elementary Schools in the San Antonio Independent School District, retiring in 1983. She often laughed that one of her first teaching jobs was in Cotulla, La Salle County, Texas which was also the first teaching job of her friend, President Lyndon Baines Johnson.

Effie Mae was a member of Epsilon Beta Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, Daughters of the Republic of Texas Fort Concho Chapter, Nekodah Temple No. 44 Daughters of the Nile, San Antonio Assembly No. 159, Social Order of the Beauceant, Past Matron of Adah Chapter No. 49, Order of Eastern Star, and Worthy Grand Matron of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of Eastern Star. She also served the General Grand Chapter as Worthy Grand Adah, and served on the Ethics Committee and many other committees throughout the years. Her travels in Eastern Star included: Canada, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Brazil, New Zealand, Australia and the Grand Chapter of Scotland. She was honored as a Member of the Grand Cross of Color, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Past President of Mothers Club for DeMolay, a member of the Texas Cardinals and more.

She was predeceased by her parents and two husbands: Richard Prassel and Jeff Davis and his son Kirby Davis. Effie Mae and Jeff were married for 40 years at the time of Jeff's death in 1993. Effie Mae is survived by sons Richard C. Davis and wife Carolyn of San Antonio, Texas, Mark T. Davis and white Sherry of San Antonio and Leakey, Texas and by daughters Doris D. Davis of San Antonio and Rita Wilkenson of Hutto, Texas; ten grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren.

Tribute Written by: Jerre S. Lucas, Past Grand Matron



In Loving Memory

Effie Mae Davis

Worthy Grand Matron

1990 - 1991

Graham Hugh Childress was born February 17, 1936 in San Angelo, Texas to Hugh and Rachael Graham Childress. He graduated from Ozona High School in 1954 and went on to graduate from Rice University in 1958 as an officer in the United States Navy. He was stationed in New London, Connecticut, where he met his wife of 58 years, Marion Ward Childress. They married on June 18, 1960. Graham served in Korea and Vietnam and was honorably discharged as a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy.

Graham was a prominent member of his community and served as County Commissioner of Terrell County for many years. While living in Terrell he was raised a Master Mason in Sanderson Lodge in August of 1970, going on to be the Worshipful Master of the lodge in 1973. He was an Endowed member of nine Lodges; a Golden Trowel recipient at Frontier Lodge #766; Sam Houston Hall of Fame member; Grand Junior Warden in 1985; and the 150th Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Graham was on the Board of the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children and Chairman of the Rocker B Ranch events center committee. Graham was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist church in Ozona, Texas.

In his later years he loved being around the campfire at the Block Y Ranch chuckwagon with family and friends.

Worthy Grand Matron Effie Mae Davis and Worthy Grand Patron Graham Hugh Childress served as members of the Grand Chapter of Texas in 1990 - 1991. Their 109th Golden Rule Session was held in the San Antonio Convention Center October 23rd through 27th, 1991.

A poem that Graham wrote was in the Worthy Grand Patron's Supplemental Report for their proceedings of the 109th "The Golden Rule Session" and follows:

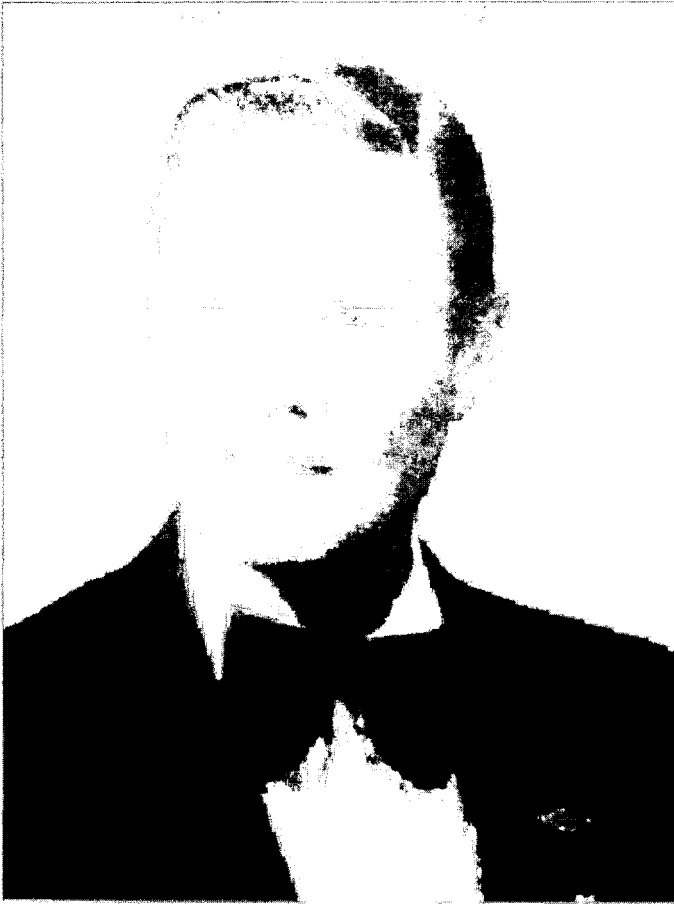
When I have come to the end of the road,
I should like to look back and see
That I have done the very best with the
Trust that was placed in me.

I should like to have the consolation
When I've gone the very last mile
That God and I go in the field together
And I've caused those in sorrow to smile.

I should like to know that I never have,
By action, word or deed
Betrayed a given confidence
Or forsaken a friend in need.

At the end of the road I shall be happy
If in my heart and mind I can feel
That my humble light is shining for others
In keeping with God's divine appeal.

- Tribute Written by: Tom Murphy, Past Grand Patron



In Loving Memory
Graham Hugh Childress
Worthy Grand Patron 1990 - 1991

SPECIAL GUESTS

PAST GRAND MATRONS OF TEXAS

Mrs. Elise B. Hammock	Mrs. Beulah Speer
Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham	Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry
Mrs. Yvonne S. Brownfield	Mrs. Betty Y. Friend
Mrs. Naomi Wolfe	Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon
Mrs. Doris Jean Hester	Mrs. Karen T. Morgenthaler
Mrs. Nancy E. Brown	Mrs. Geraldine Dusek
Mrs. Joyce R. Nicklas	Mrs. Vi Griffin
Mrs. Annette Curry	Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht
Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas	Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer
Mrs. Melissa Hudman	

PAST GRAND PATRONS OF TEXAS

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

HONORED GUEST



Mr. Terry W. Stogner
Most Worshipful Grand Master
of the Most Worshipful
Grand Lodge of Texas,
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS



Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson
Associate Grand Matron



Mr. Paul Garner
Associate Grand Patron



Dr. Ellen Pickrell
Grand Secretary



Mrs. Greta Spradling
Grand Treasurer



Ms. Terri Rozell
Grand Conductress



Mrs. Phyllis Macon
Associate Grand Conductress

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS



Mrs. Sherrie Fowler
Grand Chaplain



Mrs. Doris Jones
Grand Marshal



Mrs. Susan Helmcamp
Grand Organist



Mrs. Mary Spell
Grand Adah



Mrs. Carla Stringer
Grand Ruth



Ms. Diane Davidson
Grand Esther

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS



Mrs. Joy James
Grand Martha



Mrs. Robyn McGarr
Grand Electa



Mr. Jim Leftwich
Grand Warder



Mr. Joe Gilmore
Grand Sentinel

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT



Mrs. Carole McGee
Fraternal Correspondent



Mrs. JoAnn Snow
Grand Chapter Sweetheart

Dream It ...

Believe It ...

Achieve It ...



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Mrs. Carlotta Fairchild
Chairman



Mr. Robert Royall
Vice Chairman



Mrs. Barbara Martin
Secretary



Mr. James Parker
District 1



Mr. Tom Brisko
District 1



Mrs. Cindy Echols
District 2



Mrs. Tamela Henington
District 2



Mr. Darrell Albrecht
District 3



Mrs. Debra Fincher
District 4

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Mrs. Phyllis Wilson
District 5

BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS



Mrs. Kathy Paschal
District 1



Ms. Audri Rowell
District 2



Mrs. Lesa Smith
District 3



Mrs. Glenda Klemm
District 4

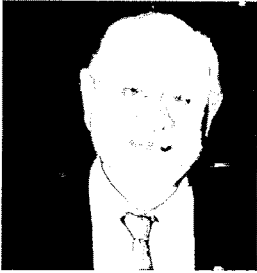


Mrs. Joan Miller
District 5



Mrs. Shelley Walker
At Large

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Mrs. Ray Hargis
Chairman



Mrs. Rebecca Cole
Vice Chairman



Mrs. Betty Scott
Secretary



Mrs. Ann Wyatt
Treasurer



Mrs. Jan Walker
Auditor

ARRANGEMENTS - CHAIRMEN



Mr. Jack Beall
General Chairman



Mrs. Charlotte Beall
Secretary



Mrs. Stephanie Myrick
Decoration Chairman

ARRANGEMENTS - CHAIRMEN



Mrs. Lenda Reeves
Decoration Co-Chairman



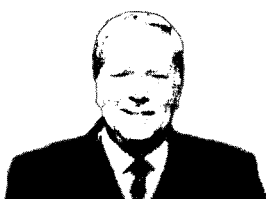
Mrs. Melba Jean Hanna
Distinguished Guests



Mrs. Linda Williams
Ditty Bags Chairman



Mrs. Ritha Henry
Ditty Bags Co-Chairman



Mr. Mark Dieckmann
Elections



Mr. Mike Champion
First Aid Chairman



Mrs. Linda Jackson
Housing Chairman



Miss Debra Albertson
Housing Co-Chairman



Mrs. Carol Osborne
Information/Lost &
Found Chairman

ARRANGEMENTS - CHAIRMEN



Mr. Larry Gilbert
Labyrinth Chairman



Mrs. Doris Blackmon
Paraphernalia Chairman



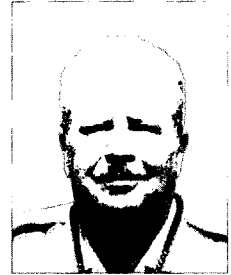
Mr. Charles Broussard
Photographer-Grand
Chapter



Mrs. Debra Tarpley
Recorder



Mr. Rick Taylor
Security Chairman



Mr. Richard "Dick" Roth
Security Co-Chairman



Mrs. Patty Peach & Mr. Sammy Peach
Service Division Chairman & Co-Chairman

ARRANGEMENTS - CHAIRMEN



Mrs. Cindy Brisko & Mrs. Liz Cherry
Social Chairman & Co-Chairman



Mr. Joseph Osborne
Signs



Mr. Ben Wilson
Sound Chairman



Mrs. Debara Perry & Mr. Jeff Perry
Special Needs Chairman & Co-Chairman

ARRANGEMENTS - CHAIRMEN



Mrs. Sharon Willingham
Stage Pages Chairman



Mrs. Mary Choate
Steno



Mrs. Brenda Tucker & Mr. Dennis Tucker
System Division Chairman & Co-Chairman



Mrs. Dee Reynolds
Ticket Chairman

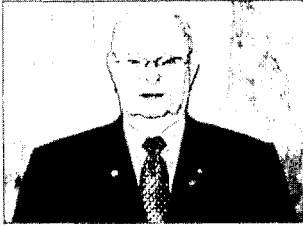


Mrs. Valerie Followell
Ticket Co-Chairman

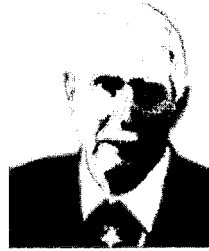


Mr. Dewey Teague
Transportation Chairman

ARRANGEMENTS - CHAIRMEN



Mr. Max Perry
Transportation Co-Chairman



Mr. Ben Clegg
Ushers Chairman



Mrs. Karen Louton
Vendors Chairman



Mrs. Linda Turner
Vendors Co-Chairman



Ceremonial Opening

Thursday, August 15, 2019

11:00 A.M.

10:45 a.m. Musical Prelude
and Informal Opening

Mrs. Rosemary Berry
Past Grand Matron
Mrs. Carolyn Black
Registration

Master of Ceremonies

Mrs. Joyce Gilbert
Ambassador to Scotland, GGC, PGM of Texas

Assisting Grand Marshal

Mrs. Vi Griffin
Triennial Assembly Social Events Co-Chairman, GGC,
PGM of Texas

Procession of Distinguished Members and Guests

Board of Grand Examiners

Mrs. Kathy Paschal

District One
Escorted by Mr. Joe Paschal

Ms. Audri Rowell

District Two
Escorted by Mr. Bill Wyatt

Mrs. Lesa Smith

District Three
Escorted by Mr. Trey Smith

Mrs. Glenda Klemm

District Four
Escorted by Mr. Herman Flanagan

Mrs. Joan Miller

District Five
Escorted by Mr. Terry Miller

Mrs. Shelley Walker

At Large
Escorted by Mr. James Walker

Board of Directors

Mrs. Carlotta Fairchild, Chairman	District Five Escorted by Mr. Randy Martin
Mr. Robert Royall, Vice Chairman	District Four Escorted by Mrs. Cheryl Royall
Mrs. Barbara Martin, Secretary	District Three Escorted by Mr. Tom Hancock
Mr. James Parker	District One Escorted by Mrs. Xanthe Parker
Ms. Tom Brisko	District One Escorted by Mrs. Cindy Brisko
Mrs. Cindy Echols	District Two Escorted by Mr. Tommy Echols
Mrs. Tamela Henington	District Two Escorted by Mr. Donald Reynolds
Mr. Darrel Albrecht	District Three Escorted by Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Past Grand Matron
Mrs. Debra Fincher	District Four Escorted by Mr. Mike Fincher
Mrs. Phyllis Wilson	District Five Escorted by Mr. Garvid Wilson

Special Appointment

Mrs. Carole McGee	Fraternal Correspondent Escorted by Mr. Rex McGee
Mrs. Jo Ann Snow	Grand Chapter Sweetheart Escorted by Mr. Jack Beall

2018-2019 Installed Grand Officers

Mr. Joe Gilmore

Grand Sentinel
Escorted by Mrs. Kay Gilmore

Mr. Jim Leftwich

Grand Warder
Escorted by Mrs. Cynthia Leftwich

Mrs. Robyn McGarr

Grand Electa
Escorted by Mr. Gene Carnes

Mrs. Joy James

Grand Martha
Escorted by Mr. Lynn James

Ms. Diane Davidson

Grand Esther
Escorted by Mr. Terry Littlepage

Mrs. Carla Stringer

Grand Ruth
Escorted by Mr. Bobby Stringer

Mrs. Mary Spell

Grand Adah
Escorted by Mr. Randy Spell

Mrs. Susan Helmcamp

Grand Organist
Escorted by Mr. Gary Helmcamp

Mrs. Doris Jones

Grand Marshal
Escorted by Mr. Paul Zappie III

Mrs. Sherrie Fowler

Grand Chaplain
Escorted by Mr. John Fowler

Mrs. Phyllis Macon	Associate Grand Conductress Escorted by Mr. Carrol Macon
Ms. Terri Rozell	Grand Conductress Escorted by Mr. Alan Duncan
Mrs. Greta Spradling	Grand Treasurer Escorted by Dr. Bill Bane
Dr. Ellen Pickrell	Grand Secretary Escorted by Mr. Henry S. Martin
Mr. Paul Garner	Associate Grand Patron Escorted by Mrs. Regina Garner
Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson	Associate Grand Matron Escorted by Mr. Victor Christenson
Mr. Burley Jones	Worthy Grand Patron Escorted by Mrs. Donna Haltom
Mrs. Carolyn Martin	Worthy Grand Matron Escorted by Mr. Harold Wert

PRESENTATIONS

The Holy Bible	Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahan Service Dogs Committee, GGC, PGM of Texas Escorted by Mr. Henry S. Martin Most Worthy Grand Patron
Square and Compasses	Mr. Bill Wyatt Ambassador to Alaska, GGC, PGP of Texas
Bible Marker	Mrs. Bess Caldwell Past Grand Matron

Flag Presentations

**Narrator: Mr. Tommy Griffin
Past Most Worshipful Grand Master
Of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas**

United States Flag	Mr. Tom Murphy Scottish Rite Committee Chairman, GGC
Canadian Flag	Mr. Gary Mosmeyer Escort to the Past Grand Matron
Texas Flag	Mr. William Bill Wyatt Ambassador to Alaska, GGC, PGP of Texas
Wyoming Flag	Mr. Lee Stallings Past Grand Patron
Christian Flag	Mr. Jerry Trees Past Grand Patron
Eastern Star Flag	Mr. Trey Smith Texas Arena Chairman, GGC, PGP of Texas
Masonic Flag	Mr. Jerry Martin Past Grand Patron, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas Ancient Free & Accepted Masons
Invocation	Mr. Richard Skidd Past Grand Patron
Session Dedication	Mrs. Melissa Hudman Unfinished Business & Past Grand Matron

Ribbon Ceremony

Participants:

<i>James Josker</i>	<i>Rebecca Josker</i>
<i>Charla Blake</i>	<i>Ivy Schwartz</i>
<i>Jackie Dowden</i>	<i>Sharon Powell</i>
<i>Laura Doxey</i>	<i>Jo Schexneider</i>

*The altar is from Thelma Hackett #225
Cameron, LA.*

Greetings and Presentations

Welcome

Mr. Ray Hargis
Executive Committee Chairman, 2018-2019
Honorable Don Warren, Tyler City Council
District 4, Representing the Mayor
Mrs. Leanne Robinette, Senior Manager
Parks, Recreation and Tourism

Scottish Rite Hospital for Children

Mr. Burrel Poston
Development Officer

Susan G. Komen Central East Texas

Mrs. Molly Little
Community Development Manager

Patriot Paws

Representative

Disabled American Veterans/Get A Ride

Representative

General Grand Chapter

Mrs. Marianne R. Shenefelt
Most Worth Grand Matron
Mr. Henry S. Martin
Most Worthy Grand Patron

International Order of the
Rainbow for Girls:

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell
Supreme Parliamentarian &
Member of the House of Gold
Mrs. Jo Ann Weaver
Supreme Deputy in Texas
Miss Lauren Zelenske
Grand Worthy Advisor

Texas DeMolay

Mr. Michael Sampson
State Executive Officer
State Master Counselor

Grand Lodge of Texas

Mr. Paul Underwood
Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of
Texas Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

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

Ritualistic Ceremonial Opening

Thursday, August 15, 2019

1:00 P.M.

“HARVESTING FRIENDSHIP”

Session

Organist Formal Opening

Mrs. Susan Smith
Deputy Grand Matron, D3S8
Mrs. Mary Hunt
Grand Musicians

Call to Order

Mrs. Betty Friend
International Headquarters Committee
Mr. Lee Stallings
PGP of Texas

The “Harvest of Memories” Drill

Installed Grand Officers and Pages

Directed by Mrs. Doris Jones, Grand Marshal

Precision Drill

Directed by Mr. William “Bill” Wyatt, Ambassador to Alaska,
GGC, PGP

Entrance of Grand Officers

Scripture Reading

Mrs. Betty Benham
Worthy Grand Esther, GGC. PGM of Texas

Partial Report of Credentials Committee

Mrs. Tina Stevens
Credentials Chairman

Ritualistic Opening

Installed Grand Officers

Opening Ode

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“Standing on the Promises”
Grand Choir and Assembly

137th Grand Chapter Session

Flag Presentation

Mrs. Doris Jones
Grand Marshal

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Burley Jones
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

Mrs. Bess Caldwell
Past Grand Matron

Formal Introductions

Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron

Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and
Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons

Elective Officers of General Grand Chapter
Appointed Officers of General Grand Chapter
General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members

General Grand Chapter

Message of:

Mrs. Marianne R. Shenefelt, Most Worthy Grand Matron
Mr. Henry S. Martin, Most Worthy Grand Patron

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

Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions

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

Grand Representatives of Texas in Other 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 Presid-
ing Officers and Distinguished Members of All Appendant Bodies

Greetings and Welcome **Mr. Henry S. Martin**
Most Worthy Grand Patron, GGC, PGP of Texas

Response to the Welcome **Mrs. Glenda Winchester**
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, GGC,
PGM of South Carolina

Benediction **Mr. Jerry Trees**
Past Grand Patron

Closing of the Holy Bible **Ms. Terri Rozell**
Grand Conductress

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

Thursday, August 15, 2019
8:00 P.M.

“Harvest Blessings of Love and Kindness”
Session

7:45 P.M. Musical Prelude

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Mrs. Susan Helmcamp
Grand Organist

8:00 P.M. Call to Order

Mrs. Jayne Yenger
Past Grand Matron
Mr. Trey Smith
Texas Arena Chairman, GGC

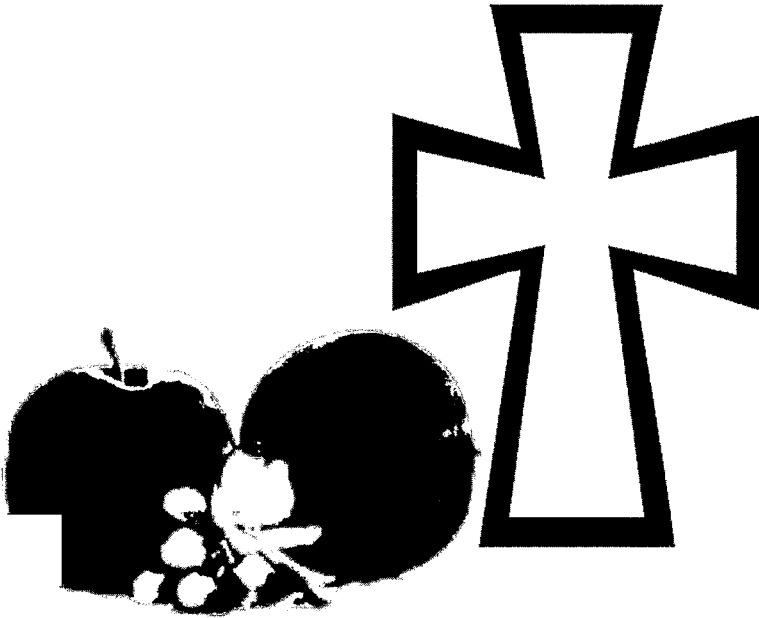
Entrance of the Grand Officers

ESTARL PROGRAM



“Aiding Today’s Learners...

Tomorrow’s Leaders”



Mrs. Carolyn Martin

Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Burley Jones

Worthy Grand Patron

ESTARL Program

August 15th, 2019

Mrs. Mary Medford, ESTARL General Chairman

ESTARL Service and Awards

Musical Prelude	Mrs. Susan Helmcamp Grand Organist
Welcome	Mrs. Mary Medford ESTARL General Chairman

ESTARL COMMITTEE

Ms. Diann Norton	District 1
Mrs. Anita Mead	District 2
Mrs. Peggy Stewart	District 3
Mrs. Karen Vest	District 4
Mrs. Jane Hudson	District 5

Invocation	Mrs. Kara Mitchell Recipient, District 1
Scripture Reading	Mr. Noah Batts Recipient, District 1
Offertory Prayer	Mr. Christian Messemer Recipient, District 3

*** ESTARL Love Offering ***

Offertory Music	Mrs. Susan Helmcamp Grand Organist
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Presentation of Awards

Mrs. Carolyn Martin

Mr. Burley Jones

Worthy Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Patron

Assisted By ESTARL Committee

Recipients Response

Mr. Forrest Wilson

Recipient, District 1

Remarks

Mr. Burley Jones

Worthy Grand Patron

Mrs. Carolyn Martin

Worthy Grand Matron

Benediction

Mr. Jordan McDaniel

Recipient, District 5



The Apple Seed's Wish

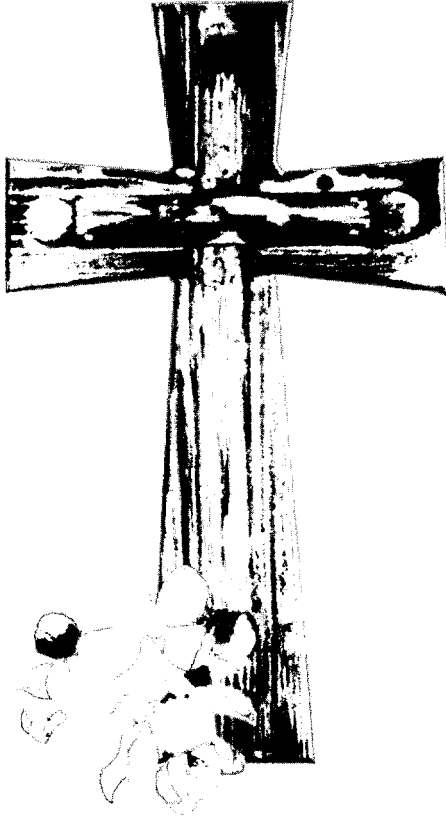
Secret star all apples hide,
Lucky star locked up inside,
Wishing star, hear what I say,
And grant the wish I wish today.

I wish I may, I wish I might,
Find a growing place just right,
With good soft soil, nice fresh air,
Warm sun, cool rain, and room to spare.

Secret star, of which I'm part,
I wish this wish with all my heart;
To sprout and grow, and one day be
A proud and pretty apple tree.



“HARVEST MEMORIES AT THE CROSS”



MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Mrs. Sherrie Fowler
Grand Chaplain

Mrs. Carolyn Martin
Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Burley Jones
Worthy Grand Patron

“HARVEST MEMORIES AT THE CROSS”

Musical Prelude

Mrs. Treaca Huston
Grand Musician

“At the Cross” Drill

Installed Grand Officers
Directed by **Mrs. Doris Jones**
Grand Marshal

“The Old Rugged Cross”

In Unison with Grand Choir
Directed by **Mr. Jerry Neuenschwander**
Grand Choir Director

Invocation

Mr. Tom Murphy
Scottish Rite Charities Chairman, GGC, PGP of Texas

Report of the Grand Chaplain

Mrs. Sherrie Fowler
Grand Chaplain

Solo - “At the Cross, Love Ran Red”

Mrs. Patricia Faltecek
Texas Tabbies, Chairman District 4

Tribute to General Grand Chapter

Mrs. Sherrie Fowler
Grand Chaplain

Floral Presentation

Mrs. Vi Griffin
Triennial Assembly General Chairman, GGC, PGM of Texas
Mr. Trey Smith
Triennial Assembly Arena Chairman, GGC, PGP of Texas

Tribute to PGM’s & PGP’s of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Mrs. Sherrie Fowler
Grand Chaplain

Floral Presentation

Mrs. Bess Caldwell
Past Grand Matron
Mr. Bill Wyatt
Ambassador to Alaska, GGC, PGP of Texas

Tribute to PGM & PGP of Texas	Mrs. Sherrie Fowler Grand Chaplain
Floral Presentation	Mrs. Betty Benham Worthy Grand Esther, GGC, PGM of Texas Mr. Jerry Trees Past Grand Patron
Tribute to Subordinate Chapters	Mrs. Sherrie Fowler Grand Chaplain
Floral Presentation	Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas Credentials Committee Chairman, GGC, PGM of Texas Mr. Kenneth Gregory Past Grand Patron
Tribute to United States Military	Mrs. Sherrie Fowler Grand Chaplain
Floral Presentation	Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler Past Grand Matron Mr. Ray Hertenberger Past Grand Patron
Opening of the Holy Bible	Ms. Terri Rozell Grand Conductress
Solo - "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"	Mr. Jerry Neuenschwander Grand Choir Director
Draping of the Altar	Ms. Terri Rozell Grand Conductress Mrs. Phyllis Macon Associate Grand Conductress Mrs. Sherrie Fowler Grand Chaplain

Poem - "Blessings"

Mrs. Carole McGee
Fraternal Correspondent

Solo - "Give Me Jesus"

Mrs. Mary Harvey
Grand Page to Grand Ruth

Closing of the Holy Bible

Ms. Terri Rozell
Grand Conductress

Benediction

Mr. Jerry Trees
Past Grand Patron

Please retire reverently

**SESSION CALLED FROM LABOR TO REST
UNTIL 8:45 A.M. FRIDAY MORNING**



Friday, August 16, 2019

8:45 AM

“Golden Leaves of Friendship”

Session

8:30 A.M. Musical Prelude & Opening Mrs. Beverly Plante
Grand Representative of Texas to Alberta, Canada

8:45 A.M. Call to Order Mrs. Joyce Nicklas
Past Grand Matron

Mr. Ray Hertenberger
Past Grand Patron

The “Harvest of Memories” Drill
Installed Grand Officers and Pages
Directed by Mrs. Doris Jones, Grand Marshal

Precision Drill
Directed by Mr. William “Bill” Wyatt, Ambassador to Alaska, GGC
PGP of Texas

Entrance of the Grand Officers

Opening of the Holy Bible Ms. Terri Rozell
Grand Conductress

Invocation Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler
Past Grand Matron

Scripture Reading Mrs. Nancy Brown
Past Grand Matron



Business Session - Reports:

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

Reports:

Parliamentary Procedures	Mrs. Janet Travers
Chapters U.D.	Mr. William H. "Billy" Clabaugh, PGM
Worthy Grand Matron	Mrs. Carolyn Martin
Worthy Grand Patron	Mr. Burley Jones
Grand Secretary	Dr. Ellen Pickrell
Grand Treasurer	Mrs. Greta Spradling
Board of Directors	Mrs. Carlotta Fairchild
Jurisprudence on Unfinished Business	Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry Chairman & PGM
Jurisprudence	Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry Chairman & PGM
Grievance and Appeals	Mr. Tom Murphy, PGP
By-Laws	Mrs. Gail Fuller, Chairman
Educational Fund	Mrs. Jean Hobbs, Chairman
Financial Investments	Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Chairman & PGM
International Headquarters	Mrs. Johnnie Faye Morris, Chairman
Benediction	Mr. Nelson Campbell Past Grand Patron
Closing of the Holy Bible	Ms. Terri Rozell 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, August 16, 2019
1:30 P.M.

**“Baskets of Love”
Session**

1:15 P.M. Musical Prelude **Mrs. Judy Mathison**
Grand Musicians

1:30 P.M. Organist Opening **Mrs. Sandra Gubrud**
Grand Musicians

1:30 P.M. Call to Order **Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer**
Membership Committee Chairman, GGC, PGM of Texas

Mr. Tom Murphy
Scottish Rite Committee Chairman, GGC, PGP of Texas

Entrance of the Grand Officers

Opening of the Holy Bible **Ms. Terri Rozell**
Grand Conductress

Invocation **Mr. George Gwaltney**
Past Grand Patron

Scripture Reading **Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht**
Texas Finance Co-Chairman, GGC, PGM of Texas

Reports Continued:

ESTARAL **Mrs. Mary Medford, Chairman**

Memorial **Mrs. Sherrie Fowler, Grand Chaplain**

Museum **Mrs. Sharon Adams, Chairman**

OES Endowment Fund **Mrs. Kenlyn Lawrence, Chairman**

Purposes and Policies **Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Chairman**

Titles, Deeds & Properties **Mrs. Gerry Sturtz, Chairman**

Committee on Unrestricted Funds **Mr. Bill Wyatt, Ambassador to
Alaska, GGC, PGP of Texas**

Mr. James Parker, Board of Directors, D1

Benediction

Mr. Kenneth Gregory
Past Grand Patron

Closing of the Holy Bible

Ms. Terri Rozell
Grand Conductress

Grand Representatives Presentation and Report

Mrs. Carole McGee
Fraternal Correspondent

**“Friendship Across The World”
Grand Representatives Drill**

Humanitarian Presentation and Report

Mrs. Linda Thornton
Humanitarian, General Chairman

District One	Mrs. Michelle Stegman
District Two	Mrs. Susan Dormady
District Three	Mrs. Melissa Roberts
District Four	Mrs. Jeanette Melton
District Five	Mrs. Cindy Bausell

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

**Called from Labor to Rest
Until 8:30 A.M. Saturday Morning**

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

**Saturday, August 17, 2019
8:30 A.M.**

**“Apples of Love Through Kindness”
Session**

8:15 A.M. Musical Prelude **Mr. Carl Chalfant**
Grand Musician

8:30 A.M. Organist Opening **Mrs. Sandra Kerby**
Grand Representative of Texas to Sao Paulo, Brazil

8:30 A.M. Call to Order **Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas**
Credentials Committee Chairman, GGC, PGM of Texas

Mr. Billy Clabaugh
Past Grand Patron

The “Harvest of Memories” Drill
Installed Grand Officers and Pages
Directed by **Mrs. Doris Jones**, Grand Marshal

Precision Drill
Directed by **Mr. William “Bill” Wyatt**, Ambassador to Alaska,
GGC, PGP of Texas

Entrance of Grand Officers

Opening of the Holy Bible **Ms. Terri Rozell**
Grand Conductress

Invocation **Mr. Jerry Martin**
Past Grand Patron and Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful
Grand Lodge of Texas Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Scripture Reading **Mrs. Mary Ruth White**
Texas Finance Chairman, GGC, PGM of Texas

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

Presentation of Executive and Arrangements Committees

Credentials Final Report

Mrs. Tina Stevens
Credentials, General Chairman

Appointment of Election Judge,
Table Judges, and Tellers

Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon
Service Dog Committee and PGM

10:00 A.M. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Reports continued:

Registration

Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger, General Chairman

Fraternal Correspondent

Mrs. Carole McGee

Humanitarian

Mrs. Linda Thornton, 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 "Apple A Day" Chapter Awards

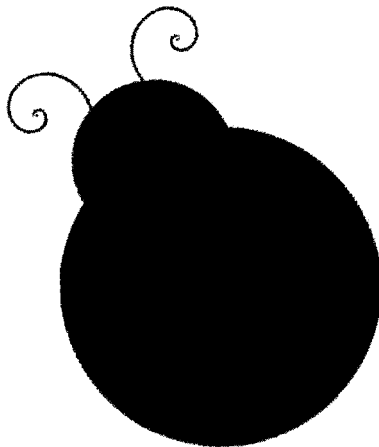


Reports Continued (as time permits):

American Veterans Who Served
Celebration of Our Order—Poetry
I Love Texas Collection
Marking Time—Calendar
Memories of the Heart CD
Musical Memories
Patriot Paws
Rob Morris
Specialty License Plates
Sweet Treats
Texas Tabbies
Texas Who’s Who
The Happy Caterpillar Reading Club
Time and Talent

Mrs. Janet Kramer
Mrs. Debra “Debbie” Hicks
Mrs. Cynthia Leftwich
Mrs. Susan Neuenschwander
Mrs. Melissa Ramos
Mrs. Judy Sadberry
Mr. D.W. “Mike” Hall
Mrs. Betty Fogarty
Mrs. Cheryl Royall
Mrs. Debra Blake
Mrs. Gerri Schultz
Mrs. Genevieve Orr
Mrs. Molly Cliett
Mrs. Alys Newsom

Invitation to 2019-2020 Grand Chapter Session



**PARLIAMENTARY RULES OF PROCEDURE
FOR GRAND CHAPTER 2019**

**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 show a current dues card or demit. On Saturday morning, delegates also must have their signed official ballot for admission to the Grand Chapter room.
4. There shall be three (3) written copies of all motions made from the floor. These copies shall have the name, signature, and Chapter name and number of the maker of the motion, as well as that of the member seconding the motion. These copies are to be distributed as follows:
 - a. One copy to the Worthy Grand Matron;
 - b. One copy to the Grand Secretary;
 - c. One copy to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.
5. Only Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons, Past Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction are entitled to speak, make motions, debate, or vote.
6. In order to obtain the floor, the following procedure will be used:
 - a. Proceed to the nearest microphone;
 - b. Address the Presiding Officer;
 - c. Wait for recognition from the Presiding Officer before speaking;
 - d. State name, title, Chapter name and number, then proceed to make a motion or participate in debate.
7. All motions must be seconded and stated by the Presiding Officer before debate can begin.

8. A motion may be amended (primary amendment) and the amendment may be amended (secondary amendment). In taking the vote, the secondary amendment is voted on first, then the primary amendment as amended, then the original motion as amended.
9. Debate shall be limited to three (3) minutes for each speaker for each question. No member may speak more than one time on a question unless permission to speak again is given by the Presiding Officer. The three-minute time limit can be extended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting, or can be extended by the Presiding Officer, if there is no objection.
10. A majority vote shall determine all questions, unless otherwise specified in these rules of procedure. If the result is not clear, a division can be called. Voting Delegates will hold up the RED card; Chapter Representatives will hold up the YELLOW 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. A vote must be taken on the motion to "Move the Previous Question."

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. No media devices (cell phones, tablets, etc.) are permitted to record the proceedings in the Grand Chapter Room.
22. Bottled water and small snacks are permitted in the Grand Chapter room.



Session Social Events

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019

2:00 pm Executive and Arrangements and subcommittee chairs review setup plan at Harvey Center.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019

8:00 am Move into Harvey Center, Executive, Arrangements, Registration, (ALL MEMBERS) move into Harvey Center and begin to set up for Grand Chapter.

9:00 am Vendors area will be available for Vendor set up.
Location: Harvey Center.

10:00 am Credentials Committees

7:00 pm “ALOHA LUAU” Installed Grand Officers Banquet.
Location: Hideaway Bay.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019

8:00 am ARRANGEMENTS SETUP: All Arrangements Committee members will continue to set up for Grand Chapter.

9:00 am Reception honoring Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson, Associate Grand Matron, and the 2019-2020 Grand Officers.
Hosted by Mr. Paul Garner, Associate Grand Patron. Location: Rose Garden-Atrium & Camellia Room. By invitation only.

10am-5pm REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS open for registration. Harvey Center.

10:00 am Vendors area open. Harvey Center.

10:30 am Texas Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Meeting. Holiday Inn South.

11:30 am “HARVEST MEMORIES” Deputies of 2018-2019 Grand Chapter Luncheon. Rose Garden-Rose Room.

12:00 noon “APPLE OF OUR EYE” Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons luncheon. Holiday Inn South

1:30 pm Drill Practice. Harvey Center

- 5:00 pm Reception for Distinguished Guests hosted by Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Cascades.
- 6pm-8pm **“THE TOP HAT AMONG THE ROSES”** General Grand Chapter Banquet honoring Henry S. Martin, Most Worthy Grand Patron. Cascades.
- “After Hours with the Top Hats”** for General Grand Chapter Family at Holiday Inn South. By invitation only.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019

- 7:00 am **“SPREADING APPLE SEEDS OF KINDNESS”** Grand Representatives Breakfast. Rose Garden-Bluebonnet and Camellia Rooms.
- 8am-5pm Registration and Credentials open. Harvey Center.
- 8am-5pm Vendors area open. Harvey Center.
- 9am-11am Hospitality Room for Distinguished Guests, Grand Representatives and PAGO. Rose Garden-Atrium.
- 9am-11am Grand Examination Room open. Harvey Center.
- 9:30 am **“RETURN TO THE BLUE LAGOON”** Junior Past Grand Matron brunch. Open to 2017-2018 Grand Family. Rose Garden-Rose Room.
- 11:00am **137th Session of Grand Chapter of Texas - Informal Opening** (formal wear). Harvey Center.
- (Ribbon Ceremony - Louisiana Chapter)
- 1:00 pm **137th Session of Grand Chapter of Texas - Formal Opening** (formal wear). Harvey Center. (Formal Introductions: Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons, Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons, Elected General Grand Chapter Officers, 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 Grand Lodge of Texas Ancient Free & Accepted Mason, Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions, Deputies of General Grand Chapter, Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdiction, Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdiction in other Grand Jurisdiction, Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdiction in Texas, Grand Committee Members and Appointments of other Grand Jurisdiction.

- 5:30pm Reception for Distinguished Guests and Installed Grand Officers of Texas. Cascades.
- 6:00pm **"THE BEST OF TEXAS"** General Banquet honoring Installed Grand Officers of TexasCascades.
- 8:00pm **Grand Chapter Session resumes.** This session includes ESTARL and Memorial Programs. Harvey Center.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2019

- 6:30am **"CROSSED PENS AND CROSSED KEYS"** Meeting and continental breakfast. Rose Garden-Rose Room.
- 8am-5pm Registration and Credentials open. Harvey Center.
- 8am-5pm Vendors area open. Harvey Center.
- 8:30am Prelude
- 8:45am **Grand Chapter Session resumes.** Harvey Center.
- 12:00 noon **"HARVESTING SEEDS OF LOVE AND KINDNESS"** Luncheon honoring Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Rose Garden-Camellia Room.
- 12:00noon **"BELIEVERS AND FRIENDS SHARING BLESSINGS"** Luncheon honoring Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron. Cascades.
- 12:00noon **"FAITH'S ENABLING WINGS"** Luncheon honoring Grand Conductress. Rose Garden-Bluebonnet Room.
- 12:00noon **"COME FLY WITH ME"** Luncheon honoring Associate Grand Conductress. Rose Garden-Rose Room.
- 1:30pm **Grand Chapter Session resumes.** Fraternal Correspondent's Report - Grand Representative Flag Ceremony. Harvey Center. Humanitarian Report and Drill (Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Junior Past Matrons, Junior Past Patrons). Harvey Center.
- 6:00pm **"APPLE TWO STEP"** Rob Morris Banquet. Fun night with Live and Silent Auction. Cascades.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019

- 6:30am **"LADY BUGS SPREADING THEIR WINGS"** Breakfast honoring Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron. Rose Garden-Camellia & Bluebonnet Rooms.
- 7am-9am Registration and Credentials open. Credentials closes at 9:00am. Harvey Center,
- 8am-12noon Vendors area open. Harvey Center.
- 8:30am Prelude
- 8:45am **Grand Chapter Session resumes.** This session includes Elections at 10:00am, Introduction of TMRC Residents and 50 Year Member recognition. Harvey Center.
- 6:00pm **Grand Chapter Session - Installation of 2019-2020 Grand Officers.** Harvey Center.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019

- 8:00am **“AND THE ADVENTURE BEGINS”** Breakfast honoring the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress. Rose Garden-Camellia & Bluebonnet Rooms.
- 10:00am Deputies Meeting with Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Rose Garden

Important Addresses and Phone Numbers:

Hideaway Lake Club: 101 Hide A Way Central, Hideaway, Texas 75771, 903-882-6151

Harvey Center: 2000 West Front Street, Tyler, Texas 75702, 903-531-1349

Holiday Inn South: 5701 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas 75703, 903-561-5800

Cascades: 4511 Briarwood Road, Tyler, Texas 75709, 903-525-0005

Rose Garden: 420 Rose Park Drive, Tyler, Texas 75702, 903-531-1212



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 designated area.

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

Distinguished guests and Grand Representatives will be in the designated area of the Rose Garden Atrium.

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:

Mr. Charles Broussard: GC Session: 409-782-3833 cell

Mr. David Mike Biddler: District 1: 214-597-5767 cell

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

Mrs. Niccola "Nickie" Bilski: District 4: 830-626-1417

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 - Harvey Convention Center 10:00 AM

Thursday - Harvey Convention Center 8:00 AM

Friday & Saturday - Harvey Convention Center 7:00 AM

Registration of Voting Delegates for their Credentials closes promptly at 9:00 AM on Saturday, August 17, 2019

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. First Aid Room will be posted.

HUMANITARIAN DRILL: All Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Junior Past Matrons, and Junior Past Patrons participating in the Humanitarian Drill for 2018-2019 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 – location will be posted Thursday, August 15, 2019: 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Located in the Harvey Convention Center.

VENDORS:

The vendors are located at Harvey 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:

HOLIDAY INN SOUTH

5701 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas 75703



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.

Standing on the Promises

Standing on the promises of Christ my King
Through eternal ages let his praises ring
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing
Standing on the promises of God

Standing, standing
Standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing, standing
I'm standing on the promises of God



Don't Sit Under The Apple Tree

Don't sit under the apple tree with anyone else but me,
Anyone else but me, anyone else but me, no, no, no
Don't sit under the apple tree with anyone else but me
Till I come marching home.

Don't go walking down Lovers' Lane with anyone else but me,
Anyone else but me, anyone else but me, no, no, no
Don't go walking down Lovers' Lane with anyone else but me
Till I come marching home We have the hope and the purpose to share.

Don't sit under the apple tree with anyone else but me,
Anyone else but me, anyone else but me, no, no, no
Don't sit under the apple tree with anyone else but me
Till I come marching home.

Special Thanks

2018-2019 Executive Chairman Mr. Ray Hargis

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Mrs. Rebecca Cole, Co-Chairman
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Mr. David Myrick, Co-Chairman
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Altar Cover, Kneeling Bench
& Altar Drape Mrs. Jane Wert
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Square and Compasses Mr. Tom Murphy
Emblems Palestine Chapter #395
Bible Marker Mrs. Wanda Hollingsworth
Signet Gilmer Chapter #355
Big Red Apple Mr. Jim Leftwich
Little Yellow School Bus Mrs. Ann Wyatt
Mrs. Mary Spell

NOTES

ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS (1st Ballot)			
<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Needed to Elect</i>	<i>Total Votes</i>
Susan Dormady			
Shelley Walker			
Donna Noe			

ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS (2nd Ballot)			
<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Needed to Elect</i>	<i>Total Votes</i>
Susan Dormady			
Shelley Walker			
Donna Noe			

ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS (3rd Ballot)			
<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Needed to Elect</i>	<i>Total Votes</i>
Susan Dormady			
Shelley Walker			
Donna Noe			

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - DISTRICT 1

Joe Gilmore Elected by Acclamation

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - DISTRICT 4			
<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Needed to Elect</i>	<i>Total Votes</i>
William T. Henry (Bill)			
Marita Adamson Lewis			

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - DISTRICT 5

Randy Martin Elected by Acclamation

BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS - DISTRICT 5

Patty Peach Elected by Acclamation

BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS - AT LARGE			
<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Needed to Elect</i>	<i>Total Votes</i>
Cheryl Royall			
Ann Wyatt			

ADVANCE ANNUAL REPORTS

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

Order Of The Eastern Star

OF THE STATE OF TEXAS



ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

**THE REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
MRS. CAROLYN A. MARTIN
2018-2019**

The year of Harvesting Love and Kindness began with a beautiful installation held August 18, 2018 at the Irving Convention Center, Irving, Texas. It was an evening to remember and my thanks goes out to all of those who worked so hard to make that evening a cherished memory. The membership has welcomed me with love and kindness to every School, Fraternal Visit, or other events I have attended. Each of you were so supportive of the office of Worthy Grand Matron and made my time in that office so memorable. We have celebrated our beautiful Order all over the great State of Texas from Houston to El Paso and points north and south. The membership has been outstanding in their support of my charities for it is through service to others that makes our Order so wonderful. It was a privilege to serve as Worthy Grand Matron for this great state. I thank each of you for this opportunity to serve our Order.

It is with much excitement and love that I welcome each of you to the 137th Harvest Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

INSTALLATION

What a joy our installation was. It was beautifully decorated and full of promise for the year to come. I want to thank all of those who participated in this memorable event. I was so proud to have each of you there. I want to thank Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon and Sister Joyce Gilbert, for their help in organizing this special event. To Sister Rosemary Berry, you know how much it meant to me, for you represented my mother and her love for you when you installed me. My lovely march, arranged by Mr. Bill Rhyan, was beautifully performed by Sister Susan Helmcamp. My march is indeed a trip down memory lane for it represented my father and his love for the music of his "Greatest Generation". To the Rainbow girls who gave us the Bibles and to those who brought our messages, thank you for an event that will always remain special in my heart. It was the start of a year to remember as the old saying goes, and I will always remember it as one of the best years of my life. I thank everyone who had a part in this wonderful event.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep sadness that I report the passing of Past Grand Matron, Doctor Effie Mae Davis and Past Grand Patron, Mr. Graham Childress. They gave generously of their time and talents to the Order they loved so well. They will always be remembered for their service to our Order, their selflessness, and their devotion to the principles promulgated by our Order. They truly lived their lives according to their Christian beliefs and the Obligation of our Order.

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER
GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN TEXAS
2018-2019**

We know that our finest work comes through service to others and there is no higher distinction than to be recognized for being of service to others. I was extremely proud to recommend to other Grand Jurisdiction the names of these members for the Appointment of Grand Representative.

STATE/COUNTRY	RECIPIENT
Alabama	Melba Jirasek
Arizona	Lucille Haney
Arkansas	Randy Spell
Connecticut	Charles Broussard
Illinois	Ann Dunn
Indiana	Barbara Tramel
Iowa	Jean Harrison
Maine	Charlotte Beal
Nebraska	Wanda Hollingsworth
New Hampshire	Kay Searson
New Mexico	Stephanie Myrick
Oklahoma	Konnie Harrell
Quebec	Mary Frances Royall
Sao Paulo	Sandra Kerby
Saskatchewan	Francis Johnson
Scotland	Xanthe Parker
Vermont	Hobie Henderson
Virginia	Martha Hackney
Wyoming	Harold Wert

**TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER
PARTIES AND EVENTS**

Mrs. Alys Newsome served as the General Chairman for the events held at TMRC.

October 13, 2018 Masonic Family Day Cancelled due to bad weather

It was my pleasure to attend the parties at TMRC hosted by the Districts. It is always fun to attend these events and to be able to meet with the membership. Bingo is indeed the name of the game and everyone wants the quarters! To the Districts responsible for the food and gifts, you did an outstanding job. Each event was decorated according to the theme with small gifts for everyone. Our membership at TMRC was so appreciative. It was also my pleasure to eat lunch and/or breakfast with our membership each time as well as attending a church service.

October 21, 2018, Halloween Party Hosted by District 4 under Chairman, Pat Chuber
December 16, 2018, Christmas Party Hosted by District 1 under Chairman, Peggy Saxon
February 17, 2019, Valentine Party Hosted by District 3 under Chairman, Nancy Pitts
April. 7, 2019, Spring Party Hosted by District 5 under Chairman, Teris Reynolds
April 10, 2019, WGM Brunch Hosted by TMRC

The brunch was truly an elegant affair with the refreshments displayed as flowers. They were almost too pretty to eat. I am a lover of beautiful flowers and the arrangement given to me was outstanding. As I wanted to share it with our ladies, the staff found vases and split the arrangement so that each of our ladies had a vase of beautiful flowers in her room. It gave me great pleasure to share such a beautiful arrangement with our lovely ladies. It was a privilege and an honor to attend this affair 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 Tommy Chapman, 2018 and Brother Terry Stogner, 2019.

I had the pleasure of attending the 183rd Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas A.F. & A.M. on Thursday, January 17, 2019. It was my privilege to bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas. In addition we had a display of information concerning the Eastern Star. As is the tradition, the booth was staffed by the District Deputy Grand Matrons with the assistance of many of our Deputy Grand Matrons. As always, the Grand Chapter of Texas was well represented by these hardworking ladies.

It was also my great pleasure to be asked to represent the Grand Chapter of Texas at the Masonic Conference in Corpus Christi, Texas, March 23, 2019. I was privileged to bring to those present information concerning the Order of the Eastern Star. It was an outstanding Conference with a surprise ending for me as I was awarded the Grand Master's Medal. I felt very privileged to be one of the three recipients receiving this award.

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

I will be attending Grand Assembly, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, June 21-23, 2019. I look forward to attending the General Banquet as well as speaking on Friday evening. I will also be attending the Grand Cross Luncheon and the Awards Luncheon. I look forward to this event and will give details in my Oral report at my Grand Chapter Session.

I was unable to attend the 89th Annual Texas State DeMolay Conclave due to a scheduling conflict.

GIFTS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

It is always a pleasure as well as a privilege to be the recipient of so many acts of kindness and friendship. I was welcomed in every district by loving members anxious to help the Worthy Grand Matron. I felt so humbled that my office was so respected and loved. I value the friendships that I made and the fun that I had with our membership. As always, I must thank the membership for the generous gifts that were so lovingly given as well as the many special presentations that represented the theme for this year. I will always remember this special year but most importantly I will always remember the membership for it is the membership that I served. We celebrated our Order in every district in our great state, and I thank each of you for being so willing to bring our Order to our communities. This year of service is one I will never forget. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Along with the gifts given to me, I was awarded the following flags and proclamations. They represent a special honor to the office of the Worthy Grand Matron and it was my privilege to be the recipient.

Floresville City - Proclamation, signed by Cecelia Gonzalez-Dippel, Mayor. Dated September 27, 2017. Also. Given a large gold key to the city. D5-S7

City of Lubbock-Special Recognition signed by the mayor, Daniel Pope and all city council members. Dated October 9, 2018. D2-S4 & 5

El Paso - Official Starlighter, Lit the star on the Franklin Mountain. Given by the El Paso Chamber of Commerce. Dated October 11, 2018. D2-S10

Waco - State of Texas, House of Representatives, signed by Charles "Doc" Anderson. Flown at the Capitol. Dated November 16, 2018. D3-S9 & 10

Granbury Texas - An original trilogy written by Amanda M. Thrasher, November 29, 2018. D3-S2 & 3

League City-Proclamation, signed by Mayor Pat Hallisey. Dated February 15, 2019. D4-S10

Crockett Chapter - flag flown over US Capitol, signed by John Ratcliff, member of Congress, 4th District. Dated February 22, 2019. D4-S3

Sherman Texas - Proclamation for Eastern Star Day. Key to the City. March 15, 2019, signed by the mayor. D1-S1 & 2 and D2-S6

City of Quitman - Proclamation. Given by Mayor David A. Dobbs. Dated April 4, 2019. D1—S9 & 1

COVERS FOR KIDS

Each section lovingly gave covers for kids (quilts or blankets) to be awarded to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. At this time we have given 3,000 covers for kids (blankets) and 4, 131 books to the hospital. The final totals will be given by the Deputy Grand Matrons at Grand Chapter. I was so pleased with the generous and giving spirit of our membership.

ALTAR COVER, DRAPE, AND BIBLE MARKER

I will always be grateful to Sister Jane Wert who made my altar and Bible covers. She is a member of Franklin #311 and Bryan #222. Nothing could have pleased me more as the beauty of both were exactly what I had dreamed. I was thrilled at the special covers she created for me. She and her husband, "Hap" also created and made my traveling plaques and how cute they were. Whatever I asked of her, she did with a happy heart and a willing spirit. Not only did she create the above for me, but she served as my traveling secretary and traveled every step of the way with me. She sold our project materials and did anything that was asked of her. She is my true Eastern Star sister. At my last roundup she gifted me with a beautiful quilt which will be a focal point in my bedroom. I was so pleased and surprised. I will treasure both Jane and Hap forever.

I would also like to thank Sister Wanda Hollingsworth, Beckville #273 for the beautiful Bible marker. For many years we have worked and traveled together, and I was so pleased with the beautiful marker. It is so special to me. She and I have traveled the Eastern Star roads for many years together, and she is a true friend to me. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the beautiful Bible Marker.

FOUR STATE EXCHANGE/GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

I was excited to host the Friendship Exchange August 24 – 25, 2018 in Waco, Texas. It was my first event as Worthy Grand Matron of Texas which makes it all the more memorable. We hosted Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Arkansas members along with a huge group of Texas members. Mrs. Kay Gilmore was the General Chairman assisted by her Husband Mr. Joe Gilmore. I want to also thank the District Chairmen for all of their assistance. We had quite a crowd and lots of fun.

It was my pleasure to attend each of the Grand Chapters of Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. It is always fun to be with the membership of these states in our Friendship Exchange.

I also attended the Most Worthy Grand Matron's meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah and was privileged to attend her school for the Worthy Grand Matrons serving with her to receive her instructions. October 30 – November 3, I attended General Grand Chapter 49th Triennial Assembly in Orlando, Florida. I was privileged to bring greetings from the Grand Chapter of Texas at the installation of Sister Marianne R. Shenefelt and Brother Henry S. Martin. It was my honor along with Worthy Grand Patron Burley D. Jones to nominate Sister Alma Lynn Bane for the position of Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Well, the time is here. It seems like only yesterday that we formed our little band of workers. We met in Tyler, Texas and planned for an event that we thought was far away and now we are once again hard at work getting ready for the 137th session of Grand Chapter. I cannot tell each of you enough how proud I am that each of you accepted your positions. Ray Hargis, my hard working chairman, you are one of a kind in your belief in the Order. You have worked hard for me these past years and I so appreciate you. To my secretary, Betty Scott and treasurer, Ann Wyatt

both of you know what you mean to me. One keeps me straight and the other checks and rechecks the straight! I love both of you and thank you so much for your efforts. Becky Cole, you work so hard and the knowledge you bring to this committee is second to none. Your smile and your happy personality keeps us going. I know that when the session is over Jan Walker you will have the best set of books ever to audit. I want to thank you for accepting this position and I so appreciate your willingness to work. You are our numbers lady.

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Jack Beall I know you didn't take me to raise as the old saying goes, but you have led me down the correct path and I appreciate you for all of your help and support. If you led me, your lovely wife Charlotte took care of us both in her capacity as secretary. You have done an outstanding job as the General Chairman. We have had a lot of fun while working hard but the work was fun due to your cheerfulness. To me it was an insurmountable task which you made so easy for all of us with your expertise and knowledge of "how things go". To all the members of the arrangement committee what can I say? It is a task that you were willing to undertake when asked and for that I can only say thank you but words cannot really express how much I appreciate each of you for taking on this huge task.

PROJECTS

AMERICAN VETERANS WHO SERVED

We were pleased to continue working with the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) as we wanted to focus on the disabled veterans who reside in Texas. To assist those who live in Texas was a focus for us, and we are glad to be able to continue assisting the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) of Texas.

The members of this committee had pins to sell in the shape of the State of Texas with attached wings. This signifies our desire to transport our Texas veterans to their medical facilities. Thanks so much to our general chairman, Mrs. Janet Kramer and to the district chairmen who worked so diligently to serve our veterans.

CELEBRATIONS OF OUR ORDER – POETRY

This Committee assisted in selling a special book of celebrations, helpful hints for the Worthy Matrons, original poetry and historical facts about our beautiful Order. It is the culmination of almost three years of research and creativity. Mrs. Carol McGee is the author of this outstanding piece of work and as such shares her love of our Order with each of you. Thank you to the general chairman, Mrs. Debbie Hicks and to the district chairmen who served with her.

I LOVE TEXAS COLLECTION

This Committee was in charge of selling the "Texas Collection" which consists of a warm throw that reflects the Texas State Flag, "I Love Texas" pin, and the "Traveling Texans" dues card holders. We loved the state we traveled. Yes, we traveled Texas and our thanks goes out to the general chairman, Mrs. Cynthia Leftwich and the district chairmen who assisted her.

MAKING TIME – CALENDAR

The Calendar Committee had pocket Calendars available covering the 2018-2019 Grand Chapter Year and encourages members to follow the Stars and travel. The Calendar which could be carried in a pocket or a purse, provided the members with information including dates for the Eastern Star Schools, Fraternal Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron, Roundups, Chapter Anniversaries and other pertinent dates of the activities of Grand Chapter. We cannot thank the general chairman, Mrs. Susan Neuenschwander for her work on this committee. We must also thank the district chairman for doing an outstanding job as well.

MEMORIES OF THE HEART CD

Memories are important to each of us. We love to see ourselves as we interact at our schools and our banquets. We are anxious that all the members who are present at our schools and section activities are recorded so that at the end of the year, we will have a pictorial review of our year. This committee will presale the CDs. There will be a photographer for each section who will record our activities. How fun it will be to have a record of our year! What an outstanding job the general chairman, Mrs. Melissa Ramos did with this special committee. Our thanks goes out to the photographers who worked with her and to the district chairmen. Our special thanks goes out to Mr. Charles Broussard, our number "1" photographer.

MUSICAL MEMORIES

The Musical Memories Committee had the sheet music written for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron available. The "**Harvest of Memories March**" is a combination of a World War II song, "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree With Anybody Else But Me" and favorite fifties' songs and was written and arranged by Mr. Bill Rhyan, Past Grand Patron of Arizona and a member of Handley Chapter No. 617. The Worthy Grand Matron's march is in honor of my Mother and Father, members of the Greatest Generation. I so love my March. Thank you all for your hard work on this committee from the general chairman, Mrs. Judy Sadberry to each of 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. The mission of Patriot PAWS is to train and provide service dogs of the highest quality at no cost to disabled American veterans and others with mobile disabilities in order to help restore their physical and emotional independence. Patriot PAWS intends to build partnerships with the state and community organizations to help develop and support this goal. This Committee will be encouraged to support and promote Patriot PAWS in any way possible. We continued with Sister Melissa's Patriot PAW pin and add a 2018-2019 bone attachment to denote this year of service. Thank you goes out to the general chairman, Mr. D. W. "Mike" Hall and the district chairmen who assisted him.

ROB MORRIS

The members of this committee were responsible for the silent auctions at each Eastern Star School of Instruction and the Rob Morris Celebration (party) at Grand Chapter. Each committee member is responsible for the donations for the silent

auctions at the schools of instruction and for the live auction at Grand Chapter. It was important that the members of this committee be diligent in obtaining donations so that there was a new and varied selection for the membership to bid upon. The more enthusiasm we can create, the more fun it is. I am so grateful to the membership for participating in the silent auctions. Due to the great participation we were able to provide lower cost food tickets for the banquets at Grand Chapter. My thanks goes out the general chairman, Mrs. Betty Fogarty and her district chairmen.

SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES

This is an ongoing project for the Grand Chapter of Texas. The license plates are now available for the membership to purchase, it was important that this committee visit the chapters in their sections so that the membership becomes aware the plates are available. The members of this committee also visited the schools of instruction to bring the information to the membership. We must encourage the membership to participate in the program when registering their vehicles. Thank you to the general chairman, Mrs. Cheryl Royal and the district chairmen assisting her.

SWEET TREATS

As we all know, we want to support our youth. When in the school business, I did many candy fundraisers. They are easy and have a "youth" connotation! We will think we are back in school again. Candy was purchased and was sold at all of the schools and at each of the Grand Chapter functions. The funds will be divided between the DeMolay International and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Thanks to the general chairman, Mrs. Debra Blake and to the district chairmen.

TEXAS TABBIES

Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, located in Dallas, is a pediatric hospital specializing in the treatment of orthopedic conditions and sports injuries, as well as certain arthritic and neurological disorders and learning disorders, such as dyslexia. If a child is lucky enough to be diagnosed by the Scottish Rite Hospital in the area of dyslexia, they offer a complete diagnosis to the school district along with workable suggestions for improvement. There is no cost to the parents. The members of the Texas Tabbies committee had cuddly Texas Tabbies to sell. The membership was able to purchase one of the three or all of the three little cuddly tabbies for their children, for their grandchildren or they may be donated to the Scottish Rite Hospital or to an organization or hospital of their choice. This committee along with the Happy Caterpillar Reading Club did an outstanding job. We more than met our goal and are able to give not only three computers but also had money for the smart boards needed to complete the set. My thanks goes out to the general chairman of the Texas Tabbies, Mrs. Geri Schultz and to the chairman of the Happy Caterpillar Reading Club, Mrs. Molly Cliett. Thanks to each of you and to the district chairmen who so willingly assisted each of you.

TEXAS WHO'S WHO

This was a continuation of the successful 2016-2017 book that was so popular. It was printed at the Grand Secretary's Office and works like a directory. It contained all the Texas dignitaries and appointments. We will also continue the same format

as it is easy to carry and the index is very popular! My thanks goes out to the general chairman, Mrs. Genevieve Orr and the district chairmen who assisted her.

THE HAPPY CATERPILLAR **READING CLUB**

This was a fun, yet very important Committee. They collected books for the children that visit the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital. To make this an easier task, the hospital furnished a list of books that were appropriate at all levels for this committee to collect. The Committees spoke at the schools of instruction and arranged for each section to participate in the collection of the books. At the end of each district's schools, the books were taken to the hospital. We were very excited about this program, and I know the children will love all the books we lovingly provided for them. Thousands of books were received by this committee as well as thousands of dollars in donated silver drills to benefit the Scottish Rite Hospital. Our thanks also goes out to the Deputy Grand Mastrons for collecting books at the schools to assist this committee. Indeed we are a generous Order. This committee worked in tandem with the Texas Tabby committee and participated in the large donation that will go to the hospital Dyslexia program. Thank you to the general chairmen, Mrs. Molly Cliett and her district chairmen.

TIME AND TALENT

This Committee used their time and talents planning and presenting parties for all those residing in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. The Committee members asked chapters and members in their area to assist in the parties with planning and preparing of the decorations, refreshments, program and any gifts needed for the parties.

In addition to these parties, they encouraged the membership of the chapters to do for the chapter shut-ins and local care facilities in their home areas. Each section had a party for the residents of their area during the Grand Chapter year. It was a wonderful way to share our love with others! The Committee encouraged Chapters to participate in the TMRC Family Day event. They were to be responsible for the advertisement and coordination of the event. Unfortunately, the weather was poor and the event was cancelled.

"ALL SHOOK UP CRUISE"

Not everyone can go to the Caribbean during the wintery month of February but the Traveling Texans with their pink shirts shining boarded the Liberty of the Seas in Galveston, Texas, February 3, 2019. That in itself was exciting. There in the port was this beautiful Royal Caribbean cruise ship just waiting for our group of Texans. We began our cruise with a sail away party attended by none other than our very own Elvis Presley. He did indeed shake us up. We were privileged to have him perform one more time for us. Not everyone goes on a cruise with their own entertainer but that is how the Traveling Texans roll. We had wonderful sunny weather for most of the trip while at home it was cold and dreary. We spent seven days out with four ports of call, Cozumel, Rotan,

Honduras, and Belize. While out to sea there were marvelous activities for us. Broadway Shows, Ice Shows and plenty of other entertainment to keep us busy. We ate as a group at the first sitting and it was our time to visit and tell of our daily exploits onshore. Loved the Lobster! We were told that on this cruise that begins in Texas they take on more beef than they do on all of the other cruises. That is indeed a Texas trait for you. Got to have our steaks! There was definitely something for everyone. As always, there was plenty of shopping for the ladies. While there was plenty to do at all of the ports, the good friendship made the cruise truly memorable. We were hosted by Bill and Sharon Prague who have done this cruise many times. We appreciate their efforts for us. I can never forget the fun, the laughter, and the friendship as our Eastern Star group sailed the Caribbean.

WASHINGTON D.C. BUS TRIP

April 28, 2019 a dedicated group of fifty Eastern Star Members boarded a tour bus in Mineola, Texas to travel to our Nation's great capital, Washington D. C. We, as is the custom of all Eastern Star events, had plenty of food to sustain us until the mandatory stops where we all purchased more food! The trip was a food lover's delight. Our schedule included visiting Mt. Vernon for our first tour stop and after leaving there we traveled into the city to pick up our tour guide for a night tour of the monuments and memorials. Exhausted by hotel time that evening, but it was exciting. The next two days began at Union Station in the city. However, Wednesday, May 1, was our big event day. We met our Right Worthy Grand Secretary at the Perry Belmont Mansion for a tour of our headquarters. This was the highlight of our trip. While there, Brother Henry S. Martin, Most Worthy Grand Patron provided refreshments for us. As we left, Brother Burley and I were privileged to plant bluebonnet seeds in honor of the great state of Texas. It was then on to the "On-Off Buses"! Each person was able to take the bus to any destination of their choice. I was privileged to attend the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery among other fascinating sights. We left Washington D.C. for the great state of Texas a tired but happy group.

ADDITIONAL FRATERNAL VISITS

Below are the Fraternal Visits that were not in conjunction with the school schedule. I wish to thank each of the chapters that invited me to visit. The membership is what my year was about and to be able to meet the membership more closely than at a school was very important to me. The membership of each chapter treated me with love and kindness and made me feel very humble to be the recipient of such love. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the gifts that were given to me but most importantly the friendship that was given to me. I shall treasure these memories always. I did 25 scheduled visits but this number included 43 participating chapters. I had one cancellation.

9/01/2018	Palestine #395	D1/S4
11/12/2018	Round Rock #316	D3/S8
12/10/2018	Edward J. Kiest #959	D1/S4

12/13/2019	Tomball #838 Montgomery #228 Conroe #710	D4/S7
12/14/2018	Pearland #1065 League City #621 Friendswood #1131 Texas City #626	D4/S10
12/17/2018	Haltom City #982	D3/S1
12/18/2018	Jefferson #627 Linden #576 Omaha #997	D1/S8&9
12/20/2018	Lancaster #943	D1/S5
01/08/2019	Quitman #695 Gilmer #355	D1/S10
2/11/2018	Nederland ##1079	D4/S2
02/12/2019	Silsbee #298 Kountze Sour Lake #724	D4/ S2
03/04/2019	New Braunfels #771	D5/S6
03/11/2019	Greenville #189	D1/S3
03/12/2019	Handley #617	D3/S1
04/02/2019	Vashti #32	D3/S8
04/08/2019	Spurger #315 Buna #968	D4/S2
04/09/2019	Franklin #311 Iola North Zulch #458 Bryan #222	D4/S5
04/16/2019	Andral Van n#741	D4/S5
04/25/2019	Copperas Cove #10170	D3/S7
04/26/2019	Norman Read #1010 Big Spring #67 Midland #253	D2/S8
05/13/2019	Lufkin #382	D4/S1
05/20/2019	Boerne #200 Bandera #643	D5/S3
05/21/2019	Leander #73	D5/S8
05/30/2019	Archives #1095 La Porte #683 Cedar Bayou #11	D4/S4
05/31/2019	Klein #1141 Spring #1105	D4/S7

SPECIAL EVENTS

Beckville Chapter #273	100 Year Celebration	October 7, 2018
Pine Tree Chapter #1090	50 Year Celebration	October 14, 2018

It was my pleasure to attend the Hangings of Mrs. Jerre Lucas, General Grand Chapter Credentials Committee, Chairman and Past Grand Matron of Texas at Floresville, Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary and Past Grand Matron of Texas in Granbury, and Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry, Past Grand Matron of Texas, Lufkin.

It was also my pleasure to present many 50 year pins and certificates to the membership. That is indeed an awesome task for a Worthy Grand Matron and I am so happy that I had some small part in their celebrations.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION and DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS
District One Schools
Kim Waxler, DDGM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SEC.</u>	<u>DEPUTY</u>	<u>SCHOOL NAME</u>
3-09-19	Dallas	4	Janet Travers	
		5	Jackie Lemons	My OES Coloring Book
3-16-19	Sherman	1	Vickie Quebec	
		2	Anita Durden	Coloring Outside the Lines
3-19-19	Mt. Vernon	3	Tamara Bean Lovin	Back to the Basics
3-30-19	Jefferson	8	Barbara Hampton	Seeds of Knowledge
4-5-19	Quitman	9	Beverly Sikes	
		10	Patricia Wilson	School Bus of Learning
4-6-19	Tyler	6	Amy Coats	
		7	Joyce Boggs	Apple Seeds for Lifetime Knowledge

District Two Schools
Barbara Wickham, DDGM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SEC.</u>	<u>DEPUTY</u>	<u>SCHOOL NAME</u>
10-9-18	Amarillo	2/3	Janet Steven	Top of Texas
10-10-18	Lubbock	4/5	Shirley Flache	Seeds of Knowledge
10-12-18	El Paso	10	Crystal Fisher	It's A Wonderful Life
10-20-18	Big Spring	8	Vickie Stewart	Apples 2 Apples
10-27-18	Abilene	6/7	Nona Flanders	Fairest of Them All

District Three Schools
Sherry Thompson, DDGM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SEC.</u>	<u>DEPUTY</u>	<u>SCHOOL NAME</u>
11-10-18	Temple	8	Susan Smith	Seasons of Melodies
11-15-18	Copperas Cove	6	Barbara Ochs	
		7	Claire Grogan	An Apple for the Teacher
11-17-18	Waco	9	Debbie Skipper	
		10	Berry Martin	Apple Blossoms on the Brazos
11-28-18	DeLeon	4	Berry J. Warlick	
		5	Evelyn Berry	Apple Blossom Time
11-30-18	Granbury	2	Judith Wilson	
		3	Virgie Mitchell	Apple Picking Dreams
1-5-19	Ft. Worth	1	Sandra Stapleton	Apple Blossoms in Action

**District Four Schools
Glenda Murphy, DDGM**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SEC.</u>	<u>DEPUTY</u>	<u>SCHOOL NAME</u>
1-5-19	Houston	5	Virginia Franklin	
		7	Andrea Delaney	Apple Blossom Trail of Knowledge
1-26-19	Lufkin	1	Deneice Marshall	Under the Apple Tree
2-2-19	Jasper	2	Brenda McDaniel	Love for Learning
2-16-19	League City	9	Elizabeth Lloyd	
		10	Marlene Green	Apple Harvest of Knowledge
2-19-19	Caldwell	6	Karen Jackson	You Are Never Too Old
		9	Becky Brooks	Or Too Young to Learn
2-23-19	Crockett	3	Donna Caddenhead	Sowing the Seeds of Knowledge
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**District Five Schools
Monette Littlepage, DDGM**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SEC.</u>	<u>DEPUTY</u>	<u>SCHOOL NAME</u>
9-15-18	Austin	6	Patsy Davidson	Apple for the Teacher
9-17-18	Harlingen	10	Betsy Foote	Apples, Nickels and Dimes
9-18-18	Rockport	9	Linda Carter	Daybreak by the Bay
9-19-18	Poteet	5	Barbara Franklin	Shining Our Apples
9-22-18	Boerne	3	Reagan Harris	
		4	Barbara Nunley	Apple Seeds of Kindness
9-26-18	Gonzales	8	Susan Martin	Come and Take the Apple
10-6-18	Floresville	7	Tracie Scheffler	Stars in the Apple Orchard

DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

I am so proud of each of you. You went that extra mile that made your schools so successful and so much fun. I appreciate the cute gifts as well as the wonderful love gifts that each of you gave to me. I enjoyed every accommodation and every courtesy you extended to me as well as to the office I hold. Each time I walked into a room there were bags of goodies and of course sweet tea. I felt like a queen with so much kindness extended to me. But, perhaps my greatest gift is that of your friendship. You will always be my "Silver Apples" and your kindnesses will always have a place in my heart.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

Mrs. Kim Waxler	District 1
Mrs. Barbara Wickham	District 2
Mrs. Sherry Thompson	District 3
Mrs. Glenda Murphy	District 4
Mrs. Monette Littlepage	District 5

What can I say? Each of you worked endless hours. First, you helped prepare for our year of Grand Chapter service, and then each of you taught what we had prepared. You taught not only in your districts but as part of our teaching team in each of the other districts. You were each chosen for your dedication to our Order and for your own individual and unique styles. I am so proud of each of you and the manner and style with which you executed your duties this past year. Each of you is special to me and you must know how much I appreciate each of you. You will always have a place in my heart. Your kindnesses to me were heartwarming but most of all your friendships and love are the result of the tight bond we have created. I can but say thank you once more and I love and appreciate each of you. I hope it has been as enjoyable for each of you as it has been for me. Each of you has done an outstanding job worthy of the title you bore.

BY-LAWS

Mart # 109	Frankston #1113
Yoakum #282	New Caney #1093
Springtown #498	Paris #5
Palestine #395	Carthage #747
Velasco #220	Kountze-Sour Lake #724
Templar #374	Friendswood #1131
Boyd #897	Lancaster #943
Cuero #618	Dallas #1
Copperas Cove #1070	Silsbee #298
Floydada #31	Newbern # 1135
Orange #214	Somerville #245
Houston Heights #258	West Columbia #705
Woodbine #738	
Bastrop #64	

DECISIONS, RULINGS, AND IRREGULARITIES

As Worthy Grand Matron, I sent a letter to our Board of Directors regarding the purchase of a copier to be located in the state office. My decision was that the actions taken by the Board were constitutional and therefore no further response or actions were needed.

It was necessary for me to direct a Deputy Grand Matron to send a chapter a letter concerning why a member had not received her dues card after paying her dues. The matter was handled after the receipt of the letter.

I had a call from a member forwarding a Facebook selection that discussed a chapter ballot. I informed the owner of the Facebook account that according to our Landmark No. 7, Page 163 of our Ritual, discussion of a ballot is kept inviolably secret and directed that the post be removed. The posting was taken down.

It became necessary to cite the law to a chapter regarding the signing of chapter minutes and the use of pro-tems instead of using the officers according to their charges as stated in our Ritual. I instructed my District Deputy Grand Matron to meet with the Worthy Matron and to explain the law for the above stated issues. The matters were corrected.

I was informed that there was a concern over the legal status of a member as to their eligibility and after formal investigation, I sent a letter declaring all to be in order and that no further recourse was necessary.

I received several calls from chapters needing assistance in eligibility for membership, dispensations, and business practices of the chapter. The Constitution/Code of Laws was quoted as it pertained to each question.

I received many calls concerning Consolidation and the procedures of same, the holding of elections, and installation procedures such as who can be an installing officers. Each time, I gave guided direction following the Constitution/Code of Laws and the Ritual and in many cases, I sent a Deputy Grand Matron to assist in whatever way needed.

As I began my year of service, I was very much aware of concerns over the postings on Face Book especially regarding candidates and electioneering. I advised the candidates to please use discretion when posting on Face Book, and be extremely careful as items could be considered electioneering. I was assured that my request would be honored.

Upon learning that a member was being appointed as a Deputy Grand Matron without having first been a Past Matron, I advised the Associate Grand Matron that our Constitution/Code of Laws, pages 101-102, qualifications of a Deputy Grand Matron, state that a Deputy Grand Matron must be a Past Matron or an Affiliated Past Matron of a Subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction. As this appointment did not adhere to these qualifications, I advised the removal of this person as a Deputy Grand Matron.

GRAND CHAPTER VAN

I wish to thank the membership of Texas for providing the Worthy Grand Matron with a vehicle to drive as she carries out her official duties. As you know, we travel with our projects and other materials that are necessary for the section schools. It has been my pleasure to have the use of this van for this past year. The keys were given to me at the 136th Grand Chapter session along with a credit card for gasoline and van maintenance. I am so appreciative of this kindness and wish to express my gratitude to the Board of Directors and to the membership of Texas.

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS (APPOINTED)

One of the most exciting responsibilities given to a Worthy Grand Matron is the selection of her Appointed Installed Grand Officers. I am grateful and pleased that you accepted these positions and am honored to have served with each of you. I cannot tell you enough how pleased I am at the support you honored me with this year. I always had that "pretty in pink" group with a "dash of black" at the functions of the Worthy Grand Matron. That was to me an honor and one that will be a memory forever. Each of you was chosen for your special talents and for your love of the Order. I thank you for serving with me this year.

CORPORATE BOARD

You have served as advisers, help mates, problem solvers, and advocates during this year of service. As the old saying goes, no one walks this way alone. This Board with its uniqueness and dedication to the continuance of our Order walked beside me all the way. From late night calls to beginning our years as Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons for Sister Marianne and Brother Henry, we have worked together for our beautiful Order. You will always be special to me.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It has been my pleasure to work in conjunction with each of you as you go about your duties. You give generously of your time and talents and for that the membership joins with me in appreciation of your efforts. This place of service is so valuable to continuance of our Order and each of you have handled the job with tact, diligence, and expertise. I have enjoyed working with each of you. My congratulations go out to this Board for a job well done.

BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS

What a wonderful job each of you did as you served our Order in this position. This is a very rewarding position as you are in contact with the membership and each of you has treated the membership with kindness and positive attention. For that I thank you. I enjoyed traveling with each of you as we worked our way through the schools this year. I was as nervous for you as you were for yourselves but I am here to say that each of you did a beautiful job. You are truly dedicated ladies and I applaud you for your commitment to our Order.

TRAVELING SECRETARY & AT HOME SECRETARY

Sister Jane Wert, You know how much I appreciate you. There are not enough words to express my gratitude for all that you and Hap have done for me. Our journey began three years ago and you have not missed a step. You were with me as we traveled across Texas and you are still hard at work! I appreciate you so much.

To Sister Barbara Tramel, my at home secretary, you keep the home fires burning. You do my mail and anything else that is needed. Your help has been invaluable and I appreciate all that you have done for me. Thank you.

APPLE BLOSSOMS AND TEXAS TRAVELING MEN

Thank you for your hard work and for your dedication. I appreciate your support but most of all, I have enjoyed meeting each of you and being able to work with you in the schools and in the fraternal visits. You have represented your chapters with honor and enthusiasm, and I know you will continue to do so in whatever capacity that becomes yours.

MY CHAPTERS

To the members of Palestine Chapter #395, I want to express my gratitude to each of you. We are small, but we are mighty. The Fraternal Visit was just as I dreamed. Your work was top shelf and I know how much effort it took for our little chapter to put on such an event. I could not have been more proud of you. You have supported me in all of my endeavors and have worked so hard at whatever you were called upon to do. I cannot thank you enough.

To the members of Crockett Chapter #509. I have so enjoyed being a part of this wonderful chapter. They have adopted me and have worked so hard in support of me this year. Thank you for your friendship and your support.

TO THE MEMBERS OF DISTRICT 1

What can I say? You have supported me and worked with me for 49 years! I can hardly believe it has been that long but as always District 1 has been with me. I cannot tell you enough how much I appreciate your support and your friendship. Let's go for 49 more years together!

TO THE MEMBERS OF DISTRICT 4

I have known and worked with many of you for those same 49 years but only recently have I become a plural member of your District. I have enjoyed my District 4 chapter, Crockett #509 and look forward to many years working in District 4.

MEMBERSHIP OF TEXAS

We have celebrated our Order across the state of Texas this year. I am so proud of your attendance at our schools and for your enthusiasm in celebrating the accomplishments of our beautiful Order. You have been positive in your outlook and for that I thank you. You have been kind and supportive of me as your Worthy Grand Matron and for that I thank you. You represent our Order with love and dedication. You are the shining examples of our work. In these categories, you have performed extremely well and deserve a heartfelt thank you. Always remember that a positive attitude makes it happen and you have made it happen this year. You have supported my projects, my schools, and my fraternal visits. This has been a cohesive year and it makes our Order shine all the brighter. That is because each of you are our Order. Thank you for everything.

TO THE PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF TEXAS

I have so appreciated your assistance this year. It goes without saying, that I respect each of you for your knowledge, your dedication, and your love for our Order. You exemplify what our Order represents. I appreciate your being there when I needed you and for your willingness to help whenever called upon. Thank you.

GRAND CHAPTER SECRETARY AND OFFICE STAFF

Dr. Ellen Pickrell, Grand Secretary, there are not enough words to express how much I appreciate your help and assistance this year. Lost without you comes to mind! You and your staff have worked diligently to assist me in whatever I needed. You have assisted me, but most importantly you keep our Grand Chapter running smoothly and for that you deserve a huge "Atta Boy". I appreciate you and your staff. Thank you for everything.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

We have logged many miles together this year, and we have had such fun. I am so proud to have had the opportunity to work with you and to get to know you and your beautiful wife, Doris. You drove the Van, and I talked on the phone. The business of Grand Chapter never stops, but we had a team effort that worked well for us. Not only are we a team this year but for all the years to come. Thank you for your support and hard work on my behalf this year. I am so proud to call you my Worthy Grand Patron.

MY FAMILY

Your sports spectator is coming home. You have allowed me to have this year of service without complaint. Your love is unconditional, and I thank you for that. I did make a few of the sport events of my wonderful grandchildren this year and am looking forward to more. I know they think that the whole family should be sitting in the stands for their events for we are their personal fan club and I hope that never changes. I am so looking forward to getting back into the groove and being Nannie again. I will never forget how pretty my little girls were in their pink dresses at the Installation. But, not to leave the boys out, I had two handsome escorts who have all my love. Shea, my lovely daughter-in-law, you were so beautiful assisting the little girls at the installation, and I know trying to keep the twins on track is a handful but you handled it beautifully as always. Each of you made me so proud. To round out the evening, I was so pleased my brother could be there and participate. I know my parents would have been so proud as they both were members of our great Order and the reason for my becoming a member.

**REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
MR. BURLEY D. JONES
2018-2019**

TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF TEXAS

This past year has been the journey of a life time. You, the membership have made it so memorable due to your kindness, love and prayers that have been shown to me. It takes all of us to prosper and grow our Order. I have seen the “can do” and the “want to do” spirit in the membership throughout the state, for their chapters and for Eastern Star. Thank you for allowing me the privilege and honor of serving you this year as your Worthy Grand Patron.

INSTALLATION

The 137th Installation of Grand Officers was incredible. Our Journey began on August 18, 2018, at The Harvest Blessings of Love and Kindness Installation at Irving Convention Center, in Irving, Texas. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Jerre Lucas and the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons for the beautiful Star Point Presentation, to my children and grandchildren for the Bible Presentation, Mr. Tommy Griffin and the Past Grand Patrons for the Flag Presentation, and to the Installing Grand Officer, Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Assisting Installing Grand Officer, Mr. Ray Hertenberger, Installing Grand Chaplain, Mr. Thomas Murphy, Installing Grand Marshal, Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry, Installing Grand Organist, Mrs. Susie Smith, and Installing Grand Secretary Pro-Tem, Mrs. Betty Friend. To all others who participated in other areas to make this Installation so very meaningful and memorable, and to all of those that attended, I am and will always be grateful.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER 49th TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY

I was excited to attend the General Grand Chapter Session from October 30th to November 3rd, in Orlando, Florida. It was my honor to nominate Mr. Henry S. Martin for the office of Most Worthy Grand Patron and the Worthy Grand Matron and I nominated Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane for the office of Right Worthy Grand Secretary. I was honored to carry the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Henry S. Martin's Texas Flag when he was introduced. The business portion of the session was very interesting and a little different from ours. I enjoyed seeing my sisters and brothers from other grand jurisdictions and meeting many new Eastern Star members. The fellowship was great and had lots of memorable moments.

MEMBERS OF DISTRICT IV

I cannot begin to tell you how much the members of District IV mean to me. Thank you for all of your support, prayers, love, kindness, and always being there for me. I thank the Past Matrons and Patrons Association for all you have done for me. To the Texas Traveling Men's Association, I will always be grateful for all that you have done and continue to be by my side. I thank all of you for your constant fellowship, fun, and going that extra mile.

CLEVELAND CHAPTER

I joined Cleveland Chapter September 10, 1985, and will be forever grateful for all that you have done for me. Thank you for your constant support and taking care of things without me even asking. I have served as your Worthy Patron seven times and will be coming home again soon. Thank you for making the Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and honoring me, a special night I will never forget.

HUFFMAN CHAPTER

I could not ask for a plural chapter like Huffman, who have gone out of their way to help me. I served as Worthy Patron once and will be looking forward to seeing all of you again.

Thank you for supporting me, for your hugs, smiles, and willingness to step up to the plate.

Working together with Cleveland Chapter certainly made this Worthy Grand Patron proud.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER FAMILY

Texas has much to be proud of in each of you. Brother Henry S. Martin, Most Worthy Grand Patron, and those serving as Ambassadors and Committee Members, I appreciate your kindness and encouragement. Your service and belief in our Order is very much appreciated. Thank you for representing each of us so well to the General Grand Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

I will always be so grateful to Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Carolyn Martin for asking me to walk this way with her and asking my wife, Doris to be your Grand Marshal. I will never forget you carding me, Doris and I was looking at one another, and could not figure out what you were doing. It started our journey with a big laugh. I know that you have learned from me on how to drive the van, make quick stops, and change lanes very quickly.

I believe "Dream It, Believe It, and Achieve It", was seen all over Texas. I appreciate all of your trust in me, as your Worthy Grand Patron and how many ideas we shared, were the same. I know that as Worthy Grand Matron and Patron, we have been shown, kindness and love. I pray that this will continue on.

Again, thank you for asking me to go on this journey with you. I am proud and consider it a privilege to have been your Worthy Grand Patron.

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS

I cannot thank you enough for all of your support, guidance, and encouragement to me for the past two years. I have been blessed to have known many of you for years and have always appreciated the things you have done to help our Grand Chapter. It has been a privilege to work with you and I certainly welcomed your advice. You are very special to Doris and I.

CORPORATE BOARD MEMBERS

Our Corporate Board is the best. I know that you love our Order and are committed, or you would not travel and do the things you do. Your encouragement is appreciated and the sometimes very difficult decisions we have had to make, has been very difficult. Your willingness to try and work out problems that will be the best for the Order is greatly admired. You will always have my support. Thank you for a job well done.

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS

I am so very proud of our Grand Officers. You have attended all the schools, Fraternal Visits, and driven many miles to be with the Worthy Grand Matron and myself. You have brought JOY, laughter, and happiness into our lives. Thank you for attending all the special events and representing us at many of the events in your areas. Our Worthy Grand Matron was generous enough to allow me to help in her selections. I pray that God watches over and blesses you each and every day. Most of all, thank you for your constant support and encouragement this year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I appreciate the dedication that the Board of Directors had this year. They work hard and serve their districts well. The hours you spend to make our Order succeed and prosper means so much to all of us. I know that you sacrifice much personally to serve the order, and for this I appreciate you and all that you do. I will always be proud of you and the job that you do for all of us.

GRAND EXAMINERS

My sincere thanks to all of the Grand Examiners on the excellent work that they have done by striving to instill perfection in our Secret Work. You are strong in making sure everyone takes their exam and humble in your actions to improve our work. Your dedication and many hours of work is appreciated. You have traveled many miles, arriving early and leaving late, shows just how much you love our Order.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

What a JOY it was to work with each of you in your respective Districts. The Love, Enthusiasm, Smiles, and Friendship you have shown, will always be cherished. The love gifts and personal gifts were beyond my expectations. Your Dedication to Our Order and to Our Membership was seen by all and Greatly appreciated. I wish you all the Best!

DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

You took the teaching of our District Deputies and you spread the word to your chapters—Be Kind, Be Loving, and Be Respectful. Each of you have done more than what was asked of you. I thank you for your support and love for the

Worthy Grand Matron and myself. Thank you for the fun times, unexpected surprises, and always seeing your smiling faces. I will always cherish the friendships that were made with each one of you.

APPLE BLOSSOMS AND TEXAS TRAVELING MEN

Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, thank you for serving our State with Pride and Dedication. Your commitment to your chapter and the membership is what makes our Order strong. Thank you for including the Worthy Grand Matron and I in many of your special events and your fundraisers. We appreciate each and every one of you.

GRAND MARSHAL

Doris, my wife, you are my light, my inspiration, and my support. I thank you so much for being by my side these past two years and all that you have done for me. I am so glad that we were able to serve the membership together. The journey is one we will remember forever.

MY FAMILY

I know there are many things you do not understand about having to travel the state for so long, but one day you will. Thank you for your love, your looking after things at home for us, and always being there for us. We are coming home.....

SECRETARY AND PAGES

To my Secretary, Linda Roy, I could not have asked for a better secretary! You have done an Excellent Job for me all year long. I thank James for allowing you to Put Up with me this year! "And in the Future". The special bond of family ties between our two families is very special to Doris and I.

To my Pages, Brothers Terry "Butch" Haltom, Paul Green, Richard King, and Terry Littlepage, thank you for everything you have done for me. You were always there ready and waiting before I ever made a call to you. Thank you for attending the schools and Fraternal Visits, for the Love Gifts, and for the personal gifts given to me. I will always be grateful.

STATE OFFICE STAFF

Thank you Grand Secretary, Ellen Pickrell and the Office Staff for always taking my calls and helping me find things. Thank you for answering questions, getting things ready when needed, and for your support and encouragement. You are appreciated.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

I attended all of the Schools of Instruction of the Worthy Grand Matron. The instructions by the Worthy Grand Matron and District Deputy Grand

Matrons was excellent and very well received by the well-attended schools. All of the themes and decorations the Deputy Grand Matrons and their helping members came up with were truly amazing.

FRATERNAL VISITS

Along with the Fraternal Visits associated with the Schools of Instruction, I attended all of the Fraternal Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron and Honoring the Worthy Grand Patron. Each one was special and shown with loving hugs, handshakes, and kindness. Thank you for all of the hard work.

CHAPTER CELEBRATIONS

It was my pleasure to attend the following celebrations:

Beckville 100 Year Celebration on October 7, 2018 , Pine Tree 50 Year on October 14, 2018,.

TMRC parties were all well planned and the residents and all of those attending had a good time. Each District sponsored different parties. I attended the Halloween Party at TMRC on October 21, 2018, the Christmas Part on December 16, 2018, the Valentine Party on February 17, 2019, and the Spring Party on April 7, 2019.

TEXAS TRAVELERS

You will never know how much I appreciate each and every one of you for all of your kindness, support, meetings, and all of the other things you have done. You have been my rock during the past two years. Your dedication, ideas, and constant in my life, was unbelievable. Thank you.....

MUSIC

Past Grand Matron, Sister Rosemary S. Berry, words cannot express how much I appreciate the way you took all of the songs I wanted and put them into music; it touched my heart. The songs were from different members of my family and life, and you did an incredible job putting them all together. Thank you for sharing your God given talent with me and the membership.

SPECIAL HONORS

During the year, the Office of Worthy Grand Patron is honored by many special presentations. Each one leaves a wonderful memory during this journey. Proclamations were received from the City of Quitman, Floresville, and League City. Mayor Cecelia Gonzalez-Dippel, Mayor of Floresville, presented me with a Golden Key to the City on September 27, 2018, I received a special Recognition by Mayor Daniel Pope and Council Members from the City of Lubbock on October 9, 2018, The Official Star lighter in which A star was lit on the Franklin Mountain on October 11, 2018, which was presented by the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce, A Flag was flown over the State of Texas Capitol on November 16, 2018, A Flag was flown over the US Capitol for me on February 22, 2019, signed by John Ratcliff, member of Congress, 4th District, A Proclamation for Eastern Star Day was given to me on March 15, 2019 by Sherman, Texas.

HONARY MEMBERSHIPS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

I was very honored to receive Memberships into each chapter participating in the Schools of Instruction. Thank you all for Love Gifts and personal gifts. They will always be treasured by me.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

I also attended The Hanging of Mrs. Jerre Lucas, PGM, in Floresville, Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary and PGM, in Granbury and Mrs. Rosemary Berry, PGM, in Lufkin. The Hanging of Billy Clabaugh, PGP, in Carthage. I also assisted Brother John Berry in hanging Sister Rosemary's picture in Lufkin Lodge. I attended Grand Lodge in Waco on January 17th thru 19th, 2019.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

The "All Shook Up" Cruise was relaxing and lots of fun, with the Worthy Grand Matron and the Membership. We were all laid back and enjoyed the sun.

We had a Wonderful time on the Washington D.C. Bus trip on April 30th thru May 7th, 2019. The bus trip was fun and the fellowship was great. The Main Tour was of the Belmont Mansion, our Headquarters of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Words cannot express the Beauty of the Mansion. The Worthy Grand Matron and I planted Blue Bonnets in the flower bed outside. Toured many Historical Sites.

Attended the Mr. X Banquet in Beaumont where we were all Pleasantly Surprised at the announcement of Tom Brisko.

What a wonderful weekend at the Worthy Grand Matron's Round Up in Lindale, Texas. The fellowship with the Membership was Awesome to say the least. The 50's night banquet was the hit of the weekend.

OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

I attended and was introduced at Grand Chapter Sessions in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana and renewed old acquaintances and made new friends. Each one was very Beautiful.

I attended the Four State Exchange, held in Waco on August 24th & 25th, 2018.

GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS

It was my honor and privilege to attend the Grand Lodge of Texas in Waco, these past two years. Many of the Installed Grand Officers, Deputies of Grand Chapter, and members of the order were in attendance. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were introduced and escorted to the East. It was a thrill to be introduced in this manner.

COMMENTS

You will never know how much I appreciate and love each of you. This journey for the past two years has been a walk of a life time. There are things one dreams of and that is as far as it goes, but, I have lived the dream. My heart is full, my dream has been fulfilled, and the Order of the Eastern Star has made such a difference in my life. I thank God, my family, and this wonderful membership for all that I have.

**REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY
ELLEN PICKRELL
2018-2019**

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 AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON

What a pleasure it has been to work with Sister Carolyn and Brother Burley this year. Their thoughtfulness to the membership has truly helped unify our Grand Chapter. The Grand Secretary's office truly appreciates all they have done to make our jobs easier.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thank you to Sister Carlotta Fairchild, Chairman, and all members of the Board of Directors. We have had a wonderful year traveling around the state for our Board meetings. It has been my pleasure to work with you and provide you with needed information to help make your important decisions.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE STAFF

My sincere appreciation and thanks to the office staff. Jane Pyle is our bookkeeper and balances and organizes our QuickBooks accounts and sees that all our bills and forms are paid and filed on time. Betty Hancock continues to keep our database working well and our membership files updated. 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. A special thank you to Peggy Stewart who comes to the office weekly and volunteers. We love and appreciate Sister Peggy!

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

It has been a pleasure working closely with our Chapter Secretaries. Being a Chapter Secretary is no small task and we appreciate all you do for our Chapters. Hopefully most of the Secretaries have logged into the Secretary Database. If you have not, Betty Hancock in our office will be happy to walk you through the process. All reports on the IRS Form 990 for Subordinate Chapters were electronically filed by the Grand Chapter office as required for 2018 and will be filed in the same manner this year.

MY PAGES

A special thank you to Mary Ann Davis and Ande Shoults. They have both been so faithful in helping in any way I ask. I look forward to having them by my side at Grand Chapter. They are both dear, sweet friends.

TMRC

We have four lovely ladies at the TMRC. I have enjoyed attending the parties this year and visiting with our friends. Barbara Martin continues to be our Board TMRC Liaison. It has been great working with Barbara this year to make sure our ladies get the very best care possible.

MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

It has been my pleasure to attend the following for the year: all Board of Director meetings, the Budget Workshop, all Corporate Board meetings, the Purposes and Policy Committee meeting, teas for the ladies at TMRC, 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 a Board Member of our Richardson Rainbow Assembly #291 and attended Grand Assembly in Waco.

NEW FORMS

Many of our Grand Chapter Forms are outdated and need additional information such as date of birth, membership number, etc. We also have a new form for Change of Parent Membership. Because of the many changes, I have redone the Forms in the back of the Constitution as well as posted them on our website for your convenience. When ordering your changes to the Constitution after this Grand Chapter Session, the new forms will be included in that packet.

OUR CONSTITUTION

The Constitution document itself has been updated, changed, added to, deleted from so often that it is a very corrupt file. It is now impossible to change page numbers, insert pages or reformat. The Forms in the back are also corrupted and hard to read. The Corporate Board has approved a retype of the Constitution. This will in no way change the wording or contents of our present Constitution. It will merely reformat our existing file. This will involve breaking the file into smaller sections and renumbering. As a result, your page numbers and index will all be different. This Constitution rewrite should be finished and available for purchase at our Grand Chapter Session in Waco. At that time, you will be required to purchase a new Constitution as future updates will be based on the rewritten document. We will be selling the new Constitutions at a reduced price so that everyone will have the opportunity to "start over". Thank you for your understanding.

CHAPTERS REPORT

Below are the figures reported to Grand Chapter on the Annual Reports for 2018-2019 from the Subordinate Chapters:

August 31, 2018—Total Chapters 279

Chapter Consolidations from August 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019

<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Consolidating Chapter</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Receiving Chapter</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
5	1	Robert Lee-Bronte #187	5	1	San Angelo #10	9/10/2018

Total Consolidated: 1

Chapters Demised from August 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019

<u>District</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Chapter Demised</u>	<u>Date</u>
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Total Demised: 0

Total Chapters as of Grand Chapter: 278

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Total Membership Ending Grand Chapter 2018

21,848

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 _____

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS GRANTED FOR 2018-2019

LATE INSTALLATION

Timpson #1144	Santana #247
Creedmoor #607	Midland #253
Normangee #87	Mart #109
Templar #374	Waelder #1023
Woodbine #738	Pasadena #711
Alice #61	Amarillo #787
Blum #931	

LATE ELECTION ALL

Canton #667	Blum #932
Ruth #20	Winnsboro #967
Goose Creek #798	Abilene #30
Yoakum #282	

LATE ELECTION WORTHY PATRON

Granbury #530	Aldine #1088
Houston-Ransford #135	Border #211

LATE ELECTION ASSOCIATE MATRON

Round Rock #316	Alvin #15
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LATE ELECTION ASSOCIATE PATRON

John L. DeGrazier #881	Silsbee #298
Groves Port-Arthur #953	Bandera #643

LATE ELECTION SECRETARY

Abilene #30	Hadassah #188
Sugar Land #1107	Duncanville #1014
Palestine #395	Round Rock #316
Alamo Heights #734	Bastrop #64

LATE ELECTION TREASURER

Jasper #291	Gilmer #355
Templar #374	Bastrop #64

LATE ELECTION CONDUCTRESS

Wisteria #823
Alvin #15

Aldine #1088
Mary Martha #981

LATE ELECTION ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Lubbock #76
Webb #1140
Bastrop #64

Richardson #921
Wisteria #823
Mary Martha #981

WAIVE DISABILITY

Dripping Springs #860
League City #621
Houston Heights #258

Gainesville #1123
McKinney #518

CHANGE MEETING DATE/PLACE

Cleveland #465
Saint Jo #17
Springtown #498
Greenville #189
Waller #1047
Evadale #1111
Saint Jo #17
Amistad #1115
Woodville #462

Iola/North Zulch #458
Friendswood #1131
Mary Martha #981
Winnie #160
Oak Forest #1080
Pilot Point #1025
Hadassah #188
Schertz #911
Quitman #695

LOST SECRET WORK

Groveton #1035
Webb #1140
Mary Martha #981
Livingston #1139
Marshall #356
San Angelo #10
Dal-Cliff #574
Everman #624
Oak Forest #1080

Liberty-Dayton #634
Athens #171
Eastland #280
Silsbee #298
Loyal #648
Houston-Ransford #135
Ft. McKavett #783
Troup #421

50 YEAR MEMBERS

WEATHERFORD #21

John Karnes 4/25/19

ABILENE #30

Nona Hutchinson 11/30/18

Bess Caldwell 4/10/19

SMITHVILLE #39

Caroline Miller 9/26/18

James C. Miller 9/26/18

BEAUMONT #71

Ella Roskey 9/20/18

Juanita Johnson 9/20/18

Eileen Holland 9/20/18

Cynthia Bridges 9/20/18

Edwin L. Berkley 9/20/18

CHILDRESS #101

Mary Richardson 4/29/19

CORSICANA #118

Jo Gwen Bayless 4/17/19

Julie N. Klein 4/17/19

Lewis N. Mathison 4/17/19

Joe L. White 4/17/19

BOERNE #200

Gay M. Carnes 4/10/19

Thomas E. Carnes 4/10/19

COMMERCE #208

Dorothy Hopkins 2/19/19

William H. Hopkins 2/19/19

BORDER #211

Cynthia Bernard 5/13/19

ARLINGTON #249

Sandra Stapleton 9/8/18

SILSBEE #298

Rosemary O'Quinn 8/1/18

Carol Huval 8/1/18

FRANKLIN #311

Delores Gursling 9/7/18

Elizabeth Reinhardt 11/28/18

SPURGER #315

Lynette Gentry 1/24/19

ROUND ROCK #316

Mary Lou Douglas 7/25/18

Susan I. Hall 7/25/18

Robert K. McDilda 7/25/18

GRAPEVINE #326

Tempie LaMothe 3/22/19

CENTER #348

Barbara Coulter 9/12/18

Tommie M. Melton 9/12/18

GILMER #355

Mary Gipson 9/28/18

JACKSONVILLE #377

Pattie Jackson 2/14/19

LUFKIN #382

Wes London 9/14/18

Rosemary S. Berry 3/15/19

CHICO #433

Bobbie Morris 2/23/19

CLEVELAND #465

Mary Ann Tullis 4/16/19

EDINBURG #473

Dorothea L. Cope 12/27/18

ROCKPORT #479

Elizabeth Buenning 4/6/19

FERRIS #508

Billy J. Nixon 8/19/18

HANDLEY #617

Sharon S Corcoran 9/14/18

TEXAS CITY #626

Annette Clark 11/11/18

MCLENNAN #639

Martha L Holland 12/10/18

Charlene Howell 12/10/18

HARLINGEN #641

Emily Chappee 3/6/19

BROOKSHIRE #652

Carol Lewis Minze 4/8/19

NORTH FORT WORTH #684

Ima Jean Hunt 2/26/19

NEW BOSTON #700

Geralene Young 3/1/19

FAITH #713

Melody Crabb 9/14/18

PARK PLACE #731

Margaret Clark 9/26/18

WOODBINE #738

Coetta M. Thomas 3/15/19

Ronald M. Pruett 4/17/19

50 YEAR MEMBERS, CONTINUED

CARTHAGE #747

Walter Craft 10/2/18
Helen Craft 10/2/18
Phyllis Robinson 10/2/18
Joe Lynn Reeves 10/2/18
Nina Miller 10/2/18
Billie Jean McGraw 10/2/18
Elizabeth Jordan 10/2/18

HILLSBORO #769

Billie W. Huse 10/17/18

FORT MCKAVETT #783

Jean Wright 9/24/18
Joan Menzies 9/24/18

CHDF #794

Nelda Dixon 1/8/19
Darlene Wooten 1/8/19

CRESCENT #820

Priscilla Prall 4/24/19

WISTERIA #823

Elva Burlin 11/20/18

SOUTH FORT WORTH #835

Nancy Carr 12/10/18
Janella Cox 12/10/18

BLUEBELL #856

Elizabeth Wortman 3/23/19

DRIPPING SPRINGS #860

Anna Galloway 8/14/18

MESQUITE #887

Marlene Ould Lee 4/17/19
Nadina L. Cherry 4/17/19

POTEET #913

Hattie Iredale 11/29/18

HUNTINGTON #938

Ethel Nell Thornton 4/1/19

WHITEWRIGHT #939

Jan Stephens 10/5/18

LANCASTER #943

Linda Huddleston 4/9/19
Marie Bush 4/9/19

EDWIN J. KIEST #959

Emily Biddler 1/22/19

BELLMEAD #980

Betty Penney 8/23/18
Frances Norrick 8/23/18
Shirley Swank 8/23/18

MARY MARTHA #981

Marsha Muse 9/15/18

HALLSVILLE #995

Margaret Brown 11/8/18
Monroe Luman 11/8/18
Kenneth Morgan 11/8/18
Margie Morgan 11/8/18

COPPERAS COVE #1070

Nora Lynn Barnum 4/4/19

ALDINE #1088

Betty Brittain 4/16/19
Dale Mason 4/16/19

NEW CANEY #1093

Janelle Arnold 8/31/18
Samuel Lowdermilk 4/16/19
Jacqueleen Gamble 4/16/19

ARCHIVES #1095

Donna Nelson 12/17/18
Lady Elizabeth Dalton 9/11/18

BURKE #1098

Raymond Lenderman 4/29/19
Sophie Lenderman 4/29/19

GAINESVILLE #1123

Judith Neal 2/19/19
Clara Kerr 2/19/19
Kathryn McColly 2/19/19

FRIENDSWOOD #1131

Lucy A. Martin 10/18/18

TMRC DAYLIGHT #1145

Delphia Von Heeder 5/14/19

**REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER
GRETA B. SPRADLING
2018-2019**

It has been an honor to be elected to my second term as Grand Treasurer, Grand Chapter of Texas, OES. Thank you to the Texas membership for the warm welcomes, kind words, hugs, cards, invitations, Facebook posts, and friendships throughout the year. I serve in this capacity to serve you and keep you informed on the finances of the Grand Chapter.

ACTIVITIES

This has been a year of Service working about 1,020 hours in the Grand Chapter Office and online. Also, attending scheduled events of the Worthy Grand Matron. I have traveled more than 18,000 miles this year. Since Grand Chapter Installation in 2018, I have attended:

- 10 Schools of Instruction
- 14 Fraternal Visits and banquets
- Grand Chapter of Missouri
- General Grand Chapter in Orlando, Florida
- Most Worthy Grand Patron "Home Coming"
- Worthy Grand Matron Reception at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center
- Mr. X Banquet in Beaumont
- Grand Assembly of Texas for the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, in Waco
- 10 Board of Directors meetings and called meetings
- Cooperate Board meetings

Greenville Chapter No. 189, is my home chapter where I have served as Chaplain and was installed Secretary in June. The Chapter can count on me to prepare meals to feed our Greenville Lodge, cook and work the Annual Scholarship fundraiser, and volunteer for any other tasks necessary. The Worthy Matron gave me the privilege to present the \$1,000 College Scholarship at Greenville High School's Award Ceremony.

- I am active in District 1, Section 3, where I often visit and participate in Chapter meetings, attended fundraisers, participate in Eastern Star Funerals, and have served as Installing Officer and Marshall for Installations.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Grand Treasurer's office is located in the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington. I work in the office on Wednesdays and online other days. The Grand Secretary, Ellen Pickrell, can count on me to be in the office additional days to provide any assistance necessary. Jane Pyle and I communicate regularly on the finances of Grand Chapter. Betty Hancock and I collaborate on new Endowed Memberships and transfers for accurate information on reports. Konnie Harrell organizes incoming mail for the Grand Treasurer and keeps me informed on membership calls. I greatly appreciate and respect the Grand Chapter Office staff. We work efficiently together to process and return the requests of the membership. This is due to the leadership provided by Ellen Pickrell. Financial reports are provided to the Board of Directors each month, one week prior to their BOD meeting. **Treasure Table 1** includes the account balances for investment accounts as of 5/31/2019. I attend each of the BOD meetings to

provide financial information as requested by the Board and answer questions. I also attend the called meeting for the purpose budgeting, drafting legislation, and strategic planning. This year, the BOD meetings were held not only at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington, but also in the same city as a number of the schools. We met in Austin, Houston, Midland, and Tyler. Endowed Memberships are the responsibility of the Grand Treasurer. Between September 2018 and May 2019, **96 Endowed Memberships were purchased.** In May, the Chapters received interest payments on each Endowed Member listed for the Chapter. There were 6,704 Endowed Memberships as of the May 31, 2018, deadline. Chapters received **interest payments of \$17.81** for each Endowed Membership. **The total number of Endowed Memberships as of this advanced report are 6838.** **Treasurer Table 2** accompanying this report, lists 140 Endowed Memberships assigned to Grand Chapter as of March 31, 2019.

The responsibility of the Grand Treasurer includes participation in the annual audit of all Grand Chapter finances and meetings with J.P. Morgan / Chase Bankers. I work collaboratively with Ellen, Jane, our CPA, Mandy Bankston, and the audit firm. The Bankers attend BOD meetings twice annually. The Bankers provide a prospectus on our Investment Accounts, Market trends, and the state of Bonds. I appreciate their timely responses when I have a question.

The Official Bulletin has contained articles in a section titled, "Key Information from the Grand Treasurer." These articles were generated from common questions asked by the membership. I will continue to write these articles, if you will share your questions that relate to the office of Grand Treasurer.

June 2019 issue: "The Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund 501c3"
May 2019 issue: "Endowed Membership"
April 2019 issue: "Specialty Plates from the DMV"
March 2019 issue: "Financial Accounts of Grand Chapter of Texas, OES"

APPRECIATION

I would like to close by expressing my appreciations of support to the following: **Worthy Grand Matron, Carolyn Martin and Worthy Grand Patron, Burley Jones.** You have inspired me with your sincerity and JOY at each school and fraternal visit. **Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patron of Texas, including our Texas Grands with General Grand Appointments,** I appreciate your words of encouragement and advice to me personally as I assume my responsibilities in the office. **Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards,** you demonstrate your commitment and dedication as you travel the state. We share enthusiasm for our OES. Thank you for the hugs and acceptance. **Grand Secretary, Ellen Pickrell,** you are one of my dearest friends and we make a Dynamic Duo in the Grand Chapter Office. We share a strong work ethic to make the office the best it can be for the membership and elected Grand Officers. **Deputies and District Deputies,** outstanding jobs you have all completed before, during, and after the schools and fraternal visits. I always felt at home wherever I traveled. Thank you for making me feel welcomed. My **Pages, Susie Geer, Wera Worthan, Pam Barnett, and Kathi Troublefield,** I hope you had a fun year. It was my intent

_to select Pages to work, but also enjoy the road trips and visit the membership with me. Thank you for being my friends. District 1, Section 3, we have the Number 1 District in Texas. **Greenville Chapter 189**, my home Chapter, I love every one of you. I would do anything for you. You honor me each meeting when I want to be honoring you. I want all of Texas to know how proud I am of my home Chapter. My **parents, Bill and Alma Bane**, I love you both. You raised me in this fraternal order that I cherish dearly. I will continue to serve and make you proud. I will also continue to plant seeds with the hope that the Order of the Eastern Star will grow and flourish for future generations. It is my honor to serve the **membership** as their Grand Treasurer for the Grand Chapter of Texas, OES. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

To my husband, **John Spradling**, daughter, **Jessie Spradling**, son, **Ryan Hecker**, and daughter-in-law, **Ashleigh Hecker**, I love you all very much. You know that family comes first in my life as does my faith in God. When I am at home I may talk "Star", but when I am at "Star", I am talking about my family and our farm animals. Our farm life is my Heaven on Earth.

**TREASURER TABLE 1
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF 5/31/19**

Investment Accounts	ID	Ending Balance 5/31/19
Cash Holding	1003	\$ 531,213.17
Eastern Star Home 501c3	1009	\$ 401,722.53
Endowment Trust 501c8	1012	\$ 11,437,934.21
Mary C. Kennington (Scholarship)	1015	\$ 538,620.53
Endowed Membership	1020	\$ 3,970,479.64
Endowment Fund	1021	\$ 3,747,954.84
Fanny V. Ward (Edu)	1050.03	\$ 35,679.67
Grand Chapter Education Invest (Edu)	1050.05	\$ 68,085.92
Helen Bramlett Fund (Edu)	1050.17	\$ 8,660.60
BALANCE		\$ 20,740,351.11

**TREASURER TABLE 2
ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS BELONGING TO GRAND CHAPTER**

#	NAME	DATE
5	Vera A. (Gardner) Biggs	1/19/88
24	Helen Red	5/18/88
54	Carolyne Long	10/11/88
65	John R. Collard, Jr.	3/17/89
79	Betty Jenson	5/12/89
80	Ivan G. Griner	5/12/89
112	Paula Whiteley	10/31/89
155	Hazel K. Nunn	5/1/90
178	Anne Brady	5/31/90
205	Ina Sue Boyd	9/24/90
226	Sydney C. McMurray	12/18/90
227	Robert B. McMurray	12/18/90
375	Faye E. Anderson	4/3/92
397	J.B. Whiteley	4/23/92
565	Peggy Bickley	3/1/93
575	Sharon Apple	3/22/93
600	Katherine Koym	4/13/93
627	Ida Helen Cagle	5/4/93
682	Margaret L. Lowell	7/28/93
788	John Cagle	5/11/94
1006	Byrlene Ditmore	9/25/95
1022	Donald D. Brown	10/27/95
1187	Betty Offield	9/18/96
1188	Jayne Euler	9/30/96
1351	Utah C. Brady	11/14/97
1590	Margaret A. Beyer	12/16/98
1612	Dorothy Iris McMahan	1/14/99
1723	Raymond W. Beyer	4/29/99
1939	Lila D. Holt	2/4/00

#	NAME	DATE
1946	Janice Doak	2/14/00
2188	Lois M. Harris	9/19/00
2189	Veldon W. Harris	9/19/00
2192	John W. Harris	9/19/00
2236	Gaye Powe Platt	12/4/00
2237	Judith Coats Ewing	12/4/00
2242	Kelley Gustafson	12/5/00
2252	Mildred Newman Powe	1/3/01
2518	Dona B. Beaucom	4/27/01
2540	Joan Hegdal	5/8/01
2744	LaVerne B. Starkey	9/27/01
2745	Renee Thompson	9/27/01
2972	Samuel C. Baucom	6/11/02
3016	Lois Carver	9/9/02
3091	Flora Maserang	1/7/03
3099	Frances Latham	1/27/03
3237	Teresa Pouland	6/30/03
3338	Sandra K. Carr	12/8/03
3349	Loretta Jo Walker	12/19/03
3845	Virginia Greenville	5/18/05
3984	Rhonda Bailey Dittfurth	11/16/05
3995	Debra D. Morlock	11/21/05
3996	Raymond B. Morlock	11/21/05
4036	Kimberly Morlock Martin	2/16/06
4037	Heather Morlock	2/16/06
4168	Mary E. Tucker	5/30/06
4693	D'Lois M. Bryson	4/7/08
4694	Jay E. Bryson	4/7/08
4709	Shirley Strickland	4/18/08
4723	Katherine Jean Freedman	5/1/08

#	NAME	DATE
4769	Edith Joyce Good	5/27/08
5216	Steve A. Tucker	5/11/10
5300	Linda Norris	1/31/11
5960	Milton M. Skipper	6/5/14
6113	Betty O'Connor	4/17/15
6114	Marion Kinsey	4/17/15
6115	Jessie Kinsey	4/17/15
6118	Gary Freedman	4/17/15
6182	Linda Sue Knowles	6/10/15
6296	Larry Joe Knowles	4/14/16
6538	Elaine Rowland	9/20/17
6613	Darlene Pendleton	4/19/18
55	Marjorie Davis Collard	10/11/88
122	Suelia Fortner	1/16/90
143	Barbara Bouton	3/26/90
156	W.J. Beaver	5/1/90
186	Gladys Juanita Kissick	7/10/90
187	James W. Kissick	7/10/90
208	Edna Kissick	10/12/90
233	Ruth Gregersen	1/17/91
299	Gladys O'Brien	7/17/91
336	Florence Sullivan	1/6/92
338	Inez Gentry	1/6/92
339	L.C. Gentry	1/6/92
383	Dorothy L. Mead	4/7/92
466	Edna Richardson	8/20/92
508	Betty Jo Kindred	11/24/92
553	Lillie Ruth Regian	1/21/93
562	Sulema R. Jimenez	3/1/93
601	Mildred Jimison	4/13/93

#	NAME	DATE
742	Helen W. Henson	2/28/94
789	Rita Joyce Bragg	5/11/94
814	Charles E. Day	6/9/94
874	Luella V. Johnson	12/8/94
974	Sandra Jean Gilbert	5/30/95
987	Beatrice Lamar	7/24/95
1023	Canelia C. Cook	10/27/95
1024	Jack Cook	10/27/95
1273	Margaret C. Watson	4/24/97
1305	Vera Albright	5/22/97
1325	Carl E. Starkey	5/24/97
1377	Susan Day Whitted	2/12/98
1416	Katherine Johnson	3/11/98
1490	Margaret Ealine Gober	5/20/98
1491	Lester Roy Gober	5/20/98
1621	Jacqueline Pierce	1/27/99
1627	Sandra R. Vasquez	2/8/99
1683	Rhonda Earl Torres	3/24/99
1772	Norma G. Morgan	5/25/99
1816	Faye Lesley	7/30/99
1853	Dorothy Teel	10/6/99
1855	Shirley Ulrich	10/11/99
1881	Lorie Ware McCulloch	11/9/99
2143	Cynthia O'Brien-Richlefsen	7/10/00
2164	Julianna Lindsay	8/2/00
2204	Vernon G. Searcy	10/16/00
2206	Patricia Ann Day	10/16/00
2273	Winnie Fenton	1/30/01
2490	Henry L. Smith	4/12/01
2897	Kathryn S. McCuistion	4/8/02

#	NAME	DATE
3075	Nina G. Hale	12/13/02
3351	Ann Dodd	1/2/04
3385	Jerome Ulrich	2/11/04
3580	Bertha D. Brown	6/16/04
3860	In Honor of Yvonne Owens	6/1/05
3966	Tommy Kelso	9/22/05
4136	Mary Jo Kemp	5/18/06
4164	Carrie Ethel Bailey	5/30/06
4165	Lillian Arnold	5/30/06
4218	Eloise H. Ficke	8/2/06
4536	In Memory of Dorotha Deering	9/19/07
4938	Elsie Underwood	2/2/09
5478	Joy E. Palmer	12/8/11
5561	Carlas Smith	5/3/12
5586	Charles R. Yeates	5/25/12
5773	Kealen Fritsche	6/10/13
5774	Joyce M. Hall	6/10/13
5776	Glenn C. Mathis, Sr.	6/10/13
5779	Julio (Aldo) Perez	6/10/13
5780	Isela Perez	6/10/13
5781	Tearsa Smesny	6/10/13

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CARLOTTA FAIRCHILD, CHAIRMAN
2018-2019**

It has again been my honor this year to serve with an outstanding group of Eastern Star members, YOUR Board of Directors. Each Board member has special qualifications which when all put together creates a very knowledgeable Board.

Special thanks are given to our Appointed Secretary of the Board of Directors, Sister Janet Travers. Sister Janet continues to do 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 amongst your other duties to Eastern Star, your family and your “real” job.

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 and it is always a pleasure to visit with you.

The first order of business came after the elections at our Grand Chapter Session in Irving. A Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary were elected. Welcomed onto the Board were Tom Brisko-District One and Tamela Henington-District Two. This year the Board not only met at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington but also monthly meetings were held in different parts of the state following the Worthy Grand Matron’s Schools of Instruction, a Fraternal Visit and Mr. X – September-Austin; January-Houston; March-Sherman; April-Midland; and May-Beaumont at the Mr. X weekend. Our goal was to allow more of our members to have the opportunity to attend a Board of Directors meeting, however, there was no noticeable increase of attendance.

Detailed reports of the financial affairs of Grand Chapter will be presented by the other Board members. The Board worked diligently to assess the Benevolent Aid requests this year.

The Board assisted the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron with their budget and supported the Education Committee with their Scholarship Program.

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

Ratliff & Associates performed the audit on the Grand Chapter year of 2017-2018.

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

Bulletin subscriptions received either on paper or electronically have increased and Chapter Secretaries are making use of the Bulletin found on the Chapter Secretary Interface. Chapters were given an opportunity to

send in free notices of their Chapter activities which boosted the content of the Bulletin and was greatly enjoyed by the membership.

Currently, there are four ladies under our responsibility at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. They are receiving excellent care. The Board members enjoyed lunch with three of our four ladies at TMRC following one of our Board meetings.

To the membership of Texas, this Board takes this job seriously and has worked hard to fulfill the duties of being responsible for the financial affairs of this great state. We have answered questions directed to us within the realm of our responsibilities. 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, Carolyn Martin and our Worthy Grand Patron, Burley Jones thank you for your assistance and guidance and for your attendance at our Board meetings when your schedule permitted.

A very special thank you to Barbara Martin for providing me with lodging the last five years and to Phyllis Wilson for being my traveling companion for the last three years. To the nine Board members, thank you for your confidence and support in allowing me to serve as Chairman this year.

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 137th Session
to be held in Tyler, Texas
August 15-18, 2019

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**

PASSED AS AMENDED AT THE 2018 SESSION

PRESENTED FOR SECOND READING

**IF PASSED, WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE AT THE CLOSE OF THIS GRAND
CHAPTER SESSION**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #1, 2018
GRAND CHAPTER SESSION**

**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 (Delete the term "etc.") the food costs at Grand Chapter, round-ups, and 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

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

b. (Add) The entity or business serving the alcoholic beverages and liquor, shall have Liquor Liability Insurance to include:

a. At least \$1,000,000 in Primary Liability coverage,

b. At least \$2,000,000 General Aggregate Liability coverage.

- c. Unlimited Defense coverage and
- d. At least \$5,000,000 Excess Liability coverage.
- c. (Add) Alcoholic beverages shall not be sold or served by the Grand Chapter of Texas itself.
- d. 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.
- e. Alcoholic beverages shall not be served or consumed at any meeting or activity in a Lodge or on Lodge property.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT #2
TO THE CONSTITUTION**

PASSED AS AMENDED AT THE 2018 SESSION

PRESENTED FOR SECOND READING

**IF PASSED, WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE AT THE CLOSE OF THIS GRAND
CHAPTER SESSION**

Page 67: Code of Laws; Division IV; Chapter 4, Duties and Prerogatives of Grand Officers; E. Grand Secretary; Article 60, Correspondence.

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 Secretary requesting a printed copy by letter under the Chapter Seal.

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AMENDMENT #3
Amendment to Constitution
Page 46, Article XIII, Section 7. PUBLICATION.

NOTE: If passed, this Amendment will be read for a second time at the 138th Grand Chapter Session in Waco, Texas. If passed at that Session, it will become law.

WHEREAS the “Official Bulletin, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star” is the official publication of the Grand Chapter.

WHEREAS the Official Bulletin is the only official means of communicating to the membership and, as referenced below in our Code of Laws, the following items are placed in the Official Bulletin to keep our membership informed:

Chapter 2 a., a candidate may place an announcement in the “Official Bulletin”;

Chapter 2 b., social and entertainment events for candidates are published in the “Official Bulletin”;

Article 68 The audited, fiscal year-end financial reports shall be published each year, in the Bulletin;

Article 152-E-1 b. (3) the following items shall be printed in the “Official Bulletin” with the wording at the top

“Read In Open Chapter” when the Jurisprudence Committee has made a Compilation of:

Constitutional Amendments, Changes, Alterations, and Repeal of Laws, approved Decisions of Worthy Grand Matron, and Edicts and Resolutions, all amendments, alterations, and additions to the Code of Laws for government of Grand Chapter, including all actions of the Grand Chapter in repealing any such laws;

All amendments, alterations, and additions to the Code of Laws for government of Subordinate Chapters, including all actions of the Grand Chapter in repealing any such laws,

All other interpretive or directive actions of the Grand Chapter at said Sessions including Edicts and Resolutions,

With the assistance of the Grand Secretary, correct any inconsistencies in the wording of existing laws to correspond with any legislation passed by action of the Grand Chapter;

Article 152-V. CHOIR DIRECTOR, may publish in the Official Bulletin notification postings;

Article 170 proposals for new laws, amendments or repeal of existing laws, including the Legal Code and prescribed forms shall be printed in the Official Bulletin;

Article 268-1 b. any approved change of District and/or Section will be printed in the Official Bulletin;

Chapter 15 a list of all personal property, as they come available for sale, be published in the Official Bulletin;

Chapter 15 a list of all real estate, as it comes available for sale, be published in the Official Bulletin.

WHEREAS the Official Bulletin is used for sharing community involvement, benevolent work, fundraising, many activities which promotes our Order.

WHEREAS to further enhance our Official Bulletin we propose this Amendment.

WHICH NOW READS:

SECTION 7. 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:

SECTION 7. 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; published means either printed and/or electronic. The final copy of each issue of the Official Bulletin shall be approved by the Worthy Grand Matron. A printed copy will be provided for each Subordinate Chapter Secretary requesting a printed copy by letter under the Chapter Seal.

1. Ad space and subscriptions are open to other Fraternal Organizations under the umbrella of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.
2. Ad space is open to businesses and organizations approved by the Worthy Grand Matron.
3. One article every Grand Chapter year for each chapter at no cost. The Grand Secretary may select a number of articles each month based on when they are received. This article is intended for Chapters share community involvement, benevolent work, fund raising, and/or any other activities that promote our Order. These articles are not to be political in any manner.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT #4

PAGE 76: CODE OF LAWS; DIVISION IV; CHAPTER 5, A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS; ARTICLE 82, ARTICLE E. BENEVOLENT FUND, 3.

WHEREAS the wording in the Code of Laws is not consistent with the actual Benevolent Aid process and,

WHEREAS the wording needs to be updated and,

WHEREAS the Board of Directors has an internal Benevolent Aid Committee and Chairman and,

WHEREAS the duties of the Secretary of the Board of Directors do not include the processing of Benevolent Aid Requests and record keeping and,

WHEREAS the processing of Benevolent Aid Requests and record keeping is handled by the Board of Directors' Benevolent Aid Chairman,

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE E, 3.

3. All checks for Benevolent Aid, regardless of type will be deposited into the Chapter's bank account and a Chapter check will be issued for a like amount payable to the recipient. The Chapter is responsible for notifying the **Secretary of the Board of Directors** when the recipient dies or is no longer eligible to receive the aid. If the recipient is alive on the first day of the month, then the recipient is entitled to the Benevolent Aid check that is issued for that month.

BE CHANGED TO READ:

3. All checks for Benevolent Aid, regardless of type will be deposited into the Chapter's bank account and a Chapter check will be issued for a like amount payable to the recipient. The Chapter is responsible for notifying the **Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee** when the recipient dies or is no longer eligible to receive the aid. If the recipient is alive on the first day of the month, then the recipient is entitled to the Benevolent Aid check that is issued for that month.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT #5

PAGE 76: CODE OF LAWS; DIVISION IV; CHAPTER 5, A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS; ARTICLE 82, ARTICLE E. BENEVOLENT FUND, 4. Emergency Aid Assistance, b. and c.

WHEREAS the wording in the Code of Laws is not consistent with the actual Benevolent Aid process and,

WHEREAS the wording needs to be updated and,

WHEREAS a Chapter seeking Emergency Aid Assistance for a member should not be delayed by having to contact the member of the Board of Directors that represents that District and,

WHEREAS the member of the Board of Directors representing that District should have the discretion to assist the Chapter if called upon,

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS:

4. Emergency Aid Assistance, b. and c.

b. The Worthy Matron **will** contact the member of the Board of Directors that represents that District and relay the need and amount for consideration.

c. The Board of Directors member of that district will take the necessary steps, (if further information is needed) to complete Sections 1 through 3 of the Request for Assistance Form, and forward the form to the Board of Director's Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee for processing and presentation to the full Board for consideration and action.

BE CHANGED TO READ:

b. The Worthy Matron **may** contact the member of the Board of Directors that represents that District and relay the reason for need and the amount for consideration.

c. **Should the** Board of Directors member of that **District be contacted by the Worthy Matron, she/he may** take the necessary steps, (if further information is needed) to **assist in the completion of** Sections 1 through 3 of the Request for Assistance Form, and forward the form to the Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee for processing and presentation to the full Board for consideration and action.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT #6

PAGE 77: CODE OF LAWS; DIVISION IV; CHAPTER 5, A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS; ARTICLE 82, ARTICLE E. BENEVOLENT FUND, 5. Temporary Aid Assistance, b. and c.

WHEREAS the wording in the Code of Laws is not consistent with the actual Benevolent Aid process and,
WHEREAS the wording needs to be updated and,
WHEREAS a Chapter seeking Temporary Aid Assistance for a member should not be delayed by having to contact a member of the Board of Directors that represents that District and,
WHEREAS the Board of Directors has an internal Benevolent Aid Committee and Chairman and,
WHEREAS the processing of Benevolent Aid Requests and record keeping is handled by the Board of Directors' Benevolent Aid Chairman,
WHEREAS the Board of Directors' members representing that District should have the discretion to assist the Chapter as necessary when called upon,
We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE E, 5. Temporary Aid Assistance, b. and c.

b. The Worthy Matron will contact the member of the Board of Directors that represents that district and will forward the request form to that Board member.

c. The Board of Directors member of that district will take the necessary steps, (if further information is needed), to complete ALL sections on the Request for Assistance Form and forward the request to the Board of Director's Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee for processing and presentation to the full Board for consideration and approval or disapproval.

BE CHANGED TO READ:

b. The Worthy Matron will forward the completed Temporary Aid Assistance Form to the Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee. If additional assistance is needed, the Worthy Matron may contact the Board of Directors' members that represent that district for assistance.

c. The Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee or the Board of Directors' members of that District will take the necessary steps (if further information is needed), to assist in the completion of ALL sections on the Request for Temporary Assistance Form. If completed by a member of the Board of Directors, the request shall be forwarded to the Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee for processing and presentation to the full Board for consideration and approval or disapproval.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT #7

PAGE 78-79: CODE OF LAWS; DIVISION IV; CHAPTER 5, A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS; ARTICLE 82, ARTICLE E. BENEVOLENT FUND, 6. Long Term Aid Assistance, a. c. e. f. i. and k.

WHEREAS the wording in the Code of Laws is not consistent with the actual Benevolent Aid process and,

WHEREAS the wording needs to be updated and,

WHEREAS a Chapter seeking Long Term Aid Assistance for a member should not be delayed by having to contact a member of the Board of Directors that represents that District and,

WHEREAS the Board of Directors has an internal Benevolent Aid Committee and Chairman and,

WHEREAS the processing of Benevolent Aid Requests and record keeping is handled by the Board of Directors' Benevolent Aid Chairman,

WHEREAS the Board of Directors' members representing that District should have the discretion to assist the Chapter as necessary when called upon,

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE E, 6. Long Term Aid Assistance, a. c. e. f. i. and k.

- a. A letter requesting Long Term Benevolent Aid for a member must be written and signed by the member to the Secretary of the member's Chapter. The letter of request from the member shall be read to the Chapter at the first Stated Meeting after receipt. At the same meeting, the Worthy Matron will appoint a committee of three (3) members to serve as an investigating committee to process the application. The investigating committee will evaluate the situation and complete all required forms. These forms must be completed in their entirety and returned under the Seal of the Chapter, with signatures of the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron and the Chapter Secretary. Board members from the member's District will be available to assist with questions or assistance in completing the documents. **The Secretary of the Chapter will write the Secretary of the Board of Directors under the Seal of the Chapter seeking the required documents.**
- b. (No Change)
- c. A vote of the Chapter to submit the application will require the Secretary of the Chapter to return the original application along with one Copy with all answers fully and clearly answered to the **Secretary of the Board of Directors**. The Board of Directors will ensure the documents are in order at the next scheduled meeting. If all questions are not answered fully, the application will be returned incomplete, causing delays and possible denial of assistance. Regardless

of an affirmative or negative vote of the Chapter, ALL APPLICATION FORMS AND ENCLOSURES are returned to the **Secretary of the Board of Directors** with a letter, under the Seal of the Chapter, stating the wishes of the Chapter.

- d. (No Change)
- e. If approved, the Board of Director's Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee will notify the Grand Secretary to process the request and amount approved. The **Secretary of the Board of Directors** will notify the Chapter Secretary of the Board's decision and action. Once Benevolent Aid is granted, one copy of the application, together with a letter of approval, is sent to the Chapter Secretary. The Secretary will retain this copy of the application, which *SHALL be returned with a letter, under Chapter seal, of explanation to the Board of Directors when said Benevolent Aid is no longer required or the member dies.*
- f. If disapproved, the **Secretary of the Board of Directors** will notify the Chapter Secretary in writing the request has been denied and the reason why. The Chapter Secretary will notify the applicant of the results. All supporting documents are stored at the Grand Secretary's Office.
- g. (No Change)
- h. (No Change)
- i. *In March of each year, a Periodic Check Form will be sent to each Chapter for each member receiving Benevolent Aid; said form to be completed and returned NO LATER THAN MAY 31ST to the **Secretary of the Board**. The Worthy Matron shall appoint a 3-member committee to investigate and assist in completion of said form. The Committee will report its findings at a stated meeting of the Chapter, at which time vote will be taken to continue or discontinue such benevolent aid. Failure to comply will cause Long Term Benevolent Aid to their member or members to be interrupted until the form is received.*
- j. (No Change)
- k. In May of each year, the Chapter Secretary will notify the **Secretary of the Board of Directors** the name and address of the Secretary elected for the ensuing year. Failure to do so may result in delay of Long Term Benevolent Aid checks and/or risk of loss.

BE CHANGED TO READ:

- a. A letter requesting Long Term Benevolent Aid for a member must be written and signed by the member to the Secretary of the member's Chapter. The letter of request from the member shall be read to the Chapter at the first Stated Meeting after receipt. At the same meeting, the Worthy Matron will appoint a committee of three (3) members to serve as an investigating committee to process the application. The investigating committee will evaluate the situation and complete all required forms. These forms must be completed in their entirety and returned under the Seal of the Chapter, with signatures of the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron and the Chapter Secretary. Board members from the member's District will be available to assist with questions or assistance in completing the documents.
- b. **(No change)**
- c. A vote of the Chapter to submit the application will require the Secretary of the Chapter to return the original application along with one Copy with all answers fully and clearly answered to the **Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee.** The Board of Directors will ensure the documents are in order at the next scheduled meeting. If all questions are not answered fully, the application will be returned incomplete, causing delays and possible denial of assistance. Regardless of an affirmative or negative vote of the Chapter, ALL APPLICATION FORMS AND ENCLOSURES are returned to the **Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee** with a letter, under the Seal of the Chapter, stating the wishes of the Chapter.
- d. **(No Change)**
- e. If approved, the Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee will notify the Grand Secretary to process the request and amount approved. **Additionally, the Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee** will notify the Chapter Secretary of the Board's decision and action. Once Benevolent Aid is granted **the Chapter Secretary shall submit** a letter, under Chapter seal, to the **Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee** when said Benevolent Aid is no longer required or the member dies.
- f. If disapproved, the **Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee** will notify the Chapter Secretary in writing the request has been denied and the reason why. The Chapter Secretary will notify the applicant of the results. All supporting documents are stored at the Grand Secretary's Office.
- g. **(No Change)**
- h. **(No Change)**

- i. In March of each year, a Periodic Check Form will be sent to each Chapter for each member receiving Benevolent Aid; said form to be completed and returned NO LATER THAN MAY 31ST to the **Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee**. The Worthy Matron shall appoint a 3-member committee to investigate and assist in completion of said form. The Committee will report its findings at a stated meeting of the Chapter, at which time vote will be taken to continue or discontinue such benevolent aid. Failure to comply will cause Long Term Benevolent Aid to their member or members to be interrupted until the form is received.

- j. **(No Change)**

- k. In May of each year, the Chapter Secretary will notify the **Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee** the name and address of the Secretary elected for the ensuing year. Failure to do so may result in delay of Long Term Benevolent Aid checks and/or risk of loss.

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AMENDMENT #8

Page 185, Code of Laws; Division V, Chapter 14, Article 273, Serving of Intoxicating Beverages

This amendment will be considered IF Amendment #1 is adopted.

Whereas the serving of Intoxicating Liquors is prohibited in Subordinate Chapters;

Whereas Article 273 governs Subordinate Chapters concerning the serving of intoxicating liquors at meetings, banquets or other entertainment or affairs given by a Chapter in the name of the Eastern Star and;

Whereas Amendment #1 allows for the serving of alcoholic beverages at Grand Chapter banquets, round-ups and multi-state exchanges to generate revenues and offset expenses of the events;

The following amendment is proposed:

WHICH NOW READS

Article 273: SERVING OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR PROHIBITED.

Intoxicating Liquors shall never be served at a meeting, banquet, or other entertainment or affair given by a Chapter or in the name of the Order of the Eastern Star.

TO BE CHANGED TO Read:

Article 273: SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

Alcoholic Beverages may NOT be served at any meeting or activity in a Lodge or Lodge property.

No member of the Order of the Eastern Star shall serve alcoholic beverages at any event.

REASONING:

If Amendment #1 is adopted for the Constitution, there has to be some new wording for Article 273 in

Division V – Code of Laws for the Government of Subordinate Chapters within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

The updating of Article 273 should be considered separately as Amendment #1 (page 47, Constitution: Article XIII, General Provisions, Section 6, Serving of Intoxicating Beverages Prohibited) is part of the Constitution and Article 273 is part of the Code of Laws.

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**BUDGETS
2019-2020**

EASTERN STAR LADIES BUDGET 2019-2020			CAROLYN	Actuals as of	LINDA
	CODE	RECEIPTS	BUDGET 2018-2019	9/1/18-4/30/19	BUDGET 2019-2020
1	4000.10	Interest Eastern Star Ladies Checking	\$935.00	\$5.37	\$1,000.00
2	4000.24	Endowment Interest 501c(8)	\$240,000.00	\$0.00	\$24,200.00
3	4000.30	Interest Eastern Star Ladies Investment 501c(3)	\$6,735.00	\$6,465.60	\$3,250.00
	1009.00	Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund 501c(3)			\$280,000.00
4	4040.30	Gain/Loss Eastern Star Home Investment	\$10,765.00	\$3,692.86	\$7,500.00
5	4111.01	Per Capita Income @ \$5.00/Member	\$110,000.00	\$0.00	\$95,000.00
6	4200.00	Oil & Gas Royalty	\$28,000.00	\$9,001.42	\$25,000.00
7	4225.00	Ladies Pensions	\$36,350.00	\$21,707.49	\$32,400.00
8	4250.00	Gifts & Donations	\$500.00	\$8,423.19	\$500.00
9	4260.00	Bequests, Wills & Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL			\$433,285.00	\$49,295.93	\$468,850.00
		EXPENDITURES			
10	5212.10	Audit	\$5,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
11	5213.10	CPA-990 Taxes	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
12	5236.00	Property Tax (Oil & Gas)	\$450.00	\$255.97	\$500.00
13	5320.00	Annual TMRC Billing	\$20,000.00	\$7,824.51	\$9,000.00
14	5324.00	Legal	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
15	5504.00	Allowance to Ladies @ \$70/month	\$4,200.00	\$2,240.00	\$3,350.00
16	5520.00	Funeral Expenses	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
17	5710.00	Independent Resident Expense	\$67,500.00	\$29,127.22	\$0.00
18	5810.00	Clinic Resident Expense	\$215,533.00	\$150,237.10	\$440,000.00
TOTAL			\$324,183.00	\$198,184.80	\$468,850.00
NET			\$109,102.00		\$0.00

BENEVOLENT AID BUDGET 2019-2020			CAROLYN	Actuals	LINDA
			BUDGET 2018-2019	9/1/18-4/30/19	BUDGET 2019-2020
Income					
0	4000.25	Endowment Interest 501c(8)	\$0.00	0	\$68,000.00
1	4112	Benevolent Aid Per Capita	\$44,000.00		\$39,000.00
2	4280.03	Humanitarian	\$11,000.00	\$7,918.33	\$10,000.00
		Total Income	\$55,000.00		\$117,000.00
		Total Funds Available for Benevolent Aid	\$55,000.00		\$117,000.00
Expense					
3	5330	Long Term Benevolent Aid	\$60,000.00	\$38,500	\$90,000.00
4	5331	Temporary Benevolent Aid	\$8,000.00	\$2,500	\$10,000.00
5	5332	Emergency Benevolent Aid	\$15,000.00	\$11,300	\$17,000.00
		Total Expenses	\$83,000.00		\$117,000.00
		Net Funds Available for Benevolent Aid	(\$28,000.00)		\$0.00

General Fund Budget 2019-2020			CAROLYN	Actuals as of	LINDA
			Budget 2018-2019	9/1/18-4/30/19	Budget 2019-2020
Income Account Codes					
INTEREST					
1	4000.15	Interest Gen Fund Holding Investment	\$8,575.00	\$6,419.58	\$9,500.00
2	4000.25	Endowment Interest	\$240,000.00	\$169,469.30	\$250,000.00
3	4000.26	Endowment Interest Sub-Acct	\$99,000.00	\$57,742.34	\$86,000.00
4	4000.31	Interest Endowed Memberships	\$1,800.00	\$58,683.90	\$3,000.00
		TOTAL INTEREST	\$349,375.00	\$292,315.12	\$348,500.00
DESIGNATED REVENUE					
5	4090	Worthy Grand Matron's Designated Funds	\$150,000.00	\$152,835.30	\$105,000.00
		TOTAL DESIGNATED REVENUE	\$150,000.00	\$152,835.30	\$105,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME					
6	4110	General Fund Per Capita @ \$3.00 per member	\$66,000.00	\$2,296.76	\$58,500.00
7	4113	General Grand Chapter Per Capita	\$44,000.00	\$0.00	\$39,000.00
8	4130	Registration Fees - Grand Chapter	\$27,000.00	\$3,525.00	\$20,000.00
9	4135	Session Income/Returned Funds	\$20,000.00	\$7,719.48	\$20,000.00
10	4140	Grand Chapter Sales Items	\$30,000.00	\$11,846.90	\$35,000.00
11	4150	25% of WGM Special Projects	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,300.00
12	4152	GGC Supplies Sales Items	\$20,000.00	\$880.72	\$10,000.00
13	4155	Administration Fee - Endowed Memberships	\$6,600.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00
14	4160	Credit Card Convenience	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
15	4170	Misc.Fees - Spec. Disp, Transfer of Endow. Mem.	\$1,000.00	\$981.00	\$1,000.00
16	4280.01	General Fund	\$5,000.00	\$3,444.50	\$5,000.00
		TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$244,600.00	\$30,694.36	\$202,950.00
GIFTS AND DONATIONS/MEMORIAL					
17	4250	Donations Grand Chapter	\$1,000.00	\$104,863.85	\$1,000.00
18	4257	Donations to Museum	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		TOTAL GIFTS AND DONATIONS/MEMORIAL	\$2,000.00	\$104,863.85	\$1,000.00
BULLETIN					
19	4141	Bulletin Subscriptions	\$20,000.00	\$12,158.00	\$20,000.00
20	4142	Bulletin Articles - from Members	\$18,000.00	\$13,890.00	\$20,000.00
21	4143	Bulletin Ads from Outside Vendors	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
		TOTAL BULLETIN	\$39,000.00	\$26,048.00	\$41,000.00
GRAND CHAPTER DONATIONS					
22	4180	International Headquarters (\$5.00 per new member)	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
23	4990	Other Misc. Receipts (Example-demised chapters)	\$5,000.00	\$2,269.21	\$5,000.00
		TOTAL GRAND CHAPTER DONATIONS	\$10,000.00	\$2,269.21	\$10,000.00
		Total Income	\$ 794,975.00	\$ 609,025.84	\$708,450.00

Expense Account Codes					
	PAYROLL				
24	5001	Office Staff	\$60,000.00	\$52,105.49	\$78,000.00
25	5010	Grand Secretary	\$29,000.00	\$17,846.08	\$29,000.00
26	5012	Grand Treasurer	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,000.00
27	6560	Payroll Expense (Employer Liability Taxes)	\$11,000.00	\$5,936.21	\$9,040.00
		TOTAL PAYROLL	\$106,000.00	\$79,887.78	\$122,040.00
	GRAND OFFICER EXPENSE				
28	5102	Worthy Grand Matron	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
29	5103	Worthy Grand Patron	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
30	5105	Associate Grand Matron	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
31	5155	Past Grand Matron Jewel	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
32	5160	Past Grand Patron Jewel	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
		TOTAL GRAND OFFICER EXPENSE	\$8,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$8,500.00
	GRAND CHAPTER EXPENSE				
33	5166	GGC Officers Hotel Expense at GC	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
34	5167	GGC Officers Love Gifts at GC	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
35	5181	Official Reporter - GC	\$3,800.00	\$0.00	\$3,800.00
36	5210	Advance Reports	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
37	5213	WGM Interpretations	\$500.00	\$1,174.90	\$0.00
38	5214	Ballots and Voting Cards	\$1,000.00	\$277.87	\$1,000.00
39	5222	Grand Master Expense Session	\$150.00	\$1,067.02	\$150.00
40	5240	Registration Forms/Postage/ Badges	\$2,000.00	\$1,330.25	\$2,000.00
41	5227	GC Support Staff Housing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
42	5228	Installation Programs	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
43	5242	Session & Memorial Programs	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
44	5388	138th Grand Chapter Session	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
45	5388.01	Grand Chapter Audio/Visual Expense			\$15,000.00
		TOTAL GRAND CHAPTER EXPENSE	\$32,300.00	\$23,850.04	\$48,550.00
	GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER				
46	5180	International Headquarters Expense	\$5,000.00	\$3,635.00	\$5,000.00
47	5180.01	GGC Disaster Relief Fund			\$5,000.00
48	5323	Per Capita	\$44,000.00	\$43,696.00	\$39,000.00
49	5600	Supplies Purchased from GGC	\$20,000.00	\$4,016.08	\$20,000.00
50	5650	Shipping Charges for Supplies Received from GGC	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		TOTAL GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER EXPENSE	\$69,200.00	\$51,347.08	\$69,000.00
	PRINTING EXPENSE				
51	5410	Annual Proceedings-Printing	\$3,500.00	\$576.92	\$3,500.00
52	5415	Chapter Packets	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$200.00

53	5416	Note Cards for WGM, WGP, G Chaplain, etc.	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
54	5511.03	Copy Machine - Office Printing	\$7,500.00	\$5,664.51	\$8,500.00
55	5644	Directories Printed to Sell	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
56	5646	Chapter Directories (Furnished to Chapters)	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
		TOTAL PRINTING EXPENSE	\$15,900.00	\$6,241.43	\$14,000.00
		BULLETIN			
57	5511.01	Chapter Bulletins (Furnished to Chapter)	\$13,000.00	\$3,673.57	\$6,000.00
58	5216	Outside Vendors, Paper	\$12,800.00	\$10,333.68	\$15,000.00
59	5511.02	Bulletin Printing	\$37,000.00	\$18,585.04	\$28,000.00
60	5465	Postage	\$4,450.00	\$2,647.28	\$5,000.00
		TOTAL BULLETIN EXPENSE	\$67,250.00	\$35,239.57	\$54,000.00
		AUTO EXPENSE - WGM VAN & TRAILERS			
61	5248	Vehicle-Fuel	\$7,000.00	\$3,827.70	\$7,500.00
62	5250	Vehicle-License (van & 2 cargo trailers)Toll-Tags	\$400.00	\$363.25	\$500.00
63	5252	Vehicle-All Maintenance/Repairs	\$2,500.00	\$547.05	\$4,500.00
64	5253	Auto Acquisition	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
		TOTAL AUTO EXPENSE - WGM VAN & TRAILERS	\$21,900.00	\$4,738.00	\$24,500.00
		POSTAGE			
65	5460	Postage - Certified Mail/Postage Shortages, etc.	\$50.00	\$61.10	\$100.00
66	5466	Postage - Chapter Packet Mailing	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
67	5470	Postage- Bulk Mail Permit	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
68	5475	Postage Machine Meter Lease	\$3,000.00	\$1,709.55	\$2,600.00
69	5486	Postage For Meter	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,000.00
		TOTAL POSTAGE	\$9,305.00	\$5,770.65	\$9,025.00
		INVESTMENT/LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL FEES			
70	5212	Audit	\$25,000.00	\$19,926.43	\$25,000.00
71	5215	CPA-990 Tax Filing	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,750.00
72	5234	Legal Services	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
73	5375.25	Trust Fees - OES GC Endowment 501c8	\$35,000.00	\$22,658.58	\$40,000.00
74	5375.26	Trust Fees - OES GC Endowment Sub 501c8	\$12,500.00	\$8,488.26	\$17,000.00
		TOTAL INVESTMENT/LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$77,000.00	\$51,073.27	\$94,750.00
		INSURANCE			
75	5302	Insurance - Commercial Umbrella	\$3,400.00	\$0.00	\$3,400.00
76	5304	Insurance - Director's Liability	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
77	5314	Insurance - Furnishings, Personal Property	\$39,000.00	\$0.00	\$39,000.00
78	5316	Insurance - Workman's Comp	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
		TOTAL INSURANCE	\$44,600.00	\$0.00	\$44,600.00
		OFFICE OPERATION AND UTILITIES			
79	5237	Humanitarian Ribbons	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

80	5320	Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	\$326.34	\$1,000.00
81	5322	Bank Fees	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
82	5324	Credit Card Fees	\$300.00	\$330.65	\$500.00
83	5355	NSF Returned Checks	\$200.00	-\$80.59	\$200.00
85	5381.01	Endowed Interest - Benevolent Aid Fund			\$68,000.00
84	5381.02	Endowed Interest - Ladies Fund	\$240,000.00	\$0.00	\$24,200.00
86	5382	Contingency Fund	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
87	5480	Computer Contract Services Enable Labs	\$8,400.00	\$4,712.00	\$7,000.00
88	5482	Building Maintenance/Repair/Replacement	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
89	5526	Janitorial Service	\$1,500.00	\$875.00	\$1,500.00
90	5645	Office Supplies	\$7,000.00	\$6,182.06	\$9,000.00
91	5546	Security Services	\$700.00	\$422.32	\$650.00
92	5672	Utilities - Electric	\$6,500.00	\$3,977.76	\$6,000.00
93	5676	Utilities - Telephone/Internet	\$3,460.00	\$1,511.86	\$2,000.00
94	5681	Website	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
95	5683	Computer Maintenance	\$500.00	\$1,195.43	\$10,000.00
96	5686	Rent Office	\$36,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$36,000.00
97	5688.01	Property Taxes/Office Main./Landscaping Fees	\$5,000.00	\$5,188.96	\$8,000.00
		TOTAL OFFICE OPERATION AND UTILITIES	\$321,760.00	\$48,641.79	\$194,650.00
		Total Expenses	\$ 773,715.00	\$ 309,289.61	\$ 683,615.00
		Net Income	\$ 21,260.00		\$ 24,835.00

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

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 2019 Grand Chapter Session in Tyler

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 Marsha
2005-06 Marshal
2006-08 Secretary
2008-09 Ruth
2009-10 Esther
2010-11 Secretary
2011-12 Treasurer
2012-13 Esther
2013-14 Conductress
2014-15 Associate Matron
2015-17 Worthy Matron
2017-18 Associate Matron
2018-19 Worthy Matron
2019-20 Associate Conductress

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
2015-18 Electa
2018-19 Associate Conductress
2019-20 Conductress



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
2018-19 Humanitarian Chairman, 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.



Branching out into the future

Shelley Walker

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

To be nominated for the office of
Associate Grand Conductress
At the 2019 Grand Chapter Session in Tyler



Subordinate Chapter Service

April 1991 – Initiated into Nash #320

Farmers Branch Chapter #687

2002 – Plural with Farmers Branch #687

2002 – 2003 Adah

2003 – 2004 Marshal

2004 – 2005 Associate Conductress

2005 – 2006 Conductress

2006 – 2007 Associate Matron

2007 – 2008 Worthy Matron

2008 – 2009 Ruth

2009 – 2010 Chaplain

2010 – 2011 Esther

2011 – 2012 Electa

2012 – 2013 Ruth

2013 – 2014 Ruth

2014 – 2015 Ruth

2015 – 2016 Associate Matron

2016 – 2017 Worthy Matron

2017 – 2018 Marshal

2018 – 2019 Martha

Lewisville Chapter #935

2005 – Plural with Lewisville #935

2005 – 2006 Marshal

2006 – 2007 Conductress

2007 – 2008 Associate Matron

2008 – 2009 Worthy Matron

2009 – 2010 Secretary

2010 – 2011 Secretary

2011 – 2012 Secretary

2012 – 2013 Secretary

2013 – 2014 Secretary

2014 – 2015 Secretary

2015 – 2016 Secretary

2016 – 2017 Secretary

2017 – 2018 Secretary

2018 – 2019 Secretary

Grand Chapter Service

2007 – 2008 Angels on Assignment

2008 – 2009 Deputy Grand Matron D155

2009 – 2010 Humanitarian Chairman D1

2010 – 2011 District Deputy Grand Matron D1

2011 – 2012 Faith in our Future, D1 Chairman

2012 – 2013 Time and Talent

2013 – 2014 Yearbook General Chairman

2014 – 2015 Grand Representative of Washington

2015 – 2016 Time and Talent

2016 – 2017 Grand Examiner at Large

2017 – 2018 Grand Examiner at Large

2018 – 2019 Grand Examiner at Large

Other Fraternal Service

2005 – 2006 Worthy High Priestess, White Shrine

2007 – 2008 President D1 SS Line Officers

2010 – 2011 President D1 SS PM/PP Club

2011 – 2013 Secretary D1 PM/PP Association

2014 – 2016 Worthy High Priestess, White Shrine

Majority Rainbow Girl, IORG

Past Grand Officer, IORG

Master of the Grand Cross of Color, IORG

Education

Coppell High School

Our Lady of the Lake University – HR Development

Senior Certified Payroll Professional

Certified Benefits and Compensation Professional

Certified Human Resources Generalist

Senior Professional HR Certification

Certified Risk Manager

Certified Compliance and Ethics Professional

Certified Professional Training Management

Employment History

1992 – 2002 Snelling and Snelling, HR Manager

2002 – 2007 Prime Art and Jewel, HR Director

2007 – 2010 NPS, HR & Benefits Director

2010 – 2015 TEA, HR & Finance Director

2015 – Present, Encore Enterprises, Vice President

Human Resources

*Some things in life fill your heart
without even trying...*



DONNA NOE

Past Matron & Endowed Member
South Fort Worth Chapter #835
Endowed Member Granbury Chapter #530

To be nominated for the office of
ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS
At the 2019 Grand Chapter Session in Tyler 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 Escalonia 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*

1999-2000 Electa

2000-2001 Associate Conductress

2001-2002 Conductress

2002-2003 Associate Matron

2003-2004 Worthy Matron

2006-2007 Worthy Matron

2007-2008 Associate Conductress

2008-2009 Conductress

2009-2010 Associate Matron

2010-2011 Worthy Matron

2011-2012 Worthy Matron

2012-2013 Chaplain

2013-2014 Associate Conductress

2014-2015 Conductress

2015-2016 Associate Matron

2016-2017 Worthy Matron

2017-2018 Secretary

2018-2019 Secretary

2018 *Plural with Granbury Chapter #530*

2018-2019 Chaplain

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, District 3 Chairman

2018-19 Proficiency

FRATERNAL SERVICE

2004 Joined Past Matrons-Past Patrons Assn. of D3, S1

2006-07 Treasurer

2007-08 Secretary

2008-09 Second Vice President

2009-10 First Vice President

2010-11 President

2011-present Current Member

EMPLOYMENT-CALIFORNIA

RAINSCAPE LANDSCAPING Office Manager

DIAMOND K AVIATION, INC Office Manager

ESCALON AMBULANCE, INC Office Manager/EMT

EMPLOYMENT-TEXAS

MOORE CREATIONS, INC

MOORE ACTION COLLECTIBLES, INC... Office Administrator

TROTTER CONTROLS Office Manager

HOUSTON STREET MERCANTILE Sales Clerk

CURRENT-LOK G ARM MACHINE QUILTING Owner

"OES Soaring to New Heights



Joe Gilmore

Past Patron

Caddo Mills Chapter #82
Greenville Chapter #189
Wolfe City Chapter #1129

To be nominated for the unexpired term of

Board of Directors District 1

*At the 2019 Grand Chapter Session in
Tyler, Texas*



Subordinate Chapter Service

Caddo Mills #82

2002 Initiated
2003-2004 Associate Patron
2004-2005 Worthy Patron
2006-2007 Associate Patron
2007-2008 Associate Patron
2008-2009 Worthy Patron
2012-2013 Worthy Patron
2016-2017 Associate Patron
2017-2018 Worthy Patron

Wolfe City #1129

2014 Plural
2014-2015 Worthy Patron
2017-2018 Associate Patron
2018-2019 Associate Patron
2019-2020 Worthy Patron

Greenville #189

2015 Plural
2016-2017 Associate Patron
2017-2018 Worthy Patron
2018-2019 Worthy Patron

Grand Chapter Service

2006-2007 Bonds of Friendship
2007-2008 Registration
2015-2016 Ropin' the Masons
2016-2017 Inspiring Cooks
2017-2018 Arrangements – Ushers
2018-2019 Grand Sentinel

Community Involvement

1991-1998 – Caddo Mills School Board

Military Service

1969-1971 – U.S. Army (Vietnam)

Fraternal Service

1994 Master Mason

Member

Caddo Lodge 581
2005-Golden Trowel
Merit Lodge 727
Tranquility Lodge 2000
Dallas Scottish Rite
2017- KCOH

Hella Shrine
Greenville DeMolay Commandery 20
Greenville Chapter 114
Greenville Council 68
Knight Masons
KYCH

North Texas York Rite College

Grand Lodge Service

2000-District Deputy Grand Master
2007- Grand Chaplain

York Rite Service

2005, 2009, 2013, 2019 – District Deputy Grand High Priest RAC
2010 – Grand Chaplain RAC of Texas
2003 – District Deputy Grand Master Council R&S
2006 – Grand Captain of the Guard Council R&S
2012 – Grand Chaplain of Grand Council R&S

Education

Graduate, Samuel High School, Dallas
Arlington State College
Electrical Apprenticeship School

Employment History

Master Electrician-IBEW Local 20-50 years
Taught Electrical Apprenticeship Classes
1977-1986
Estimator and Project Manager
1982-2015 Kennedy Electric

William T. Henry (Bill)

*Past Patron and Member of
Hemphill Chapter #375*

To be nominated for
Board of Directors, District 4
At the 2019 Grand Chapter Session in Tyler, Texas



Subordinate Chapter Service

1994	Initiated Jasper Chapter #291
2004	Transfer Hemphill Chapter #375
2007-2008	Worthy Patron
2008-2009	Worthy Patron
2010-2011	Associate Patron
2011-2012	Worthy Patron
2015-2016	Sentinel
2018	Plural with Jasper Chapter #291
2019	Past Matrons and Past Patrons Club District 4

Education

Fork Union Military Academy, Fork Union, VA
University of Virginia- Liberal Arts, Charlottesville, VA
Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management,
Old Dominion University- Norfolk, VA
Graduate Study in Finance and Economics, University of Dallas- Dallas, TX
Masters of Business Administration, University of New Orleans- New Orleans, LA
Austin Seminary- Pastoral Studies, Austin, TX
Ordained Ruling Elder Presbyterian Church, USA

Grand Chapter Service

2007-2008	Harmonizer
2010-2011	Ritualistic Competition
2011-2012	Arrangements- Service Division, Co-Chair
2012-2013	Ritualistic Competition
2013-2014	Proud to be an American
2015-2016	Registration
2018-2019	Masonic Harvesters

Community Service

1973-1977	Alderman, Bettendorf, IA
1973-1975	Commissioner- Bi-State Planning, IA
1973-1977	Mass Transit Committee, Bettendorf, IA
1975-1977	Commissioner- Eastern Iowa Crime, IA
1976-1977	Advisory Committee- 7 th Judicial Court District Service, IA
1976-1977	City Finance Committee, Bettendorf, IA
1979-2012	Ministerial Presbytery and Synod Services, East Texas
2012	Finance Committee Chairman, First United Methodist Church- Hemphill, TX
	Church Council, FUMC- Hemphill, TX
Lifetime	ALPHA KAPPA PSI, Member-World's Largest
Lifetime	International Professional Business Fraternity
	SIGMA IOTA EPSILON, Honorary Member-
	Professional Business Management Fraternity

Fraternal Service

2016	International Order of Rainbow for Girls Assembly Exploratory Committee Chairman- 2012-Current Center, TX
2017	International Order of Rainbow for Girls Masonic and Eastern Star Grandparent Legacy Award Recipient
60 + Year	DeMolay International- Senior DeMolay

Masonic Appendant Bodies

Hells Shrine
Scottish Rite, Waco, TX
Beaumont York Rite Bodies- Most Excellent High Priest; Thrice Illustrious Master
Beaumont Commandery #38- Past Commander
Southeast Texas York Rite College #90
Red Cross of Constantine, San Felipe Conclave

Employment

1966-2006 Retired from Ford Motor Company and Nissan North America, Executive Management

MARITA ADAMSON LEWIS

Past Matron Angleton #54
Past Matron & Endowed Member
West Columbia #705

To Be Nominated for the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DISTRICT 4

At the 2019 Grand Chapter Session in Tyler, Texas



Subordinate Chapter Service

1970 Initiated into Angleton #54
1973-74 Organist
1974-75 Associate Conductress
1975-76 Conductress
1976-77 Associate Matron
1977-78 Worthy Matron
1978-79 Ruth
1981-83 Organist
1983-84 Associate Conductress
1984-85 Conductress
1985-86 Associate Matron
1986-87 Worthy Matron
1987-89 Conductress
1989-90 Associate Matron
1990-91 Worthy Matron
1991-95 Organist
1995-96 Associate Matron
1996-97 Worthy Matron

Consolidated with West Columbia #705 in January

1999

1999-00 Associate Matron
2000-01 Worthy Matron
2001-02 Martha
2002- Present / Secretary
2005 Endowed Member
2020 50 year member

Grand Chapter Service

2004-05 Grand Page to Grand Adah
2005-11 Various Special Committees/WGM
2011-12 Deputy Gr. Matron, District 4-Section 10
2014-15 Historical Highlights
Mar '15-Dec '16 Grand Representative of Utah in Texas
2016-17 Arrangements/Social Chalmen
2017-18 TMRC-Time & Talent District 4 Chairman
2018-19 Grand Page to the Grand Conductress

*** I am a Majority Rainbow Girl, having served as Worthy Advisor for the former Angleton Rainbow Assembly*

Education

1970 - Graduate of Angleton High School
1970-72 - Sam Houston State University
1972-74 - Brazosport Community College
1974 - Graduated Brazosport College Law Enforcement Academy

Employment

1973 Brazoria County Sheriff's Department, Communications Officer, Secretary of Criminal Investigations and Civil Process

1981 Brazoria County District Attorney's Office. County Court Clerk and Grand Jury Secretary

1991 Brazoria County Probate Investigations working for 4 County Court at Law & Probate Judges in the Guardianship program.

While working in the Court system, I gained extensive knowledge in the handling of sensitive and private information. In the Guardianship office, a two woman office, we managed over 500 active cases of incapacitated adult individuals requiring the appointment of a guardian. That guardian is required by Texas law to report to the Court on an annual basis by means of a written inventory, report or accounting. Our job was to review and reconcile these reports. Very often this involved large estates. Once found to be in compliance, the report was referred to the judge for approval.

Grand Chapter appointments

2010-2011 - Ritual Competition
2015-2016 - Arrangements Co-Chairman
2016-2018 - Grand Representative Montana
2018-2019 - Arrangements Paraphernalia

Chapter Service

Initiated into Travis 472 May 11, 1989
Chaplain 2003-2004
Associate Patron 2009-2010
Worthy Patron 2010-2011
Marshall 2011-2012
Warder 2012-2013
Warder 2013-2014
Associate Patron 2014-2015
Worthy Patron 2015-2016
Warder 2016-2017
Associate Patron 2017-2018
Worthy Patron 2018-2019

Luling 155 - Plural membership

Associate Patron 2016-2017
Worthy Patron 2017-2018
Warder 2018-2019

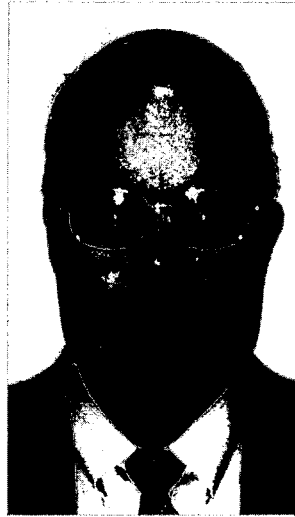
Education

High School - Northeastern high School – 1977

Work History

Dekalb Seed Field worker 1975-1977
USAF E-S 1977-1981
Gestetner Service Tech 1981-1984
Gestetner Service Manager 1984-1986
Texas Copy Service Manager 1986-1990
Canon USA Regional Color Manager 1990-1996

Ikon Office Sol. Digital Support Manager 1996-1999
Ikon Office Sol. Director of Service 1999-2004
Documation Service Manager 2004-2007
Retired 2007-Present



Randy Martin

BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISTRICT 5

Lodge Masonic History

Secretary Lockhart #690 2013 - Present
Senior Warden Hardeman #179 2014-2015
Worshipful Master Hardeman #179 2014-2015
Secretary Hardeman #179 2015-2016
Treasurer Hardeman #179 2016 - Present

Grand Lodge Service

DDGM District 35-A 2015-2017
DCO District 35-A 2018-2019

Patty Peach

Past Matron, Endowed Member
And 50 Year Member
Travis Chapter #472
Plural Member Leander Chapter #73,
Creedmoor #607, Austin Chapter #304



To be nominated for the office of
Board of Grand Examiners District 5

Subordinate Chapter Service

Travis #472
1976-77 Electa
1977-78 Esther
1978-79 Ruth
1979-80 Associate Conductress
1980-81 Conductress
1981-82 Associate Matron
1982-83 Worthy Matron
1993-94 Worthy Matron
2003-14 Secretary
2013-14 Associate Matron
2014-15 Worthy Matron
2015-16 Martha
2016-19 Treasurer
Leander #72
2010-11 Ruth
2011-12 Ruth
2012-13 Worthy Matron
2015-16 Ruth
2016-17 Martha
2017-18 Martha
2018-19 Martha
Creedmoor #607
2015-16 Ruth
2016-17 Conductress
2017-18 Associate Matron
2018-19 Worthy Matron
Austin #304 – Plural Member

Fraternal Service

Dist. 5, Section 6 PM & PP – Member
District 5, PM&PP – Member
Texas Top Hats – Member

Grand Chapter Service

1984 Star Visitation
1986 Stars in Service
1987 Time & Talent
1988 Founders Day
1990 Music
1991 Time & Talent
1993 Faithful Volunteer
1994 Spring Festival
1995 Reflections of the Spirit
2004 Membership
2005 Captain's Log - Calendars
2006 Founders Day
2011 Membership Visitation
2015 Future Fans
2016 Arrangements – Co-Chairman
2017 Deputy Grand Matron, D5 S6
2018 Chairman Arrangements Special Division

Employment

Retired
Secretary for Insurance Agency
Secretary for Teachers @ Great Hills Christian School
Office Manager for Podiatrist

CHERYL ROYALL

Past Matron & Endowed Member
Huffman Chapter #1112
Plural Member & Worthy Matron
Cleveland Chapter #465

To be nominated for the

Board of Grand Examiners Grand Examiner At-Large

At the 2019 Grand Chapter Session in Tyler, Texas



Subordinate Chapter Service

Nov 2007 Initiated Huffman Chapter #1112

2008-09 Ruth
2009-10 Conductress
2010-11 Associate Matron
2011-12 Worthy Matron
2012-13 Worthy Matron
2013-14 Associate Conductress
2014-15 Conductress
2015-16 Associate Matron
2016-17 Worthy Matron
2017-18 Secretary
2018-19 Secretary

March 2011 Plural-Cleveland Chapter #465

2012-13 Associate Conductress
2014-15 Esther
2015-16 Associate Conductress
2016-17 Conductress
2017-18 Associate Matron
2018-19 Worthy Matron

Education

Graduated Magna Cum Laude from M. B. Smiley
High School in Houston, TX
Misc Accounting and Tax Courses

Grand Chapter Service

2011-12 Texas Change for Changes
2012-13 Rob Morris Celebration
2013-14 Joy for the Children-Gen Chairman
2014-15 Deputy Grand Matron-D4, S4
2015-16 Grand Representative-Puerto Rico
2016-17 District Deputy Grand Matron-D4
2017-18 Grand Ruth
2018-19 Specialty License Plates-Gen Chair

Fraternal Service

Member Past Matrons & Past Patrons Assn D4, S4

2015-16 President
2018-19 Treasurer

Member Line Officers Club D4, S4

2012-13 Secretary
2017-18 President

Member Texas Top Hats, Inc

Member Texas Grand Representatives Assn

Member Texas PAGO Club

Employment

1972-1975 Sebrite Corporation-Accounting
1977-2004 LS Mitchell & Sons Inc-Office Mgr

Always give without remembering.

Always receive without forgetting.



Ann Wyatt

*Past Matron & Endowed Member
Pine Tree Chapter No. 1090
To be nominated for the office of
Board of Grand Examiners-Gr. Examiner at Large*



Subordinate Chapter Service

Initiated April 2, 1991
1991-92 Member
1992-93 Associate Conductress
1993-94 Conductress
1994-95 Associate Matron
1995-96 Worthy Matron
1996-97 Chaplain
1997-06 Treasurer
2006-07 Associate Conductress
2007-08 Conductress
2008-10 Associate Matron
2010-11 Worthy Matron
2011-12 Associate Conductress
2012-13 Conductress
2013-14 Associate Matron
2014-15 Worthy Matron
2015-16 Associate Conductress
2016-17 Conductress
2017-18 Associate Matron
2018-19 Worthy Matron

General Grand Chapter Service

2018-2021 Special Appt. of the MWGM
Campfire Friend
2012-2015 Escort to the GGCCM

Other Fraternal Service

District One Past Matrons & Past Patron's Assn.
President
District One, Section 8 PM & PP's Assn.
President
Line Officers Club, District One, Section 8
President
2015-18 Texas PAGO Club – President
Texas Cardinals, Inc. – Sustaining member
Texas Tophats, Inc. – Sustaining member
District One, Liason
Marianne's Circle of Friends – Sustaining member

Employment

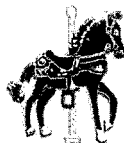
1970-1982 Flat Top Insurance – Clerical
1982-1996 Hibbs-Hallmark Insurance – CSR
1990-Present Wyatt's Rental Properties
Bookkeeper
1996-Present Annie's Attic Self Storage
Business Co-Owner, Office Mgr.

Grand Chapter Service

1995-96 Peace Rose
1996-98 Grand Representative of VA in TX
1998-99 Deputy Grand Matron, D1, Sec. 8
1999-00 Starlight Gala
2000-01 Sharing the Light – Gen. Co-Chrmn.
2001-02 Arrangements Comm.
2002-03 Humanitarian – District One Chrmn.
2003-04 By-Laws
2004-05 Humanitarian – General Chrmn.
2005-06 Grand Historian, D1 Chrmn.
2006-07 Spreading Good Cheer, D1 Chrmn.
2007-08 District Deputy Grand Matron, D1
2008-09 Grand Escort to the AGP
2009-10 Grand Marshal
2010-11 Grand Escort to the PGP
2011-12 Distinguished Guests
2012-13 Grand Escort to the PGP
2013-15 Grand Representative of KY in TX
2015-16 Arrangements-Distinguished Guests
2016-17 Arrangements-Decorations
2017-18 Arrangements-Distinguished Guests
2018-19 Executive Comm.-Treasurer

Education

Welch High School
Insurance Certification in Personal Lines, CSR
Continuing Education in Insurance
Bluefield College – Business management &
Bookkeeping



*I'm so glad YOU rode
beside me on my carousel!*

**137th Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star**

**Thursday Morning Opening
Session**

August 15, 2019

“A Year of Celebrations”

Harvey Convention Center

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10:45 AM Musical Prelude	Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry Past Grand Matron
11:00 Organist - Informal Opening	Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry Past Grand Matron Carolyn Black Registration
Master of Ceremonies	Mrs. Joyce Gilbert Ambassador to Scotland, GGC PGM of Texas
Assisting Grand Marshal	Mrs. Vi Griffin Triennial Assembly Committee General Chairman, GGC PGM of Texas

Joyce Gilbert MC: Good morning. It is now time to have our Ceremonial Opening. If everyone will have a seat and the ones that need to be lining up please go to that place and we will begin. As your MC, it is my honor and privilege to welcome you to the 137th Ceremonial Opening of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Thank you WGM for allowing me to be a part of your wonderful day and greeting this beautiful membership.

You have been listening to the beautiful music presented by Past Grand Matron, Sister Rosemary S. Berry. (Applause)

This has been a very productive year for our WGM WGP and her Grand Officers. The membership has enjoyed a year of sweet-smelling apple blossoms, and the encouragement our WGM, WGP has shared with this membership.

Our Worthy Grand Matron's theme has encouraged our members. She believes that if you can Dream it, Believe it, You can achieve it. And we should always strive to go for our dreams, to set our goals high, for every dream brings a challenge, every challenge a fresh opportunity. Every Opportunity the chance to share the strength of your spirit, the beauty of your soul, and the amazement that yes, We Can Dream, Believe and Achieve. Thank you WGM, WGP for your leadership this year. Now let's begin the Ceremonial Opening.

I am pleased to introduce our Assisting Grand Marshal for the morning, Sister Vi Griffin, Triennial Assembly Committee, General Chairman, GGC, and a PGM of Texas.

Our Organist for this Ceremonial Opening is our own Past Grand Matron, Sister Rosemary S. Berry who will truly bless us with her music.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort Sister Marianne R. Shenefeld, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Henry S. Martin, Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East. *** (Applause) Let's give them a Texas welcome again. (Applause) *

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present Our Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons to the East. *** (Applause) Let's give them a big Texas welcome. *

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 Reserved Place in the Southeast, bring them to the East. Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. These are the ones for Texas? Come right on. (Applause)

We are going to interrupt just a little bit here. I have an announcement to make. A black Lincoln, Texas license plate #LXB 2508. You need to move immediately. You are blocking the fire hydrant.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions...no? Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions...who do you have? Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron and other Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron to their places in the East. (Applause)

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

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the Deputy Grand Master, and the Past Grand Masters in the East. Past Grand Masters? None?

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

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

Our Board of Grand Examiners:

Mrs. Kathy Paschal, District 1
Escorted by Mr. Joe Paschal

Mrs. Audri Rowell, District 2
Escorted by Mr. Bill Wyatt

Mrs. Lesa Smith, District 3
Escorted by Mr. Trey Smith

Mrs. Glenda Klemm, District 4
Escorted by Mr. Herman Flanagan

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

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

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

Our Board Officers are:

Mrs. Carlotta Fairchild, Chairman
Escorted by Mr. Randy Martin

Mr. Robert "Bob" Royall, Jr. – Vice Chairman
Escorted by Mrs. Cheryl Royall

Mrs. Barbara Martin, Secretary
Escorted by Mr. Robert Byrd, that's not Robert Byrd. It's Mr. Tom Hancock

Mr. James Parker – Member District 1
Escorted by Mrs. Xanthe Parker

Mr. Tom Brisko – Member District 1
Escorted by Mrs. Cindy Brisko

Mrs. Cindy Echols - Member District 2
Escorted by Mr. Tommy Echols

Mrs. Tamela Henington - Member District 2
Escorted by Mr. Don Reynolds

Mr. Darrell Albrecht – Member District 3
Escorted by Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht

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

Mrs. Carole McGee, our Fraternal Correspondent
Escorted by Mr. Bill Prague

I'm now introducing our Grand Sentinel - Mr. Joe Gilmore
Escorted by Mrs. Kay Gilmore

Grand Warder -- Mr. Jimmy Leftwich
Escorted by Mrs. Diane Flanagan

Grand Electa -- Mrs. Robyn McGarr
Escorted by Mr. Gene Carnes

Grand Martha --- Mrs. Joy James
Escorted by Mr. Lynn James

Grand Esther -- Ms. Diane Davidson
Escorted by Mr. Trey Smith

Grand Ruth -- Mrs. Carla Stringer
Escorted by Mr. Allen Rodgers

Grand Adah -- Mrs. Mary Spell
Escorted by Mr. Randy Spell

Grand Organist -- Mrs. Susan Helmcamp
Escorted by Mr. Tom Murphy

Grand Marshal -- Mrs. Doris Jones
Escorted by Mr. Paul Zappe III

Grand Chaplain -- Mrs. Sherrie Fowler
Escorted by Mr. John Fowler

Associate Grand Conductress -- Mrs. Phyllis Macon
Escorted by Mr. Carrol Macon

Grand Conductress -- Ms. Terri Rozell
Escorted by Mr. Alan Duncan

Grand Treasurer -- Mrs. Greta Spradling
Escorted by Dr. Charles W. Bane

Grand Secretary -- Dr. Ellen Pickrell
Escorted by Mr. Henry S. Martin

Associate Grand Patron - Mr. Paul Garner
Escorted by Mrs. Regina Garner

Associate Grand Matron - Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson
Escorted by Mr. Victor Christenson

And now Sisters and Brothers, please stand as we introduce and welcome our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. ***

Our Worthy Grand Patron -- Mr. Burley D. Jones
Escorted by Mrs. Donna Haltom (Applause)

Our Worthy Grand Matron -- Mrs. Carolyn A. Martin
Escorted by Mr. Harold Wert (Applause) *

The Order of the Eastern Star is a charitable and benevolent organization. We believe in God and strive to live the golden rule as we follow our aims of service and humanity. The Altar is the center of our Grand Chapter room. The Bible is being presented by Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahan, Service Dogs Committee, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. The Bible is the work of the Almighty God and is above all truths. As our Holy Bible is placed upon our sacred Altar, may we all resolve to walk in that light. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven. Within its covers lay the secrets of how we live and how we die. Upon its teachings, our beloved order was founded. The Holy Bible must always be open upon our Altar when we are meeting.

As Sister Jimmie Lee is presenting our Holy Bible, she is escorted by Mr. Henry S. Martin, our Most Worthy Grand Patron. The Bible being presented belonged to the father of our Worthy Grand Matron. Mr. Bill Wyatt, Ambassador to Alaska, General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Patron of Texas is presenting the Square and Compasses, which solidifies the relationship between the Order of the Eastern Star and our Masonic Brothers. Mrs. Bess Caldwell, Past Grand Matron presents the Bible Marker of the Worthy Grand Matron for her "Year of Celebrations".

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

Brother Tommy Griffin: I ask our Brothers who do the presenting to be prepared to enter the Chapter Room at this time.

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

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 Canadian Flag, a single red maple leaf on a white field bordered with red, is being presented by Brother James Parker.

Of course, we proud Texans who before us came those valiant and courageous Texians who fought for our rights and died that we might have and be an independent State. The Texas flag code assigns the following symbolism to the colors of the Texas flag. Blue stands for loyalty, white for purity and red for bravery. The code also states that the single Lone Star represents all of Texas and stands for our unity as one for God, State and Country. This great flag is being presented by Brother Bill Wyatt.

To honor our MWGM, Sister Marianne Shenefelt the flag of the state of Wyoming consists of the silhouette of an American bison, bearing the State Seal on a field of blue, bordered with white and red. The red symbolizes the Native Americans and the blood of the pioneers who gave their lives. The white is a symbol of purity and uprightness. The blue is the color of the skies and distant mountains. The Wyoming flag is being presented by Brother Lee Stallings.

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

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 this afternoon, the flag of our Masonic heritage and the representative of what we think is the greatest fraternal organization in the world, of which we Masons are so very proud and to present this flag, Brother Jerry Martin.

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

MC Joyce Gilbert: * As we begin, I ask that Brother Rick Skidd, Past Grand Patron of Texas to bring our Invocation. ***

PGP Rick Skidd: Sisters and Brothers, please take the hand of the person next to you and bow your heads. Gracious Lord, today, may we be open to others' ideas and beliefs, respectful of our differences, not threatened by them. May we grow in understanding of our own motives, knowing that people often act out of their own fears. May we be a force for replacing fear with insight, helping us all to be patient and kind as we talk. Strength, real strength, can always find compromise, working together, may we find a common ground, enabling us to move forward with a shared purpose. May we see what is truly important and unites us, focusing on that, to banish road-blocks of ego and fear. Lord, today may we be open to others' ideas and beliefs. Heavenly Father, we thank you for this opportunity to come and gather together here today. We ask for your hand of blessing on our Grand Chapter Session. We ask that you would guide and direct our meeting so that it is full of wisdom, productivity, and respect for one another. Thank you for helping us to accomplish our work and goals this day. Amen. (Amen)

MC Joyce Gilbert: * "He who forgets the language of gratitude can never be on speaking terms with happiness." I invite Sister Alma Lynn Bane to read our WGM's poem that inspired her Humanitarian Program.

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: (A Gnarled Old Apple Tree)

The old tree had been standing
By the over-grown orchard fence,
Time had been moving on for years
Its memory was getting a little faded and dense.

It had stood there through the countless winters.
It was a lovely sight to see,
Beautiful pink and white flowers
Were visited by lots and lots of honeybees.

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 fruit was being picked in woven baskets
Off to market they were sent.

Some of the apples were eaten
Some of them made into jelly or apple pie
Some went into fruit jars 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 one again it would be sunny days
And pink blossoms and lovely spring.
(Applause)

MC Joyce Gilbert: Thank you Sister Alma. This 137th Harvest Session of Grand Chapter, "A Year of Celebration" is lovingly dedicated to the membership of Texas. We will now have the dedication of this Grand Chapter by Melissa Hudman, a Past Grand Matron.

PGM Melissa Hudman: We would like to welcome you to the 137th Session of Grand Chapter of Texas. This has been our year of Celebration. We are so pleased that you have chosen to spend this time with us as we conduct the business of Grand Chapter. The happiness in our hearts is due in no small measure to the beautiful stars that make up the membership of our Order. Without the special friendships of the membership our world would be to a degree incomplete. Our gratitude will forever be genuine and will be a part of us for all our lives. Your generosity is truly incomparable and because of each of you we were able to help fulfill the dreams of many in need. Truly, your generosity is over whelming. We hope you enjoy your Grand Chapter Session in Tyler, Texas renewing old friendships and making new ones. You have given us wonderful memories that will last a lifetime. (Applause)

MC Joyce Gilbert: Thank you Melissa. It is indeed a pleasure for this Grand Chapter Session to welcome each of you to view a beautiful ribbon ceremony presented by members of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana. From Cameron, Louisiana, please welcome Brother James Josker, Sisters Charla Blake, Ivy Schwartz, Jackie Dowden, Sharon Powell, Laura Doxey, and Jo Schexneider. We will now listen to your ceremony.

Brother James Josker and Sister Charla Blake:

Ribbon Ceremony

[The radiance from a perfect star spreads out in a circle of light. Its' influence is felt through space and time; it is an inspiration to all mankind.

As our beautiful colors shine out on our way, may you ever be faithful in that which is least, may you be guided on by these colors that gleam from our beautiful emblem, and our Star in the East.]

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of Texas, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Elected General Grand Chapter Officers, Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Jurisdiction, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of this Jurisdiction and other Jurisdictions, Elected and Appointed Grand chapter officers of other Grand Jurisdictions, and Sisters and brothers all.

Members of distract 9 of Louisiana; have been asked to perform a "Ribbon Ceremony" for you today by the Worthy Grand Matron Sister Carolyn and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Burly. I'm Jim Josker Worthy Patron of Star of Magnolia 232 and our Marshal/ narrator for today's program will be Sister Charla Blake PM of Thelma Hackett 225.

It is both a pleasure and an honor to be here with you today. The beautiful Altar that you see before you is quite special, not only for the purpose it serves in our ceremony, but because it has travelled back "Home" to be in Texas for your Grand Chapter. You see, this Altar was given to my primary chapter, Thelma Hackett #225, after Hurricane Rita destroyed our lodge in 2005. We are proud to use it in our monthly meetings, but also to share it with you today. The tenets of this organization are ever present in the words and deeds of our Texas sisters and brothers and shines brightly through this gift to us. We than k you.

Narrator:

Sister Jackie Dowden PM of Star of Magnolia 232 is Adah

Sister Jo Schexneider Grand Treasurer of Louisiana is Electa

Sister Becky Josker PM of Ruth 16 is Ruth

Sister Laura Doxey AC of Thelma Hackett 225 is Martha

Sister Ivy Schwartz Grand Chaplain of Louisiana is Chaplin

Sister Sharon Powell Chairman of ESTRAL of Louisiana is Ester

Narrator:

My life is but a weaving
Between my Lord and Me
I cannot choose the colors
He worketh steadily
Oftimes He weaveth sorrow
And I, in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper
And I, the underside.
Not until the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason why.
The dark threads are as needful
In the weavers skillful hand
As the threads of Gold and Silver
In the Pattern he has planned.

Reflecting on our spiritual heritage we learn the Altar, like the one in the center of our Labyrinth, has been place where God and man have met since the time of Noah. Although its design and function has changed, God's present has not. Upon the Altar rest the Holy Bible, God's gift to mankind and the road map to life. Within its pages are found the lessons portrayed by the heroines of our Star. As we recall the stories of these five distinguished heroines, who make up the rays of our emblematic Star, let us listen to the lessons that they weave.

First we weave the red ribbon of love
Electa was true to her Master above
She accepted the cross with all her LOVE
With her life she taught us to love one another
Making Charity our watchword and all mankind our brother

Electa passes a RED ribbon to Ruth and then to Esther

Next we weave the green ribbon of faith
Martha the sister, found the loss of life in her life hard to endure
But faith in her Master made her secure.
The love in her heart shining through
Gave her a hope immortal, strong and true

Martha passes a GREEN ribbon to Adah then to Ruth over RED ribbons

Next we weave the white ribbon of loyalty
Esther the Queen put away her fear
To help the captives she held so dear.
There was love and Loyalty in her heart too
Though she could lose her life, Esther would be true.

Esther passes a WHITE ribbon to Electa then to Adah over all the ribbons

Next we weave the yellow ribbon of constancy
Ruth the widow was called to land faraway
Where in the fields she labored day by day
To another Ruth gave love and care
And knew her destiny she would share

Ruth passes a YELLOW ribbon to Martha over two white and under red and then passes a YELLOW ribbon to Electa over white and green ribbon

Finally we weave the blue ribbon of fidelity
Adah the daughter in her scarf of blue
To a spoken vow she would be true
Like our savior who carried the cross
She gave her life never counting the cost.

Adah passes a BLUE ribbon to Esther over yellow, under Red & Green, and then passes a BLUE ribbon to Martha over yellow, under Red and over White.

Some travel in the low road, some in the high,
Some in the middle of the track,
But every road we journey by
Will someday circle back.
For life is but a circle of light which love leads on afar,
To which we all journey day and night to meet beneath a star.

Narrator

This concludes the "Ribbon Ceremony" exemplifying the virtues of the heroines of our Order.

Thank you for your attention, applause, and allowing me to narrate, and us to perform, this program for you. We hope that you enjoyed it as much as we have enjoyed being here with you today. Brother Jim Josker will now resume.

(Applause)

Brother Jim Josker: Thank you very much. We truly appreciate doing this for our Sisters and Brothers and Sister Carolyn and Brother Burley. It is with great appreciation and we thank you so much for asking us to do this. It was a pleasure. As I stated this concludes our ceremony. (Applause) Thank you.

MC Joyce Gilbert: Very, very impressive. I know that it has taken much time and hard work for the past three years to make this week happen. I am proud to present a gentleman who along with his dedicated band of members has worked so hard to make this week happen for you the membership of our Order. Brother Ray Hargis, Executive Committee Chairman I invite you to bring us a Welcome.

Brother Ray Hargis: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers all. Welcome to Texas and the 137th Grand Chapter Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas in beautiful Tyler, Texas, Rose Capital of the United States. We are delighted that you have chosen to attend and hope your stay will be comfortable and enjoyable.

Worthy Grand Matron thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as your Executive Chairman this Eastern Star year. It seems like just yesterday we started the planning of this Grand Chapter. Well, it has been almost 3 years now and here we are. Your Executive and Arrangements Committees have worked to make this the best Grand Chapter ever. It is with great pleasure that I introduce your 2018-2019 Executive Committee if they would join me.

Sister Becky Cole, Executive Co-Chairman, Sister Betty Scott, Executive Secretary, Sister Ann Wyatt, Executive Treasurer and Sister Jan Walker, who could not be with us today. Thank You ladies for your love and dedication to our order. Please join me in extending them our appreciation for a job well done. (Applause)

It is now my pleasure to introduce the Honorable Don Warren, Tyler City Council District 4 who is representing the Mayor of Tyler. Mr. Warren.

Honorable Don Warren: Good morning everyone and welcome to Tyler, Texas. And I want to welcome you on behalf of Martin Heines, the Mayor and also the entire City Council. Worthy Grand Matron Carolyn Martin and Worthy Grand Patron Burley Jones we are glad you are here. We are thrilled you have chosen to have your convention here in Tyler. One question that I get asked a lot is "What is the number one asset in the city of Tyler?" Without a doubt my answer is the people that live here. So, I really welcome you on behalf of all the citizens of Tyler and I hope that all the people here in Tyler really make you feel welcome. This past Sunday in church our pastor talked about giving a hand and offering someone that you don't know an act of kindness. So, my hope and desire is that while you are here in Tyler, someone that you don't know does something, maybe tiny or it may be big, but something that made you feel very special and loved. We are so glad you are here. I have two Proclamations and the first one is a Proclamation for Carolyn Martin, Worthy Grand Matron for the Worthy Grand Matron Day, August 15, 2019.

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women can belong, and;

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter of Texas, is a charitable organization supporting the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, the Shriners Hospital for Children, the Service Dogs, the Susan G. Komen Foundation in Tyler, Texas and various charitable organizations, and;

WHEREAS, Carolyn Martin is serving as Worthy Grand Matron for the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star for 2018-2019 and has been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for forty-nine years, and;

WHEREAS, Carolyn has retired from public teaching where she was employed as a teacher, principal and superintendent.

NOW THEREFORE I, Don Warren, on behalf of Martin Heines, Mayor of the city of Tyler, Texas do hereby proclaim Thursday, August 15, 2019 as

Carolyn Martin, Worthy Grand Matron Day

And I encourage all citizen to honor her legacy not only today but throughout the year.

Thank you. (Applause) And now I have one other one here to read and this will be a proclamation for Burley Jones, Worthy Grand Patron Day, August 15, 2019 also today.

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women can belong, and;

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter of Texas is a charitable organization supporting the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, the Shriners Hospital for Children, the Service Dogs, the Susan G. Komen Foundation in Tyler, Texas and various charitable organizations, and;

WHEREAS, Burley Jones is serving as Worthy Grand Patron for the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star for 2018-2019 and has been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for thirty-four years, and;

WHEREAS, Burley is retired from Hughes Tools Incorporated and was a manager for forty-five years.

NOW THEREFORE I, Don Warren, on behalf of Martin Heines, Mayor of the city of Tyler, Texas do hereby proclaim Thursday, August 15, 2019 as
Burley Jones, Worthy Grand Patron Day

And I encourage all citizens to honor his legacy not only today but throughout the year.

Thank you and thank you all again for being here. (Applause)

Brother Ray Hargis: Thank you, sir. Now at this time I would like to introduce Leanne Robinette, Senior Manager of Parks, Recreation & Tourism for the city of Tyler.

Ms. Leanne Robinette: Good afternoon. It is a pleasure to be here today and to have the honor of welcoming you all to the city of Tyler. On behalf of the staff here at Harvey Convention Center and the Rose Garden Center, we are thrilled to have you back with us. It's been a great experience working with you all for the last few years throughout this process. All of the hard work and planning has definitely come together over the last week and we hope that you enjoy your conference and your time here in our city. Thank you very much. (Applause)

Mr. Ray Hargis: Thank You Leanne. It certainly has been a pleasure working with you and your staff. Please extend our heartfelt thanks to each of them for us.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. We have a small token of our appreciation and love. Please join me. On behalf of your Executive Committee we thank you very much. (Applause)

MC Joyce Gilbert: Thank you Brother Ray. Let me get caught up. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. We will now hear from our Worthy Grand Matron. (Laughter)

WGM: To the Honorable Mr. Don Warren, Thank you so much for taking the time to be with us today. We are indeed proud to be back in Tyler, Texas once again and we thank you and your city for all that you have done for us. Ms. Leanne Robinette, I am so pleased that you were able to be with us today. We could not have asked for more congenial counterparts. Each of those we have worked with have gone out of their way to be accommodating. Thank you so much for all that you have done for us. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP: We have been treated so well by the City of Tyler. Thank you for being here and our thanks goes out to each of you.

MC Joyce Gilbert: Our WGM has devoted this year to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Her love has and always will be for children with reading difficulties, especially those with Dyslexic tendencies. It is my pleasure to present Mr. Burrel Poston, Development Officer for the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Mr. Burrel come speak to us please.

Mr. Burrel Poston: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, to all the members of the Order of the Eastern Star. What a wonderful privilege it is for me to stand before you today. I carry a folder, I keep information there and it really all started a little over a year ago when Molly, is that correct, and I know she's here I already got my hug from here today, sat down with me and talked to me about how the Order of the Eastern Star and your goal this year was going to be to help children with the learning disabilities there. If you didn't know it was about fifty years ago, a little over fifty years ago that a group actually came up and coined a phrase or came up with a diagnosis of dyslexia. Dr. Lucius Waites was a member of your hospital, your Texas Scottish Rite Hospital. He got there by way of a different way is our hospital started in 1921 because of polio. And a group of Masons saw that there was a need that we needed to help these children with polio. And in my heart, I truly believe that the wives were pushing those men or maybe encouraging them with their shoe a little bit that Masons you've got to do something to help these children with polio. And we did. And then in 1964 Dr. W. B. Carrell's son, Brandon Carrell, our Second Chief of Staff was needing to gather some information, compile information for some research he was working on and he found a doctor he really wanted to be on his team. His name was Dr. Lucius Waites. And he was on the staff over at UT Health Science Center,

just down the road from our hospital. And Dr. Waites was a person...was an offensive lineman for the University of Mississippi before they played with face masks. And his nose was broke a few times and I actually knew Dr. Waites. And Dr. Waites, I say it toughened him up because the group came up and said there is a learning disability hurting these children. We call it the "hidden handicap". And it is because they are turning words around, turning letters around. They can't get the words from here (pointing to his head) into their hands. And so, Dr. Waites said he took a lot abuse from other doctors that said you are just selling snake oil to these people, giving false hope. And again, I knew Dr. Waites and I'm sure he had some colorful phrases he gave those other doctors on what he thought. But then he proved them, this group really proved there really was a learning disability. And so, Dr. Carrell said I need that doctor on my staff to help me with this information in Orthopedics. But the only way we were going to get him over to help me was we needed to now then continue his research into this learning disability. And Dr. Carrell approached our Board. And our Board said if that's what you need and that's what we have to do, then we are going to do that. And gave him the opportunity to bring Dr. Waites onto our staff. So, your hospital primarily treated children with orthopedic issues but because of that need and what Dr. Carrell needed, we went into dyslexia which is another children's issue we help with. Through that, Dr. Waites continued to find different ways to come in and to be able to help find different ways teaching these children to improve. And of course, technology has changed a lot. Dr. Waites was a gentleman that really was never satisfied with the way he came up with doing it this way...there's got to be another way. And tomorrow there will be a better way and next year there will be a greater way. And he taught with typewriters. And then when computers come on, he started back in. And he went in with now we're going to do taping with VHS tapes. We went from VHS tapes to DVR's now. And so, it was one of those things that just continued Dr. Waites was trying to find ways that I can get these lessons to more teachers to help more children. I can only help so many children in our hospital. We have got to spread this message. So, it came up and they talked to me and I have a travelling kit when I go out and do presentations. And so, that was one of the things that they approached me on, is there anybody that can come back and fund. And talking to Molly and to the Worthy Grand Matron here, they said we think we can raise money for three. We were excited about that. And I heard you had a fantastic year. But also, the other things that they had you challenged with and I'm going to say you met and exceeded y'all's expectations were for blankets and quilts and books and it was amazing. I have received several thousand at our hospital. Both books which we give to our Resource Center to put them into the examine rooms, up in our school rooms, also in our Resource Center and we encourage the children to take these books home. You see a book you like? Or two or three? Take them with you. Read them. Open that mind because that's what's so important. Obviously, it's very important to you is expanding these children's minds. And the quilts are unbelievable how many we received. And I want to read a note that I received from one of the ladies that I work with on a regular basis at our appointment desk. She sent

a thank you note and she said “Dear Ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star, thank you so much from Texas Scottish Rite Appointment Desk Staff for the beautiful donated blankets we have received. We share in the experience with you in making so many children smile with joy as they receive these gifts. We want to thank you publicly for your hard work and dedication in making so many of these children smile. You’ve done that. Thank you again. You are so thoughtful and generous in your gift and we greatly appreciate it.” Olivia Conde Brown. That was her thank you to you. And I can honestly say that these...especially for day surgery, these blankets are going to them and they have given out several thousand of those blankets. I can’t believe when I literally bring up a big gondola and sit it there for them and a couple of days later she says “Are there any more of those blankets?” You are reaching out and you have touched so many children. It’s been a great year and it’s been my privilege to attend several of your schools, a lot of your Chapters, some great meals, wonderful smiles on your face and on behalf of your hospital and the staff we say thank you so much for letting us have this opportunity to be part of the Order of the Eastern Star. (Applause)

WGM: Thank you Burrel for being here today. It has been my pleasure to be able to work on behalf of those children who will be the recipients of the wonderful program for children with reading disorders. Our books and blankets were a gift of love to those children who need comfort while receiving medical services. On behalf of the membership of Texas I proudly present you with this gift for the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. I hope this donation will purchase the computers needed to implement your program and perhaps go forward to the purchase of smart boards to enhance the student’s ability to read for reading is indeed a life skill. (Applause) Worthy Grand Patron would you like to express your thanks.

WGP: Thank you Burrel for being here with us today. It was our honor to have one of our projects designated to raise funds for the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

Joyce Gilbert MC: It is indeed a special privilege for us to have with us today, Molly Little, representative of the East Central and East Texas Susan G. Komen affiliate. Sister Molly, will you come and bring greetings to this membership?

Ms. Molly Little: Good afternoon. My name is Molly Little and I’m with the Susan G. Komen Greater Central and East Texas Chapter here in Tyler. We wanted to say a very large thank you to each of you that have contributed to raising funds for Susan G. Komen. Your donation will allow us to fulfill the mission of this organization which it was founded on, to save lives and end breast cancer forever. At Komen Greater Central and East Texas, we believe that no person should die because they cannot access care to fight breast cancer. Komen Greater Central and East Texas is the only organization that is fighting breast cancer on all fronts. Education, screening, treatment, follow-

up care, survivor support, advocacy and research. During our 2017-2018 fiscal year donations like yours enabled us to provide more than ten thousand people the help they needed and over \$400,000 in local funding to fight breast cancer. Without your donations, these under-insured or uninsured men and women would not have had the ability to receive the care that they so desperately needed. While 75% of our funds, over \$16 million, have been invested locally, we are still committed to finding a cure. Over the years the remaining 25%, nearly \$7 million, of all the funds raised in our area have been contributed exclusively to fund breast cancer research. Thank you very, very much from Susan G. Komen and for supporters like you, we appreciate the support. Since 1982 we have been able to provide more than \$958 million in breast cancer research. With your continued support we will keep doing so. Nothing would make us happier than to end breast cancer forever. Thank you again. (Applause)

WGM: Thank you very much Molly. This is a cause dear to the hearts of many of our members and we are delighted to be able to give this donation. We so appreciate your coming today. We appreciate the work your organization provides for the women in our area. You are definitely to be commended. And it is my pleasure to present to you this check. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP: I would also like to thank you for all that you do for those needing the services you provide. Thank you for coming today. (Applause)

MC Joyce Gilbert: Another project for this past year was Patriot Paws – Help Our Military. This company purchases and trains service dogs for our disabled veterans especially for candidates suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders and limited mobility. I invite Sister Jimmie Lee.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Thank you. It is a pleasure to be here but there is someone that's more important than me that's here and that's the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and we know that. And our Most Worthy Grand Patron. But my little friend over here is four legged and he is snow white and his name is, you'll never guess...His name is Howdy. And Howdy is so proud to be here. And we are proud that they are here. And Christine Davis and he's going to go to work and I'm going to be talking. Can you imagine that? So, if you would like to, if you would like to come out a little bit closer so that they can get a really good shot of Howdy. Yes, I know you know your name darling. And I'm sorry. He has A&M on him and if you are from Southern Methodist University or you are from Texas Tech, if you want to spend enough money, you can put a collar on one of these puppies too. (Laughter) So, he's going to go to work and you pay attention to Howdy and his lovely lady is going to let me do some talking. And I want to thank the Worthy Grand Patron for the privilege of giving this report on the Service Dog Committee for 2018-2019. It has been my honor to serve on the #1 Charity of General Grand Chapter and the newest committee of the Grand Chapter of Texas. It was added last year. Our Worthy Grand Matron saw the need for a Special

Committee on Service Dogs and the Grand Chapter of Texas has been honored to work with Patriot Paws. An awesome group of people, a wonderful organization located in Rockwall, Texas. They were established in 2005 by Lori Stevens and is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization. Their mission is to provide training of the highest quality for Service Dogs for disabled American Veterans. It is one of the most passionate organizations that I have had the pleasure to work with. And they are truly about Service men and women. The placement of the right dog with the right Veteran. These Veterans have fought for our right to retain our freedom and their lives were dramatically changed forever when they came home in a lot of cases. We have the opportunity to help them regain some of their freedom and their peace of mind with the love and the kindness of a Service Dog. These dogs not only help Service Veterans, they also help a group of people that participate in the training. The inmates at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice also work with the dogs and they are passionate of this program. It makes a difference in a prisoner's life. I had one lady tell me, she said "You know, I forgot what it smelled like to smell a dog when I started working with them. And loving and hugging it." They now train the dogs and work with the Veterans as well as volunteers on the outside. These beautiful dogs are incarcerated, get that, incarcerated in three different prisons. They do not stay with any one prison inmate very long at a time because they cannot bond with that individual. These dogs make a difference in everyone's life. The partnership helps train more dogs at a time and is considered one of the most successful programs of this type in the country. There are other states following after them. The time it takes to receive a dog is long. A long, long wait. Eighteen months to two years and the list is long, it's growing every day. And it takes two years at a cost of \$35,000 to train a dog, my Sisters and Brothers. They need our help. The Veterans need our help. The Veteran does not pay one dime for the beautiful animal. We have to help. They are helping someone else. And if you have helped, and you have helped in many ways, if you have given at your Chapter, at the vendor area where there are things for sale, and the men are manning it. You have sent in a donation, you are wearing a Patriot Paws pin, please stand. This report is because of you. Please stand at this time. Show them how much we appreciate what they've done. (Applause) The report is not as big as we would have liked but goodness gracious, every dime and every dollar counts. Your donations should be sent to me and the checks should be made out to the Grand Chapter of Texas, Service Dogs in the lower corner. I will process them and at this time our Worthy Grand Matron and her beautiful project has made \$4,609.87. Service Dogs Committee has made \$7,436.11. We will be presenting \$12,045.98 today and we have already been directed that we know have deposited \$2,070.00. You have earned \$14,115.98 in a short time for these beautiful animals. Sisters and Brothers give yourself a hand. And let me tell you, we are not through giving. Because the Worthy Grand Matron has been gracious and kind enough...we're having an auction. Can you imagine that? We're having an auction and I'm going to be a calling. And we've got some beautiful jewelry that has been donated by Troy Vinson's Jewelers and lots of nice things. Our Worthy Grand Matron is donating part of these funds to Service Dogs. (Applause) And I want to tell you about some of

this jewelry. It is out of site under lock and key right now, but we will be taking credit cards. So, does that tell you what the price may go for? So, Sisters and Brothers, bring your checkbooks, go by the vendors, make a donation. Cooper's out there and his head has a little slot in it. Now Cooper came from South Carolina. My leader is here from South Carolina and I love that lady and she said that Cooper could come and visit with us. I said "Well, Cooper can come, and he can eat our food but he's going to leave his money with me." (Laughter) So, Cooper's money is going to stay here in Texas. But you know, we want to thank these beautiful ladies who came from the Dallas area to bring this beautiful Howdy for us to see. Sisters and Brothers let's show them and I know that one of the lovely ladies is up here with me has a story to tell you about one of these beautiful dogs that saved someone's life. Would you like to tell us your story? There are lots of success stories with them.

Sylvia Yets: Thank you for having us here today to show you how very valuable your very generous contributions have been. And I'll tell you a story of a young female Veteran. Her name was Freedom. She came back from the war and she had PTSD so bad that she had not gone out of her house for two years. When her husband was overseas, her mother had to do the shopping for her. She came in recently for a dog, they come for two weeks. Her husband took leave and he came with her. Most of the time he stayed with her. The first day that she came in to receive her training, she just sat at her table and stared at the floor. She would not look at anybody, she would not smile, she would not talk to anybody. There were tears on and off. She felt that there were too many, there were only about twenty people in a room just a little bit smaller than this, she thought there were too many people in the room. She told the Director she didn't know if she would be able to stay for her two-week training. The volunteers that were in the room were asked to stay at the back of the room and we did. I believe it was Wednesday we took the dogs to Lowe's to work with them, she could not bring herself to go inside Lowe's. She worked outside in the parking lot with her dog. We came back and she was crying. She went and hid behind a partition. I saw her hand come out and grab a dog bed and she pulled it in to cover herself or lay on, I'm not sure. Friday they were told what dog they were receiving. Their receiving dog was named Gus. They were allowed to take him back to the hotel room that weekend. The next week we were in a very small room watching a video and she asked a question. I realized she was talking so I paid attention to her and she was actually talking to the other people, she was smiling. At graduation there's about 100-200 people in this room. She was throwing up before graduation, but she sat through the entire thing. Afterwards she was mingling with the people. Her and her Service Dog Gus went back home, she attended college classes on campus with her dog. She finished her degree, she applied to medical schools and she just got accepted into a Masters' Program for Bio-Medical Research. It is a one-year program in England. And she is absolutely thrilled to go. I don't think it's an exaggeration to say had she not received that dog she would still be in her home. And it's not an exaggeration to say she received that dog because of people like you. Because of the contributions you have made to Patriot Paws. The contributions you have made for so many Veterans lives that have been changed. Freedom was back in

the training center a while ago, she said Gus has given her the courage she used to be. And I think that's what Patriot Paws does for these Veterans. It gives them their lives back and you, all of you people out here, all of your contributions you've made are giving Veterans their lives back. So, we thank you very much. It is very, very much appreciated.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: We thank you for bringing Howdy and more than that we bless you for what you do every day. It is the most awesome place you've ever seen. And they only do Labradors, Golden Retrievers and Labradoodles. And they are absolutely, puppies are running around. They've got two cats though. They keep the cats in line. It's amazing because no dog is left behind. They may not be qualified to be with a Veteran outside because one little dog decided it loved children so every time they were out with it, and the dog lost its train of thought when a child was there so it now works in the Courts with children as an advocate and when a child has to come in and talk to the judge or whatever have you, the dog is there. So, no dog is left behind. The training is for a lot of different things. We thank you Sisters and Brothers and we would love to present you with these two checks. (Applause)

MC Joyce Gilbert: We are so pleased to have with us this morning, Mr. Tom Archer, Disabled American Veterans, Texas Commander, who will be representing the Disabled American Veterans. It is always our honor to be able to assist our Veterans

Mr. Tom Archer: Good afternoon. I'm honored to be among some great people in Eastern Star. I'm here to represent the Disabled American Veterans. And just briefly give you an idea, the DAV operates over 3,000 vans taking Veterans to the hospitals, appointments throughout the state and the nation. That's all I have so thank y'all. (Applause)

WGM: I thank you so much for being here today. I would like to present you a check along with one of the pins that we created in honor of our Veterans. It gives me much pleasure as I am the daughter of a Veteran to be able to do for those that serve and have served our Country.

WGP: I too thank you for being here this morning and we thank you and the organization you represent for your years of service.

MC Joyce Gilbert: Our fellow Texans are so honored to have our Most Worthy Grand Patron here. He is a Past Grand Patron of Texas, I invite our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry S. Martin to bring greetings

MWGP Henry S. Martin: Thank you Sister Joyce and it is a pleasure, it's a great pleasure to be back here in Texas again. We've been travelling pretty extensively. It's good to be home for a while. On behalf of our Most Worthy Grand Matron and these Elected and Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers, I want to bring you greetings today. We are so proud of all of those Officers and that they are here with us today in Texas. So, on behalf of these

Officers let me extend our sincere greetings to you. We thank you for all the hospitality you are extending to each one of us and I thank you this morning, Sisters and Brothers. Thank you. It's good to be with you. (Applause)

MC Joyce Gilbert: It is my pleasure now to ask our Most Worthy Grand Matron to bring greetings to this Grand Chapter as she makes her official visit to Texas. And how pleased and honored we are that she is in attendance here today with us. Sister Marianne.

MWGM Marianne Shenefeld: Thank you Sister Joyce. I appreciate this opportunity to bring greetings to you this afternoon. Protocol having been established, thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Carolyn and Worthy Grand Patron, Burley for the honor to be a part of this Informal Opening of your 137th "Harvest Session" of the Grand Chapter of Texas. The ceremonial opening was wonderful, and your Grand Chapter room is beautiful. It's a lovely setting for the reception of these community and independent body leaders who have come to support you and Texas Eastern Star. I'm reminded of a Martin Luther King, Jr. quote "Somewhere along the way we must learn that there is nothing greater than to do something for others." The charity work that has been highlighted shows this room is filled with good people who believe in doing something for others. Congratulations Texas Eastern Star for your outstanding efforts and dedication to doing the good work of our Order. Most especially for Patriot Paws and how proud you can be. You are making a difference. It is wonderful to greet the youth this afternoon, the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and the DeMolay. My best wishes to you as you promote your fine organizations and contribute to the well-being of your communities. Again, it is my pleasure to be here and to have enjoyed this Opening Ceremony of your Grand Chapter, Sister Carolyn and Brother Burley. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to bring greetings. (Applause)

WGM: Texas is indeed proud to host our Most Worthy Grand Matron as she makes her official visit to Texas. She is a Past Grand Matron of Wyoming and travels the world for Eastern Star and we so appreciate the fact that she is here with us today. And we appreciate her bringing greetings. We are also appreciative in the grand state of Texas to have our Most Worthy Grand Patron as he gave us greetings this morning. Thank you so much. We appreciate it. Thank you.

MC Joyce Gilbert: Our Texas youth are the foundations of our Fraternal Orders. We are honored that our Rainbow youth and adult leaders are here today to bring us greetings. We are so pleased to hear from Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Parliamentarian and Member of the House of Gold. Sister Marlene.

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members all and my dear, dear Sisters and Brothers. I like the words that I heard some time ago. "A lifetime is too short and our warmest words too few to adequately thank those whose thoughtfulness brightens our day and touches our

hearts." And that's how I feel today. Thank you for this opportunity to bring my personal appreciation and that of Rainbow Supreme Assembly for supporting our girls and our Assemblies. And for brightening our days because you, our very dear Eastern Star friends, do touch our hearts in so many ways. This is Texas 137th Session and for more than ninety-seven of those years since the founding of Rainbow in 1922, Eastern Star in Texas has supported Texas Rainbow Girls. So, this is a celebration of friendship and fraternal service. During this Grand Chapter year, Worthy Grand Matron Carolyn and Worthy Grand Patron Burley has asked us to "Dream It, Believe It and Achieve It". You as members of Eastern Star have presented lofty dreams, you have believed, you have helped our girls believe in themselves. You have helped Rainbow achieve by sharing of your time and your talents to give our young ladies the tools needed to succeed in life. So, thank you Sister Carolyn and Brother Burley and each member of Eastern Star for your ever-present support of Rainbow in Texas by your presence, your gifts and your encouraging words. Our Order is dependent upon and gains so much by your personal participation and your love. Thank you for believing as I do that the world of tomorrow will be safe in the hands of the youth of today if we keep them looking upward glimpsing their vision through the rays of our beautiful Rainbow Organization. This vision that is made possible by the principals, the high moral values learned, the beauty of God's world, the friendship and fellowship and the importance of service to others that is found within our two great Orders. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, we wish for you a very successful Session, successful and loving days and opportunities of friendship and fellowship as you conduct the business of this 137th Session. Thank you so much. (Applause)

MC Joyce Gilbert: The Supreme Deputy in Texas, Mrs. Jo Ann Weaver is here today representing 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 and Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and our very distinguished East and our Sisters and Brothers. I'm honored to have received an invitation to bring greetings on behalf of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the Grand Assembly of Texas. And thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this opportunity. The Rainbow Girls and Adult Leaders were excited to have you at our Opening Session at Grand Assembly this past June. We understand how busy you have been, and we were honored that you chose to spend some of your time with the Rainbow Girls. As you begin the 137th Session of Grand Chapter our wish is that each one of you have "Dreamed It, Believed It and Achieved It" this past year. The strength of this organization is the support of many Rainbow Assemblies. The Rainbow Girls in Texas thank you for friendship and your service to our Order. Because of your support and dedication, the Grand Assembly of Texas is growing in membership. Many of you were once Rainbow Girls yourselves and that is where the lessons of Faith, Hope and Charity became a part of your life and has grown into the service and works that you give to others today. You have made a difference in someone's life that you may never realize but these individuals will remember you. I am seeing

more and more of our girls joining the Order of the Eastern Star and this is because you have been their inspiration. Thank you for being an extended family to these young ladies. It is my honor and pleasure that I invite the Grand Worthy Advisor, 2019-2020, Ms. Lauren Zelenske, who also is a recent member of South Fort Worth #835, Order of the Eastern Star to bring greetings on behalf of the Texas Rainbow Girls. (Applause)

Ms. Lauren Zelenske: Hello everyone. My name is Lauren Zelenske and I have the pleasure of serving as the Grand Worthy Advisor of Texas. I am very honored to be here with all of you and to have the opportunity to bring greetings at this time. When I was a young child some of my most supportive and inspirational role models were members of Eastern Star. This included my mom and two aunts who all played an instrumental role in making me into the person I am today. Many of the important values that they taught me are the same ones that Eastern Star teaches. Love, faith, service, leadership and many, many more. As I have traveled, I've been privileged to meet other wonderful members of this organization. All who have helped influence the lives of Rainbow Girls for the better. It is with their support that I joined the Order of the Eastern Star earlier this year and have grown closer to my Sisters and Brothers that have been there for me throughout my life. I would like to tell you a bit about what the girls of Texas Rainbow have planned for the upcoming year. The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is an organization that aims to better the lives of young girls through skills of leadership, confidence, citizenship and service to others. My theme for the year is "Make Rainbow part of your world." It encompasses the Under the Sea magic of "The Little Mermaid". A movie that has been very special to me my whole life much like this organization. Every person in the Masonic family brings something special and unique to our organization. It is with the help of everyone in the Masonic Order that we are able to raise money for the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. This hospital treats children for a number of disabilities and injuries, no matter if the families can afford treatment or not. This is why it is so important that we give our support. An easy way to help is by purchasing one of my cute "Under the Sea" mascots because all of the proceeds will go directly to the hospital. Together we can really make a difference in these children's lives. I know 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 immeasurably valuable to the girls of Texas Rainbow. I would like to extend my best wishes to the upcoming Officers of Eastern Star. I am so excited to get to know you and learn from your examples of leadership and service this upcoming year. You will always have my support just as I know you will continue to be there for me and the girls of Texas Rainbow. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM: Lauren I am so delighted that you were able to be with us today. I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed Grand Assembly and of course the beautiful drill that is one of the distinguishing features of Texas Rainbow. I appreciate being awarded the Grand Cross of Color and it will forever remind me of the principles taught by Rainbow. It is my pleasure to be able to present to

you this check from the membership of Texas and please know that our hearts and support are with Rainbow. Mrs. Dibrell and Mrs. Weaver, there is nothing more rewarding than to work with the youth. Thank you for being here today and please know how much we appreciate what each of you do. Thank you. (Applause) Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP: Mrs. Weaver and Grand Worthy Advisor, I want to thank you for being here today and for Rainbow awarding me the Grand Cross of Color. Mrs. Dibrell, it is always a pleasure to have you in our presence. (Applause)

MC Joyce Gilbert: I invite Mr. Michael Sampson, State Executive Officer of Texas DeMolay to bring greetings and to introduce the State Master Councilor.

Mr. Michael Sampson: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. Good afternoon. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron we would like to congratulate you on your service to the Grand Chapter of Texas and for your support to the Masonic Youth of Texas. At this time, I would like to introduce the current State Master Councilor Brother Rex Wuenche. (Applause)

Brother Rex Wuenche: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy General Grand Chapter Officers, Grand Officers Past and Present, Distinguished East, Members and Visitors. Thank you for this opportunity to bring greetings on behalf of Texas DeMolay. The Order of the Eastern Star has always held a special place in my heart. Some of my earliest memories are travelling around with my parents and grandparents from Eastern Star Installation to Eastern Star Installation. I remember how excited I was when I was finally old enough to help pick up the chairs out of the back after the Officers were installed. Or how awesome it was when one of the ladies gave me the piece of cake with the flower on it because that meant more icing. And what every eight-year-old needs is more icing. I would like to congratulate the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Officers on an extremely successful year. Your message to "Dream It, Believe It, and Achieve It" has inspired me and countless others to push themselves further than they thought they could go. The Order of the Eastern Star is a very noble part of our Masonic family. And it's lessons of duty, religious principals, loyalty, endurance in trial and endurance of persecution currently near DeMolay's lessons of ethereal love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness and patriotism. Should the Order of the Eastern Star ever need anything DeMolay will always be here for you. Last month Texas DeMolay held its 89th Annual State Conclave. I am so excited to be serving Texas DeMolay this year as we focus on spreading our messages of good friendship, good citizenship and self-betterment to all those around us. We are also supporting several charitable causes this year. Including our State Sweetheart's project to benefit the "Fund the Ocean Project" that helps save

turtles and marine life from dangerous plastics in the ocean and my project benefiting the Scottish Rite Education Center in Houston. I would like to leave you with a quote from one of my favorite singers who I believe captures the messages of both of our Orders. "If you feel insignificant, you better think again because you are part of something way bigger. I'll be the roots, you be the tree, pass on the fruit that was given to me and honor our legacy because we are part of something way bigger." If we continue to pass on our legacy and spread on our messages to all of us around us, then the Order of the Eastern Star and the Order of DeMolay will continue to make good people better for centuries to come. Thank you again for this opportunity for me to bring greetings, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. God bless Mother, God bless Father, God bless the Order of the Eastern Star, God bless the purposes of DeMolay and God bless each and every one of you. (Applause)

WGM: Mr. Sampson and State Master Councilor, I am so delighted that you could attend today. We are so pleased to be able to present this check to the young men of Texas DeMolay and I wish for you a great year.

WGP: Thank you for being here today and I also wish for you a great year.

MC Joyce Gilbert: It is indeed my privilege to present Mr. Paul Underwood, Deputy Grand Master, Most worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons. Sir, we await your greetings. (Not in attendance)

MC Joyce Gilbert: Sisters, Brothers and Friends, we appreciate your presence with us here today at our Informal Opening. Thank you for sharing this time with us. As we prepare for the business of Grand Chapter, we ask that all who are not members of the Order of the Eastern Star please retire. The Grand Officers will prepare for the "Harvest of Memories" Drill. * Following the Precision Drill, the arrangements committee will prepare the labyrinth for the Ritualistic Opening.

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1:00 P.M.	Organist Opening	Mrs. Susan Smith DGM, D3S8 Mrs. Mary Hunt Grand Musicians
1:00 P.M.	Call to Order	Mrs. Betty Friend International Headquarters, GGC PGM of Texas Mr. H. Lee Stallings Past Grand Patron

GGCCM Betty Friend: Hello Sisters and Brothers, lets thank Susan Smith for the beautiful music she has given us. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is now 1:00 PM, and time to begin our Ritualistic Opening Ceremony.

With tremendous love and gratitude for our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I call this Ritualistic Ceremonial Opening of the 137th “A Year of Celebration – Harvesting Friendships” Session to order.* It is a distinct honor to once again share the East with Brother Lee Stallings, our Worthy Grand Patron of 1999-2000. Lee has proven to be the excellent Past Grand Patron that I knew he would be when I invited him to join my team of Grand Line Officers in 1998. Both he and his wife, Pat, are dearest friends to Jack and me, and for that, we will be forever grateful.

It feels so good to be able to greet Eastern Star members from so many Chapters in Texas as well as other states and provinces. It is such a delight to have our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marianne Shenefelt and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry S. Martin, as well as many General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members in attendance. We bid a very special welcome to our Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patron. You have honored us with your presence, and we hope you feel the love that we offer during this entire session.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Carolyn Martin – this has been a fabulous year for our Grand Chapter. Your little limerick, “DREAM IT” “BELIEVE IT” “ACHIEVE IT” has captured the hearts of this membership, and your service has exemplified every word of that poetic verse. How proud I was to have you serve as District Deputy Grand Matron for Brother Lee and me, and I am so proud that you are now serving as our Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Burley Jones, you have been a true and faithful "Traveling Partner" for Sister Carolyn Martin, our Worthy Grand Matron. The membership appreciated every courtesy that you extended throughout the State of Texas. Your Christian testimony is a shining example to everyone you meet, and believe me, you are truly loved.

Brother Lee, I know you would you like to greet our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at this time.

PGP LEE STALLINGS: Thank you, Sister Betty Y. Friend, General Grand Chapter Committee Member and my very own Worthy Grand Matron in 1999-2000. It is indeed my pleasure to share the East with you again, as we did almost 20 years ago, when we presided at the 118th "The Seasons of Starlight" Session in San Antonio. Pat and I were close to you and Jack then, and we are even closer now. We love you both.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the opportunity of allowing me to be a part of this Thursday afternoon Ritualistic Opening of the 137th Grand Chapter Session, aptly named "A Year of Celebration-Harvesting Friendship Session". Sister Betty and I recognized what a shining Star you were when you served as District Deputy Grand Matron of District 1 with us in 1999-2000. We are proud of you and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Burley, for the kindness, leadership, and love you have shown the membership this past year.

The Grand Chapter Session is always a special time for this membership. A time of fun and fellowship, a time for greeting friends, and making new ones, and, it is also a time to welcome the many distinguished guests, and members we have with us here today. We hope each of you enjoy the time you spend at this Grand Chapter Session and in the Great State of Texas.

We are especially honored to welcome our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marianne Shenefelt and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry S. Martin. We are truly honored by their presence. The membership looks forward to sharing this time with you and your General Chapter Grand Family. To our Most Worthy Grand Matron we say, "howdy and welcome back" and to our Worthy Grand Patron we say, "welcome home".

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we wish you and your Grand Family a successful Grand Chapter Session. May the last few days of your time in the Grand East be enjoyable, rewarding, and up lifting.

And, when your time as leaders of this Grand Chapter is over, may you be reminded of the scripture that says, "And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love". Thank you.

GGCCM: Betty Friend: Thank you Lee. It seems so natural to look to my left and see you standing by my side in the Grand East. We have had wonderful memories to savor from the "Turn of the Century" 1999-2000 Grand Chapter Year.

We always look forward to seeing the Grand Chapter Officers perform their drill. Therefore, at this time, I invite the presentation of the "Harvest of Memories" March, under the direction of Sister Doris Jean Jones, Grand Marshal.

(Officers Drill)

(Applause)

Looks like an Apple to me. Let's thank the Officers for a beautiful drill. (Applause)

In 2008, Brother Bill Wyatt, PGP envisioned a precision drill that would assist the Labyrinth Committee in completing their duties after the Grand Chapter Officers' March. This drill has become a Texas Tradition since first performed for PGM, Sister Joyce Gilbert. You will want to watch this March very carefully. Brother Bill Wyatt, PGP, Ambassador to Alaska and his proficient team will now perform the Masonic Precision Drill. (Applause)

(Precision Drill led by PGP Bill Wyatt)

(Applause)

How proud the membership of Texas is of this group of gentlemen who have performed this drill for your pleasure. Our hearts are thrilled each time we see our Masons deliver the paraphernalia needed to open our Sessions in such a beautiful manner. They are terrific! Join me in thanking them once again! (Applause)

Lovingly, I invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Chapter Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the Grand East. *** (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. you will join me in saluting them with Grand Honors! *

Worthy Grand Matron, you have demonstrated leadership, wisdom and grace throughout this entire year, and I know that will continue during this Session. I hope this Grand Chapter Session will be exactly as you hoped it would be. And, now, it gives me great pleasure to present you with your gavel. I love you!

WGM: Sister Betty, thank you so much for opening this "Harvesting Friendship" Session of Texas Grand Chapter. The year I served as your District Deputy Grand Matron was a year of such kindness and love for the membership. You are indeed a role model for the membership and a role model that I can only hope to aspire to. I appreciate you and I hope there will be many more years of us working together. We had such fun traveling the Texas Trail and that means so much to me. You were right, purple goes with everything!

Brother Lee, working with you and Sister Betty was so exciting and such fun, but what I will always remember is your knowledge of our Order and the kind and loving way you treated the membership. Sister Betty and Brother Lee, you are both always in my heart and mind and I thank each of you for the knowledge that I gained and for the love that you both showed to the "Newbie". I thank each of you for agreeing to open this Session.

WGP: Sister Betty and Brother Lee, thank you both for opening this "Harvesting Friendship Session" of the Texas Grand Chapter. I thank each of you for your years of service and your dedication to our Order. The active duties of the Grand Chapter.

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

WGM: I invite Sister Betty Benham to give our Scripture Reading for this afternoon.

BETTY BENHAM: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this privilege. These two scriptures are also my favorite. I 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."

WGP: And the Worthy Grand Patron's scripture. Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

WGM: Thank you Sister Betty for reading our scriptures. Sister Joyce Gilbert, thank you for being our Master of Ceremonies today. As always, your love and kindness was present as you set the tone for this Session. Sister Vi Griffin, thank you for being our Assisting Grand Marshal. Your elegance and grace brings beauty to our Session. Sister Rosemary, I so love your beautiful music and I am so glad you shared it with us during the ceremonial opening. As always, it was outstanding, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

WGP: I thank each of you for your special words, your special music, your dignity, and your grace that each of you brought to this Grand Chapter Session. What special memories you made for me.

WGM: I call on Sister Tina Stevens, Chairman of the Credentials Committee for a partial report. Sister Tina. There's Tina. Tina, we await your partial report please.

Mrs. Tina Stevens: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons, Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons, General Grand Chapter Elected and Appointed 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 East, my Sisters and Brothers all. We currently have 269 Chapters in Texas. We have 221 Chapters registered and 151 have picked up their registration. Worthy Grand Matron, we have a quorum.

WGM: Thank you very much, Sister Tina, for that report. As per our law, we do have a quorum so we may begin.

WGM: We will now begin our Ritualistic Opening.

(RITUALISTIC OPENING)

WGM: Please join our Choir Director in singing our opening ode "Standing on the Promises" the lyrics are on page 74 of your Session program

("Standing on the Promises")

I now declare this 137th Harvest Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas duly open for the transaction of business. * Grand Warder you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GW: Your Order has been obeyed.

WGM: Grand Marshal, you will present the flag of the United States. ***

WGP: You will join with me in the Pledge of Allegiance to our United States flag after which we will join our Grand Choir in the National Anthem.

(The National Anthem)

WGM: The Grand Choir will now lead us in the singing of "O'Canada." Lyrics on page 73 of your program.

O'Canada

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

WGM: * We have members who are unable to pick up their registration and credentials packet because their annual report was received late. I recognize the Grand Secretary. (Blum Chapter # 931)

GS Ellen Pickrell: Worthy Grand Matron, we have one Chapter, Blum Chapter #931, which failed to turn in their annual report on time however we have now received it and I move that the members of this Grand Chapter be allowed to pick up their credentials at this time.

WGM: Do I hear a Second?

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second.

WGM: Is there any discussion? Sisters and Brothers raise your red voting card for yes. Cards down. All those opposed, same sign. Motion carried. Blum may pick up their credentials. *

For the appointment of the Telegram/Telephone Committee, I want to explain to you what this Committee is. It is appointed to assist and inform those Past Grands who could not be with us today. Past Grand Matrons or Patrons. So, I have appointed Sister Bess Caldwell to fill that position.

At this time, we are delighted to go into our formal introductions. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron at the altar.

GC: Worthy Grand Matron, it is indeed my honor to introduce, Sister Marianne Shenefelt, Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Wyoming. And Brother Henry S. Martin, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM: Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marianne Shenefelt, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry S. Martin, it is indeed a privilege for me to welcome each of you to the Grand Chapter of Texas. It doesn't matter where you're going, it's who you have beside you. No truer statement can be said, for each of you stand for our Order, for our membership and for our principles. What an honor it is for Texas to have you here and to have your official visits. Sister Marianne, you have been so kind and so courteous. Texas Thanks you for coming and for sharing your Official Visit with us. The Circle remains unbroken. Brother Henry, you have made Texas proud for you are indeed the Texas Top Hat. I am so pleased to be able to welcome you back to the Lone Star state.

We hope that everything we do will make you feel welcome. Your presence is a testimony of your devotion to the principles of our beautiful Order.

WGP: We are very excited that you have chosen to spend this time with us in Texas. Your visit is important to us and anything we can do to assist you is our goal.

WGM: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron to

the East. *** (Applause) Sisters and Brothers it is my pleasure to present the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. You will join with me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will remain in the East. *

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

GC: Worthy Grand Matron it is my honor to introduce these Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons of General Grand Chapter.

Sister Barbara Benton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma.

Sister Bobbi White, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia.

Sister Helen Westmoreland, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Florida.

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

WGM: You make our world much brighter just by being here with us. We salute you in your accomplishments and share heartfelt love with you in your service. All of you bring a distinct honor to our Session and our pride knows no bounds that you chose to spend this time with us. That is a very, very nice welcome for us and we wish you a welcome to Texas. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet our Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons & Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons.

WGP: I too join with the WGM in thanking each of you for spending time with us. We are pleased to have you in Texas.

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

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present our Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East. *

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

GC: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing these Elected Officers of General Grand Chapter.

Sister Glenda Winchester, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of South Carolina.

Brother Lon Lowry, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of Ohio.

Sisters, Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Sister Alma is also Grand Representative of Louisiana in the District of Columbia.

Linn McNary, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer and a Past Grand Matron of Louisiana.

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

Debbie Dhayer, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia.

Brothers, Michael Berry, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and a Past Grand Patron of Kentucky.

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

Sister Jo Cullifer, Right Worthy Grand Trustee and a Past Grand Matron of Georgia. Sister Jo also serves as Grand Treasurer of Georgia, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM: Thank you for coming to be with us today. We wish you a very, very safe trip home and we are very blessed to have you with us today. Welcome to Texas. Thank you for being with us. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside...to bring greetings, sorry.

WGP: I too welcome you to Texas and am so pleased you chose to spend time with us. Thank you for coming our way.

WGM: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Guests to the East. *** (Applause)

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

WGM: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, The Elective Officers of General Grand Chapter will remain in the East. * Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Appointive Officers of General Grand Chapter at the Altar.

GC: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure that I introduce these Appointed Grand Officers of General Grand Chapter.

Sisters Margo Hellickson, Worthy Grand Chaplain and a Past Grand Matron of Montana. Karla Dimond, Worthy Grand Marshal and a Past Grand Matron of Colorado.

Brother Ron Pete, Worthy Grand Organist and a Past Grand Patron of Wisconsin.

Sisters, Sue Peterson, Worthy Grand Adah and a Past Grand Matron of Arizona.

Betty Benham, Worthy Grand Esther and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

Julie Birrer, Worthy Grand Martha and a Past Grand Matron of Wyoming.

Carol Girling, Worthy Grand Electa and a Past Grand Matron of Manitoba.

Brenda Jones, Worthy Grand Warder and a Past Grand Matron of Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM: Each of you is unique and special and your time has been well spent for each of you has done much to ensure the success of our Order. Unique is the best word I know to describe each of you...you are indeed unique Stars and may you shine brightly as you go about the business of our beautiful Order. Thank you so much for coming our way as we Celebrate our Order.

WGP: Welcome is a small word but it has great meaning. Thank you so much for sharing your time with us at this 137th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

WGM: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Appointive Officers of General Grand Chapter to the East. *** (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Appointive Officers of General Grand Chapter. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East. *

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Ambassadors and Committee Members of General Grand Chapter, at the Altar.

GC: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce the General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members of General Grand Chapter.

Brother William "Bill" Wyatt, Ambassador to Alaska and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. Sisters, Barbara Ann Holmes, Ambassador to Aruba and a Past Grand Matron of Nevada. Carla Carmain-Herret, Ambassador to Hawaii and a Past Grand Matron of Wyoming (should be Utah?).

Brother Bill Barnes, Ambassador to Taiwan and a Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma. Sisters, Joyce Gilbert, Ambassador to Scotland and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Naomi Wolfe, Benevolence Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

Judy Covey, Bylaws Committee, Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Florida.

Juanita Wilkinson, Charter Committee, Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Louisiana. Jerre Lucas, Credentials Committee, Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Brothers, Bill Rhyan, ESTARL Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Arizona.

Sister Betty Friend, International Headquarters Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

Brother Robert Hudlow, International Headquarters Committee, Chairman and a Past Grand Patron of Illinois.

Sisters, Sharon Mosmeyer, Membership Committee, Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

Brother Tom Murphy, Scottish Rite Charities Committee, Chairman and a Past Grand Patron of Texas.

Sisters, Minyon Shepherd, Service Dogs Committee, Co-Chairman, and a Past Grand Matron of South Carolina.

Jimmie Lee McMahon, Service Dogs Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

Vi Griffin, Triennial Assembly Committee, Texas General Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

Mary Ruth White, Triennial Assembly Committee, Texas Finance Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

Cheryl Albrecht, Triennial Assembly Committee, Texas Finance Co-Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

Brother Trey Smith, Triennial Assembly Committee, Texas Arena Chairman and a Past Grand Patron of Texas.

Sisters, Genie Wilcox, Youth Committee, Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Colorado.

Cheri Pierce, Youth Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Arkansas, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM: Success is not in what you have but who you are, and you are the representatives of great accomplishments. Your accomplishments have enriched our Order and we offer our sincere thanks for all that each of you have done. I am so pleased that you have chosen to spend this time with us, and we hope that you enjoy our Texas Grand Chapter.

WGM: Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside. I keep saying preside, I want you to bring greetings. (Laughter)

WGP: We are very happy to have you with us today. I hope you enjoy your time in Texas.

WGM: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Ambassadors and Committee Members of GGC to the East. *** Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed my pleasure to present the General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be escorted to their reserved places in the Southeast * Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, would you assume your stations please. We are going to have our Official Visit at this moment please.

Texas is very honored to host our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron as our Most Worthy Grand Matron makes her Official visit to Texas. I invite our Most Worthy Grand Matron to bring the message from General Grand Chapter to this membership.

MWGM Marianne Shenefelt: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons, Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all. Good afternoon. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Carolyn and Worthy Grand Patron, Burley, for the honor of being a part of your Formal Opening of your 137th Session of your "Harvest" Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. I read this Henry Ford quote and knowing your year has been filled with success because of the wonderful reports I've heard from your Sisters and Brothers it applies. "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself." And I'm looking forward to hearing more about your many successes. My best wishes for an enjoyable and harmonious Grand Chapter Session. It is my wonderful pleasure to be here with you, Texas. And how proud I am of the members of the General Grand Chapter family who are here as well. The Officers, the Committee members and the Special Appointments. These Sisters and Brothers came on their own free-will to be with you and I'm so very proud to see so many. Wyoming had the distinct honor of having our excellent Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry, and Sister Opal and Texas General Chairman for the Triennial Assembly, Sister Vi Griffin in attendance at our Grand Chapter just last week. Thank you for coming to Wyoming. Brother Henry, Sister Opal and I have traveled the world since Installation in Orlando. We've been to Guam, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Brazil. And fifteen Grand Chapters. Sisters and Brothers, I want you to know that Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry and Sister Opal have not missed a single Official Visit. I am grateful for their commendable dedication and support. Won't you help me thank them. (Applause) A big thank you to all of you, my Texas Sisters and Brothers for your continued willingness to be a part of this venture. The way time is flying by, it won't be long before Wyoming and Texas will be in Salt Lake City welcoming the world of Eastern Star. 2021 is just around the corner. I'm having flashbacks. (Laughter) I miss seeing Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and dear friend Sister Rennie. I am certain that she too is disappointed that she can't be here. She is such a beautiful person and wonderful Eastern Star. You know, Service Dogs is really her baby, or should I say puppy. We are already seeing remarkable benefits because we are building on the solid foundation laid by Sister Rennie during her Triennium for this primary identifying charity of our Order. It was decided at the Triennial Assembly in Pittsburg that Eastern Star as an organization would have one primary identifying charity and Service Dogs was adopted as the one. I am pleased to report it is going great guns and Texas is right among the leaders of the pack. I'm proud of the great work that you are doing. You know Service Dogs is the perfect charity for us. It's visible, easy for the public to understand and we have a ready answer to that often asked question "What do you do?" Well, number one we support Service Dogs and if dogs aren't it for you, that's okay. The door has been opened. So now you can talk about the other charities that we support such as Heart, or Cancer or ESTARL. With only two quarterly reports in about the funds that have already been raised, and this is headline news, we have already raised nearly \$300,000. (Applause) Yes!

Thank you. And Texas is a part of that. We will exceed \$1,000,000 in three years and I predict we will reach our goal of \$2,000,000. Remember, all the money raised in a Jurisdiction for Service Dogs stays in that Jurisdiction. This means that your Chapters will benefit from the inevitable media coverage that comes with Service Dogs especially. When it is a Veteran whose life has changed for the better because of a dog. When you have funds to give to a reputable Service Dog organization, ask that organization to contact the local media to come and report the story of you giving your donation. This is an essential part of this program because there you'll have it, Eastern Star in the limelight of your community. There is a General Grand Chapter Committee member on the Service Dog Committee in each Jurisdiction, and they are ready, able and willing to help you become leaders of the pack. There is a Caribbean Cruise scheduled for March 2020. The days are March 7-14 and it will set sail out of Port Canaveral, Florida. The flyer about the cruise is on my website, mwgm1821.com or I have some of them with me and I'll be happy to give you one. This is a fundraiser for Service Dogs and the money raised will be added to the General Grand Chapter funds that provide for such things as the printing of promotional materials, an upcoming promotional video for all of the Jurisdictions to use now and in the coming Trienniums. So, we wouldn't want you to miss out on the fun. Come and join us and cruise with us. It is my pleasure to be in the home Jurisdiction of our Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Sister Alma. She has a big job and I appreciate all she does. A special thanks for her help and assistance to me as the Most Worthy Grand Matron. It is a definite delight to be in the home Jurisdiction of Sister Betty Benham, our Worthy Grand Esther. Sister Betty, it is an honor and joy to be here with you. We hit it off from the moment we met and I'm so glad you are one of the "Nifty Nine." Thank you for saying yes. I look forward to your honor event in 2021. And it is with pride that I thank the following Sisters and Brothers in their service in representing Texas as General Grand Chapter Committee members and Special Appointments this Triennium. Brother Bill Wyatt, Ambassador to Alaska. Sister Joyce Gilbert, Ambassador to Scotland, Sister Naomi Wolfe on the Benevolence Committee. Sister Jerre Lucas, Chairman of Credentials. Sister Beulah Speer, Heart. Brother Glen, Whitaker, Heart. Sister Betty Friend, International Headquarters. Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, Chairman of Membership, Brother Bill Crews, Eastern Star Journal. Brother Tom Murphy, Chairman of the Scottish Rite Charities. Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon, Service Dogs. Brother John Creel, Unfinished Business and Sister Melissa Hudman, Unfinished Business. The following Sisters and Brothers are members of the Triennial Committee. Brother Trey Smith, Texas Arena Chairman. Sister Mary Ruth White, Chairman, Texas Finance. Cheryl Albrecht, Co-Chairman, Texas Finance. Sister Vi Griffin, Texas General Chairman. Brother Ray Hargis, Texas General Co-Chairman, Technical. And Brother Herb Garon, Texas Legal Counsel. Special Appointment of the Most Worthy Grand Matron are Sister Della Whitfield, Deputy to Mexico and the Most Worthy Grand Matron's Campfire Friend, Sister Ann Wyatt. Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Patron. Sister Opal Martin, Escort and Personal Secretary and Personal Secretary, Sister Willie Mae Shaw. Top Hat Pride, Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Marlene Dibrell, Chairman.

Sister Sarah Coursey, Sister Diane Davidson, Sister Linda Hargis, Sister Dorothy High, Sister Wanda Hollingsworth, Sister Juanita May, Sister Carolyn Garon, Sister Debara Perry and Sister Jane Pyle. I am also proud of the Texas Tri-Line. You are dedicated leaders who are and will be making a difference. Sister Carolyn and Brother Burley, Sister Linda and Brother Paul and Sister Terri and Brother to be elected (Laughter), a big thank you to all of these Sisters and Brothers for their willingness to serve our Order as a part of 2018-2021 team. I would like to fill you in a little about Installation in Orlando. It was magnificent. Everything was so wonderful. The decorations were outstanding. The backdrop in the East was awesome. Past Grand Patron, Brother Trey Smith found a backdrop with the most beautiful mountains in the world, the Tetons. Complete with horses in the meadow and everything. There were butterflies and pine trees, a long horn and I'm not fibbing when I tell you it was awesome. Thank you, Brother Trey and your crew of helpers for making it so awesome. (Applause) Everyone looked splendid in their formal wear and the Installation Ceremony was done to a "T" by Wyoming's Past Grand Matron Andrea Stamp. The prelude music was played beautifully by Sister Beverly Plante. Sister Carolyn and Brother Burley gave a lovely welcome to those present. The bible was brought in by my Sister's Sister, Louise Anderson escorted by our daughter Sister Holly Shenefelt and Sister Opal Martin. It was an honor to have Sister Rennie Often as Honorary Installing Right Worthy Grand Secretary, as was having greetings from Texas Most Worshipful Grand Master, Tommy F. Chapman and Boyd Patterson, Jr., Centennial Grand Master of DeMolay International. Brother Bill Wyatt and his Tuxedo Chair Wranglers did an impressive job of setting the chairs for the Officers to be installed West of Esther's station. Thank you again Brother Bill and the Wranglers. And a special thank you to Brother Ray Hargis for expertise in technical help. And an extra thank you to all of you who traveled to Orlando. I'm sure every Most Worthy Grand Matron thinks her Installation was the best but I'm very sure mine was. I would like to share some information about an interesting development. Maybe you've heard about or seen the exciting new promotional brand logo, the Shooting Star. If I may, I would like to give you a little background information about the development of this logo. A professional survey was conducted by our Sister Sabrina Pack, the Associate Grand Conductress of New Mexico. Sister Sabrina is a marketing wiz and works for SkyWest Media. She has a Doctorate in Marketing. She has done extensive research for New Mexico Eastern Star to help in increasing their membership. Something we all need help with. Our Sister had over 650 random individuals, non-members across the United States take a survey asking them what they thought about our traditional or corporate internal emblem or image. What impression it made, what they thought it meant and their opinion of it. Of course, we love because we understand it and it means everything to us. Now, what I'm about to say is a very important point. We are not changing our traditional emblem or getting rid of it. We are adding a promotional brand logo, the Shooting Star. Here are some of the comments from the survey about our emblem. 550 found it to be confusing or unclear. 240 thought it was a poor image. 115 thought it was Masonic. 90 thought it meant something about death because of the word FATAL. Over 320 said it referenced

something negative. It has a pentagram, it has the word FATAL, it's evil, the devil, Satanic, Wiccan, because the star has the white point down. The star is upside down. It's a cult. Most of us have heard being referred to as a cult. Now, I don't know about you, but I hadn't really thought about where that misconception might be coming from. Sister Sabrina did extensive research about having an open friendly, forward moving logo to present to the public and this simple step made a positive difference in what the public thought about us. This initiative, the Shooting Star, has been endorsed by General Grand Chapter. You know it is no secret that our membership continues to decline. When Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry speaks, he will have some excellent suggestions and thoughts on this subject. We both believe we have to do our utmost to rebuild our Order. Sister Sabrina asked this question on her survey. "If you are looking to belong to a service or charitable type organization" and asked them why? And asked them to rate their responses. The top answers were: 35% to make a difference in the lives of others. 24% to experience fellowship and friendship. 23% to gain a better sense of purpose. 22% to be a part of a family or a team and 22% to support a specific cause. So, what organization does this describe? Eastern Star, my Sisters and Brothers. Right on, Eastern Star. We just need to get their attention from all the negative misconceptions. So, you can check out the Shooting Star logo later on, on this website, it's OEstools.org. There is also a style guide there that has helpful hints and suggestions for success in using it. For my message today, I would like to touch briefly on gratitude. I would encourage us to strive to have an attitude of gratitude. If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of the world. If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are then more blessed than the million who will not survive this week because of illness. If you have any money in the bank, in your wallet or even spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy. 92% of the people don't have that. If you can attend a church meeting without fear of torture or death you are blessed than 3 billion people in the world and if you have never experienced the danger of battle or the loneliness of imprisonment or the agony of torture, or the pains of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world today. If your parents are still alive or still married, you are very rare even in the United States. So, if you have the opportunity to think as you choose to think, to worship as you choose to worship and you have a little bit of change in your pocket, you've got your health, you've got someone that cares about you, then you have an awful lot to be grateful for. In conclusion, let us know in our heart's true happiness. Knowing we are precious, needed, infinitely loved by God that we are gloriously alive and blessed to experience the love of our families, our friends, our Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers, and the immeasurable blessing of living in this country where we are free. Our cup is indeed overflowing with blessings, right, abounding and eternal. It is my custom to end my talks with a laugh. Thomas Mann said, "Laughter is a sunbeam of the soul". So, here is a little sunbeam for us today. Two priests died at the same time and met St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. "Our computer is down." said St. Peter. "You'll have to go back for a week but you can't go back as Priest so what will it be?" The first Priest said, "I've always wanted to be an eagle. Soaring among the

Rocky Mountains.” “So be it.” said St. Peter and off flew the first Priest. Second Priest thought for a moment and thought then asked, “Will any of this week count?” “No” said St. Peter. “Well,” the Priest said, “I’ve always wanted to be a stud.” “So be it.” said St. Peter. A week later the computer was fixed, and the Lord told St. Peter to recall the two Priests. “Will you have any trouble locating them?” He asked. “The first one should be easy.” said St. Peter. “He’s somewhere over the Rocky Mountains flying with the eagles but the second one could prove more difficult.” “Why?” asked the Lord. “Well, he’s on a snow tire somewhere in Northern Ontario.” said St. Peter. (Laughter) My Sisters and Brothers, I am having a great time. Thank you for the many generous courtesies you have extended to me and for having me as your guest. My room is wonderful, the welcome basket outstanding, as well as the many thoughtful and beautiful gifts I’ve received. Your hospitality has been beyond Texas size. And Sister Organist, Sister Susan, I love your music. (Applause) Thank you Texas for a very memorable Official Visit. In closing I want to leave you with this. Let’s do our best for OES and remember, I love you a bushel and a peck. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM: Thank you Most Worthy Grand Matron for your message. The Texas membership is so proud to hear from you and please know that we will continue to support General Grand Chapter.

WGP: Thank you Most Worthy Grand Matron for that wonderful message. It is indeed a pleasure for Texas to have you at our Grand Chapter.

WGM: We will now hear from our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry S. Martin.

MWGP Henry S. Martin: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Protocol having been established I can’t express how good it is to be with all of you at this Texas Grand Chapter. As most of you I think will agree, it’s great to travel but it’s even better to come home. (Applause) Thank you. And we are happy at this Session to have our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marianne with us. Sister Marianne, I know how busy you are, and I appreciate you taking the time to come to Texas. Sisters and Brothers, as Marianne and I have traveled it has become clear that our declining membership is a situation that we must all address if this beautiful Order is to continue into the long-term future. So, I am trying to focus on membership during this Triennium. It’s interesting that the United States and Canada are the two countries where this problem really exists. In countries outside of the North American continent the enthusiasm and the excitement about our Order is remarkable. And many of these countries are having little problem in attracting and retaining members. Since Installation in Orlando, I have instituted several Chapters in Brazil and Romania and I have request to institute Chapters in several other countries where our Order is not present. There are several ways in which General Grand Chapter is working to help the Grand Chapters and Subordinate Chapters in attracting new members. First you heard your Most Worthy Grand Matron discuss the program that was developed by the Associate Grand Conductress in

New Mexico that resulted in the Shooting Star, our fun logo. And we all know about the Service Dogs program that was adopted in Pittsburg in 2015. We are adding the fun logo of the Shooting Star to our current logo. And let me repeat, we are not, we are not replacing our current logo. We are just adding the fun logo and adding it is completely optional. This fun logo according to the research that was done, may look to be less confusing, more appealing and more attractive to outsiders. This may give us additional opportunities to attract the attention of those who are not members of our Order. And General Grand Chapter is adding technology in Washington that may help several Grand Chapters in a number of ways. And now to the Service Dogs. They are proving to be extremely popular and we believe will capture the imagination of the general public. And with out General Grand Chapter Public Relations Committee focusing on gaining additional exposure in the local and national media and our Membership Committee focusing on ways to improve membership we believe we can get a more effective message out about Eastern Star. And that means, and we hope this is true, in two to three years when someone sees a Service Dog they may well think of Eastern Star. So those are some of the things that General Grand Chapter is doing to help the Subordinate Chapters and the Grand Chapters. But Sisters and Brothers, General Grand Chapter can provide the tools and the emphasis on what I just described. General Grand Chapter cannot actually improve membership. It is you in the Subordinate Chapters who must attract and retain those new members. As we have traveled around to the many Grand Chapters, I have heard stories of initiating new members and then only after a few months those new members stop participating and often stop coming to Chapter already, altogether. Well, Sisters and Brothers, I don't claim to have the complete solution but together let's think for a moment about why this is happening. Why it may be happening and some possibilities that might help us with this situation. I think for the most part we can all agree that on the night these new members were initiated they were excited about becoming a member of our Order and certainly we were pleased and enthusiastic to have them become a member of our Chapter. So, in a few short months, what happened to this excitement and to this enthusiasm? Well, based on what I have seen in 45 years in this Order and what I have heard from these Grand Chapters while travelling, there may be some things we can do. You know, everyone wants to feel important. And our new members are no exception. They didn't join our Order to just sit on the sidelines and do nothing. They want to feel that they are an important part of our Chapter and they can't do that if we don't help them. So, let's think about what we can do to help make them feel important and a part of the Chapter. Let me suggest to you that we focus more on teaching them about our Order. Such as what we do and how we do it. We can teach them the signs and the passes. Explain the duties of the various officers. Do they know about the Secret Work? What is the Ritual and what does it contain? And then there's the Grand Chapter, the various offices and committees. Do they know about and understand about the programs such as ESTARL and Humanitarian and others? And to make them feel like an integral part of our Chapter, we can give them a job in the Chapter. They might help in decorating for that next dinner. Perhaps ask them to bring a dish. You know we initiate a lot of good cooks. How about any other job in the kitchen? And maybe

Sisters and Brothers, ask them to pro-temp for that officer who will not be at Chapter next month. You know, and I'm an old timer so I've been here a long time and I know that there are people in this room who will think what I'm about to say is heresy but you know, having a new member read that part out of the Ritual is a lot better than losing that member because they don't feel part of our Chapter. (Applause) Then when these new members are absent for some reason maybe we could have someone to call them and tell them that they were missed. Ask why they were absent. Perhaps it was a medical emergency or family emergency, something like that. And tell them we hope they will be at the next Chapter meeting. You know Sisters and Brothers these are not difficult things to do and many of them are just common courtesies. And your Chapter may be doing all of these things. And if you are you know it doesn't take a lot of extra effort on the part of the Officers or the members. And if by doing these few things we may retain our new members, make them long term and important members of our Chapters and strengthen both our Chapters and our Order. Then together we may be able to stem this declining membership and restore our Order to the vibrant Organization that will continue into the long-term future. So, I just suggest to you today that you think about these suggestions and perhaps we can make a difference if we work together. And I want to mention one other way which General Grand Chapter is working. Our International Headquarters in Washington is the Perry Belmont House. It is your 52,000 square foot mansion covering an entire city block in the DuPont Circle area of Washington, located between many Embassies. And it's filled with many magnificent, priceless, and irreplaceable antiques. It is yours because when you were initiated a fee was paid that made you an owner of this incredible building. In fact, this Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron took a bus load of Texas members to Washington this year and they toured this Headquarters Building. And I was glad to hear that they enjoyed it. In the past we have maintained this building largely by asking the membership for donations. But now things have changed. We have a paid event coordinator who is bringing in paid events that are adding revenue that will help us maintain this building. Recently we had a fashion show with designers from Europe and New York that proved extremely popular. This event coordinator is also bringing in other big events such as weddings, receptions and concerts. And also, General Grand Chapter has acquired a 501(c)3 tax designation from the IRS that makes donations to the Perry Belmont House Foundation tax deductible. The purpose of this 501(c)3 is to maintain this impressive building. So, this offers an opportunity for members to make donations in Honor of or in Memory of someone or a group of people and these donations will be tax deductible. But I urge you, don't make your checks to General Grand Chapter. The check must be made payable to the Perry Belmont House Foundation and that way you will get a letter acknowledging your donation that you can take to your tax accountant at the end of the year and have a tax donation. So, Sisters and Brothers, let me say again how good it is to be here, to be home in Texas and Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron I want to thank you for giving me this opportunity to address this membership. I want to say how much I appreciate all of the courtesies that have been extended to the office I hold and to my

wife and me personally. As I knew it would be, the hospitality has been exceptional. I now hope we will have a most productive and enjoyable remainder of this Session. Sisters and Brothers, it's been good to be with all of you. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. (Applause)

WGM: Thank you Most Worthy Grand Patron for your wonderful message. Texas is indeed proud of our Top Hat and how we love it when you can be with us.

WGP: Thank you Most Worthy Grand Patron. We appreciate your dedication and service to our Order. Welcome Home.

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, I have the pleasure of introducing these Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions.

Worthy Grand Matrons, Sisters, Brenda Wingard, Arkansas
Heather Earnhardt, Florida
Donna Harris, Louisiana
Johnnie Sue Ford, Mississippi
Brenda Goings, Missouri
Kathy Miller, Oklahoma
Amber Mathisen, Wyoming

And these Worthy Grand Patrons, Brothers, Lance Kleinsmith, Florida
Keith Powell, Louisiana
Larry McVey, Mississippi
Bob Jameson, Oklahoma, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM: Everyone has a purpose in life and a unique talent to give to others. And when we blend the unique talent with service to others, we have members such as you who represent your states with love, dedication and service. Each of you have those remarkable talents and our Order and your states are the recipients of such dedication. From the Grand Chapter of Texas, I welcome each and every one of you and thank you for sharing your time with us for you make wonderful Ambassadors from your Grand Jurisdictions. Worthy Grand Patron I invite you to bring greetings.

WGP: The time you spend with us is indeed a sharing of good will and love. Thank you for coming our way and we hope you enjoy your stay. Texas welcomes you.

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 Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. You will join me in saluting them

with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be returned to their places in the Southeast. *

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, it is with pleasure that I introduce these Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions.

Past Grand Matrons,

Sisters, Joy Beth Williams, Louisiana.

Judy Wilson, Florida.

Phyllis Dyck, Manitoba.

Carol McEtheran, Manitoba, Sister Carol is also Grand Representative to New Hampshire in Manitoba.

Wilma Thompson, Maryland.

Nancy Lane, Missouri,

Bettie Bywater, Nevada.

Shilora Hudlow, Nevada, Sister Shilora is also a Grand Representative of Virginia in Nevada.

Betty Robertson, New Mexico, Sister Betty is also a Grand Representative of Bolivia in New Mexico.

Evie Johnson, North Dakota.

Cheryl Siirila, North Dakota.

Darnell Woodall, North Dakota, Sister Darnell is also a Grand Representative of Quebec in North Dakota.

Lana Jameson, Oklahoma.

Margie McConnell, Oklahoma.

Cheryl Martin, Oklahoma and Sister Cheryl is also a Grand Representative of Texas in Oklahoma.

Leatrice Massey, Oklahoma, Sister Leatrice also serves as Grand Secretary of Oklahoma.

Kathy Stegall, Oklahoma.

Carol Worth, Oklahoma, Sister Carol also serves as Grand Treasurer.

Joyce Bytheway, Pennsylvania.

Marcia Perry, Virginia.

Patricia Harwood, Wyoming, Sister Patricia is also President of the International Grand Representative Association.

Past Grand Patrons, Jerry Harrell, Arkansas.

Bill Pierce, Arkansas.

David Wilcox, Colorado, Brother David also serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Charles W. "Bill" Bane, District of Columbia and a Grand Representative of North Carolina in District of Columbia.

Joe Earnhardt, Florida.

Stephen Boyer, Kansas.
John Wayne Harrist, Louisiana.
George Wilkinson, Louisiana.
Jessie Ford, Mississippi,
Alan Siirila, North Dakota.
Doug Woodall, North Dakota, Brother Doug is also Grand Representative of
Florida in North Dakota.
Mike Christie, Oklahoma.
Owen Majors, Oklahoma.
James Chancey, Vermont.
William Hussell, West Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM: My friends you have traveled many miles to be with us this afternoon. The coming of guests to our Grand Chapter Session is like the coming of guests into our homes. We are always glad to have them. We feel your presence here denotes the unity and friendships that exist between our Grand Jurisdictions; and I consider it a great pleasure to welcome you, our friends. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions.

WGP: Indeed, you are our friends, and as such we greet you with a Big Texas Welcome and with a desire for each of you to have a wonderful time while you are in our Great state.

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. ***

Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will return to their reserved section in the Grand Chapter Room. *

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, it is an honor to introduce these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas.

Past Grand Matrons

Sisters Rosemary S. Berry

Karen Morgenthaler

Joyce Nicklas

Bess Caldwell

And these Past Grand Patrons,

Brothers, Richard Ochs

Kenneth Gregory

H. Lee Stallings

Duane "Buddy" Baker

Ed Warner

Jerry Martin, Brother Jerry is also a Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas.

Nelson Campbell

Jerry Trees

Ray Hertenberger

K. Arthur Drescher

George Gwaltney

Richard Skidd, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM: As you stand at our Altar, I know that for each of you there comes a memory of the years you served this, your very own Grand Chapter. Year by year each of you has helped to shape this Grand Chapter structure. You have placed your footprints upon our Order with your wise counsel and love. Because of your experiences of the yesteryears, we seek your wisdom and strength for each of you has helped to shape the Grand Chapter of Texas. Please accept our welcome, our thanks, and our Fraternal Love. Worthy Grand Patron I invite you to greet our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas.

WGP: To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, I say thank you for your service and welcome to our Grand Chapter in Tyler, Texas. Thank you.

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 pleasure to present Texas's own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be seated in their reserved places in the Southeast.

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 Officer of Other Grand Jurisdictions.

Arkansas:

Sisters Sherri Hodges, Associate Grand Matron

Denise Hickey, Grand Conductress

Kathy Mitchell, Associate Grand Conductress

Florida:

Brother Ormond VanArsdall, Associate Grand Patron

Nancy See, Grand Martha

Louisiana:

Sister Kay McCray, Associate Grand Matron

Brother Johnny Byrd, Associate Grand Patron

Susan Freeman, Grand Conductress

Carolyn Edgar, Grand Marshal

Elouida Scroggins, Grand Organist
Sandra Mask, Grand Adah
Beth Cuevas, Grand Martha
Iris Herron, Grand Electa

Mississippi:

Sisters Doris Moreton, Grand Conductress
Lynette McVey, Grand Esther
Dana Miller, Grand Martha

Missouri:

Sisters Debi Olson, Associate Grand Matron
Karen Dixon, Grand Chaplain
Elaine Forrester, Grand Martha
Esther Justice, Grand Electa

North Dakota:

Sisters Carolyn Paulsen, Associate Grand Matron
Laurie Christianson, Grand Conductress, Sister Laurie is also a Special Appointment of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Campfire Friends.

Oklahoma:

Sister Myjha Reim, Associate Grand Matron
Brother James Parker, Associate Grand Patron
Sister Doris Owen, Grand Conductress
Anita Johnson, Associate Grand Conductress
Karen Nelson, Grand Chaplain
Barbara Billinger, Grand Lecturer
Gloria White, Grand Organist
Jan Isreal, Grand Adah
Alice Carpenter, Grand Ruth
Deana Newman, Grand Esther
Sharon Lebot, Grand Martha
Teresa Hass, Grand Electa
Elsie Christie, Grand Warder
Brother Dale Dickey, Grand Sentinel

Vermont:

Sister Melissa Chancey, Grand Lecturer, Sister Melissa is also a Special Appointment of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Campfire Friends.

Wisconsin:

Brother Leonard Pederson, Associate Grand Patron, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM: We welcome you to our Grand Chapter Session. You are the friends that bring the feelings of happiness to the membership. You have shown interest in the work of our session as you share with us the Fraternal Love of our beautiful Order. We hope that you will experience a lasting and pleasant memory of your visit. As you return to your Grand Jurisdictions may you take with you the love and friendship we offer. Worthy Grand Patron I invite you to greet the Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions.

WGP: I wish to thank each of you for your attendance here today. We hope you enjoy your time here and that you have safe travels back to your respective Jurisdictions.

WGM: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions. Please join me in giving them a very, very warm Texas welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be returned to their reserved section in the Southeast.

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

GC: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure that I introduce the Deputies and Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Sister Delia Whitfield, Deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Matron for Mexico.

Brothers, Raymond "Ray" Hargis, Triennial Assembly Committee Texas, General Co-Chairman

Herb Geron, Jr., Triennial Assembly Legal Counsel.

Sisters Opal Martin, Grand Escort and Personal Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Patron

Willie Mae Shaw, Personal Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

These appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron's Campfire Friends:

Delma Davis, California, Chairman

Thea Pearson, Arkansas

Elaine Johnson, Colorado, Sister Elaine is also a Grand Representative of Wyoming in New Mexico.

Candace Marston, Connecticut

Faye Swanstrom, Minnesota

Regina Gahr, Missouri

Aubrey Righetti, South Carolina

Ann Wyatt, Texas

Sue Hussell, West Virginia

And these appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Top Hat Pride From Texas,

Sisters Marlene Dibrell, Chairman

Sarah Coursey

Diane Davidson, Sister Diane is also Grand Esther of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Carolyn Garon

Linda Hargis

Dorothy High, Dorothy is also a Special Deputy of the Worthy Grand Matron

Wanda Hollingsworth

Juanita May
Debara Perry
Barbara "Jane" Pyle, Order of the Eastern Star

WGM: Welcome to Texas and thank you for all that you have done for our Order. We hope you enjoy this Grand Chapter Session, and that you also enjoy your stay in our wonderful state. May you go home with fond memories and new friendships. Thank you for coming to share your time with us for we love to see your Grand smiles as you spend time with us even for just a little while. 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 for being with us today. Your service and talents to our beautiful Order are appreciated. May your visit with us be enjoyable

WGM: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Guests to the East. Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Deputies and Special Appointments of General Grand Chapter. Please join me in giving them a very, very warm Texas welcome. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will return to their reserved section in the Southeast please.

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

GC: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Grand Representatives of Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions.
Brothers, Gary Horn, Grand Representative of Texas in Arizona
William Dyer, Grand Representative of Texas in California
Sean White, Grand Representative of Texas in Massachusetts
Sister Helen LaCount, Grand Representative of Texas in Missouri
Brother Royce Robinson, Grand Representative of Texas in New Jersey
Sister Shirley Crawford, Grand Representative of Texas in New Mexico
Brother Charles Higgs, Grand Representative of Texas in North Dakota,
Brother Charles is also Grand Sentinel
Sister Debbie Gagnon, Grand Representative of Texas in Ontario
Deborah Griffiths, Grand Representative of Texas in Pennsylvania
Vicki Hurley, Grand Representative of Texas in South Carolina
John Kenfeld, Grand Representative of Texas in Wyoming, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM: You are our dear friends and you must know there is nothing on this earth more prized than true friendship. None could be truer than yours. We welcome you to this "Harvesting Friendship" Session for your visit here adds much joy to our Grand Chapter and we hope your visit will bring each of you much pleasure. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet the Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions.

WGP: Thank you for your service to our Order. May your travels be safe and happy as you travel. Thank you for being here today.

WGM: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort our Distinguished guests to the East *** Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions. Please join me in extending our Grand representatives the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will return to their reserved section in the Grand Chapter Room. *

We are pleased to have the presence of Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.

GC: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing these Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters LaNae Taylor, Grand Representative of Oklahoma in Arkansas
Kay Jorgensen, Grand Representative of Idaho in Georgia
Vicky Boyer, Grand Representative of Louisiana in Kansas
Lisa Byrd, Grand Representative of Tennessee in Louisiana
Debbie Cameron, Grand Representative of Nevada in Mississippi
Harriet Tuxhorn, Grand Representative of British Columbia/Yukon in Oklahoma
Joan Dickey, Grand Representative of Idaho in Oklahoma
Rynd Barnes, Grand Representative of Pennsylvania in Oklahoma
Brother Neil Shephard, Grand Representative of Scotland in South Carolina
Sister Shirley Eidson, Grand Representative of Florida in Tennessee
Brother Thomas Roush, Grand Representative of Wyoming in West Virginia
And Sister Daylene Bain, Grand Representative of Puerto Rico in Wisconsin, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM: Life is but a highway that we travel every day, and we meet friends and say "Hello" and nod in a friendly way: And we are glad that every day that we can meet and say "Hello". Thank you for coming to our Grand Chapter Session. We welcome you and hope your stay is enjoyable. Safe travels to each of you as you return to your Grand Jurisdiction. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet the Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions.

WGP: I am happy to have the privilege of extending a very special welcome to you. I am so pleased you came to be with us at this Grand Chapter Session.

WGM: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Guests to the East. *** Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions. Please join me in extending them the

Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will return to their reserved section in the Grand Chapter Room. *

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

GC: Worthy Grand Matron, it is indeed my pleasure to introduce these Grand Representative of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas.

Sister Beverly Plante, Alberta

Brothers Randy Spell, Arkansas

James Walker, Australia

John Wilson, Bolivia

Sister Becky Dunn, California

Brother Charles Broussard, Connecticut

Sisters Betty Hancock, Delaware

Lynne Huckabay, Idaho

Ann Dunn, Illinois

Barbara Tramel, Indiana

Sandra Zipp, Italy

Debra Rice, Kentucky

Charlotte Beall, Maine

Elinor Humphreys, Massachusetts

Brother Jerry Boldin, Mississippi

Sisters Marlene Scholari, Montana

Kay Searson, New Hampshire

Stephenia Myrick, New Mexico

Emily Ann Biddler, North Carolina

Konnie Harrell, Oklahoma

Brother James Turner, Pennsylvania

Sisters Xanthe Parker, Scotland

Lou Skidd, South Carolina

Wendy LaGrone, South Dakota

Brother Hobie Henderson, Vermont

Sister Martha Hackney, Virginia

Brother Harold Wert, Wyoming, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, you are the Celebrations of our Order. Your service and your willingness to serve celebrates our Order as you travel to your Grand Jurisdictions. As you know Texas means friend and we are honored to have you spread the "Texas Brand" of friendship as you travel. You are the official representatives of our Grand Chapter and your enthusiasm and loyalty strengthen the ties of our Order. My sincere thanks to each of you for your dedication. Thank you for being here today. Worthy Grand Patron, would you please greet these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas.

WGP: We are honored to have all of you with us here today. You are indeed the Celebrations of our Order.

WGM: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Grand Representatives to the East. *** Sisters and brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas. Please join me in extending them the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Grand Representatives back to their places in the Grand Chapter Room. *

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Committee Members and Grand Appointments of Other Grand Jurisdictions in back of Esther's station.

GC: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce the Grand Committee Members and Appointments of Other Grand Jurisdictions.

Arkansas

Sisters Debra Booth, Personal Page to Arkansas' Associate Grand Matron
Connie Miller, Grand Patriot and Escort to the Associate Grand Conductress
Laura Peterson, Personal Page to the Associate Grand Conductress
Kayla Moring, Worthy Grand Matron's Guardian Angel

Colorado

Sister Stephanie Fossinger, Board of Directors, Secretary

Louisiana

Sister Delores Woods, Grand Chapter Committee Member

Mississippi

Sisters Sandy Henderson, Page to the Grand Sentinel
Dee Lois Langston, Trustee, OES Relief Fund
Jo Ann Tarrant, Grand Page to the Worthy Grand Patron

Missouri

Sister Laura Sands, Elected Board Member, Educational Fund, Board Treasurer

Oklahoma

Sisters, Soneeta Ballenger, Grand Chapter Mom
Pamela Chesser, District Deputy
Annie Reiswig, District Deputy Grand Matron

Ontario

Sister Adrice Grenon, Grand Chapter Committee on Benevolence, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM: We are so pleased to welcome you to this "Harvest Blessings of Love and Kindness" Session. You are the special friends of our Order for friendship is precious and nothing is to be more prized than true friendship. You are not only a friend to your Grand Jurisdictions but to the Order in its entirety. Thank you for coming our way today. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet the Grand Committee Members and Appointments of Other Grand Jurisdictions

WGP: Thank you for coming our way today and we do so appreciate your friendship to us and to our Order.

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 Committee Members and Grand Appointments of Other Grand Jurisdictions. Please join me in affording them a very warm Texas welcome. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will return them to their reserved places in the Grand Chapter Room.

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 to introduce these Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations.
Sister Lauren Zelensky, Grand Worthy Advisor
JoAnn Weaver, Supreme Deputy in Texas and
Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Parliamentarian, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

WGM: Praise is like sunlight to the human spirit. We cannot flower and grow without it. There are not enough words of praise that could adequately express the merit due each of you for the time you have devoted to guiding our Youth. There is no work more worthy in our world today than our labor of directing the lives of our youth.

WGP: It is our honor to have each of you with us today for you represent the youth who will be our future tomorrow.

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 loving 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 Presiding officers of all Appendant Bodies in back of Esther's station.

GC: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure that I introduce the Presiding Officers of Appendant Bodies.
Brother James D. Kirkpatrick, Most Illustrious Grand Counsel, Royal and Select Masters, of Texas.
Sir Knight Clarence J. Laney, Right Imminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Texas and
Sister Yvonne Wuenche, Supreme Worthy First Vice-President, Supreme Assembly, Social Order of Beauceant.

WGM: We are delighted with your presence here today as we harvest friendship with all of our distinguished guests. We hope your time with us is enjoyable and affords you much pleasure. Worthy Grand Patron I invite you to greet the Presiding Officers and Distinguished Members of appendant bodies.

WGP: We welcome you as the leaders of other bodies to this Grand Chapter Session. Thank you for coming our way.

WGM: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our distinguished guests in the East. (Applause) It is my pleasure to present the Presiding Officers of appendant bodies, please join me in extending them a very, very warm welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will return our distinguished guests to their places in the Grand Chapter room.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, there is a little word called end. (Whoops and applause) But before we do that, please thank our Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress for their beautiful work this afternoon. Job well done and this I truly mean as one who has walked this floor before. (Applause) Beautiful job. Everybody loves the Organist. (Applause)

On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas we welcome each of you to our 137th Session of Grand Chapter, "A Year of Celebrations" There are many beautiful reasons to be happy and having each of you here is the best reason I know. The Arrangements Committee members have worked very hard to make your stay enjoyable and comfortable. We hope that when you will leave this Grand Chapter you will have another reason to be happy. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP: Welcome is such an overused word but it is the best word to express how pleased we are that you are here at our 137th Harvest Session of Grand Chapter for indeed we have had a year of Celebrations.

WGM: Mr. Henry S. Martin, our Most Worthy Grand Patron, will now extend a Texas Welcome. Brother Henry.

MWGP Henry S. Martin: Well this is certainly an honor and a great privilege today being asked to welcome and greet you. So, on behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Carolyn Martin and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Burley Jones, it is my distinct pleasure to sincerely welcome each and every one of you to this 137th Session of the Texas Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. And with this year of being the Official Visit of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, we have an exceptional number of visitors from out of state. And not only do we extend to each of you the heartiest of Texas welcomes but we also hope that your stay in Texas is most enjoyable in every way possible. For our Texas members, with a state so large, this Grand Chapter Session is for many of us, the one opportunity of the year to get together with our Sisters and Brothers from around this great state of ours. So, my wish for you

is to meet and greet new friends and old. Thoroughly enjoy the fellowship with your Sisters and Brothers. Have a lot of fun and have the most constructive and productive Session possible. And I specifically want to commend our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for their commitment, dedication and leadership this year. I know that it has been a most enjoyable and productive year for this Grand Chapter and the Most Worthy Grand Matron and I appreciate all of the support that you have provided to General Grand Chapter. And I want to personally thank you for every courtesy and every kindness you have extended to me. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for the opportunity to address this distinguished group. (Applause)

WGM: Thank you Henry S. Martin, our Most Worthy Grand Patron for bringing that Texas welcome to each and every one of you here this afternoon. Mrs. Glenda Winchester, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron will now bring the Response on behalf of those introduced today.

RWAGM Glenda Winchester: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers of Texas. (Applause) It is a joy to be with you and have the honor of responding for the Most Worthy Grand Matron and all of the Distinguished Guests that were formally introduced today. We are happy to join you at your 137th Grand Chapter Session here in Tyler, Texas. We wish for you a productive and successful Session in this beautiful setting. Your many lovely kindnesses have made an imprint upon our lives and we shall be forever grateful that our paths crossed yours. Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry, it is a pleasure for us to visit with you. We sincerely thank you for your well-spoken words of welcome. Every word is just perfect for us. From God's holy word we learn that love is the greatest gift one can give to another. Brother Henry, your words certainly express your love for us, and we shall be thankful for your loving friendship in the days ahead. Thank you. In closing, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we are indebted to you for your gracious hospitality. As you preside over your Grand Chapter Session, may the rewards of service rendered bring you happiness. Let the love of God bless you always. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM: Thank you Sister Glenda for that response. Texas is delighted that you are sharing your time with us today. We have enjoyed your visits to Texas and look forward to your return. Gifts are the symbols of love and at this time I have a special gift of love for our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marianne and Brother Henry S. Martin for Texas is so pleased to host you this week, Sister Marianne and the gift basket in the room is from the membership of Texas, the Worthy Grand Patron and myself. I would also like to present you with this monetary gift on behalf of the members of Texas and please let me know if there is anything else that you might need. (Applause)

WGP: Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry Martin, we are honored to have you here in your home state and on behalf of the membership of Texas, the Worthy Grand Matron and myself the basket in your room is given to you with love and respect. The membership of Texas is pleased to present you with this monetary gift. (Applause)

WGM: Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of calling this "Harvesting Friendship" Session of a Year of Celebrations from Labor to Rest and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

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

WGM: We will now have our Benediction from Brother Jerry Trees, Past Grand Patron of Texas. ***

PGP Jerry Trees: Let us join hands and bow our heads. We thank you Lord for our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star. Dear heavenly Father continue to walk by our side and by the side of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. As we bow before your altar and in the presence of the membership let it be our purpose at this Grand Chapter to approach our duties and responsibilities with honesty and sincerity and to meet our fellow man with our hearts filled with Sisterly and Brotherly love. We ask you now to go with us and bring us back to meet the tasks before us. We ask all these things in thy holy Name. Amen (Amen)

WGM: I now call this "Harvesting Friendship" Session from Labor... Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar.

(Closing of the Bible)

I now call this "Harvesting Friendship" Session from Labor to Rest until 8:00 pm this evening. * Brother Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

Thank you very much. Installed Grand Officers if you will please stand, we will retire.

(End of Thursday Formal Opening)

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Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon
GGC Service Dog Committee
Past Grand Matron of Texas

MC Jimmie Lee McMahon: * If you will take your places and turn down the volume in the back, I'll turn the volume on in the front. What we are going to do is, we are going to move like cattle rustlers. We are chasing the herd. And we are going to move real fast on this "Texas Best". Does anybody have an objection to that? (No!) No objection? (No!) Well, they are over here saying they don't hear me on the front row. Here we go! Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Installed General Grand Chapter Officers, elected and appointed, General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee members, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Texas, we love you, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions, and the wonderful Texas our special honorees, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all. I hope protocol has been established. (Applause) Now I am trying to make this where they don't have to do that. Welcome all and for joining us to the "Best of Texas" General Banquet honoring our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and the Installed Grand Officers. Our Worthy Grand Matron dreamed it, she believed it, and she achieved it with the help of the Installed Grand Officers and our wonderful Worthy Grand Patron. Please understand that we are going to move this banquet as fast as I can, and you may be auctioned off before this is over. So that you may return to the Session this evening for the Memorial and ESTARL. There are wonderful people in this Organization that they do wonderful things and it's because of each of you that those things are done. We have people that love our Order, from North to South, from East to West. And our Welcome will be given by someone we love in Texas and that's Joyce Gilbert, Ambassador to Scotland and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Sister Joyce is our lady of music who will always be remembered for "Music is the Window to the Soul and the Cross is the Door to Heaven". Sister Joyce. (Applause)

PGM Joyce Gilbert: Thank you Sister Jimmie. I have to move fast she says. Welcome. I just want to ask one question. You know always that Texas welcomes not only our members, but visitors at all times. And this year has been very special because it is our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron's visit. As we honor our Grand Officers, I want to say, have you ever stood in line so long to get into church or to get into another organization as we do in Eastern Star? That has to say something for this beautiful Order. That we will stand in line to be able to greet and meet. And I would just like to say to you that your presence here tonight, whether out-of-state or in-state, brings warmth to Texas hearts. And I thank you for being here. (Applause)

MC Jimmie Lee McMahon: Thank you Sister Joyce. Our Response to the Welcome will be given by Sister Glenda Winchester, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and, oh she's quick. And a Past Grand Matron of South Carolina. But you know, this beautiful lady is also a lady of music and love and she loves the cross because it's dear to her heart. Sister Glenda.

RWAGM Glenda Winchester: Thank you Sister Jimmie Lee. How sweet it is to be here at this lovely Banquet with all of you and to respond to Sister Joyce's lovely Welcome. Didn't she do a great job? (Applause) Sister Joyce, thank you for your precious words of Welcome and we shall remember them in our tomorrows. I just want to comment on how lovely the decorations are and that someone has worked very hard for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to make this a special event for you and your Officers. May the love of God ever dwell in your hearts and give that love away every day. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. (Applause)

MC Jimmie Lee McMahon: Thank you Sister Glenda. Our Invocation will be given by Brother Bill Wyatt, Ambassador to Alaska and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. A Lone Star gentleman who always talked kindness and thoughtfulness and love when he was Worthy Grand Patron and throughout his life. Brother Bill, we'd like to go to the Lord with you.

PGP Bill Wyatt: Sisters and Brothers, will you take the hand of the one next to you? Thank you, dear Lord for all the blessings you have bestowed upon us. We thank you for your guidance you have given us this year. We ask you to guide us through this week that everything we do be pleasing in your name. Be with the ones sick and unable to be with us tonight. Dear Lord, would you please bless this food we are about to partake for the use of our bodies and our bodies to your service. All this we ask in your most precious name. Amen (Amen)

MC Jimmie Lee McMahon: Thank you Brother Bill. Let me explain to you about dinner. Our head table will be served by our special Deputy Grand Matrons under the direction of Glenda Murphy, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 4. There are six serving lines for which to serve you. After the reserved tables are taken their dinners, we've got the Deputies you see they are already starting to work. I will call the tables after the reserved tables, I'll call them first. But Sisters and Brothers we have six lines. If you were here last evening, we served 350 or so in about 30 minutes. We have over 500 here tonight. So, we are moving our part fast so that you can have your dinners. Table 1, 2 and 3. I need you to start on the left side. Because I think our Deputies are going to use one side to get this done really quick. I need all the Deputies up serving that table. The head and subhead tables. You know the old rule. You're not supposed to eat until the head table so, that's why you're waiting a little while. I used to go to a few states, and you didn't dare pick up your fork until the Worthy Grand Matron picked up her fork. Pick up your fork (to the WGM). Pick up your fork, Worthy Grand Patron.

(Dinner)

MC Jimmie Lee McMahon: * Got a question. Did you enjoy your dinner? (Applause) We hope you enjoyed your dinner. We're sorry we're going to have to go ahead and continue. If you will continue eating, it won't bother us. And I promise you we will try to get out of here. We hope each of you enjoyed your dinner. We would like to thank those who have helped with the event. From serving the head table, to taking the tickets, a special thanks to the caterers. And there is one lady we really need to have a very special thank you to for doing this. That's Kay Gilmore. The Chairman of this beautiful Banquet. (Applause) Would anyone who had any thing to do with this Banquet please stand. If you decorated, you served, you took tickets. Please stand. Sisters and Brothers let show them how much we appreciate them. (Applause) And Sister Kay, we thank you for shifting tables, for changing numbers, for answering all the questions, and we say you did a beautiful job for our Worthy Grand Matron and for the Grand Chapter of Texas. (Applause) But I don't think she is going to jump into doing a Banquet any time soon. Okay, what is this? Okay, anybody that has come around me much, what is this? It might be a program but to me it's an outline and it might get changed. I guarantee you I change them every time. But tonight, we will be changing the program just a little bit. It is now the time that you have come...and it's the most important time of the evening. You just relish and enjoy and sigh over introductions. (Laughter) And there is a little lady, it says Monette Littlepage will do the introductions. Well, we've changed that. And I'm going to explain to you about the introductions. I hope it doesn't excite you too much. We are only going to introduce the head and sub-head tables if that's okay with you? (Yes! Applause) And to do this beautiful job is Sister Glenda Murphy, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 4. Sister Glenda we await your introductions.

DDGM Glenda Murphy: Good evening. You told me to talk fast. It is my pleasure to introduce the following. Please, if you will hold your applause until we finish each category.

Sister Carolyn Martin, Worthy Grand Matron

Brother Burley Jones, Worthy Grand Patron and his wife, Doris Jones, Grand Marshal, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. (Applause)

Sister Marianne Shenefeld, Most Worthy Grand Matron

Brother Henry S. Martin, Most Worthy Grand Patron and his wife, Opal, Escort to the Most Worthy Grand Patron and Personal Secretary, General Grand Chapter (Applause)

Barbara Benton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma. (Applause)

Bobbi White, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia (Applause)

Helen Westmoreland, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Florida (Applause)

John Grobler, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Washington. (Applause)

Glenda Winchester, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of South Carolina (Applause)
F. Lon Lowry, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Ohio (Applause) and his lovely wife, Barbara. Thank you, Barbara.
Alma Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas (Applause)
Linn McNary, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Georgia (Applause) Louisiana? My apologies. Sorry.
Billie Bradfield, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Arizona (Applause)
Debbie Dhayer, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia (Applause)
Dennis Jordan, Right Worthy Grand Trustee, Chairman, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of California (Applause)
Jo Cullifer, Right Worthy Grand Trustee, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Georgia (Applause)
Michael Berry, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Kentucky (Applause)
Joyce Gilbert, Ambassador to Scotland, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas (Applause)
And Jimmie Lee McMahan, General Grand Chapter, Service Dogs and a Past Grand Matron of Texas (Applause)

Now if you will hold your applause until we get all of our honorees introduced. They are our Grand Officers.

Betty, I apologize to you. Sister Betty Benham, Worthy Grand Esther, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. (Applause) My apologies. Sorry, thank you. Oh, well, I missed her. I'm sorry.

Sister Linda Winn-Christenson, Associate Grand Matron

Paul Garner, Associate Grand Patron

Ellen Pickrell, Grand Secretary

Greta Spradling, Grand Treasurer

Terri Rozell, Grand Conductress

Phyllis Macon, Associate Grand Conductress

Sherrie Fowler, Grand Chaplain

Doris Jones Grand Marshal

Susan Helmcamp, Grand Organist

Mary Spell, Grand Adah

Carla Stringer, Grand Ruth

Diane Davidson, Grand Esther

Joy James, Grand Martha

Robyn McGarr, Grand Electa

Jim Leftwich, Grand Warder

Joe Gilmore, Grand Sentinel

Please welcome them and they are our honorees for the evening. (Applause)

MC Jimmie Lee McMahon: Thank you Sister Glenda. That is no easy job, I assure you. The Tribute to the Installed Grand Officers of 2018-2019 the "Best of Texas" who have traveled from the North to the South, to the East to the West will be given by Kim Waxler, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 1.

Sister Kim Waxler: Good evening. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers, all. Tonight it is my honor to bring the tribute to our Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of Texas. We know everything is bigger in Texas and the very best things come from Texas such as chicken fried steak, BBQ, tacos, ranching and oil. Personalities are big and bold in Texas and the stars are big and bright deep in the heart of Texas. So, it is fitting this Banquet is the "Best of Texas." We know that these Grand Officers have covered the state with many visits. Friendships have been formed due to this awesome position they have held this year. Their journey was started in Irving, Texas. And they were so excited. Looking pretty and handsome and pink with a touch of black. They all had the biggest Texas smiles on their face knowing the excitement of this year would bring for them. First up was the Four-State Exchange in Waco and what a great time we had there. Then they wandered over to Tyler, Texas for the Fraternal visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, honoring the Worthy Grand Patron. And down to Cleveland for the Fraternal visit in the Worthy Grand Patron's home Chapter. Some of you were off to General Grand Chapter where they went as Brother Henry Martin was being nominated by our very own Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. What a special event that was for the great state of Texas. There was a huge crowd from Texas and many of the Grand Officers were there as well. Then we started the school schedule. And they were in all their places with bright shiny faces in the schools and fraternal visits all over the great state of Texas. Starting down in the Valley, to the coast and the beautiful Hill Country. And to our State Capital in Austin, Texas to the panhandle of El Paso, Big Springs and Abilene. Their journey continued into District 3 with places like Temple, Waco, Granbury and Ft. Worth. Then they continued their journey headed across the state headed to District 4. The big city of Houston, Jasper, Crockett and Cleveland, the home of our Worthy Grand Patron. Then they were off to the #1 District in the state of Texas, District 1 (Wahoo), home of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron. They were all excited to be in District 1. We started in Dallas, Sherman, Mt. Vernon, and over to Jefferson where everyone enjoyed cornbread sandwiches, down to Quitman where some of you ventured over and found fried pies in Mineola and then on to Tyler for a very special last school in the Section of our Worthy Grand Matron. Our Grand Officers gave a skit at the last school entitled "Living that 3rd Grade Life". All year, they were prim and proper. Smiling and visiting and visiting with the membership. And then they had a skit. It was funny to see them all dressed up like little 3rd Graders and their personalities shined and was a skit that we all loved and will cherish forever, and we have pictures to

prove it. And it showed the humor and good times that we can have in Eastern Star and that we should have more often. Our Grand Officers attended other Grand Jurisdictions Grand Chapters and represented our Grand Chapter with pride. They attended Fraternal visits and meetings and Round-ups and so much more. It has been a wonderful year that they have served the Grand Chapter. And this Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we are grateful for your service to the Grand Chapter and your willingness to serve in these positions. We look forward to seeing you and your smiling faces along the trails of Grand Chapter and know that your service this year is appreciated and that you are loved and admired. So, at this time, I would like to ask for all the Grand Officers to stand so that we may give them a hearty Texas applause letting them know they are the Best in Texas. (Applause) Thank you.

MC Jimmie Lee McMahon: Thank you Sister Kim. Responding to the Tribute will be Sister Sherrie Fowler, our Grand Chaplain who leads us in prayer and leads by example and we appreciate everything Sister Sherrie does.

Sister Sherrie Fowler: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, all my Sisters and Brothers. Good evening everyone. I invite the Installed Grand Officers to please stand with me. We thank you very much for this wonderful evening and for all the courtesies that you have extended to us tonight. Your nice words are very much appreciated by all of us. When I was trying to think of what I wanted to say tonight I remembered that we have been collecting the Children's books for the Scottish Rite Hospital. And I was trying to think of something that would go with our program which was the best and so I thought of a Children's author that wrote forty-four Children's books in his lifetime. This was the great Dr. Seuss.

“Be kind to the wishers who haven't got wishes.
Be kind to the fishers who haven't got fishes.
Be kind to beginners who haven't got ends.
Be kind to strangers who haven't got friends.
Be kind to the walkers who haven't a shoe.
Be kind to the talkers who haven't a clue.
Be kind to outsiders and insiders too.
Be kind to the kind kept confined in the zoo.
Be kind to your mind and in all that you do.
And you'll find that all will be kind to you too.”

We thank you so much for all that you do. We thank you all for this wonderful dinner. And for all the nice words. We appreciate it very much and most of all for all the kindness you have shown us. Thank you very much. (Applause)

MC Jimmie Lee McMahon: Thank you Sister Sherri. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron is like a beautiful butterfly that has spread her wings and has set flight

on a journey of a lifetime showing love, kindness and happiness throughout the world. We are so glad she is here with us. Sister Marianne Shenefeld, Most Worthy Grand Matron, we await your Greetings.

MWGM Marianne Shenefeld: Thank you Sister Jimmie Lee and thank you for setting protocol early. I appreciate that. It is very nice to have this opportunity to bring Greetings of this evening's Banquet honoring the Installed Grand Officer of Texas. Thank you for all the courtesies extended to me this evening. Grand Officers, you are a very important part of the success of Worthy Grand Matron Carolyn and Worthy Grand Patron Burley's year. I believe I would be correct to say your support and participation has meant the world to them. The many miles you've traveled, the many memories you made are special to this year only in the history of Texas Eastern Star. I'm confident Texas is grateful for your year of service. I would like to add my thank you for your willing service to our Order. Each successful year in each Jurisdiction is another solid brick added to the renewal and rebuilding of our Order. Your year was important, and this is a lovely evening of celebration for you. As you finish up your year, I would think that you would have at least a little bit more time and you know you might even be able to have company over and have dinner and friends and the like. So, here's a little smile about having people over for dinner. A couple invited some people over to dinner. At the table the wife turned to their 6 year-old daughter and said "Would you like to say the blessing?" "Oh, I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied. "Well, just say what you hear Mommy say" the wife answered. So, the daughter bowed her head and said "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner." (Laughter) It's a pleasure to be here with you this evening and I'm honored to share this celebration with you. Thank you. (Applause)

MC Jimmie Lee McMahon: Thank you Sister Marianne. Our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry, one of the finest gentlemen that anyone could ever know and a friend to all. Our number one Top Hat who always makes Texas proud. And he is travelling the world helping communicate the story of Eastern Star's message of love. Brother Henry we would love to have Greetings.

MWGP Henry S. Martin: Well, protocol being established, this is a fine crowd and it's an honor to be asked to bring Greetings to you tonight. This has been a great Banquet. With beautiful and creative decorations, good food and fellowship with our Sisters and Brothers. So, what more could we ask? This Banquet is to honor the Installed Grand Officers. I'm going to ask that the Elected Officers to please stand with me. For you Elected Officers, I offer you my sincere congratulations and best wishes for the upcoming years as you serve this Grand Chapter. We applaud your commitment and your willingness to spend several years in service to our Order here in Texas. Help me tell them how much we appreciate them. (Applause) You may be seated. Would the Appointed Officers please stand with me now? For you Appointed Officers, I know that it is a great honor to be asked to serve in these offices. I can just imagine your reaction the day that you got that letter or that phone call

asking you to serve. It was an exciting time then and I know that you have enjoyed everyday that you have served and that this experience will be something that you will never forget. And we thank you for your year of service. Would you help me thank these officers? (Applause) You may be seated. Again, I want to say how much I've enjoyed this Banquet and I want to thank this Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for asking me to bring Greetings tonight and for every courtesy extended to me. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. (Applause)

MC Jimmie Lee McMahon: Thank you Brother Henry. Well, we will have Greetings from our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Burley Jones who has traveled Texas as the leader of the "Texas Travelling Men" and has done us proud from every place he has gone and the love he has shown to others. Brother Burley.

WGP Burley Jones: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Honorees, our Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all. What a privilege it is to be able to have a slate of Officers that we had this year and done our travels. You know one of the things that we had, you know I think everybody has just about covered it when you get to the end, I don't want to repeat and be redundant but I thank them for the prayers that we had for keeping the Worthy Grand Matron safe in her travels this year. You know, we always had a lot of fun and we had a lot of fun as far as in our travelling, the friendships we made with our families, with each one of the Officers we have. And I know that each one that gets up here says you know we've got the best team, but I know we had an A Team and I thank y'all for everything that y'all have done. And just remember what I told y'all to begin with...Remember to keep your joy, Jesus, others and yourself and we all will have a good Grand Chapter and finish earlier. God bless y'all. Love y'all. (Applause)

MC Jimmie Lee McMahon: Thank you Worthy Grand Patron. Sister Carolyn, our Worthy Grand Matron has been the Apple of our Eye this year and her Apple Blossoms have followed her leadership dreaming, believing, achieving and loving Eastern Star. Worthy Grand Matron we would love to have Greetings.

WGM Carolyn Martin: Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Officers, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all. Well, it fell to me to be the timekeeper this evening and guess what? We are going to make it. Because I said we could not be late tonight because we have guests waiting for us over at the Center for our ESTARL and Memorial programs this evening. But because you were so willing to help us, we are going to make it. On my speech I was going to say, "I'm fixing to go real fast". You know we talked at "fixing" and all those Texas slogans the other night..."fixing", "bless your heart" and all of that. Well, I'm not going to go quite so fast because we actually have a little time tonight. But I would like to thank my Installed Grand

Officers. I'm going to ask you to stand one more time. Every Worthy Grand Matron thinks her Officers are the best and I'm going to say what every other Worthy Grand Matron says, she says "I know mine are the best" but I'm here to tell you, mine are the best. There was no school, no Fraternal visit that I did not have Grand Officers present. They were pretty in pink with a dash of black. And I thank each and every one of you. You came, you supported, and you were so sweet and kind. I just can't tell you how much I appreciate each and every one of you. We had fun, we laughed a little, we cried a time or two, but they were tears of joy. So, I thank you very much. I can't say much more because indeed to me you are the "Best of Texas" and I named this Banquet for just that reason. You are the "Best of Texas" and thank you very much for serving this year. Grand Chapter of Texas, I'm going to say this, they are very proud of you. Thank you so much. I love each and every one of you. (Applause)

MC Jimmie Lee McMahon: Thank you Sister Carolyn, but mine were the best. After the Benediction and the close of this Banquet please, please allow the head table to exit the room so they will be ready for your arrival at the Center. We have other guests that are waiting there for us. The Benediction will be given by the "Texas Railroad" man, our Conductor Brother Tom Murphy, Scottish Rite Committee Chairman and a Past Grand Patron of Texas and one of the kindest men you'll ever meet.

PGP Tom Murphy: Please join hands with the person next to you. Our heavenly Father, with heads bowed we bring this Banquet to a close. Let us depart with peace, love and charity for our Sisters and Brothers. Bless our members with your love and peace and bless those who are sick and hurting with your comfort and strength. Protect and watch over our military and first responders. Now 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 Jimmie Lee McMahon: Thank you my Sisters and Brothers for coming but more than that bless you and safe travels. The Deputies are going to help the two head tables exit. Please allow them to leave the room.

(End of Banquet)

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ESTARL Program

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7:45 Musical Prelude

Mrs. Susan Helmcamp
Grand Organist

8:00 p.m. Call to Order

Mrs. Jayne Yenger
Past Grand Matron

Mr. Trey Smith
Texas Arena Chairman, GGC
and Past Grand Patron

PGM Jayne Yenger: Good evening my Sisters and Brothers. It is a special privilege that has been given to me along with my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Trey Smith in opening this special "Harvest Blessings of Love and Kindness" Session. Sister Carolyn, we share a command bond and love for our Order. And I especially thank you for the kindness you have shown our membership this past year. Brother Burley, you have served the Grand Chapter well and have always been there for the membership. I enjoyed getting to ride with you, with both of you in the Grand Chapter van and of course giving you directions. You have reaped the harvest and we now wish for you both all the blessings of a wonderful Session. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I especially thank you for inviting my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Trey to open this 137th Session of this Grand Chapter with me. Standing in the East with him by my side, United we Stand. Thank you, Brother Trey. And your remarks.

PGP Trey Smith: Thank you Jayne, my Worthy Grand Matron. It seems like just yesterday that we were here at our own Session in Waco. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I want to personally thank you for this honor of assisting Sister Jayne, one more time, in the opening of the "Harvest Blessings of Love and Kindness" Session. It is a blessing to my heart. Worthy Grand Matron, I know that you and our Worthy Grand Patron have done everything to the very best of your ability for us all this past year. I can certainly appreciate all of the time and dedication you have both given to each of us and for our Order. You can both rest easy in 53 hours, 39 minutes and a few seconds. (Laughter) If I can give you a ray of hope or a glimmer of light let me share this with you, this one thought. Both

of your jewels are absolutely beautiful. They are phenomenal, if I do say so myself. (Laughter because his company made them) So there are your incentives to carry on for your just reward. May God bless you both, our Order and all of us during this Session.

PGP Jayne Yenger: Thank you Brother Trey. I now invite the Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. *** Sisters and Brothers, it is with honor that I present Sister Carolyn Martin, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Burley Jones, Worthy Grand Patron. You will join with me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Worthy Grand Matron I present to you your gavel.

WGM: Sister Jayne and Brother Trey. I want to thank you calling this "Harvesting Friendship" Session to order. Each of you mean so much to me and I deeply appreciate you agreeing to open this Session. I remember travelling in the van. All those secrets remain in the van but, antiquing we can talk about. Both of you have devoted many years to our beautiful Order. Worthy Grand Patron, I know they would like you to thank Sister Jayne and Brother Trey.

WGP: Thank you so much for participating in this evenings Session.

WGM: The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the duties of the Grand Chapter. * It is my pleasure to call upon Mrs. Mary Medford, General Chairman of ESTARL for the presentation of our ESTARL program.

Sister Mary Medford: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and Visitors. I extend to each of you a very warm welcome to aiding todays learners, tomorrow's leaders in ESTARL service. Thank you, Susan for that beautiful music. The letters of ESTARL stand for Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership. It is because of you that these recipients tonight and many before them have been able to achieve their calling. The ESTARL Committee has felt a great responsibility in making the decisions for these awards and has required much time and hard work but now we have come to the end and are beginning to realize the fruits of our labors. All of our lives we have been taught the importance of getting an education all the way from Kindergarten through High School. We count upon the support of family and friends. Once we hit college there comes a time when we must make

some changes in our lives. These changes are necessary for the quest of knowledge. Great sacrifices are made both financially and personally and we must reach past the family and friends that have always been there. This is where we step in. The Order of the Eastern Star is founded on many religious principals and we are honored to assist men and women who have chosen to follow the Lord through Religious Training. With your generous contributions this year we have given 15 full scholarships of \$1,000 each and one scholarship of \$500 as he will be graduating in December. It has been my honor to work with these wonderful women through this entire process and I would like to introduce them to you.

Diann Norton	District 1
Anita Mead	District 2 – She sends her regrets. She was not able to be with us.
Peggy Stewart	District 3
Karen Vest	District 4
Jane Hudson	District 5

Please join with me in showing our appreciation for their dedication and hard work. (Applause) Thank you very much. To be called to spread the gospel of the Lord is a tremendous responsibility. And our recipients have accepted this challenge in their lives by responding to this call. May God's blessing forever be with them. At this time, I invite Kara Mitchell, a recipient of District 1 to bring us our Invocation.

Mrs. Kara Mitchell: Will you pray with me? Dear God, we thank you so much for bringing us here this evening. Thank you for all the blessings you pour upon us each and every day. We thank you that you have blessed all of us in different ways. And thank you for this event that we can be honored to honor you, to further glorify you in your name and all things. And we ask all these things in your son Jesus name. Amen. (Amen)

Sister Mary Medford: Thank you Kara. That was beautiful. Noah Batts, recipient from District 1 will now bring us the scripture reading from the word of God.

Mr. Noah Batts: Ephesians 3:20 "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."

Sister Mary Medford: Thank you for sharing the word of God with us. The ESTARL program reaches out to the larger Christian community and demonstrates the love that Eastern Star has for Christian Sisters and Brothers. In our commitment to the great commission given to all Christians by the Lord and Savior that we made disciples of all nations. ESTARL is Eastern Star in action. May the Lord enter the hearts of each person here that we are inspired by this service and the offering at this time dedicated to our recipients will inspire each of us to look deeper into our pockets to invest in the future of our nation. Recipient Christian Messemer was unable to attend by Jeremy Bowers, a recipient of District 4 has agreed to bring us an offertory prayer.

Mr. Jeremy Bowers: Let's bow in prayer. Heavenly Father, I hope this awards ceremony of scholarships can help us in our own ways Lord, pursue God's calling for our life and to impact this world in the way you have for us to do, Lord. I believe this is provisioning of the Lord that allowed me to get this scholarship Lord, and I know that everyone else feels the same way. I pray over everyone's work and ministry Lord that you be with the scholarship and future and that we reach our full potential in your work, Lord. I thank you Lord for your provisioning and always providing when we don't know what's the next step. So, I pray Lord Jesus in your most precious name. Amen (Amen)

Sister Mary Medford: Thank you Jeremy for stepping in at the very last moment and giving us that inspirational prayer. We will now have an offertory for to help in aiding the future ESTARL applicants. Deputies of Grand Chapter if you will please pick up the offering. I greatly appreciate your assistance. And Sister Susan will begin again to bring us some beautiful music. Thank you, Sister Susan.

(Collection of Offertory)

Sister Mary Medford: We are so excited to have some of our recipients with us here this evening. Many were unable to attend but they send their regrets and express their appreciation for the support that this Grand Chapter is giving them. I invite Sister Carolyn Martin, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Burley Jones, Worthy Grand Patron to present the awards certificates to the honorees. If a relative, friend or member of the Chapter that has sponsored these recipients

is here this evening, please stand while their name is called. Recipients, as your name is called please come forward to receive your certificate. The District Chairmen will assist me in announcing these recipients. District 1 is Diann Norton.

Sister Diann Norton: It is my pleasure to introduce two of the five scholarships from District 1. Noah Batts, sponsoring Chapter Gilmer #355. (Applause) Kara Mitchell, sponsoring Chapter Pittsburg #381. (Applause)

Sister Mary Medford: Jennifer Spring, sponsored by McKinney Chapter #518. She'll be attending SMU Perkins School of Theology and she was unable to be with us this evening. As well as Forrest Wilson, sponsored by Dal-Cliff Chapter #574. He will be attending the Dallas Theological Seminary. Our District 2 Chairman Anita Mead was unable to be with us this evening and at this time we did not have any recipients from District 2 but I would just ask each of you to reach out to those in your Districts. Those that you think might possibly fit the requirements and please get them interested and encouraged. There's a lot of young men and women out there that could use our support. District 3 will be Peggy Stewart.

Sister Peggy Stewart: District 3 recipients are Nathaniel Day, sponsored by Whitney Chapter #930. He will be attending Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Christian Messemer sponsored by S. Ft. Worth Chapter #835 will be attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Josue Ramirez, sponsored by TMRC Daylight Chapter #1145. He will be attending Arlington Baptist University. Justin Steadman sponsored by Ruth Chapter #20. He will be attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Jake Turner sponsored by Everman Chapter #624 will be attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Jason Valendy, sponsored by N. Ft. Worth Chapter #684 will be attending Bright Divinity School at TCU. And they are deeply appreciative of all the efforts that we have gone to. Next will be District 4 Chairman Karen Vest.

Sister Karen Vest: Jeremy Bowers sponsored by Huntington Chapter #938. He will be attending Dallas Baptist Institute and Seminary. (Applause) Clayton Faulkner sponsored by Livingston Chapter #1139. He will be attending Walther Theological Seminary. Michael Waters sponsored by Burke Chapter #1098. He will be attending Perkins School of Theology Extension Campus. Here with us to accept

tonight on his behalf is his wife Renae, escorted by Sister Rosemary Berry, Past Grand Matron. (Applause) District 5, Jane Hudson.

Sister Jane Hudson: The recipients for District 5 are Matt DesAutels who is sponsored by Austin Chapter #304. He will be attending Truett Seminary at Baylor University. Unfortunately, he is not with us this evening because his wife is a school teacher. She was starting in a new school and he chose to stay home and help her set up her room. He is receiving a \$500 scholarship and he will be graduating in December. Congratulations Matt. The other recipient is Jordan McDaniel sponsored by Creedmoor Chapter #607. And he will be attending Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. (Applause)

Sister Mary Medford: I want to say congratulations to all the recipients. Forrest Wilson sends his regrets, but Noah Batts stepped in and said he would bring us the response on behalf of all recipients.

WGM: Sister Mary Medford, how pleased we are this evening to be able to present each of these scholarships that will somehow assist each of you in your ministerial studies. We are very excited that each of you could be present this evening. We extend our best wishes for the future to each of you. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP: I also extend to you wishes for the future and our gratitude for being present this evening.

Mr. Noah Batts: I wish to start by saying thank you for the faith you have expressed by your generosity. Although your gift shows faith in each one of us we do not neglect the more important fact that your generosity shows a great faith in God. And the faith of that sort is not easy. Yet again it reminds me of how Paul prayed at the end of Ephesians 3. Paul knows what it means to give and to sacrifice and to hold God's blessings with open palms. In a way that he is ready to freely give just as he freely has been given. What Paul also knows is the real power behind his life of giving. I remind you he says ""Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." Your gift in faith intersects with this truth. What this means is all that we are, all our efforts, all we have to offer is useful only because we serve a God who is able to do so much more with us than what we can do by our own strength. That's quite a humbling way of putting that. But to say it another way, whatever value of worth we put on our giving and efforts, God makes it more. God makes it better. That's a God of

love. So, I encourage all of us to take a posture before God as Paul does. His prayer concludes "To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen" Thank you. (Applause)

Sister Mary Medford: Thank you Noah for those kind words. I would like to say thank you to my District Chairmen for your labor of love and support both tonight and all year. I couldn't have done it without you. To the recipients here this evening, just know that we appreciate the sacrifices you have made to be with us. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the assistance tonight and for these wonderful honors and being with us this evening and it is a wonderful honor, I greatly appreciate it. We will now have remarks from our Worthy Grand Patron Burley Jones.

WGM: Sister Mary Medford, thank you so much for this wonderful program and your dedication to this Committee. The diligence of your Committee have made this program a success. Thank you so much for your attention and dedication to the ESTARL program. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP: We are so pleased to have each of you with us this evening at this beautiful program. Thank you for coming.

WGM: This concludes our ESTARL program this evening. We will now prepare for our Memorial program and the Grand Officers will retire. (Applause)

Sister Mary Medford: Before we leave this evening, we have Jordan McDaniel a District 5 recipient who will give us our Benediction.

Mr. Jordan McDaniel: I know I've already said it, but we are just so thankful. Everyone we've met has been so kind. It's just blown us away. So, we just thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We are so honored to be here. So, as I close in prayer, I just wanted to start with that. Thank you all. Everyone has been so, so kind, so gracious and honored us so deeply. So, let's pray together, yes? Heavenly Father, we love you. We thank you for a group of men and women dedicated to helping your kingdom come into the world in a really practical and powerful way. Thank you so

much for allowing us to be here. I pray as we go out today, we go out knowing that you love us so deeply. We pray this in your son's name. Amen. (Amen)

Sister Mary Medford: That concludes our ESTARL program. If you will give them just a few moments to prepare for the Memorial program. Thank you. (Applause)

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at the Cross”**

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Musical Prelude

Mrs. Treaca Huston
Grand Musician

Opening

Mrs. Sherrie Fowler
Grand Chaplain

Sister Sherrie Fowler: I invite the Installed Grand Officers and Past Grand Matrons taking part in the Memorial Program to enter for the "At the Cross" Drill under the direction of Sister Doris Jones, Grand Marshal. ***

("At the Cross" Drill)

Sister Sherrie Fowler: Please join the Grand Choir in singing "The Old Rugged Cross".

("The Old Rugged Cross")
Grand Choir and Membership

WGM: * Thank you to everyone that 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 Dr. Effie Mae Davis and Brother Graham Childress, Subordinate Chapter members, and our United States Military. I invite our Grand Chaplain to present our "Harvest Memories at the Cross" Memorial Program.

Sister Sherrie Fowler: At this time, let us go to the Lord in prayer. Our Invocation will be given by Mr. Tom Murphy, General Grand Chapter, Scottish Rite Charities Chairman and Past Grand Patron of Texas. ***

PGP Tom Murphy: Let us all bow our heads in prayer. Almighty God. Source of all life. By whose power our Lord Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We praise you. We give you thanks for this great victory over sin and death. Our despair has changed to triumph, our fears to hope. We are grateful for your constancy and your love and ask that you help us understand and accept the mysteries of life. Father, we come into your presence with a heavy heart. Remembering those who once dwelt among us and have gone to a heavenly home to be with you forever. We thank you for the opportunity of having them

touch our lives during their earthly journey. We thank thee for the friendships that are our gifts to each other. We ask that you bless our Order, our ideals, our benevolent work and strengthen us in thy service. All these things we ask in your holy name. Amen. (Amen)

Sister Sherrie Fowler: * Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, my Sisters and Brothers, all. It is my great pleasure to present the "Harvest of Memories at the Cross" Memorial Program. It is my hope that you will be comforted by the scriptures read this evening for we know that God will sustain us during our times of loss. As Believers, we know we have a blessed hope of things to come and we thank God for giving his beloved Son to die for our sins. We can be assured that heaven awaits those who die in Christ. In our holy Bible at Romans 14:8 it says, "For if we live, we live to the Lord. And if we die, we die to the Lord." At Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 we are told, "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted. A time to break down and a time to build up. A time to weep and a time to laugh. A time to weep and a time to dance." During this last year, we are thankful that no Officers of General Grand Chapter have been lost. But our hearts are with them as they have faced losses of family and friends. We are saddened as we mourn the loss of two (2) Installed Grand Officers, twenty-nine (29) Past Grand Matrons, and thirty-seven (37) Past Grand Patrons from twenty-nine (29) other Grand Jurisdictions. One Past Grand Matron and one Past Grand Patron of Texas, and nine hundred twenty-four (924) members of Subordinate Chapters in the Grand Chapter of Texas. Memorials were sent to the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in memory of Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Past Grand Matron of Texas and in memory of Mr. Graham Hugh Childress, Past Grand Patron of Texas. There were sixty-eight (68) cards of condolence sent to twenty-nine (29) other Grand Jurisdictions. Also, two hundred thirty-five (235) Sympathy, Cheer, Get-Well and Think of You cards were sent to the members of Grand Chapter of Texas. I was able to attend forty-two (42) Fraternal Visits, thirty (30) Schools of Instruction, five (5) Round-ups, including Mr. X, one (1) Masonic Conference, one (1) TMRC Party, the Four-State Exchange, two (2) Past Grand hangings, the Board of Retirement Banquet, the District 1 Banquet and took part in eight (8) Installations. I also went to Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana Grand Chapters and General Grand Chapter and Lodge and Grand Assembly.

During the past year I traveled over 22,000 miles and enjoyed every mile and every moment. To Sister Carolyn Martin, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Burley Jones, Worthy Grand Patron, I am forever grateful to have been appointed as Grand Chaplain this year. It truly has been a wonderful experience filled with love and beautiful memories. It is now my pleasure to present Sister Patricia Faltecek, Texas Tabbies Chairman, District 4

Solo of "At the Cross, Love Ran Red"
Sung by Patricia Faltecek
(Applause)

Sister Sherrie Fowler: As we assemble here this evening, we mourn with those General Grand Chapter members who have lost family members and friends, Sisters and Brothers. God reminds us in his holy word that he offers us the hope of eternal life in heaven. At John 3:16 we are told "For God so love the world that he gave his only son. That whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." And it says in the Bible that we can be comforted by knowing that we are his sheep and he is our Shephard. Revelations 7:17 says "For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to the springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." Presenting the Floral Tribute to General Grand Chapter is Mrs. Vi Griffin, General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly, General Chairman and Past Grand Matron of Texas. She is escorted by Mr. Trey Smith, General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly, Arena Chairman and a Past Grand Patron of Texas.

(Floral Arrangement in memory of General Grand Chapter)
Mrs. Vi Griffin and Mr. Trey Smith

Over the past year there have Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons from twenty-nine other Grand Jurisdictions who were called to their eternal home. We lovingly pay tribute these dedicated members and extend our sympathy to their families and friends. The holy Bible reminds us that God not only understands our pain and empathizes with our grief but also that He will never leave our side. John 16:22 says "Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy." So, we can turn to the word of God for healing and comfort in our time of pain. We are also told at Psalm 55:22 to "Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall." Presenting the Floral Tribute to the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other

Grand Jurisdictions is Mrs. Bess Caldwell, Past Grand Matron of Texas. She is escorted by Mr. Bill Wyatt, General Grand Chapter Ambassador to Alaska and Past Grand Patron of Texas.

**(Floral Arrangement in memory of Past Grand Matrons and
Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions)
Mrs. Bess Caldwell and Mr. Bill Wyatt**

This year, the Grand Chapter of Texas mourns the loss of one Past Grand Matron and one Past Grand Patron. As we mourn for our Sister and Brother, we are reminded that in times of sorrow and grief God promises us that he is always faithful and that he is always looking over us and protecting us. At Psalm 27:4-5 it says "One thing I ask of the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling." And it says in Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted." Dr. Effie Mae Davis was born in San Antonio, Texas on May 17, 1919 and went to be with the Lord on September 3, 2018. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Baylor University and was a member of many Fraternal Organizations. Sister Effie Mae Davis served as Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas in the years 1990-1991 with Brother Graham Hugh Childress. She also served General Grand Chapter as Worthy Grand Adah and served on many other Committees throughout the years. Mr. Graham Hugh Childress was born in San Angelo, Texas on February 17, 1936 and passed away on September 11, 2018. He graduated from Rice University and served in the United States Navy in Korea and Viet Nam after which he was honorably discharged as Lieutenant Commander. Brother Graham Hugh Childress served as Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas in the years 1990-1991 with Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Effie Mae Davis. Among other honors which were bestowed upon him he was the 150th Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Presenting the Floral Tribute to the Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron of Texas is Mrs. Betty Benham, Worthy Grand Esther and Past Grand Matron of Texas. She is escorted by Mr. Jerry Trees, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

**(Floral Arrangement in memory of Past Grand Matron and
Past Grand Patron of Texas)
Mrs. Betty Benham and Mr. Jerry Trees**

We have been saddened by the lost of 924 members of our Subordinate Chapters during the past year. We will miss the warm fellowship that we shared with these sweet ones. And we extend our sympathy and prayers to their family and friends. God gives us many wonderful reassurances that he will heal our broken hearts. At Psalm 34:18 it says, "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." We also find solace in Jesus promise that he has prepared a life in heaven for our loved ones. And that is more wonderful than even we can imagine. Jesus tells us in John 14:1-4 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me. My Father's house are many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." Presenting the Floral Tribute to the Subordinate Chapter members is Mrs. Jerre Lucas, General Grand Chapter Credentials Committee Chairman and Past Grand Matron of Texas. She is escorted by Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

**(Floral Arrangement in memory of Subordinate Chapters)
Mrs. Jerre Lucas and Mr. Kenneth Gregory**

Now we honor the men and women of the United States Military who have lost their lives courageously defending our freedom around the world. We extend our love and are forever grateful to these men and women and to their families for the sacrifices they have made. In our holy Bible at Psalm 18:2 it tells us "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer, my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." These military families are sustained by the power and strength that comes from God to carry them through the most difficult times. God gives us comfort and hope because he reassures us that his strength will never fail. At Joshua 1:9 God tells us "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, do not be dismayed, for the Lord you God will be with you wherever you go." Presenting the Floral Tribute to the United States Military is Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, Past Grand Matron of Texas. She is escorted by Mr. Ray Hertenberger, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

**(Floral Arrangement in memory of our United States Military)
Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler and Mr. Ray Hertenberger**

Worthy Grand Matron, I invite you to preside.

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

(Opening the Bible)

Sister Sherrie Fowler: * I now have the pleasure of introducing Mr. Jerry Neuenschwander, our Grand Choir Director. He will sing "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow."

("I Know Who Holds Tomorrow")

Sung by Jerry Neuenschwander

(Applause)

Sister Sherri Fowler: We are now privileged to hear a poem written by our Fraternal Correspondent, Mrs. Carole McGee.

Sister Carole McGee: The name of my poem is "Blessings".

"Blessings"

As we reflect on the dear ones we've lost this year
We pause with reverence as we remain here to persevere.
To continue this journey of valleys and peaks.
To attain a goal they've already reached.
Emotions or feelings we sometimes struggle to explain
Joy, love, heartache and pain.
Often our feelings go deeper than the words we are expressing
but without a doubt each life was a blessing.
We know with certainty at the end of our races
That once again, we'll see the faces.
Of Sisters and Brothers, friends we cherished
Who left sweet memories when their earthly lives perished.
They embarked on a journey of testimony of belief
In a risen Savior who promised no more sorrow, no more grief.
Their lives gave us memories of heroes, good deeds, hopes and
dreams
Laughter, tears and too soon it seems.
There were no more plans, no aims to achieve
The journey was complete, it was time to leave.
But God is always in control his timing is best
He opened his arms and received them into eternal rest.

He gave us comfort and dried our tears.
Affirmed our hopes and calmed our fears.
Many sad events reduce links in our chain
But many new stars adorn heaven's domain.
We felt the soft rustle as angels took flight
For those to whom we pay tribute tonight.
Heaven's stars are a twinkle with new additions
As we honor those Past Grand Matrons and Patrons
Of Other Grand Jurisdictions.
Jesus beacons with his call to obey
And our Past Grand Matron ascended that stairway.
But who else was ready to leave this earthly grind?
Her own Past Grand Patron was only a step behind.
Many members of our Subordinate Chapters
Years upon years of faithful service.
Heard the gentle voice and the whisper of God's nearness.
This nation of freedom, the red, white and blue
Lives given fearlessly for me and for you.
We honor their courage and the sacrifice they gave
For us to live here in the land of the free and the home of the
brave.
We're sorrowful for the departure of our honored friends
But we celebrate their arrival where that new life never ends.
Emotions or feelings we sometimes struggle to explain
Joy, love, heartache and pain.
Often our feelings go deeper than the words we're expressing.
But without a doubt each life was a Blessing.
Thank you.
(Applause)

Sister Sherrie Fowler: At this time Mrs. Mary Harvey, Grand Page to Grand Ruth, will sing "Give Me Jesus"

**("Give Me Jesus")
Mrs. Mary Harvey
(Applause)**

WGM: Sisters and Brothers let us pause to pay tribute to those who have completed their journey when life's lessons all are learned, and all duties are done. They have answered to the Master's call that bayed them welcome home. "Let not your heart be troubled. You believe in God believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you.

I go to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself, that where I am, there you may be also." John 14:1-3. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Chaplain, you will assume your positions for the draping of the Altar. *** To everything there is a season for planting, growing and reaping. And so it is with our daily life and for memories we are keeping. Sister Grand Chaplain, you will lead us in the Lord's Prayer in unison.

**(The Lord's Prayer in Unison)
Grand Chaplain Sherry Fowler**

WGM: In God's garden there is an open gate through which each must go alone. And there in a light we cannot see our Father claims his own. Beyond the gate these loved ones find happiness and rest. And there is comfort in the thought that a loving God knows best. Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our holy Bible to conclude this evening.

Brother Jerry Trees, Past Grand Patron will bring the benediction.

PGP Jerry Trees: Will you bow your heads as we go to the Lord in prayer. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we pause at the close of this Memorial Service and humbly as in the name of Him whose star in the East we follow that you would forgive our every sin and transgressions that our prayer may be acceptable in your sight. Accept our thanks, oh God, for those we have paid homage to this evening. Thanks for having known them for many years. Thanks for the love in our hearts for them and their love for us. Thank you, Father for your leadership in their lives that enabled them to service our Order in a way that was pleasing to you which gave people direction to the Order of the Eastern Star all around the world. We miss each one. We do not question your decision to take them to a better home. We only thank you that we were committed to know them, to love them and for what they contributed to our Order and to our individual lives. We ask that you draw their loved ones ever near to you and supply the need in their lose as only you can do. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen (Amen)

WGM: *

(End of ESTARL and Memorial Programs)

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8:30 AM - 8:45 AM Musical Prelude

Beverly Plante
Grand Representative of Texas
to Alberta, Canada

8:45 A.M. Organist Opening

Beverly Plante

8:45 AM Call to Order:

Mrs. Joyce Nicklas
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Ray Hertenberger
Past Grand Patron of Texas

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Sisters and Brothers, we have a birthday girl in the house. Sister Vi Griffin, we're going to sing "Happy Birthday" to you. (Sings Happy Birthday and applause) I love you. Sister Carolyn Martin, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Burley Jones, Worthy Grand Patron, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me the honor of opening the "Golden Leaves of Friendship" Session of this Grand Chapter. I truly appreciate this opportunity to again work "side by side" with my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ray Hertenberger. As you begin to take on the duties of presiding over this 137th Grand Chapter Session, just know that our prayers are with the both you that you will have the needed grace and the same love and dignity you have shown our membership throughout this year. And just know that this Past Grand Matron and this Past Grand Patron love both of you "Bunches and Bunches". Brother Ray.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I sincerely thank you for allowing me honor of assisting in the opening of the "Golden Leaves of Friendship" Session with my Worthy Grand Matron Sister Joyce Nicklas. We have remained very close friends over the years and I truly do appreciate your allowing me to stand with her again in the Grand East.

Sister Carolyn and Brother Burley, you both are very close friends of Vicki and I and we have been very proud to be members of Eastern Star in Texas under your leadership and we sincerely hope that you have a smooth and productive Grand Chapter.

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Thank you, Brother Ray. It is indeed my pleasure to call this Friday Morning "Golden Leaves of Friendship" Session to Order. * We are honored to have the presentation of the "Harvest of Memories" Drill presented by the 2018-2019 Grand Chapter Officers and their Pages.

**(Harvest of Memories" Drill)
(Applause)**

Thank you, Sister Grand Marshal, the drill was outstanding. And I could really see it well up here y'all. It was an apple. Sisters and Brothers, under the direction of William "Bill" Wyatt, we will now have the precision drill, a Texas Tradition, to set up the Chapter.

**(Precision Drill)
(Applause)**

Sisters and Brothers, I now invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Chapter Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. *** (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is my privilege to present Sister Carolyn A. Martin, Worthy and Brother Burley Jones. Brother Burley is our Worthy Grand Patron and Sister Carolyn our Worthy Grand Matron. Join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) * Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Carolyn, it is with great pleasure that I present to you your Gavel to preside over this Session. This has indeed been a year of Celebrations for our Order. You have shared your time and kindness with the membership, and they will have lasting memories of this Harvest year.

WGM: The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of the Grand Chapter. * Sister Joyce and Brother Ray, thank you so much for opening this Friday morning "Golden Leaves of Friendship" Session of Grand Chapter. Sister Joyce, your love for our membership makes you an outstanding Past Grand Matron. As always, your sense of humor has and always will be a gift to our membership. Brother Ray, we have always been able to count on you to step in whenever and wherever needed. It was a delight for me to have both you and Sister Joyce open this Friday morning Session. As all of you know, music is in my soul and I so appreciate the beautiful music that began our session this morning. My appreciation goes out to Sister Beverly Plante. (Applause) Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP: Sister Joyce and Brother Ray, I also thank you for opening this Friday morning Session. Both of you bring so much to our Grand Chapter.

WGM: Brother Grand Warder

Gr Warder: Worthy Grand Matron

WGM: You will see that the doors to our Grand Chapter are secure and inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter Session from Rest to Labor and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

Gr. Warder: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this Grand Chapter Session from Rest to Labor, and you are directed to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

WGM: Excuse me, Brother Grand Warder, there's a door at that end.

Gr. Warder: Can someone close that closet door?

WGM: Oh, it can't be closed.

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

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: Sister Karen Morgenthaler, Past Grand Matron will bring our Invocation

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: Sisters and Brothers will you join hands with the person beside you. Almighty and Everlasting God, we thank you for this day of fellowship and love. Be with our Father, in our deliberations, and may we remember that thy standards should always be our standards. We thank thee for thy blessings, joy and peace, which the world can neither give nor take away. For memories cherished through good times and bad, and for being our Lord who is always with us. Guide us in the path so we do not stagger at the uneven motions of the world around us. Into Thy hands we commit the keeping and care of our lives and the lives of our loved ones. Bless those who serve in our Military and our First Responders. Through Christ our Lord, Amen. (Amen)

WGM: I now declare the "Golden Leaves of Friendship" Session called from Rest to Labor. Brother Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel. * Sister Karen Morgenthaler thank you for your devotion to our Order. We appreciate your voicing the beautiful morning prayer. We will now have our scripture reading by Mrs. Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron.

PGM Nancy Brown: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron share their favorite scripture which is 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."

WGM: Thank you very much Sister Nancy, I appreciate your dedication and love to our Order and Thank you for presenting our Scripture for this morning. I have a couple of announcements this morning. Sister Secretary, do we have time for regrets at this point?

Gr. Secretary: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, I have regrets from Sister Rennie Oton, our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Texas. From Brother Glenn Whitaker, General Grand Chapter Heart Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Texas and his wife June. Brother John Creel, General Grand Chapter Unfinished Business and a Past Grand Patron of Texas and his wife Kathy. Brother Baldur Johnson, Past Grand Patron of Manitoba and his wife, Maisie, General Grand Chapter Campfire Friends.

WGM: Last night we did not give the report of the donations to the ESTARL Committee. So, I am very, very pleased to announce that we have \$1,600. to go to the ESTARL Committee and we so appreciate each and every one of you who donated last evening. It was a beautiful, beautiful ESTARL Program and a beautiful Memorial program. And we were thinking we knew you would be most interested to know how we made out so, we thank each and every-one of you very much. I do have an announcement from Brother Jack. He wants me to tell you that if you are going to the Cascades, please don't forget the bus. \$5.00 round trip so he wanted to make sure that everybody sitting in this room and we have some new folks that weren't here that this is something that you can do and have a ride and ride back. Can't beat that. Thank you.

We will now begin our reports. You will find the List on page 59 of your Session book. Would the Chairman of each Committee of Grand Chapter please come to the East and be seated so you will be ready to give your report. Please remember you will need three copies of your report to be given to the Grand Secretary. We will proceed with the business of this Grand Chapter. Should you not understand what is being presented, please, let us know so that we may clarify. We want each of you to understand the business of Grand Chapter. As a reminder, the red cards are for voting members of Grand Chapter. The yellow card is for the Chapter Representatives. Constitutional amendments require delegate approval and chapter representative approval. We cannot conduct our business unless we have 25% of the chapter representatives present. So please stay with us. You heard the Credentials report yesterday but I know there's a lot of movement so please try to stay with us so we can meet the 25% requirement. Thank you very much. At this time, I would like to appoint Sister Barbara Trammel to help me out as a timekeeper. We are going to try something today, different. We are going to have on the screen the time clock. And of course, the Parliamentarian is official but we're trying to help you out. Are we going to be able to do that Brother Ben? The time clock. It will take that long for the Chairmen to come and so forth but yes, we are just getting ready for voting. But we will have a time clock so if you are speaking you can see your time running. Three minutes and the Parliamentarian will give you all the conditions on how we are going to proceed today. I just need someone to be on the floor as a second check. Without further ado, I would like to recognize Sister Janet Travers, Parliamentarian.

Sister Janet Travers: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Guests. The Parliamentary Rules of Procedure for this Grand Chapter Session will be found on Page 68 of your program. These procedures are in accordance with the Code of Laws, Article 157, Pages 118-120. I will not read all of them to you, but I will address several of them that you need to be aware of as we take care of business this morning. **(All bolded areas were read by the Parliamentarian.)**

1. "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall be the adopted parliamentary authority and the rules found therein shall govern in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

2. The Credentials Committee, immediately prior to the Ritualistic Opening of Grand Chapter shall report the number of delegates registered. The report of this committee will determine if a quorum is present. Immediately prior to holding the election at the Saturday morning session, the Credentials Committee shall make a final report of those entitled to vote and the total number of votes.

3. In order to enter the Grand Chapter meeting room for all business sessions, delegates shall wear the official badge issued by the Registration Committee and must also show a current dues card or demit. On Saturday morning, delegates also must have their signed official ballot for admission to the Grand Chapter room.

4. There shall be three (3) written copies of all motions made from the floor. These copies shall have the name, signature, and chapter name and number of the maker of the motion, as well as that of the member seconding the motion. These copies are to be distributed

- a. One copy to the Worthy Grand Matron;
- b. One copy to the Grand Secretary;
- c. One copy to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

5. Only Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons, Past Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction (or members holding the proxy of the Worthy Matron and/or Worthy Patron) are 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/discussion can begin.

8. A motion may be amended (primary amendment) and the amendment may be amended (secondary amendment). In taking the vote, the secondary amendment is voted on first, then the primary amendment as amended, then the original motion as amended. (In other words, if there is a secondary amendment only applies to the primary amendment that was made. Once the secondary amendment has been voted on, the primary amendment will then be voted on. And then once the primary amendment is voted on based on the adoption or rejection of that amendment then the whole amendment will be voted on. So it's a three step process.)

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 un-less 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 red card; Chapter Representatives will hold up the yellow 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. (In other words, after the Presiding Officer presents the motion, if someone wishes to withdraw the motion, a vote has to be taken to allow that motion to be withdrawn.)

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 the table
- g. To proceed to close

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

once the previous question is called a vote has to be taken and it has to be a 2/3 vote and adopted before you can move back to the amendment that was on the floor.)

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. (No media devices, cell phones, tablets, etc. are permitted to record the proceedings in the Grand Chapter room.)

22. Bottled water and small snacks are permitted in the Grand Chapter room.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I move that we adopt these Parliamentary Rules of Procedure for this Grand Chapter Session.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt the report of the Parliamentarian. Is there a second?

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

WGM: Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your red cards. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. *

WGM: We are now prepared for our reports and the business of Grand chapter. At this time, I would like to call on William H. "Billy" Clabaugh for the report of the Chapters U.D.

PGP Billy Clabaugh: Worthy Grand Matron, Worth Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. I would like to introduce the other members of this Committee. They were Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Past Grand Matron and Brother Bill Crews, Past Grand Patron. We would like to report that new Chapters have been added to this Jurisdiction but that is not the case. There were no applications for new Chapters. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, this Committee would like to thank you for your confidence in allowing us to serve on this Committee. And Worthy Grand Matron, I move the acceptance 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 red card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. * Brother Billy, Sister Yvonne, and Brother Bill Crews, thank you so much for serving on this Committee and we appreciate your dedication to Grand Chapter. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside.

WGP: I call on Caroiyn A. Martin, Worthy Grand Matron to give her report.

WGM: My report which has an ending date of May 31, 2019 is printed in the Advanced Annual Report which is included in your registration packet. Hopefully, you have had the opportunity to read it as I have included a great deal of information that pertains to our Grand Chapter. I will now read my supplemental report which begins June 1 to date.

Supplemental Report
of the
Worthy Grand Matron

To The Membership of Texas

The following Supplemental Report includes only those activities and decisions that occurred after May 31, 2019. All other information is included in the Advanced Annual Report.

The following are additional By-Laws that were approved:

By-Laws approved for 2018 - 2019 after May 31, 2019

Quitman #695

Zapata #1106

Gilmer #355

Pleasanton #133

Quitman #695 (2nd change)

Cypress #1102

Alvin #15

Lipan #127

Lewisville #935

Vidor #914

Port Neches #677

Huntington #938

Loyal #648

Consolidated Chapters after May 31, 2019

Madisonville #193 with Normangee #87
Avery #252 with New Boston #700
Brock #274 with Lipan #127
Plano #703 with McKinney #518
Mabank #821 with Athens #177
Seabrook #1096 with Pasadena #711
Liberty-Dayton #634 with New Caney #1093
Commerce #208 with Wolfe City #1129
Garrison #192 with Timpson #1140

Decisions, Rulings, Irregularities, Discipline

It was necessary to quote the Ritual as to who may sit in a closed chapter meeting which are those recognized by General Grand Chapter. Resolved

A chapter was laboring under duress as to members who had Masonic Charges against them, and I directed that these members were not eligible to serve in any office, and it was necessary that I move the chapter out of the Masonic Building. (MWGM Letter, and copy of WGM letter) Resolved

The Associate Matron of a chapter became ill and as she had never been installed, the chapter asked to elect a new AM but needed to know if a dispensation for a late election was necessary. Resolved

This concludes my Supplemental Report, and I move for the adoption of this report and it is referred to the proper committee.

Respectfully submitted,


Carolyn A. Martin
Worthy Grand Matron

WGM: Worthy Grand Patron, I move that my printed report and my supplemental report be referred to the proper committee.

WGP: Sisters and Brothers, a motion has been made and seconded that the printed report and the Supplementary Report of the Worthy Grand Matron be referred to the proper committee. All in favor, raise your red card. Cards Down. All opposed, raise your red card. Motion passed. * Worthy Grand Matron, I return the gavel to you.

WGM: I now recognize our Worthy Grand Patron for his report.

WGP:

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON
MR. BURLEY D. JONES
2018 – 2019**

TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF TEXAS

The following Supplement Report includes only those activities that occurred after May 31, 2019. All other activities are included in the Annual Report.

I attended the Ice Cream Social Honoring the Worthy Grand Matron and D1 S6 Grand Officers on June 2nd, at Palestine Masonic Lodge.

I was Assisting Installing Grand Officer for Texas City Chapter #626 and Installing Chaplain at Huffman Chapter #1112, in June.

I Presented a 50 Year Certificate and Pin at Cleveland Chapter #465, on July 2nd.

I Attended the Grand Assembly of Texas International Order of Rainbow for Girls in July.

I attended the District 4 Celebration Banquet at Monument Inn, on July 6th, Honoring the Installed Grand Officers of District 4. It was beautifully decorated, and everyone enjoyed being under the Circus Big Top.

I attended the TMRC Red, White and Blue Party on July 7th in Arlington.

I gave greetings at the Board of Directors Retirement Party in Fort Worth, on July 19th.

I attended the D4, S4 Tea at Huffman Chapter #1112 Honoring WGP, Installed Grand Officers, Elected Board Member, Deputy Grand Matron, Grand Representatives and Humanitarian Chairman, all of District 4, Section 4, on August 3rd.

I attended the Banquet Honoring the DDGM D4 S4 at Monument Inn, on August 4th. The Past Matrons and Patrons Association did a beautiful job.

Worthy Grand Matron, this concludes my Supplemental Report, and I move for the adoption of this report and is referred it is referred to the proper committee.

Burley D. Jones
Worthy Grand Patron of Texas, 2018 - 2019

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, a motion has been made and seconded that the printed report and the Supplementary Report of the Worthy Grand Patron be referred to the proper committee. All in favor, raise your red card. Cards Down. All opposed, raise your red card. Motion passed. * I now recognize our Grand Secretary, Sister Ellen Pickrell for her report

Gr. Secretary: Good Morning. You might want to get out your Advanced Annual Report and turn to Page 30 and 31.

(Supplemental Report on next page)

GRAND SECRETARY SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

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 30 AND 31 I WILL UPDATE YOU ON CHAPTER AND MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS. PAGE 30 – CHAPTERS, AS OF THE ADVANCE REPORT WE HAD 278 CHAPTERS. SINCE MAY 31, 2019 WE HAVE LOST THE FOLLOWING 9 CHAPTERS TO CONSOLIDATION:

Madisonville #193 with Normangee #87
Avery #252 with New Boston #700
Brock #274 with Lipan #127
Plano #703 with McKinney #518
Mabank #821 with Athens #177
Seabrook #1096 with Pasadena #711
Liberty-Dayton #834 with New Caney #1093
Commerce #208 with Wolfe City #1129
Garrison #192 with Timpson #1140

WE END THIS GRAND CHAPTER YEAR WITH A TOTAL OF 269 CHAPTERS.

ON PAGE 31, THE MEMBERSHIP REPORT.

Total Membership Ending Grand Chapter 2018 21,848

MEMBERSHIP INCREASES:

Initiated	431
Affiliated by Transfer	38
Affiliated by Plural	237
Affiliated by Demits	37
Reinstated	134

For a total increase of 877

MEMBERSHIP DECREASES:

Demitted	227
Grand Demits	0
Plural Withdrawn	77
Expelled	2
Transferred Out	21
Suspended	648
Died	924
Lost in Consolidation	39

For a total decrease of 1,938

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF GRAND CHAPTER 2019	20,789
PLURAL MEMBERSHIP	1,715
ACTUAL MEMBERS	19,072

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.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, a motion has been made and seconded that the printed report and the Supplementary Report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the proper committee. All in favor, raise your red card. Cards Down. All opposed, same sign. Motion passed. * Thank you, Sister Ellen for a job well done. I appreciate your constant help and assistance and as you know you are on my speed dial. I thank you and your office staff for being so conscientious in seeing that our Grand Chapter Office was so efficiently run. I now recognize our Grand Treasurer, Sister Greta Spradling for her report.

Gr. Treasurer Greta Spradling: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

It has been my honor to serve as the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility.

The Advanced Report includes details of my travel and activity for the year. This includes attending: schools, fraternal visits, the Grand Chapter of Missouri, General Grand Chapter in Orlando, Florida, and Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, in Waco.

Responsibilities of the Grand Treasurer include oversight to the financial investments of the Grand Chapter. Each month the nine (9) investment accounts totaling over \$20 million are reconciled. Following the reconciliations, the Board of Directors are provided with complete financial reports for all the accounts of Grand Chapter and the Eastern Star Home. The Board will present individual account reports during this session.

Refer to the Advanced Report to see the Treasurer Table 1 and Table 2. Treasure Table 1 includes the account balances for investment accounts as of 5/31/2019.

Endowed Memberships are also the responsibility of the Grand Treasurer. Since the preparation of the Advance Report, more Endowed Memberships have been purchased. Here are the revised totals to date:

Between September 2018 and July 2019, 123 Endowed Memberships have been purchased. There are currently 6,858 Endowed Memberships. The Advanced Report includes a Treasurer Table 2 listing 140 Endowed Memberships assigned to Grand Chapter as of March 31, 2019. Please note that since March 31, I have had a few request to transfer individuals to a new parent chapter.

In an effort to keep you informed, I have written articles for the Official Bulletin under the Heading, Key Information. These articles appeared in the March, April, May, and June issues. Please let me know if you have a question regarding finances or speak with your Board Representative. The Constitution and Code of Laws is the best resource.

All my appreciations are listed individually and by name in the Advanced Report. I am delighted to meet our Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, Linn McNary and Grand Treasurers from other Jurisdictions. Welcome to Texas. ~~I will not take up any additional time.~~

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the report of the Grand Treasurer as printed in the Advanced Report and the Supplemental Report as submitted be adopted.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, a motion has been made and seconded that the printed report and the Supplementary Report of the Grand Treasurer be referred to the proper committee. All in favor, raise your red card. Cards Down. All opposed, same sign. Motion passed. * Do I see the Board of Directors in the Grand Chapter Room? I'm looking for information. Do we know where the Board of Directors are? Thank you, so much for the wonderful job that you do for our Grand Chapter. I have sent someone to find them, but in the meantime would our Choir Director please, we are getting ready to vote so we will be putting the tables and the speakers out. But I have our Grand Choir Director, lead us all in a song.

**“Deep in the Heart of Texas”
Led by Jerry Neuenschwander**

Thank you so very, very much. “Deep in the Heart of Texas”. I would ask that Brother Tom Murphy come to the East and we will have Grievances and Appeals at this moment.

PGP Tom Murphy: Good morning. My name is Tom Murphy and I’m Chairman of the Grievances and Appeals Committee.

Tom Murphy – Chairman
General Grand Chapter
Scottish Rite Charities - Chairman
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Vi Griffin – member
General Grand Chapter
Triennial Assembly
General Chairman - Texas
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Jayne Yenger- member
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests,
My Sisters and Brothers,

I am Tom Murphy, Chairman of the Grievances and Appeals Committee and I would like to introduce the members appointed to serve with me on the Grievances and Appeals Committee this year-

They are Sister Vi Griffin, General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly Chairman – Texas and a Past Grand Matron of Texas;

Sister Jayne Yenger, Past Grand Matron of Texas;

There have been no formal request sent to the Committee this year for our review, but we would like to request of the membership that you

Carefully review anything you are about to place on the different social media web sites. They can be misconstrued if not worded right or be very close to electioneering.

Just make sure it says what you want it to say is what you typed before you hit the send button.

Your Grievances and Appeals Committee thanks you for your help.

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

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion from the Grievances and Appeals Committee to adopt their report. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your red cards. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. * I now recognize Sister Carlotta Fairchild, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the reports of the Board.

Sister Carlotta Fairchild:

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
137th GRAND CHAPTER SESSION
AUGUST 2019
TYLER, TEXAS

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron,

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, My Sisters and Brothers. It is my pleasure to present the Report of the Board of Directors for the Grand Chapter year of 2018-2019 and to introduce the members of your Board of Directors:

Mr. Robert "Bob" Royall, Vice-Chairman from District Four

Mrs. Barbara Martin, Secretary from District Three

Mr. James Parker, District One

Mr. Tom Brisko, District One

Mrs. Cindi Echols, District Two

Mrs. Tamela Henington, District Two

Mr. Darrell Albrecht, District Three

Mrs. Debra "Debi" Fincher, District Four

Mrs. Phyllis Wilson, District Five

My thanks and appreciation for this Board is immeasurable. They have each gone the extra mile in performing their assigned tasks. Please help me show them how much I appreciate them.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, while all my Board members are still standing we would like to present you both with a love gift from us for everything that you have done.

It is my pleasure to present the Report of the Board of Directors for the Grand Chapter year of 2018-2019. You will find a complete report in the Advance Annual Report beginning on pages 44 and 45.

Special thanks are given to our Appointed Secretary of the Board of Directors, Sister Janet Travers. Sister Janet continues to do 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 amongst your other duties. 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 Irving. A new Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary were elected. Welcomed onto the Board were Tom Brisko-District One and Tamela Henington-District Two. This year the Board not only met at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington but also many of our monthly meetings were held in different parts of the state following the Worthy Grand Matron's Schools of Instruction & a Fraternal Visit – September-Austin; January-Houston; March-Sherman; April-Midland; and May-Beaumont at the Mr. X weekend. Our goal was to allow more of our members to have the opportunity of attending a Board of Directors meeting.

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

The Board worked diligently to assess the Benevolent Aid requests this year. The Board also assisted the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron with their 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 performed the audit on the Grand Chapter year of 2017-2018. Revenue from the Amazon Smile Program has increased as the membership becomes more and more aware of this rewarding program. Bulletin Subscriptions both on paper and electronically have increased and Chapter Secretaries are making use of the Bulletin being found on the Chapter Secretary Interface.

Currently, there are four 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, Carolyn Martin and our Worthy Grand Patron, Burley Jones thank you for your assistance and guidance and for your attendance at our Board meetings when your schedule permitted.

I would like to thank Barbara Martin for providing me with lodging on Board weekends the last five years and Phyllis Wilson for being my traveling companion for the last three years. I will indeed miss the companionship that these two ladies have provided. I congratulate Debi Fincher whose term on the Board is complete as well as myself. And, "yes", these five years have actually flown by. I also congratulate Tom Brisko. It has been a pleasure working with you and I wish you well in your future endeavors in Eastern Star. To the nine Board members, thank you for your confidence and support in allowing me to serve as Chairman these past two years. No words can express the appreciation that I have felt. In closing, I especially want to thank the membership for electing me to serve this Grand Chapter as a member of the Board of Directors.

Carlotta Fairchild
Board of Directors-Chairman

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

It is my pleasure to introduce Brother Bob Royall who will present the Board of Directors Report #2.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, a motion has been made and seconded...

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second that motion.

WGM: that the printed report and the Supplementary Reports of the Board of Directors be adopted. All in favor, raise your red card. Cards Down. All opposed, same sign. Motion passed. *

Sister Carlotta Fairchild: It is my pleasure to introduce Brother Bob Royall who will present the Board of Directors Report #2.

Brother Bob Royall: Thank you Sister Carlotta. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East and my Sisters and Brothers. I stand before you this morning to talk about the General Fund Budget. I will be brief as possible. You can find those numbers on Page 66 of your Advanced Annual Reports, through Page 69. Before we get started please join with me in congratulating Sister Carlotta Fairchild and Sister Debi Fincher on five years of excellent service. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers as I said before you can find reports

on the General Fund Budget on Page 66 -69 for 2019-2020. I will go through it and if there are any questions, I'll certainly entertain those but I'm not going to go through it line by line. I hope you find that appropriate. All of the income account codes are listed there in order of the money that the Grand Chapter takes in. The bottom line for our total income, or for the projected total income for the ensuing year. \$708,450.00 I don't believe that's even, I believe it's something like .60, my highlighter marker kind of blurs that a little bit. In addition to that the expenses are for the Grand Chapter are started or you can find those beginning on Page 67 and the expenses are listed there by category all the way down, I would like to point out a new item and that would be line item #47. It says General Grand Chapter Disaster Relief Fund. Sisters and Brothers, Texas was devastated by Hurricane Harvey and our General Grand Chapter Family was very gracious to send assistance to the state of Texas. Since then there have been other Grand Chapters in other Jurisdictions affected by natural disasters. In concert with your Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron and the Board of Directors, we are putting in our budget \$5,000 to be sent to the General Grand Chapter Disaster Relief Fund. We believe that is only fair and kind that we should do that and thank you Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron for your support in that disaster that we had. You will go with me then to the bottom of the expenses, we have total expenses of \$683,615.00 which leaves this General Fund Budget in the black, and I'm proud to say for the 4th year in a row of \$24,835.00. This Board of Directors worked very closely with our Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron in putting this budget together. We believe that it is very well done. We believe it is a good representation of the estimates of where the Grand Chapter is going, and I would like to say thank you Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron for your help with this. It's been a tremendous help. We did this during Mr. X weekend in Beaumont, so we were kind of like a fish out of water, but we were able to pull it off.

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Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, my sisters and brothers.

My name is Bob Royall and I am here to present Report #2 which is the General Fund Budget for 2019-2020. Before doing so however, please join me in showing our appreciation to Sister Carlotta Fairchild and Sister Debi Fincher for a job well done and 5 years of dedicated service to the Grand Chapter of Texas.

- The General Fund Budget can be found on pages 66-69 of the Advanced Annual Reports.
- Brief highlights include:
 - Total Income – \$708,450.00
 - Total Expenses - \$683,615.00
 - Included in the expenses is a new line item which can be found on Line 47 – General Grand Chapter Disaster Relief Fund. Your Board of Directors recommends this donation to the General Grand Chapter in light of the General Grand Chapter's generous and kind assistance following the terrible aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Since that time, the Disaster Relief Fund has assisted many other Grand Chapters and jurisdictions who have also suffered from natural disasters. Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, we thank you for your kind and loving support.
- With all income and expenses considered, I am proud to announce that the General Fund Budget is in the black for the fourth straight year with a net income of \$24,835.00.
- I would like to thank the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron and all of the Members of the Board for working so hard to come up with a budget that we believe represents the Grand Chapter's financial situation for the ensuing year.

Worthy Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

It is now my pleasure to introduce Sister Barbara Martin, the Secretary of the Board of Directors, for Report #3.

Respectfully submitted,
R. W. Royall, Jr.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion to adopt the Board of Directors Report #2. Is there a second?

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

WGM: Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your red cards. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries. *

Brother Bob Royall: It is now my pleasure to introduce Sister Barbara Martin, the Secretary of the Board of Directors who will bring Report #3.

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Sister Barbara Martin:

Grand Chapter Report 2018-2019

Thank you, Brother Bob Royall.

*Martin
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Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, My Sisters and Brothers. The Board of Directors presents to you Report Number 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 that can only be used for the care of the Ladies. The income from this fund is received from several sources, which is detailed in the proposed budget on page 64 of your Advanced Annual Report. The four main sources of income are:

1. A portion of the per capita you pay (\$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, 2018 to April 30, 2019 can also be found on page 64 of the Advanced Annual Report along with the Projected Revenue and the Winn-Christenson Budget for 2019-2020. The care of our Ladies continues to be the main objective of the Board of Directors as the Ladies have entrusted us to care for them for the remainder of their lives.

I am fortunate to have been appointed, again, the Liaison for the Grand Chapter of Texas Eastern Star and the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. I have the privilege of attending the quarterly Care Plan meeting for our ladies and receive updates on their health if something changes. This meeting involves nursing, nutrition and activities. The patient/lady also attends to give her feedback on how she is doing. The health and welfare of our members are always a top priority. The money we spend for their care includes ANYTHING they need or require, whether it be medicine, doctor visits, surgery or an extra package of Kleenex! They get top of the line care. You get a cost breakdown each month in the Official Bulletin of what is spent on our Ladies.

BUT this appointment not only oversees the care of our 4 ladies, I have the opportunity to interact with the other 100 plus Eastern Star residents of TMRC. I can truly say I feel like all the residents of TMRC are part of my family.

TMRC has 17 members pre-registered for Grand Chapter but there are others who registered on their own. They continue to support and participate in the activities of the Grand Chapter of Texas. If you attended the Candidate Reception held at TMRC on July 21, you would see and hear the interest they had for the upcoming year. Yes, they are living at TMRC but they are actively keeping up with what is happening to THEIR Grand Chapter of Texas.

This is my report for the Texas Masonic Retirement Center aka TMRC.

We began this year with 4 Ladies and Praise the Lord we still have these 4 Ladies! We have had a few changes but that's to be expected... we are all getting older!

We have 1 lady in the independent living now.

Sister Delores Runningbear will be 84 years young on December 7th. She continues to go on shopping trips, keeps her apartment clean (so much so that she rearranges her furniture on a weekly basis). She loves to read, do needle work, embroideries and watches a little television but prefers reading and working on her projects to the television. Delores is a member of North Fort Worth Chapter #684 and TMRC #1145.

We have 3 ladies in the clinic areas.

LoRee Griffin is on the green wing. She is having a birthday on October 28 and will be 95 years young. LoRee's eyesight is failing but she still continues to be on the move. I very seldom find her in her room. She along with some other residents like to have their afternoon tea in the dining room, along with animated and interesting topics of discussions! She has received a larger television which helps her see her favorite programs, along with watching the Texas Ranger games. LoRee is a member of Harlandale Chapter # 750, TMRC # 1145 and Handley #617.

Lois Pate, one and the last of the original Ladies from the Eastern Star Home. She moved to the blue wing from the green wing this past year due to needing a little bit more of assistance from the nursing staff. She continues to get around with her motorized wheelchair outside of her room. She takes pride in taking care of her room. Other than asking the housekeeping staff to do the floors and bathroom, she does the rest. She continues to have her baby doll, from her birthday last year, on her bed and changes her outfits quite frequently. Lois will be having her 93rd birthday shortly on September 1st. Lois is a charter member of TMRC # 1145 and a member of Lancaster #943.

Suzanne Walters now resides in the blue wing. She made the decision to move this past year and continues to tell me she knows she made the right decision. Suzanne continues to be the "social" person, going any time the bus leaves. She is in fact going to be at this Grand Chapter session on Saturday morning with the members from TMRC. Suzanne introduces herself as the "Knit Wit" at TMRC, as she always has her yarn and knitting needles with her. She engages in most of the activities offered and is a member of the Hand Bell Choir. If you are in the Arlington area around Christmas time, check out the performance from the Bell Choir. They are really good and so proud to perform! Suzanne will be celebrating her 83rd birthday on November 6th. She is a member of San Saba # 191 and TMRC #1145.

This past year some of your Chapters have gone over and beyond with generosity for our Ladies. Aldine Chapter # 1088 continues to send items and Huffman Chapter # 1112 designated 3 Silver Drills for YOUR ladies. I took each one \$20 so they could buy or use the money however they wanted and also shopped for them buying their requested items of pajamas, blouses, pants and a skirt and top for Suzanne. Carla Carleton from Huffman Chapter quilted a lap quilt for each lady and embroidered her name and year on it. They said it felt like Christmas. Our Chapters adopt the Ladies and send cards, newsletters and sometimes a gift card or money and they thoroughly enjoy it and are so appreciative. But most of all, they would like for you to come for a visit! If you are planning on coming up for Family Day on October 12th, stop in and see them. A few months ago the Board of Directors went over after the Board meeting and had lunch with them. They are still talking about how much they enjoyed it. So, it's not just monetary and "things" they like, it's personal contact with each of you. It will be a good feeling for you and also for them.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to give this report on some members of your "Golden Apple Committee".

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report Number 3.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers we have a motion to adopt the Board of Directors Report #3. Is there a second?

WGP: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, I second.

WGM: Second is made WGP Burley Jones. Is there any discussion? All those in favor raise your red cards. Cards down. All those opposed, same sign. Motion carries. *

Sister Barbara Martin: It is my pleasure to introduce Phyllis Wilson who will present Report #4.

Sister Phyllis Wilson:

Report No. 4 Benevolent Aid Report August 2019

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron,
Most 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 2018 through August 2019. This income is from Fiscal Year September 2017 – August 2018 to be used during this fiscal year.

Income from FY 2017-2018:	
Benevolent Aid Per Capita (21,848 x \$2.00)	\$43,696.00
Humanitarian Donations	\$11,847.56
Total Income	\$55,543.56
Prior Year's Unspent Funds	\$0.00
Total Funds Available for Benevolent Aid	\$55,543.56

Expenditures for FY 2018 through 2019:

Long Term Benevolent Aid	\$59,500.00
Temporary Benevolent Aid	\$ 5,000.00
Emergency Benevolent Aid	\$18,800.00
Total Expenses	\$ 83,300.00
Net Income (Deficit)	(\$27,756.44)

The Benevolent Aid Fund currently extends Long Term Aid to nine (9) members of our Order representing nine (9) subordinate chapters. The current fiscal year began with eight (8) members with eight (8) chapters represented. One chapter reported their member no longer required the Long-Term aid; however, two additional chapters and one current chapter requested long-term benevolent aid for their members giving us a total of eleven (11) receiving long-term aid. During the annual review for renewal of Long-Term aid, two chapters notified us that their members no longer required this aid bringing our current total to nine (9) chapters.

Throughout the past 11 months, Temporary Benevolent Aid was extended to four (4) members at four subordinate Chapters.

Emergency Benevolent Aid was extended to thirteen (13) members at thirteen (13) subordinate Chapters.

Report No. 4 - Benevolent Aid Report – August 2019


Sisters and Brothers, with the knowledge that our membership is getting older and that there is, and will be, more need for Benevolent assistance, your Board of Directors present the following balanced budget for the year 2019-2020.

Proposed 2019-2020 Benevolent Aid Budget

Income	
Endowment Interest 501c(8)	\$68,000.00
Benevolent Aid Per Capita	\$39,000.00
Humanitarian	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$117,000.00
Total Funds Available for Benevolent Aid	\$117,000.00
Expenses	
Long Term Benevolent Aid	\$90,000.00
Temporary Benevolent Aid	\$10,000.00
Emergency Benevolent Aid	<u>\$17,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$117,000.00
Net Funds Available for Benevolent Aid	\$117,000.00

I would like to thank the other members of the Board for their assistance this past year and for helping achieve a balanced budget for next year. Your Board of Directors work together as a team to assist our membership in their time of need, and, for this I am truly grateful. Also, I would like to thank the Grand Secretary and her staff for assisting us by mailing the checks to our Chapters. They are true professionals.

Respectfully submitted,



Phyllis Wilson
Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee
Board of Directors, District 5

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

I would now like to introduce James Parker from District 1 who will present Report No. 5.

Attachment

**Report No. 4 – Benevolent Aid
Attachment**

Long-Term Aid

September 2018

Kerrville No. 24	\$ 500.00	
Winnie No. 160	\$ 500.00	
Everman No. 624	\$ 500.00	
Alamo Heights No. 734	\$ 500.00	
South Fort Worth No. 835	\$ 500.00	
Duncanville No. 1014	\$ 500.00	
Whitewright No. 993	\$ 500.00	
New Caney No. 734*	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	
Total	\$4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00

October 2018

Kerrville No. 24	\$ 500.00	
Winnie No. 160	\$ 500.00	
Everman No. 624	\$ 500.00	
Alamo Heights No. 734	\$ 500.00	
South Fort Worth No. 835	\$ 500.00	
Duncanville No. 1014	\$ 500.00	
Whitewright No. 993	\$ 500.00	
New Caney No. 734*	\$ 500.00	
Amarillo No. 787	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	
Total	\$4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00

November - December 2018

Kerrville No. 24	\$ 500.00	
Winnie No. 160	\$ 500.00	
Everman No. 624	\$ 500.00	
Alamo Heights No. 734	\$ 500.00	
South Fort Worth No. 835	\$ 500.00	
Duncanville No. 1014	\$ 500.00	
Whitewright No. 993	\$ 500.00	
New Caney No. 1093	\$ 500.00	
Amarillo No. 787	\$ 500.00	
Winnie No. 160 #2	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	
Total	\$5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00

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January – April 2019

Kerrville No. 24	\$ 500.00	
Winnie No. 160	\$ 500.00	
Everman No. 624	\$ 500.00	
Alamo Heights No. 734	\$ 500.00	
South Fort Worth No. 835	\$ 500.00	
Duncanville No. 1014	\$ 500.00	
Whitewright No. 993	\$ 500.00	
New Caney No. 1093	\$ 500.00	
Amarillo No. 787	\$ 500.00	
Winnie No. 160 #2	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	
Total	\$5,000.00	\$ 20,000.00

May – July 2019

Kerrville No. 24	\$ 500.00	
Winnie No. 160	\$ 500.00	
Everman No. 624	\$ 500.00	
Alamo Heights No. 734	\$ 500.00	
South Fort Worth No. 835	\$ 500.00	
Duncanville No. 1014	\$ 500.00	
Whitewright No. 993	\$ 500.00	
New Caney No. 1093	\$ 500.00	
Amarillo No. 787	\$ 500.00	
Winnie No. 160 #2	\$ 500.00	
Livingston No. 1139	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	
Total	\$5,500.00	\$ 16,500.00

August 2019

Kerrville No. 24	\$ 500.00	
Winnie No. 160	\$ 500.00	
Everman No. 624	\$ 500.00	
Alamo Heights No. 734	\$ 500.00	
South Fort Worth No. 835	\$ 500.00	
Duncanville No. 1014	\$ 500.00	
New Caney No. 1093	\$ 500.00	
Amarillo No. 787	\$ 500.00	
Livingston No. 1139	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	
Total	\$4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00

Total Long-Term Aid

\$ 59,500.00

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Temporary Aid

September 2018

Winnie No. 160	\$ 500.00	
Total	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

February – March 2019

Livingston No. 1139	\$ 500.00	
Total	\$ 500.00	\$1,000.00

April 2019

Livingston No. 1139	\$ 500.00	
Wisteria No. 823	\$ 500.00	
Total	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

May 2019

Wisteria No. 823	\$ 500.00	
Aldine No. 1088	\$ 500.00	
Total	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

June 2019

Wisteria No. 823	\$ 500.00	
Aldine No. 1088	\$ 500.00	
Total	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

July 2019

Aldine No. 1088	\$ 500.00	
Total	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

Total Temporary Benevolent Aid		\$5,000.00
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Emergency Aid

November 2018

Lockhart No. 210	\$1,500.00	
Haltom City No. 982	<u>\$ 800.00</u>	
Total	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00

December 2018

Carpenters No. 183	\$1,500.00	
Total	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	\$1,500.00

February 2019

Whitney No. 930	\$1,500.00	
Orange No. 214	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	
Total	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

March 2019

Winnsboro No. 957	\$1,500.00	
Lufkin No. 382	\$1,500.00	
Stephenville No. 801	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	
Total	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00

May 2019

South Fort Worth No. 835	\$1,500.00	
Aldine No. 1088	\$1,500.00	
Pearland No. 1065	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	
Total	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00

June 2019

Loyal No. 648	\$1,500.00	
Total	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	\$1,500.00

July 2019

Newton No. 224	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	
Total	\$1,500.00	<u>\$1,500.00</u>

Total Emergency Benevolent Aid		<u>\$18,800.00</u>
Total Benevolent Aid through July 2019		<u>\$83,300.00</u>

Sister Phyllis Wilson: Worthy Grand Matron, I make a motion to adopt this report.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion to adopt the Board of Directors Report #4. Is there a second?

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second that motion.

WGM: A second has been made by our WGP. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your red cards. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. *

Sister Phyllis Wilson: I would now like to introduce James Parker from District 1 who will present Report #5

Brother James Parker:

Board of Directors Report No. 5
137th Annual Grand Chapter, Tyler, Texas
August 2019

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, 2018 and 2017. Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home of Texas both non-profit organizations comprise the consolidated financial statements as prescribed by our CONSTITUTION AND LAWS, page 72, CHAPTER 5, A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ARTICLE 82.b.

Ratliff & Associates conducted the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United 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, 2018 and 2017.

This audit report will be printed in its entirety in the proceedings of the August 2019 137th Annual Session of Grand Chapter.

I refer you to the folded schedule included in your advance reports titled "CLASSIFICATION OF INVESTMENTS". This schedule was first included in our August 31, 2017 Grand Chapter Audit. The August 31, 2017 schedule had a portion marked by an asterisk which required further research to determine who placed the restrictions on some of the funds. Our research concluded in March of 2019

and this August 31, 2018 schedule is the result of a four 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 Matrons Sharon Mosmeyer, Melissa Hudman and our current Worthy Grand Matron Carolyn Martin. 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, 2018. The **Donor Permanently Restricted** column contains the funds restricted by Donors. The **Grand Chapter Permanently Restricted** column contains 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, 2018. 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 all future audits.

This CLASSIFICATION OF INVESTMENTS 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 Permanently Restricted** have been restricted by Grand Chapter and 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 except by the original donors or their legal representative.

Many thanks from Brother Bill Wyatt and myself for the support of our Past Grand Matrons and our current Worthy Grand Matron in selecting us and allowing us to complete this long overdue project.

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 Brother Darrell Albrecht who will present Report No.6 on Endowment.

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**
Classification of Investments
August 31, 2018

Code of Line	Account Name	Investment	Debtors Removably Restricted	Grand Chapter Financially Restricted	Other	Available Funds	EMTSB
165	Grand Chapter of Texas Endowment Fund, 50164881	\$ 11,257,555	\$ 699,814	\$ 9,418,536	\$ -	\$ 239,205	Income used for Ladies care first additional fund to be used as needed for general, benevolent, and educational purposes.
163-A	Grand Chapter of Texas Endowed Membership Fund	3,978,885	-	-	3,978,885	-	Income distributed to subordinate chapters
165-A	Grand Chapter of Texas Endowment Sub Fund	3,785,033	-	3,785,033	-	-	Income to be used for benevolent projects, office expenses, archiving, and automating records
164	Eastern Star Home 5016483	589,272	-	589,372	-	-	To be used for ladies care
	Grand Chapter of Texas Holding Account	514,915					
	Resolution 8, 2004 Session						
	166	Moving Fund	-	250,574	-	-	To be used for relocating purposes, office expenses, archiving, and automating records
	167	Benevolence Fund	-	10,455	-	-	To be used for benevolent purposes
	167	Education	-	5,693	-	-	To be used for educational purposes
	167	Other Undesignated	-	656	-	-	To be used for educational purposes
						217,537	
167	Mary Kempton	530,544	500,000	-	-	30,544	Income to be used for educational purposes
167	Grand Chapter Education	67,062	65,000	-	-	2,062	Income to be used for educational purposes
167	Fanny V. Ward	35,144	35,000	-	-	144	Income to be used for educational purposes
167	Helen Brandert	8,534	8,500	-	-	34	Income to be used for educational purposes
		<u>\$ 20,766,044</u>	<u>\$ 1,308,314</u>	<u>\$ 14,450,319</u>	<u>\$ 3,978,885</u>	<u>\$ 492,526</u>	

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion to adopt the Board of Directors Report #5. Is there a second?

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

WGM: A second has been presented by our WGP, Brother Burley Jones. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your red card. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. *

Brother James Parker: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce Brother Darrell Albrecht who will present Report #6 on the Endowment.

Brother Darrell Albrecht:



Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished guests, my sisters and brothers.

It is my pleasure to give my report, No. 6 from the Board of Directors, which deals with the Endowment Funds.

In accordance with the requirements set forth in the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Texas, found on page. 37, 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 are responsible for the supervision of the investment funds. All three (3) 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 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 Educational Fund.

3. Fund activity for 2018-2019:

Balance as of May 31, 2018	\$10,966,525.60
Income- Dividends/Distributions/Interest	\$ 296,817.93
Gains/ (Losses)	\$ 215,299.41
Management Fees/Commissions	\$ (34,438.27)
Annual Interest Transfer to Eastern Star Home Fund	\$ (6,270.46)
Balance as of May 31, 2019	\$11,437,934.21

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 requirements 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, archiving existing records and automating current records.
3. Fund activity for 2018-2019:

<u>Balance as of May 31, 2018</u>	<u>\$ 3,683,170.76</u>
<u>Income- Dividends/Distribution/Interest</u>	<u>\$ 94,764.52</u>
<u>Gains/Losses</u>	<u>\$ 89,097.52</u>
<u>Management Fees/Commissions</u>	<u>\$ (19,265.76)</u>
<u>Annual Interest Transfer to General Fund</u>	<u>\$ (99,812.20)</u>
<u>Balance as of May 31, 2019</u>	<u>\$ 3,747,954.84</u>

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 endowed membership shall not be spent.
2. The interest income received from investments of principal shall be placed in General Fund to be distributed by the Code of Laws to the Subordinate Chapters.
3. Fund activity from 2018-2019:

<u>Balance as of May 31, 2018</u>	<u>\$ 3,848,616.70</u>
<u>Income-Dividends/Distributions/Interest</u>	<u>\$ 103,334.11</u>
<u>Gains/(Losses)</u>	<u>\$ 89,544.81</u>
<u>Management Fees/Commissions</u>	<u>\$ (15,459.04)</u>
<u>Endowed Membership Purchases</u>	<u>\$ 71,000.00</u>
<u>Annual Distribution to Subordinate Chapters</u>	<u>\$ (126,556.94)</u>
<u>Balance as of May 31, 2019</u>	<u>\$ 3,970,479.64</u>

I move the adoption of report #6.

Thank You Worthy Grand Matron. I would like to introduce Debi Fincher who will give report number seven.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion to adopt the Board of Directors Report #6. Is there a second?

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second it.

WGM: Seconded by Brother Burley Jones. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your red cards. Cards down. All those opposed, same sign. Motion carries. *

Brother Darrell Albrecht: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to introduce Debi Fincher who will give Report #7.

Sister Debi Fincher: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all. I want to thank everyone here, first of all for the kindness and support you have shown me these last five years. It's been a long time. Its been a wonderful journey and I have gotten to meet so many of y'all and really, really appreciate it. I know, Worthy Grand Matron, that was the end of my first year. So, I've seen you and it's been an enjoyable to watch you grow and here we are about to go out with a bang together. That being said, y'all have been sitting here so patiently and quiet and respectful and I just want to tell you in advance, this is one of the shorter reports of the Board so you're welcome.

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2019 Grand Chapter Educational Funds Report #7

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most 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 (4000.32) -	\$6,103.67
Kennington Fund (1015) -	\$26,822.00
Fanny Ward Fund -	\$472.37
Education Fund -	\$902.74
Education Funds returned from 2018	\$500.00
Humanitarian	\$10,199.22
<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>\$45,000</u>

Total available for distribution to scholarship applications \$45,000.00. with total distributed being \$43,000.00


A full report on the distribution of scholarships will be given by the Educational Funds Committee.

The BOD wishes to thank Sister Jean Hobbs 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 Tom Brisko, who will present the Board of Directors Report No 8.

Respectfully Submitted,



Debi Fincher

Board of Directors District 4, Grand Chapter of Texas, OHS

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion to adopt the Board of Directors Report #7. Is there a second?

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

WGM: Brother Burley Jones has seconded the motion. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your red cards. Cards down. Same sign for opposed, opposition. Motion carried. *

Sister Debi Fincher: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present Brother Tom Brisko who will present the Board of Directors Report #8

Brother Tom Brisko:

WGM/WGP, Distinguished Members, my Sisters & Brothers all

We, the Board of Directors, are pleased to present

Report No.8 of the Contingency Fund for 2018-2019.

Contingency Fund (5382):

Beginning Balance Sept.1, 2018 \$10,000.00

Expenditures:

Purchase of Wireless Microphones \$4,0760.08
(Board Approved purchase April 2019)

Ending Balance July 31, 2019 \$5,923.92

WGM/WGP I move the adoption of Report No. 8.

Thank you, WGM/WGP.

It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Tamela Henington -who will bring Report No. 9, the WGM's Special Projects.

Brother Tom Brisko: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I move for the adoption of which was very short Report #8.

WGM: I thought the other one was supposed to be the short one, but you beat her. Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion to adopt the Board of Directors Report #8. Is there a second?

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

WGM: Brother Burley Jones has seconded the motion. Is there any discussion? All those in favor raise your red cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. * Thank you, Brother Tom.

Brother Tom Brisko: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Tamela Henington who will bring Report #9, the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS GRAND CHAPTER REPORT #9 FOR 2018-2019

Thank you, Brother Tom,

*most worthy Grand Matron
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most worthy Grand Patron*

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	\$19,105.00	
Celebration Poetry Book	\$3662.32	
Love Texas Pin	\$1832.42	
Love Texas Flag Throw	\$1498.30	
Proficiency Stickers	\$2011.79	
Texas Card Holders	\$793.53	
Specialty License Plates	\$3116.45	
Texas Who's Who Book	\$2670.11	
Time & Talent Purse Holder	\$502.00	
Name Badges	<u>\$2606.00</u>	\$37,797.92
There was a loss in the following:		
Ritualistic Excellence Star Pin	(\$1700.00)	
Texas Travel Book	<u>(\$1592.68)</u>	<u>(\$3292.68)</u>
Total		<u>\$34,505.24</u>

The projects listed below are those designated by the Worthy Grand Matron to return 25% of the Net Proceeds into the General Fund:

American Veteran Pin	\$1456.00
Memories CD & Duplication	\$26.25
Patriot Paws	\$1536.63
Pin	\$719.13
Date Bone	\$817.50
Sweet Treat Candy	\$888.25
Texas Tabbies	\$2065.63

WGM Undesignated Funds-		\$1519.23
Calendars	\$661.59	
WGM Music	\$266.32	
WGP Music	\$252.57	
Key Catcher	\$338.75	
Happy Caterpillar		\$4207.21
Undesignated Donations		<u>\$1187.39</u>
Total		<u>\$12,886.59</u>

TOTAL FROM ALL PROJECTS DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL FUND \$47,391.83

As of 8/16/2019, all projects except two realized a profit, which were the Ritualistic Excellence Star Pins and the Travel books. The Ritualistic Excellence Star Pins typically show a negative because this is the cost for the awards given to the members. The Travel Books showed a loss because a box of books was inadvertently misplaced at the end of Grand Chapter last year. Upon thoroughly looking for them at the Convention Center, the box was deemed lost. However, all reordered books were sold.

PARTIAL LIST OF DISBURSEMENTS FROM SALE OF ITEMS

\$21,757.10 was collected from the Silent Auctions held at the Schools of Instruction. The money was used to fund the Rob Morris event at Grand Chapter. The remainder will go to the Worthy Grand Matron's Undesignated Funds.

\$500.00 was given to TMRC for Masonic Family Day.

\$300.00 covered the cost of the Key Catcher Chapter Award.

\$4368.00 was given to the Disabled American Veterans.

\$1332.37 was given each to the Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the Order of Ocmoloy.

The following have been given as a part of the Worthy Grand Matron's Undesignated Funds:

 \$7319.79 to Susan G. Komen

 \$18,818.50 to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital

\$4609.87 was given to Patriot Paws in Rockwall, Texas

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report #9. Thank you.

It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Cindy Echols who will present Report #10.

Tamela Henington
Tamela Henington

Board of Directors, District 2

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion to adopt the Board of Directors Report #9. Do I hear a second?

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

WGM: The second was made by Brother Burley Jones. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your red cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. *

Sister Tamela Henington: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Cindy Echols who will present Report #10.

Sister Cindy Echols:

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GRAND CHAPTER 2019
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REPORT #10 – ASSETS
(TITLES, DEEDS, AND PROPERTIES)

MWGR, MWGP

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. I am Cindy Echols, Board of Directors, District 2, and Chairman of the Board's Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee. One of the responsibilities of the Board of Directors is to manage the funds and assets of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. With the discontinuation of Microsoft support of Access, our assets files have been transferred and are now being maintained in QuickBooks. For the period of September 1, 2018, through July 3, 2019, we were able to identify journal entries for oil and gas royalties totaling \$11,904.51. The income for approximately the same time period last year was \$19,500.00, so we've had a substantial decrease in income.

At the request of Jane Pyle, in the Grand Secretary's office, John R. "Rick" Taylor, an Eastern Star Brother and Chief Executive Officer of Firecreek Global, has been researching our files. There were properties that he was unable to identify, or they do not have current operations, and he located some leases that the current Operator has shut-in well leases and has not paid shut-in payments as possibly set forth in the lease. He also noted that some wells have been converted to saltwater disposal wells and explained that some leases provide for payment to mineral owners for saltwater disposal. Rick was also able to determine that Grand Chapter has mineral interests in active development areas that may not be under lease or are not being developed.

He also found that Grand Chapter, as well as some associated chapters, have funds held in the Texas Comptroller's Abandoned Property account.

Several recommendations were made that could possibly increase our income in the future. Steps will be taken to follow up on those recommendations during the 2019 – 2020 Grand Chapter year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Echols

Cindy Echols
Board of Directors, District 2

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report #10,

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion to adopt the Board of Directors Report #10. Is there a second?

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

WGM: Brother Burley Jones has seconded the motion. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your red cards. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries. * At this time, I would like to thank the Board of Directors for everything that they have done this year. And for the wonderful love gift. Thank you very much. Couldn't resist that. Thank you very much. I appreciate everything and I so enjoyed working with each and every one of you. Thank you for your Reports. Thank you. (Applause) I need a partial report of the Credential Committee. Sister Tina Stevens. We are about to get into our Jurisprudence so therefore we need to have a partial report of Credentials as per our law. Would all of those who received an email from the Committee to serve as a Table Teller, would you please report to your tables. 1, 2, 3, 4. You should have received your emails, and would you please take your place at your table. Don't everybody hurry up. I know you received them. (Laughter) Here they come. We are going to have the report of the Credentials Committee.

Sister Tina Stevens:

August 16, 2019

Credentials Partial Report Amended

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my sisters and brothers all.

We currently have 269 Chapters in Texas. We have 234 Chapters now registered and 210 have picked up their registration. We have 1281 voting members registered and 1001 that have picked up their registrations. Worthy Grand Matron, we have a quorum.

Tina Stevens



Credentials General Chairman

WGM: Thank you very much Sister Tina Stevens. That was a partial report of the Credentials Committee. I now invite Sister Rosemary S. Berry, Jurisprudence Chairman to present the Jurisprudence on Unfinished business. Sister Rosemary. We have some tables, 1, 2, 3, 4, if you received an email please come to a table. If you do not know what table you were assigned to...if you received an email, please come and help us out. I need four at table one. You don't have any at table two? Table three needs two, three? If you received an email that you were going to be a Teller today, would you please help us out and come to a table? I need some more at one. How about Art Brunet, Mae Bruce, Camie Burt, Shane Albrecht, Ann Chance, Anna Chapman, Annette Clark, Billie Jean Collie, Sam Cooper, Linda Crawford, Wanda Crouch, Andy Curry. Bingo! Wanda Halmon, Candice Harper, Delores Harris, Velda Harris. Somebody has to be in this room. Please help us out. It is very important business that we have to conduct. It is the Amendments and it is by paper ballot. Wayne Henington. I think you have some more now Sister Jayne. Would you check your table now and see if you have enough? I need five at table one...four at table one. Sula Bosia, Marion McAlister, Kathy McColly, Beverly Stroman. Sister Jayne, do you have the right amount? How about table four? Brother Baker, is your table, you need one? I need at table three I need two. Karen Weser, Molly Willey. Brother Baker are you full now? Still need one. I need Sister Naomi at a table please. Brother Baker. Folks this is the hardest part. If you would help us out and take your places, then we can get on with our business of Grand Chapter. Teresa Brown, Dennis Browning. Sister Jayne, you're okay? Brother Baker, you're okay? I need two at table three. Two at table three. Okay, all four tables have the proper number of Tellers at the table. Is that correct? Thank you and the table judges are there? Thank you very much. Are we still wanting for Sister Naomi?

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Sisters and Brothers, Sisters and Brothers, remember where you are seated at this time because you are going to be seated there first thing in the morning. So, come in and be ready to take your place so that everything is still like we need. Y'all can sit wherever you want on the side. This Past Grand Matron wants me to be very specific. And that is the people that are seated at the tables, Okay? I mean you might want to sit by somebody else you like better tomorrow morning so, sorry!

WGM: I now invite Sister Rosemary S. Berry, Jurisprudence Committee, to present the Jurisprudence on Unfinished Business. Sister Rosemary.

PGM Rosemary Berry: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all: Good Morning. One more time. (Good Morning) Cause I know there's a wonderful group here today. What a sweet privilege has been granted to me in serving as the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee for this year. I wish to express to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, my appreciation in this service, and also to have been given a wonderful group of colleagues with which to work. At this time. I invite them to join me. This is not in my notes but, I think they're

having fun back there. Worthy Grand Matron, I thank you for this group. Representing District 1, Brother William "Bill" Wyatt, Ambassador to Alaska of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Texas; Representing District II, Sister Bess Caldwell, Past Grand Matron of Texas; Representing District III, Brother Trey Smith, Texas Arena, Chairman, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas; Representing District V, Sister Jerre Lucas, Credentials Committee, Chairman of General Grand Chapter, and Past Grand Matron of Texas; and I am Rosemary S. Berry, Past Grand Matron of Texas, Chairman and representing District IV. I wish to personally thank these sweet friends for their support and encouragement throughout the year. Thank you, dear ones. (Applause) I now submit the following preliminary report. In conformity with the provisions of the Code of Laws, Article 152 (e) governing the Grand Chapter of Texas, relating to the duties of the Jurisprudence Committee, we find no unfinished business from the One Hundred and Thirty-Sixth Session of Grand Chapter held in Irving, Texas.

Worthy Grand Matron, the work of Grand Chapter has been distributed to the proper committees; all reports upon the decisions on the Constitution, law and usage have been considered as well as recommendations of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. All of these items will be found in the advanced annual report of the respective Officers, as well as any supplemental reports presented to this membership.

Worthy Grand Matron, this completes the preliminary report of the Jurisprudence Committee and I move the adoption of this report.

WGM: You have heard the motion made by our Jurisprudence chairman. It comes from a committee and does not require a second. Is there any discussion? All in favor, raise your red cards. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. *

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Worthy Grand Matron, with your permission, may I now address this membership regarding the legislation that will come before them later this morning?

WGM: Yes, Sister Rosemary, please proceed.

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Sisters and Brothers, your Jurisprudence committee is confident that you are prepared to participate in the business of this Grand Chapter in an informed manner, courteous to one another. If any member is going to propose an Amendment to any Amendment printed in the Advanced Annual Report, we respectfully request that you please present three (3) copies in writing to us for review before presentation. By following this simple request, there will be no question as to what you will be voting on. In addition, this will allow us to conduct our business in a timely and professional manner. Thank you so much, my Sisters and Brothers, and Worthy Grand Matron, your Jurisprudence Committee is now prepared to perform our duties at your direction.

WGM: We will now begin our Jurisprudence, Sister Rosemary

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Thank you kindly, Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, your Jurisprudence Committee will present 8 Amendments; 2 to our Constitution for second readings, 1 to our Constitution for first reading and 5 to our Code of Laws for your consideration. These Amendments will be presented in the order in which they are shown in the Advanced Annual Report, and this order is the same in your Constitution and Code of Laws; therefore, please follow along with us as we work. Each Amendment will be considered separately, presented on screens in the arena and the membership will have the opportunity to address any concerns individually. It is the sincere desire of your Jurisprudence Committee that you thoroughly understand every item of legislation and exactly what you are voting upon. As the governing body of this Grand Chapter, you have the right and duty to act in the best interest of our Order, but we request that you do so kindly, respecting the thoughts of each member. The Amendments were provided to you through the July bulletin, and then again when you registered in the Advanced Annual Report. You have had the opportunity to review, study and discuss the forthcoming legislation, and we trust you are ready to participate. Therefore, I move that you allow your Jurisprudence Committee to present a brief synopsis of each item of legislation, rather than the Amendment in its entirety. (WGP seconds and WGM calls for vote)

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, a motion has been made to have a summary report from the Jurisprudence Committee. Do I hear a second?

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron I second the motion.

WGM: A second was made by Brother Burley Jones. Is there any discussion? All those in favor raise your red card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. *

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and membership. Sisters and Brothers, we will now begin presentation of legislation, and you will be given ample time to ask questions for discussion, if necessary. Please feel free to ask anything that is not clear to you, and we will do our very best to clarify any concerns. Please listen closely to each item as we move along, and hopefully, we will complete this legislation in an expedient manner.

WGM: We have a voting member that's lost their Credentials. Sister Linda Ellender. You're Credentials will be at the Grand Secretary's desk. I just thought this was important as this is the time to vote. Linda Ellender.

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Are you in the room Sister Linda? I now invite Brother Trey Smith to present Amendment No. 1 to the Constitution for a Second Reading. Brother Trey.

PGP Trey Smith: Alright, good morning Sisters and Brothers. How are we doing this morning? Good, good. I know you got a nice night of rest, so we will proceed to go into the Legislation. This is the Proposed Amendment to Amendment #1. And this is the Amendment that was voted on at the last Grand Chapter Session. It was passed and this is the Second Reading of this Amendment. This is found on Page 49 of your Advanced Annual Report. So, we will need to...is it on the screens? Can everybody see it well? Okay Sisters and Brothers, the confusion of the screen is, to some it may look backwards but you need to read it from the front side of the screen. Okay, this Amendment is still in proper form from last year's Session and we will proceed to ballot.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers is your Amendment #1 up on the screen so you can see it? Right side up? And our Jurisprudence Chairman from District 3 has read it to you. Do you need it read to you? Is there anyone that cannot see the screens? It's in your Advanced Proceedings. Folks this is important business for us in Texas. If anyone needs assistance let us know now so we can do this correctly. But if you can see it on the screens, we will not read them.

PGP Trey Smith: I can give you the synopsis. It is really straight forward.

WGM: Okay, here we go for a synopsis.

PGP Trey Smith: The synopsis is that this would change the Constitution and General Provisions, Section 6, Serving Intoxicating Beverages which is now prohibited, Section d. It would change that to state that 'the holder of the appropriate alcoholic beverages license' at fund raisers, events that are sponsored by Grand Chapter. Okay, any questions with that?

WGM: And I am choosing to have this vote by paper ballot as well as the vote by Chapter Representatives because this was done by a paper ballot last year and we'll continue in the same procedure to keep it legal. I am using paper ballots on the Constitutional Amendments out of respect for all members concerned. At this time, I will ask our Election judge, Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon to come forward for explanation of the process.

PGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron, we have someone at the mic.

Sister Traci Maynard: Thank you, Trey. Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Traci Maynard. I'm a Past Matron of Leander Chapter #73. Whenever you put that up on the screen, it looked like Amendment #1.

PGP Trey Smith: It was Amendment #1.

Sister Traci Maynard: And what I want to discuss is the change to Amendment #1.

PGP Trey Smith: The change to Amendment #1 has to be presented as the Amendment to Amendment #1. When the Worthy Grand Matron calls for discussion, that will be brought up.

Sister Traci Maynard: Then my apologies. Past Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to propose a change to Amendment #1, three copies?

PGP Trey Smith: We already have it.

Sister Traci Maynard: So, I'm at the wrong place?

PGP Trey Smith: Yes, but you're fine.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Worthy Grand Matron, there are some instructions on balloting. Sisters and Brothers, please pay attention. Our Worthy Grand Matron has planned for this very thing to happen at Grand Chapter. She has called for paper ballots and we have those in your packet. Upon registration you were given a packet with ten votes in it, ten ballots in it. But, in some cases there were twelve. Your Chapter Representatives were given two yellow ballots over the rest. You have twelve in case of need. They are lettered A, B, C and D for elections. E, F, G, H, I and J are marked "Yes" and "No". L and K were given into the Chapter Representatives ballots so they also can have a secret and closed ballot, just like the ballot of the membership. She will pick the letter and color at the time that the ballot is declared open. It is going to be exactly like the balloting tomorrow. The doors will be locked whenever the ballot is declared open. No one will enter or leave unless it is deemed an emergency. There are members that are continuing to work outside, and they have the right to vote just as each of you have that are sitting here in this room. They will go to the center door the right side of the speaker stand and to be instructed in the Jurisprudence Amendment that we are voting on. They are the only ones that will be able to enter this room. And they are Credentials, Registration, First Aid and Lost and Found. I am going to ask the Assistant Warders and Assistant Sentinels I need for you to notify your Sentinels to send someone to the Vendors room so that they can be notified that there is fixing to be a ballot on the floor. They have been instructed on who can come and who can leave. The Arrangement Committee has set up four tables. And we have two tables set up over in the right corner. We are asking that you be respectful of those who are running the machines, and no one is going to be back there except Mark Dieckmann, Leslie Forman, Jerry Peck, Deborah Land and Sherry Dieckmann and myself. The Worthy Grand Matron that have been appointed, Past Grand Matrons by the Worthy Grand Matron, are Sister Melissa Hudman and Betty Friend who are going to be on watch of that area. They are also be the ones that you will go to if you have a question. Remember that you will circle either yes or no. Sisters and Brothers, you may mark it with a pencil, blue, red or black ink. You can use a Crayola, I don't care. Just as long as you distinctly mark a circle. Place your

ballot in the ballot box face down for security and we ask that no one but the Pages be in the aisle during the collection of the ballots. The Worthy Grand Matron agrees that since the rows are so tight, and seats are so close that the boxes will be passed down the aisle. But they will be observing as it goes down. You were given a ballot. That ballot is your ballot. You can not place more than one ballot in the box. You cannot vote for your Sisters or your Brothers that has gone home and is for or against something. You cannot place but one ballot in that box. The boxes will be brought to the tables. The Worthy Grand Matron will close the ballot and the Deputy Grand Matrons will then deposit their ballots on the tables. The doors will then be reopened after the ballot is declared closed. We will then proceed with more Amendments as our Jurisprudence Committee...so that we can expedite the purposes if there is time. Sisters and Brothers, please, this is your Grand Chapter. These votes are yours. You make your own decisions. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM: Thank you Sister Jimmie Lee. Sisters and Brothers, we are going to have Brother Trey give us a synopsis again because we want you to be very clear on what you are voting on.

PGP Trey Smith: Okay, Sisters and Brothers. Do you have your Advanced Report, Page 49? Okay, the synopsis of this is to be able to have alcoholic beverages served at Eastern Star functions. There are some requirements in the way of insurance and how the beverage may be served or consumed at an Eastern Star event. It still does state that alcoholic beverages may not be served or consumed at a meeting or activity in a Lodge or Lodge property. So, if you have any questions about the synopsis because I want to make sure that we are all really clear.

PGP Buddy Baker: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm sorry. It's a little misleading, I know what he's saying, and there's a little misleading to serve or sold? There is a difference.

PGP Trey Smith: This one would be Section 6, Alcoholic Beverages may be served by the holder of an appropriate alcoholic beverage license or permit at Grand Chapter banquets, Round-ups, and multi-state exchanges, in order to generate revenues and offset food and beverage expenses. So, it would basically...my understanding is it would be like a cash bar at a function.

PGP Buddy Baker: That's the way I interpreted it and I'm sure just in case there's the clarification. Thank you.

PGP Trey Smith: Absolutely. I appreciate that. I want this to be clear before we vote on this, so we don't have any gray areas and not be absolutely clear. That's the goal of this Jurisprudence Committee and myself to make sure, as well as the Board of Directors because they want to make sure that it's also clear to everyone.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers do you see Amendment #1 on the screens, and you have heard your Jurisprudence Chairman. You don't see Amendment #1 on the screens?

PGM Vi Griffin: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Vi Griffin, Worthy Matron of Anahuac Chapter #649. I just have a question. I see in the rational that it says to delete the term "etc." Was that also to be deleted in the Amendment or is that just a typo or are we still allowed to serve at an "etc."?

PGP Trey Smith: The one on the screen says "etc."?

PGM Vi Griffin: No, no, no. In the rational on Page 49, the rational it says "delete the term "etc."

PGP Trey Smith: That is what was voted on at last year's Session. Because this wasn't amended last year at the Session.

PGM Vi Griffin: Okay, so...

PGP Trey Smith: It had "etc." in it as it was presented...

PGM Vi Griffin: It still does have. In the BE AMENDED TO READ...Oh, I see, delete.

PGP Trey Smith: It says Delete the term "etc."

PGM Vi Griffin: Oh, okay. So, it's just a typo. Okay.

PGP Trey Smith: Yes, ma'am. That would still take out that "etc." that the Board Amended it to be removed last year.

WGM: Our Parliamentarian is telling me I need to call for discussion. We have not come to that point yet. I have not been able to get there.

AGP Paul Garner: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Paul Garner, Past Patron of Spring Chapter #1105. I just wanted to continue the clarification from our Past Grand Patron, Brother Buddy Baker. The issue of selling is very clear I think in the wording that Grand Chapter will not be selling. It's the holder of the license that would be selling. So, I thought it would be helpful to the membership to know that. To understand that distinction. Thank you.

WGM: Thank you very much sir. We appreciate that. Is there any discussion? (Distinguished the microphones as yes and no) Three minutes. We have an appointed timekeeper. Is it on the screen for our time clock?

PGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron, before we go into discussion on this Amendment, I know you have called for discussion, but we have an Amendment to this Amendment that we have received. So, it's in proper form and it

would need to be read to this body. The proponents of this Amendment are here and present. And this Amendment should be presented on the screens so that everyone can read it. And I will read it in its entirety. Not a synopsis of it. So, we need to...

WGM: It's not on the screen yet? Thank you.

PGP Trey Smith: It's coming. Okay Sisters and Brothers, do you see proposed Amendment to Amendment #1 on the screen? So, if you can see it, you can follow along with me as I read this, okay? This is the proposed Amendment to Amendment #1.

We wish to replace the current verbiage in Section d. of the current Constitutional Amendment as now reads: Page 47 of the Constitution, Article XIII, General Provisions, Section 6. If you have your Constitution, you are more than welcome to go and look at that. So, I'll give you a minute to find it because we're not going to go fast through this, and I hope that's okay with y'all. It's on Page 47 of the Constitution. Okay, so I'm going to go on now. Serving of Intoxicating Beverages Prohibited, Section d. And this is the section that these proponents are wanting to change. This is how it is written currently and is currently in our Constitution, **d. 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.** They are wanting it to be amended to read:

Alcoholic beverages may be served by the holder of the appropriate alcoholic beverages license, or permitted at Subordinate Chapter Banquets, and fundraisers, (subject to item e. below) to offset expenses of the event. No member of the Order of the Eastern Star shall sell or serve alcoholic beverages at these events.

Okay? Is there any questions about what I read? Okay, I can reread it. We wish to replace the current verbiage of Section d. of the current Constitutional Amendment. Page 47 of the Constitution, Article XIII, General Provisions, Section 6. Serving of Intoxicating Beverages Prohibited. Which it now reads: **d. 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.** Be amended to read:

Alcoholic beverages may be served by the holder of the appropriate alcoholic beverages license, or permitted at Subordinate Chapter Banquets, and fundraisers, (subject to item e. below) to offset expenses of the event. No member of the Order of the Eastern Star shall sell or serve alcoholic beverages at these events.

Okay? So, Worthy Grand Matron, this is in proper form and we believe that it can be presented as an Amendment to Amendment #1.

Sister Diane Wilson: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Diane Wilson, Past Matron of Lewisville Chapter #935. I just have a point of clarification. Is this an Amendment to what is currently written in our Constitution? Or are we amending what we voted on at the first reading last year at Grand Chapter?

PGP Trey Smith: This is an Amendment to the Amendment that was voted on an approved for our first reading last year. It is the second reading this year that we will be voting on. This Amendment will be incorporated into Amendment #1 that was voted on at last Grand Chapter.

Sister Diane Wilson: Because what was written on the screen that says it currently reads...is how it currently reads in our Constitution. Not in the Amendment that it is amending.

PGP Trey Smith: Correct. It would take a vote to of this Amendment to be passed to add to the one from last year. Amendment #1.

Sister Diane Wilson: But what I'm saying is the verbiage on the screen, the verbiage that was printed on the screen, Section d., you said it currently reads what is currently in our Constitution, it's not what is in the Amendment that is printed in the Advanced Annual Report.

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Sister Diane, you are absolutely correct. I am looking at the current Constitution, I am on Page 46-47, thank you, Grand Secretary. Section 6. Now, this I'm reading from our Law Book, our Constitution as written. **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.** Diane, are you and I on the same page? Now, when you look at the amendment, Brother Trey, when you presented this, this does not say what our Law Book says. So, we have a conflict, is that correct? Sister Diane, we are going to work on this just a minute. We told you we were going to take our time.

Sister Diane Wilson: That's perfectly okay. I just wanted to make sure we are all on the same page.

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: I think that is wonderful that you brought that to our attention. Now, give us a minute to dissect it.

Sister Diane Wilson: Yes, ma'am.

Brother Trey Smith: Okay, Sisters and Brothers.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, if you will hold up just a moment please.

PGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers, I can only say that we have worked very hard on this. We have worked very hard on this for a while. Several,

several hours already at this Session and we are going to make sure it is right. Okay? So, that being said we want to make sure that we are all on the same page and we are going to work together. Okay, so what my understanding is, and I would like for the proponent to stand, Traci, please ma'am. And come to the mic. From what I'm reading on here and what my understanding is, and I want to make sure what your intent was with this. And this may come down to a simple fix. When you wrote this Amendment #1, this was originally planned to be presented last year. So, we are presenting it this year. So, with that being said, when this was written, it would have been correct to have said the current Constitution because #1 had passed for the first reading. So, if it passed again at this reading when you did the verbiage that says Section d. of the current Constitution that would have been read correctly.

Sister Traci Maynard: For the current Constitutional Amendment.

PGP Trey Smith: Right. It is the current Constitutional Amendment. So, if it says current Constitutional Amendment, she's referring to proposed Amendment #1. Not the actual Constitution. Okay, so we in agreement of that? Okay. Okay, just so we're clear, that's not...we're not trying to do anything. So, Traci are we good there then? Do you agree with that?

Sister Traci Maynard: Yes.

PGP Trey Smith: So, if we go on with this Amendment as you wrote it. Okay, so do we have any other questions about this?

WGM: It is very important that we get this clarified now because I'm going to ask for the Jurisprudence Committee to meet during lunch, get it ironed out and we will have it resume when we return from lunch. We have one person at the mic.

Sister Colleen Osaro: Colleen Osaro, Canyon Lake #1103, Past Matron, dual with Seguin #555. My question involves the liquor license because we have a member who has a business and has a liquor license. I understand this to read that the member with a liquor license cannot sell liquor at any event for us but if the license is in the name of a business that he owns the business that he would be able to sell. Am I reading that correctly? If our member who has a liquor license, insurance and all that. Our member has it in his or her name she could not sell us liquor but if the name is in the name of the business our member would be able to sell for us for an event. Am I interpreting that correctly?

PGP Trey Smith: No ma'am.

Sister Colleen Osaro: No, I am not. Okay, good question.

PGP Trey Smith: And I'll give you the reason for that answer. That is involved in another Amendment down the road.

Sister Colleen Osaro: Thank you Brother Trey.

PGP Trey Smith: You're welcome.

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

(Closing of the Bible)

Brother Grand Warder we are about to call this Grand Chapter Session from Labor to Rest and you will permit no one to enter or leave the Grand Chapter Room.

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

WGM: I now call this Grand Chapter Session from Labor to Rest. *

(End of Friday Morning Session)

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1:15 PM Musical Prelude

Mrs. Judy Mathison
Grand Musician

1:30 PM Organist Opening

Mrs. Sandra Gubrud
Grand Musician

1:30 PM Call to Order

Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer
Membership Committee, Chairman GGC
Past Grand Matron

Mr. Thomas Murphy
Scottish Rite Committee, Chairman GGC
Past Grand Patron

Sharon Mosmeyer: Good afternoon, my Sisters and Brothers! If you will please take your seats, we are about to begin. * Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers. I hope you enjoyed your lunch and a little break. Our Worthy Grand Matron has honored me and my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom Murphy, the BEST Conductor ever, by asking us to call this afternoon's "A Year of Celebrations - Baskets of Love" session to order. We both thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for this privilege and for this opportunity to stand in the presence of and greet this membership.

My Sisters and Brothers of Texas, my home and birth state, and our guests from other jurisdictions, welcome. You are each a beautiful sight and I am very pleased and honored to be with you this afternoon.

Being back in Tyler, Texas brings back memories of some exciting days. This city is where Brother Tom and I were installed as your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Time is an odd and peculiar thing! Sometimes the years passed seem like just yesterday, and then other times it seems like a lifetime ago. However, it seems like yesterday, this city started a new chapter in my life: It was an exciting, thrilling and very happy time and I hope this year's Grand Chapter Session will afford each of you many happy memories and a new and exciting pathway for us.

We say that "What happens in the Van, stays in the Van". Well, that does not always happen. Our Grand Chapter van has traveled to many states and all over the State of Texas. As we traveled, we met many, many, many members and today we are so happy that many have traveled to Texas to be with us on the auspicious occasion. We are especially fortunate to welcome our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marianne Shenefelt on her official visit to Texas. And, of course, Texas is

always thrilled to have home our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry S. Martin. Texas is proud and honored to have you both here today and we know that you must continue your travels around the World. We wish for you health, safe travels, and a very successful Triennium. We look forward to seeing you down the Eastern Star Trail, and being with you in Salt Lake City, Utah for the 50th Triennial Assembly in November 2021. It will be here in a blink of an eye!

To the General Grand Chapter Family and members of Other Jurisdictions who have traveled to be with us here today we greet you with a TEXAS welcome and a heartfelt invite that you come back again.

Worthy Grand Matron, I know you reside in this area and this is almost home for you. Being almost home is where one can always "Dream It, Believe It, Achieve It." I know you have spread that belief everywhere you have traveled.

Worthy Grand Patron, I have enjoyed hearing you spread your JOY to the membership. Thank you for always reminding us to put our priorities in this order: Jesus first, then Others and Yourself last.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Carolyn Martin and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Burley Jones, we are so very proud of your accomplishments this past year. May each of you continue to strive for and spread excitement and excellence to the membership of our beautiful Order.

Brother Tom, I know you would like to greet this assembly.

Tom Murphy: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Carolyn Martin, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Burley Jones, thank you for allowing me the honor of Opening your "A Year of Celebrations - Baskets of Love" Session. Johnny Appleseed would be proud of you both, as you traveled this "Year of Celebrations" spreading apple seeds of love and kindness across the state of Texas. It is an inspiration to be in the East again with my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, and a special honor to be able to visit with all of the Sisters and Brothers of Texas Grand Chapter as you are a loving and caring group. The membership of Texas is very honored to have the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marianne Shenefeld and our own Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry Martin, attending our Grand Chapter. Your dedication to our Order around the world is a testimony to your love for the Order of the Eastern Star. May God's blessings bring you, health and happiness as you travel. Now let's get this train load of "Baskets of Love" moving down the track. (Train whistle) (Laughter and Applause)

Sharon: Thank you Brother Tom....my Worthy Grand Patron and our best Conductor of 2016-2018! It is indeed my honor and pleasure to call this "A Year of Celebrations", Friday Afternoon "Baskets of Love" Session to Order. *

I now invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Chapter Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room. Sisters and Brothers, it is my privilege and honor to present to you, Sister Carolyn A. Martin, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Burley D. Jones, Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Worthy Grand Matron, it is with extreme pride that I present to you your gavel to preside over this Session. We have looked forward to this day with much anticipation and with much excitement. We have laughed and cried together, many times, laughed until we cried! Now let us now all rejoice together. The Lord is our constant guide, my He bless and watch over you and this Session as you preside.

WGM: The Grand Officers have taken their respective stations. Thank you. * Sister Sharon and Brother Tom, thank you so much for Opening this "Baskets of Love" Session. I am so delighted that the Snowflake and the Snowman agreed to Open this Session. I know that your presence will be an inspiration to us. It was such fun and gratifying to be a part of your year. Your dedication to our Order does not go unnoticed for your year of Inspiration was indeed a blessing to all of us. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP: Sister Sharon and Brother Tom, thank you so much for Opening this Friday Afternoon's "Baskets of Love" Session.

WGM: Brother Grand Warder

Gr Warder: Worthy Grand Matron

WGM: You will see that the doors to our Grand Chapter are secure and inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter Session from Rest to Labor and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

Gr. Warder: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this Grand Chapter Session from Rest to Labor, and you are directed to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

Gr. Sentinel: There will be no interruption, Brother Grand Warder.

Gr. Warder: The doors are secure and there will be no interruption, Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM: It is well, Sister Associate Grand Matron, you will ascertain if all present are members of the Order.

(Proving of Chapter)

WGM: It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. ***

(Opening of Holy Bible)

WGM: Brother George Gwaltney, Past Grand Patron will bring our Invocation.

PGP George Gwaltney: Our Heavenly Father, we come to you this afternoon requesting that you help and guide us through this "Baskets of Love" Session. Please be with our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as they continue to lead us in our efforts to serve you. We ask Your special blessing as we continue to consider legislation that will affect our Order in the future. Remind us of our purpose and help us choose the correct basket and help us do so with fraternal love. We pray that you be with those who have chosen to serve us in the military; those who keep us safe from the dangers of fire, lawlessness, and trauma. Please be with those who are disenfranchised or marginalized. Suffer them to come to you. We thank you for our many blessings; for living in a free society where we are able to meet and serve you openly; for providing for our daily needs. Go with us now as we seek to further serve you through our Order. We ask these favors in His holy name. Amen (Amen)

WGM: I now declare the "A Year of Celebrations - "Baskets of Love" Session called from Rest to Labor. Brother Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel. *

WGM: Thank you Brother George for your prayer. We will now have our scripture reading by Sister Cheryl Albrecht as it is important that we invite him from whom cometh all wisdom to be present. With this thought in mind, I invite you to come and give our scriptures for this afternoon.

PGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Our Worthy Grand Matron's scripture is: I Corinthians 13:13 And now these three remain; faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Our Worthy Grand Patron brings us Psalms 118:24 This is the day the Lord has made we will rejoice and be glad in it.

WGM: Thank you Sister Cheryl for our scriptures. It is always a positive and loving influence to hear the word of God.

WGM: At this time, I think that Sister Tina Stevens is going to give us another Credentials Report as there was some heavy registering during the lunch hour. Sister Tina. Until we can get that report I'm going to call Sister Mary Medford to come forward and Sister Sherry Fowler to come forward. I recognize Sister Mary Medford, ESTARL Chairman

Sister Mary Medford: Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of the report for the ESTARL.

WGM: We had a very inspiring and beautiful ESTARL and Memorial Program last evening. We need to adopt their reports which were read last evening. And at this time I call on Sister Mary Medford, as she is the ESTARL Chairman and she has moved for the adoption of her report. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt the report of the ESTARL Committee. Is there any discussion? All in Favor, raise your red card. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. * Thank you, Sister Mary for assuming this responsibility. You and your committee have done an OUTSTANDING job just as I knew you would. Sister Sherry Fowler, Grand Chaplain.

Gr. Chaplain Sherry Fowler: Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of the Grand Chaplain Report.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt the report of the Grand Chaplain. Is there a second?

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second.

WGM: Brother Burley Jones seconds the motion. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your red cards. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. * Thank you, Sister Sherry. You have done a wonderful job as Grand Chaplain and the Memorial Program last evening was very beautiful and very inspiring. Thank you so much. (Applause) At this time we will have an update or a partial report on Credentials by Credentials Chairman, Sister Tina Stevens.

Sister Tina Stevens: Okay, Worthy Grand Matron. We currently have, we still have 269 Chapter in Texas. We have 235 Chapters now registered and 212 have picked up their registration. We have 1,287 voting members now registered and 1,039 that have picked up their registrations. Okay?

WGM: Thank you very much Sister Tina. Sister Peggy Acebo, will you please go to First Aid? Please go to First Aid. At this time, we will continue with Jurisprudence. I invite the Jurisprudence Chairman to come forward. Sister Rosemary S. Berry.

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Hi, Sisters and Brothers. Did y'all have a good lunch? Now, this is my stress relief friend. I borrowed him from one of my Peace Roses so I would have something to hold onto as we move forward. (Laughter) Okay, I have two questions that need to be addressed and then I will bring Brother Trey Smith back up to work on the Amendment. So, I want you to listen carefully. These are questions from you, the membership not understanding. So, we are going to clarify this first. Okay? First things first. This Amendment #1 is the second reading. Are you with me? Then our Constitution on Page 48 it clearly states and I read **Second Hearing:** At the next Annual Session, it shall be read in full, and, if so ordered, 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 its favor, the amendment shall be recorded as part of this Constitution, and shall become effective from and after the adjournment of that Chapter Session. Now, we have had numerous people come to us during the lunch hour asking "Why are you allowing this Amendment to be Amended? A Second Reading can't be amended." Sisters and Brothers, I just read to you. On Page 48 of the Constitution, you are allowed to Amend, if so ordered, that Amendment. Now, do you have any questions on that? Do you understand that we are not doing anything illegal here? We are just allowing for an Amendment for a Second Reading to the Amendment. Got it? Based on our Law. Thank you, Brother Henry. Oh, Okay, I'm being corrected, and I love it. Especially when it comes to Brother Henry. There's been questions about Roberts Rules of Order. We use those only if our own Laws and Constitution does not handle it. We don't need Roberts Rules of Order right here on this one. Now, we got that? (Yes) Hey, I like that, that means you're awake. Next, on Page 49-50 of the Advanced Annual Report. In your registration packet. This is how the Amendment was presented last year. It's printed on 49 and 50. From the previous Grand Chapter Session. This is what was approved. Therefore, we're presenting it a second time. And we are going to allow an Amendment to this Amendment. Now this Amendment that we read to you this morning, several of you had great confusion. Sister Diane? Will you please put the second page which is Page 50 up on the screen? It's up there? Section d.? Okay good, because I'm telling you people, if you are standing up here, this is backwards. And I don't read Pig Latin. Okay, now listen. The Amendment that was read this morning by Brother Trey was to affect Section d., d. only. Thank you, Diane. She has it up there in yellow. That's a good color. If you were around back in '95- '96 the color was... (Yellow) and she's one of my Peace Roses. Okay, now listen to me. d. is all they are trying to Amend. Not any of the other, just d. Do you understand that? (Mumbling yes) I wasn't real clear on that many yes's. (Yes!) See that's all there is to it. Brother Trey, you have the podium.

PGP Trey Smith: Well, now I have the opportunity to mess it all up again and then she can come back and fix it. The way that made it sound, didn't it? Okay, Sisters and Brothers. Are we ready to continue? (Yes!) Alright, when we left for lunch, and help me if I am wrong, we were into discussion. We were about to have discussion on the Amendment to the Amendment, were we not?

WGM: We were about ready to do that.

PGP Trey Smith: That's what I'm saying. That's where we were headed.

WGM: We're headed to that, yes.

PGP Trey Smith: So, does everyone remember what the Amendment to the Amendment states? Do we see it on the screen? Alright, Worthy Grand Mar-tron, the Jurisprudence Committee has found this Amendment to be in proper

form. The proponents, the first two line signers are here and they are ready to continue and we are ready for discussion.

WGM: The motion has been made and seconded to Amend Constitutional Amendment #1 by amending Section d.

PGP Trey Smith: Who made the motion?

WGM: Didn't you make it? (No) Sorry bout that.

PGP Trey Smith: It was presented so formally I make a motion that this Amendment to Amendment #1 be allowed for a vote.

WGM: Yes! (Laughter) Do I hear a second? I'm going to do this, folks.

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

WGM: A motion has been made and seconded to amend the Constitutional Amendment #1 by amending Section d. Is there any discussion? (Designated microphones for yes and no). This is on the Amendment...yes, his motion is to allow what I have presented it to you, and we are going to have to do two votes on it. As I understand it, we are going to have to the delegates and then the Chapter Representatives. Is that what you said? We are going to have to have the Chapter Representatives as well on this Amendment to the Amendment.

PGP Trey Smith: Okay, Sisters and Brothers, are we good there?

WGM: Everybody understand that? Three minutes runs.

Sister Traci Maynard: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Traci Maynard. A Past Matron of Leander Chapter #73. And I am speaking in favor to the proposed Amendment to the Amendment #1 and the reason I am presenting this Amendment is because Amendment #1 as it is written, creates two sets of laws. One for those members who participate in Eastern Star at the Grand Chapter level and a second law outlawing alcohol for those members who participate at the Subordinate Chapter level. And I really don't think that it's fair to treat your members that way. It's not fair is what I'm trying to say. If Amendment #1 is good for Grand Chapter and for the financial support of Grand Chapter, then this Amendment should be good for the Subordinate Chapters. And likewise, if it is not a law that is good for the Subordinate Chapters it shouldn't be allowed at Grand Chapter either. And that's how I feel. Thank you.

WGM: Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, we're going to muddle the waters, but this is something we have to do. A majority of the members present and the majority of the Chapters Representative votes in favor, the Amendment

shall be recorded as part of the Constitution and shall become effective. So, we're going to have to vote whether we're going to hear this or not. One time real quick and we are going to do a show of cards. All those in favor raise your red cards. Cards down. We have to vote whether we can present it, whether we can hear it on the floor or not. I read it right out of the Constitution, folks. Whether we're going to hear this or not, we have to vote on it. Now, we've had the delegates vote, I want a Chapter Representative vote. That's your yellow Chapter Representative card. All those in favor to hear it. To hear it. Your yellow cards up. That's the Chapter Representative card. All opposed same sign. It's been called and we're going to hear it. *

Brother Kenneth Larsen: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Kenneth Larsen.

WGM: It's got to be this side. Yes.

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Karen Morgenthaler, Past Matron of Pearland Chapter #1065. I am against this Amendment for the following reasons. Number One, the Grand Chapter of Texas will be held liable for any accident that could have occurred to having these beverages and the reason is that we sign a contract to host, the Board of Directors do, to have Grand Chapter. They are responsible of every vendor that we bring in. They have to sign that contract. But if you look at the DUI laws of today and you talk to the police officers and everyone else that is knowledgeable, they are going to go back to where the liquor began. At that began at a Banquet and it moved forward. And they are going to go back, and they are going to have the Grand Chapter liable. Do we have the liability insurance to sell the alcohol? We are selling it because we signed a contract to have it brought in. The Board of Directors sign off on the contract. They signed off on this building. That is the responsibility and then the Worthy Grand Matron is the CEO of Grand Chapter, she's going to be held responsible. The Worthy Grand Patron is going to be held responsible. The Corporate Board is going to be held responsible. When does it end? We do not need this at Grand Chapter. The revenue that could possibly come off of it is perhaps \$1.00 off of a luncheon or a banquet ticket. And I don't think we can all afford that \$1.00. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, we all have opinions and I want you to realize, let's be kind to one another today. Thank you. Sir?

Brother Kenneth Larsen: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Kenneth Larsen. I'm a Past Patron of Leander Chapter #73 and I'm speaking in favor of the Amendment to the Amendment. As we voted last Grand Chapter the Amendment passed. Our objection is that for Subordinate Chapters we're not offered the same opportunity for financial relief and support of operations. If Grand Chapter is going to use this to off-set the cost of holding banquets and formal functions, why should Chapters not have that same opportunity at the local level or the ability to take the wives, widows or Masonic ladies out

for a dinner at a restaurant that would serve alcohol not done by the Chapter. As we looked at the numbers this morning, we've consolidated nine Chapters since June. We continue to talk about the financial burdens that individuals face yet we are going to pass legislation that keeps Chapters from being able to leverage that same opportunity. As our Past Grand Matron pointed out in her invocation this morning, your standards are our standards. They should be fair and equitable at the Chapter level as at the Grand Chapter level. Thank you.

WGM: Thank you.

Sister Linda Crawford: Linda Crawford, Past Matron of Harlandale Chapter #750. Well, I am speaking against this. Before I can actually address the Amendment to the Amendment, since I'm sitting down here on the floor, I can't read the Pig Latin either. Brother Trey, I no longer know what the amended d. states. And I can not read it on the boards because I'm reading it backwards.

PGP Trey Smith: Okay, I can read it to you again if that would help. Okay. As it now reads, and this is the Amendment to the Amendment #1. This is not what it says in the Constitution, okay? So, if you will look on your pages, Page 49, what the change would be to Section d. In the Advanced Annual Report. And that's on Page 50, number d. In the Amendment that is proposed,

d. 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.

They are asking for it to be amended to read: Section d.

Alcoholic beverages may be served by the holder of the appropriate alcoholic beverages license, or permitted at Subordinate Chapter Banquets, and fundraisers, (subject to item e. below) to offset expenses of the event. No member of the Order of the Eastern Star shall sell or serve alcoholic beverages at these events.

Okay, does that help with that? Okay.

Sister Debi Fincher: Am I recognized? My name is Debi Fincher, Past Matron of Franklin #311 and dual member with Bryan #222. And I just want to bring in some clarification information on this. I spent fifteen years as a State Police Officer with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. We licensed all of the locations that wanted to sell alcoholic beverages. During that time I also became an expert in Dram Shop litigation (laws that hold businesses liable when they serve or sell alcohol to minors or obviously intoxicated persons who later cause death or injury) where I did that after I left TABC, for

attorneys on a private consultation basis in Oklahoma where I was listed as an expert witness in Dram Shop litigation. We don't sell alcoholic beverages. The Grand Chapter is not a licensee, it is not a permittee, we cannot sell, serve or deliver alcoholic beverage. There is no state requirement either for any licensee or permittee to have any type of liability insurance. None. The more insurance you have, the licensee or permittee, in this case, it would be the Corporation or the individual that owns that hotel. That would be the individual that would be the subject of that litigation. Not the Grand Chapter of Texas. So, we do not sign those contracts. (Applause) So I just wanted to clarify that to the membership that as the Board, we do not sign those contracts to say that we are going to be selling the alcoholic beverages. This is all just allowing it to be sold at our banquets at Grand Chapter by the hotel or wherever we have that event. So, I just wanted to clarify that for everybody. Thank you.

WGM: Thank you. I recognize the gentleman to the left.

Brother Bob Royall: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I'm Bob Royall, Past Patron of Huffman #1112, Past Patron of Cleveland #1112 and current Worthy Patron of Cleveland #465, I miss stated the number, I apologize. The question came up about who signs the contracts for Grand Chapter for the hotels and such. There is a three-person Committee on the Board of Directors that reviews those. but the Board does not sign those contracts. All contracts are signed by our legal agent which is the Grand Secretary. I just wanted to make that point of clarification. Thank you.

WGM: Thank you very much Brother Bob. I recognize the lady on the left. Your time is running.

Sister Susie Rodgers: My name is Susie Rodgers, Past Matron from Burnet Chapter #425. I don't want y'all to think that we are talking about wild parties here. Let me give you a real-life example. Our Chapter had an opportunity to hold a fundraiser at a local restaurant, fairly new, offered to help us. A nice little Italian place. He set us a per plate price of \$21.00 per plate for the entrée, salads, coffee, tea, dessert, and we sold tickets at \$35.00 a piece, that was cheap, for two seatings. One at 2:00, one at 4:00. We did not contract him with wine although he had it available but because we are Eastern Star, we could not do that. This was a nice Sunday afternoon event. We netted over \$800.00. We did have a few people who talked him out of a glass of wine, not known to us and he didn't know how to handle that because that wasn't included in any of our agreements, so we got the bill for that. But wouldn't it have been nice if we could have had a nice glass of wine with our Italian dinner on a quiet Sunday afternoon? Now that really happened so I just gave you all a good fundraising idea. And while we were advertising that, we were taking around our Chapter calendars, we mentioned it to another restaurant owner who offered to hold the next one for us.

WGM: Thank you. I recognize the gentleman on the left.

Brother Ben Wilson: I'm going to fix the mic.

WGM: Your time is running sir. (Laughter)

Brother Ben Wilson: So, is your??? (Couldn't understand but it got a laugh).

WGM: I recognize the left.

Sister Julie Thomas: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Julie Thomas, Worthy Matron of Garland #156. And I believe I would like to point out a grammatical error in the Amendment.

PGP Trey Smith: What did she say?

WGM: A grammatical error in the Amendment.

Sister Julie Thomas: The wording of the proposed Amendment to the Amendment is not near the verbiage that is in the original Amendment and at least in the Southeast is creating some confusion as to what the Amendment actually says. It uses the past tense of the verb permitted rather than permit to go along with the license.

WGM: May I draw your attention please. If we are ever going to get past this, we're really going to have to pay attention.

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Where's the young lady that caught the grammatical? That's wonderful. It should be permit. Is that right? Why are you shaking your head darling?

Sister Julian Larsen: May I address this?

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Surely.

Sister Julian Larsen: I am Julian Larsen, Past Matron of Leander #73. I believe what may be actually missing here may be a comma. That the intention was to say Alcoholic beverages may be served by the holder of the appropriate alcoholic beverages license, or permitted at Subordinate Chapter Banquets and fundraisers. So, it's may be served by license or permitted. So, it's not to refer to a license. We're saying that alcohol beverages may be served or may be permitted. That was the intention. Thank you.

PGP Trey Smith: Sister Traci? Can you come to the mic, please ma'am? Since you are the first signer on this.

Sister Traci Maynard: Yes, sir.

PGP Trey Smith: Would you please share what you intended with this. I'm talking about the wording. Are you talking about permitted or are you talking about a permit?

Sister Traci Maynard: Allowed? Allowed.

PGP Trey Smith: Beverage license or permit at Subordinate Chapter Banquets is what it says in original Amendment #1 as amended. So, if your intention is what the previous lady spoke of that's a totally different Amendment.

Sister Traci Maynard: He says permit. Ken was just explaining to me that it should be permit and not permitted.

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Sisters and Brothers, we are working very hard. We have been working very hard to see that your Jurisprudence does what's necessary for the membership now and legal. Traci, darling, d. that you want totally changed, right? Item d. of last year's Amendment, you want to change it. Now, what we are asking you is down here under: Alcoholic beverages license or permitted at a Subordinate Chapter. That's what you have given us. Permitted. Now are you saying that you want...

Sister Traci Maynard: What I was trying to make it do was to reflect the same thing in part a. for the Grand Chapter to be mirrored for the Subordinate Chapters and part a. says: license or permit, at Grand Chapter Banquets. I was trying to say license or permit at Subordinate Chapter functions.

PGP Trey Smith: Okay, so, if that's what you are saying...

Sister Traci Maynard: So, I need to change the word. Is that what I'm understanding?

PGP Trey Smith: Okay, Sisters and Brothers...

WGM: Excuse me Past Grand Patron, I think the Parliamentarian has something she would like to say about this, please. (Sidebar talk)

PGP Trey Smith: Okay, Sisters and Brothers, I know this is confusing and I'm sorry for it to be so confusing and I do appreciate the Sister that brought up that there's not a reflection of one to the other, but that reflection is that the Sister brought up that beverage license or permit should be the same. They are not the same and they won't be the same because what this Sister is referring to is Section 6, a. That's what it says in a. As the Amendment was amended. The **a. Alcoholic beverages license or permit at Grand Chapter Banquets, Round-ups, multi-state exchanges, etc. in order to generate revenues and offset food and beverage expenses.** Okay, that's a. What this Amendment to the Amendment as amended that we have read that Sister Traci and others have submitted is in regard to Section d. They are not

the same Section. So, please help me be clear on that, that you understand that because Section d. that we are talking about can certainly be changed like she is saying because as it was voted on at the last Session, on Page 50. d. says, are you there with me? d. says: **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.** What they are trying to change is d. only. We have nothing to do with reflection of a. to d. I may have went to school in Westbrook but it still goes a,b,c,d. Okay? (Laughter) So, d. is legal to say **Alcoholic beverages may be served by the holder of the appropriate alcoholic beverages license or permitted at Subordinate Chapter Banquets or fundraisers.** Okay? Does that make sense? That's what it says in here. So, permitted may not be spelled the way we think it should be spelled, some people, but it is permitted. It's to allow it to happen. Correct? (Sidebar)

WGM: Brother Choir Director? A little softening please.

**(He's Got the Whole World in His Hands)
Brother Jerry Neuenschwander**

WGM: Thank you very much. Let's show them how much we appreciate that wonderful music. (Applause) At this hour of the day.

Brother Ben Wilson: Worthy Grand Matron, may I make an announcement? (Yes) We are using volunteer help to run the cameras and if anyone out there has any experience of videotaping anything and would like to get up on a camera, if you will come back here and see Diane Wilson, she'll be happy to put you up there. And give these two ladies who have been doing this for almost a day and a half now a break. Okay, anybody who wants to run a camera, we've got a job for you. Come see us.

WGM: I would like to ask the membership a question please. And I would like to have your permission, yea or nay. It reads: **Alcoholic beverages may be served by the holder of the appropriate alcoholic beverages license, or permitted at Subordinate Chapter Banquets or fundraisers.** Would the membership, and we do have to vote on this, allow us to put the comma in after license, or permitted at Subordinate Chapter? We are going to do it right. Use your card. All in...oh...is there any discussion? All those in favor raise your red card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. * We will put that comma in there!

PGP Trey Smith: Okay, where is Brother Ben? Shot a rooster and killed a hen. (Laughter) Can we get that changed on the screen please? And get it put back on the screen.

WGM: To the right please.

Sister Ann George: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Ann George, Past Matron of Arlington Chapter #249. I call for the question. (Lots of whoops and hollers)

WGM: We have to vote on calling for the question. We did do the comma and now we are going to vote on to call for the question. All those in favor raise your red card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Question has been called. *

PGP Trey Smith: Okay, Sisters and Brothers, we are now going to make sure that you know what you are going to be voting on. One more time. We are going to be voting on Amendment to Amendment #1 as amended. Okay, are we clear? Which now has a big fancy comma in it. (Laughter) Okay? So, we now find that it is in order and I make a motion that we vote on this Amendment to the amended #1 as amended.

WGM: I now call for the vote on the Amendment...

PGP Trey Smith: Okay, I said it wrong I'm told. We are going to be voting on the proposed Amendment to Amendment #1 as amended. The comma made it as amended. But we are not voting on #1, so don't think we are, we aren't.

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

PGP Trey Smith: It's on the screens of what we are voting on.

WGM: The motion has been made and seconded to amend Constitutional Amendment #1 by amending Section d. This Amendment now has been presented to you by Jurisprudence. All in favor of the Amendment to Section d. raise your red card. Cards down. All those opposed, same sign. Motion carried. * The Amendment as adopted, Section d. of Constitutional Amendment, has changed the Constitutional Amendment and will now be considered as Amended from the Parliamentary.

PGP Trey Smith: Ready to go?

WGM: I'm ready to go. (Laughter) We're going to do it right!

PGP Trey Smith: Okay. Sisters and Brothers, we are now...on the screens you will see Amendment #1 to the Constitution which passed as amended at the 2018 Session. This is the Second Reading of this Amendment. And if passed this will become effective at the close of this Grand Chapter Session. Do I need to go over it again? (NO!) Okay, so you know what you are voting on? (Yes!)

WGM: We had some discussion here. We do want to be safe and to make sure everything is legal. So, here's what I want you to know. That we are going to vote by Chapter Representative. We just voted with the red card of the delegates in the room to put the comma in and to change the Section d. Everybody understand that? We just voted on that. Now I would like to see a

Chapter Representative vote on that. (Chapter Representatives raised cards). We are doing this to be safe. All opposed same sign. Carried. *

PGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers, we are now going to vote on Amendment #1 to the Constitution. Passed as amended at the 2018 Grand Chapter Session which is now presented for its Second Reading as amended. Okay, that's on the screen now. We find that it is in proper form as amended and I make a motion that it be brought to the floor of this body for vote.

WGM: We are now voting on the Constitutional Amendment #1 as amended. The vote for this Amendment will be a ballot vote. Do I hear a second?

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

WGM: Second has been made by Brother Burley Jones. I declare the ballot open. * Jimmie Lee is going to give you all the information.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Sisters and Brothers, let me explain to you something. You saw yellow cards go up and you saw red cards go up. We are going to take the first ballot on everyone in this room. Do not use your Chapter Representative cards that were put in your packet. Because if you do, that vote is out. You will only use the letter that I'm fixing to hear in my ear for this first ballot. So, you understand, don't lose your Chapter Representative vote. It will be done separate, maybe. Because you don't know what the first vote is going to do. Our Worthy Grand Matron likes "F". For fun, friendly, fantastic. We are going to use this color. Now let me explain to you something else. Once these doors are locked, no one will enter or leave unless it is deemed an emergency. And the door to my right on the back wall is the only door you can go in and out if it's an emergency. I will explain to you again that there are people that are working. We cannot shut down the Grand Chapter Committees that are Credentials, Registration, First Aid, Security and Lost and Found. Those that are out there working, we will pull those in half of them at a time. The Jurisprudence Committee, Brother Trey, will explain to them, just like you have been explained to what we are voting on. They will step out and the next group will come in. It's going to take us a couple more minutes, but everybody should be treated the same and fairly. Do you not agree? (Yes) Okay, so that's what we're doing. We now need the doors secured, locked, sealed, no one else enters.

WGM: I now declare the ballot closed, again. (Open!) No, Open, sorry. * I'm looking at his closed sign back there. I now declare the ballot open. * And I will need the Deputies to pick up the ballots please.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: I have been reminded, do not fold your ballots so it can be done as quickly as possible. Table Judges, clear your tables so there is nothing in front of you or laying on that table. All cellphones turned off.

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Jimmie Lee?

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Yeah.

PGM Joyce Nicklas: I'm sorry. A ballot box was dropped. Ballots went all over the floor. What do we do?

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Well, I'd say pick them up would be a real good suggestion. The Jurisprudence said you can just pick them up because we do not know who they belong to so we can't blame anybody.

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Thank you.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: So, pick them up. If it was marbles, I'd say another answer. Sister Deputies, whenever the ballot boxes are in your possession and you have picked up your area, please circle the tables. Have I got the first half of my Jurisprudence and half of my Arrangements? Brother Trey? Do not deposit the ballot. (To Deputies) Brother Trey, you need to explain to half of my Arrangements Committees, what are they voting on. They have their ballots and they would like to be able to do that. Smile Trey. (Laughter)

PGP Trey Smith: Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen at the door. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are voting on, in the Advanced Annual Report, we are voting on Amendment #1 to the Constitution that passed as amended at the 2018 Session. This is the Second Reading, so we have amended this Amendment one more time. So, we are voting on Amendment #1 as amended and amended again. And that is to have Section d. changed for alcoholic beverages to be served at Grand Chapter and Subordinate Chapters, is the short version of it. So, it's up on the screen there. If you have any questions, please feel free.

WGM: If you are supposed to do a report for the afternoon, will you please come to the stage.

PGP Trey Smith: And this is only to change Section d. in the Amendment so now it's to this Amendment #1 as amended. Are we good? Have you balloted? Have all of you balloted.

WGM: These are the Grand Chapter Reports.

PGP Trey Smith: Sister Abby? Is that you back there? Would you please ask for the other half of the Committee to come in now? So, I can go over all of this again...

WGM: Have we contacted all of the workers so they may have the opportunity to ballot? Thank you. Brother Trey. I left my glasses folks and I can't see back there. I have to have three people help me see what's in the back door.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: And Sister Deputies when you're moving... Sister Deputies that have the ballot boxes? We realize that everything is very, very close but be sure and remember that the Bible is open and watch where you are going and how you are coming and going around. Has the second half of my Committees come in? Please stand in front of the camera screens so you can see what Trey is going to explain to you. Is that the other half of Credentials, Registration, First Aid... is that the rest of you? Okay, Trey.

PGP Trey Smith: Okay, Ladies, on the screen you will see the proposed Amendment to Amendment #1 that we voted on and passed. That Amendment will now be included into Amendment #1 to the Constitution that was passed as amended at the 2018 Session and now has been amended again. If this passes it will become effective at the close of this Grand Chapter. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: My Assistant Warders. Have the Assistant Grand Sentinels voted, outside your doors?

PGP Trey Smith: Okay, Ladies, have you all balloted? Section d. was the Amendment to the Amendment and that has already passed.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Donna? Do you have the question? Do you have a question? If you have a question, come to the microphone. And you did not miss a paper ballot. It was strictly done by a show of hands and red cards. Okay? You didn't miss anything it was by card.

PGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers, I appreciate your patience. I sincerely do. I just want this to be done right and correct for all of us and sometimes that just takes time. So, I do appreciate you staying with us and your help with this. Okay? Thank you very much. Brother Buddy? Brother Buddy, has everyone voted right back there and gone back out does it look like? Okay.

WGM: Has everyone who is entitled to vote voted? Is there anyone in the room who has not had this opportunity? Outside, everybody's voted. I declare the ballot closed. * (Yea!!) Thank you very much. At this time, we are going to calm it down a little bit here and have a couple of reports. Refresh our brains and then we will go on.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Will the Deputies please deposit their ballot boxes on the table. Now that ballot box that go turned over, it didn't hit the floor, it just got laid on the table upside down a little bit early. So, no one has seen it, no one has touched it, so we're all straight. I believe the Warders may open the doors for those that would like to leave or those that would like to come in.

WGM: I recognize Sister Gail Fuller, By-Laws Committee Chairman, who will present their report. Also, I have a message from our Grand Secretary. We have Chapter Packets for you to pick up. We have chocolate candy if you're

in the position to buy some and they're in the Vendor room. And that's the latest in announcements. We'll now hear from Sister Gail Fuller. Sisters and Brothers, we have a report. Let's show our interest in this report please.

Sister Gail Fuller:

By-Laws Committee Report 2018 – 2019

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers.

It is a pleasure to introduce the other members of this committee: Brenda Whitehead and Molly Willey.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the privilege of serving Grand Chapter this year as Chairman of the By-Laws Committee. It has been a great experience working with Chapters throughout the state. Forty requests for By-Laws amendments were received and one Chapter submitted two (2) requests. A total of thirty-nine (39) requests were approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and forwarded to the Chapters.

One Chapter's request was received too late to submit and will be turned over to the new By-Laws Committee for 2019 – 2020.

Most of the By-Laws amendments pertained to dues and meeting time. The most common problems, which created delays in the approval process, were the required duplicate original signed copies of the proposed amendments and /or Form "Request for By-Laws Approval Certificate" with Chapter seal as required in COL Article 265.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Secretaries of the Chapters for their dedication to our Order.

A complete of Chapters to be approved by this Grand Chapter is as follows:

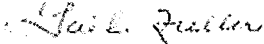
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New Caney # 1093
Zapata # 1106
Friendswood # 1131

Templar # 374
Springtown # 498
Loyal # 648
Quitman # 695 (2)
Kountze-Sour Lake # 724
Carthage # 747
Vidor # 914
Huntington # 938
Copperas Cove # 1070
Cypress # 1102
Frankston # 1113
Newbern # 1135

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

Respectfully submitted,



Gail Fuller, By-Laws Chairman

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion from the By-Laws Committee to adopt their report. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor raise your red card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. * Sister Gail, you have worked diligently to see that the By-Laws were reviewed and returned in good order. I thank you for your exemplary work and I commend the members of your Committee, Sister Brenda Whitehead and Molly Willey. Thank you. I recognize Sister Jean Hobbs, Chairman, Educational Committee who will present their report. obb

Sister Jean Hobbs:

(Report on Next page)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards, ^{Members} my Sisters and Brothers all:

First, I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for allowing us to serve on the Education Fund Committee for your year. It has been a great experience and pleasure. A lot of work went into these Applications from these students.

The Committee met at the Grand Chapter Office in April to begin work, reviewing these Applications. We had:

- 47 Applications received from students entering college for the first time or returning to college;
- 43 Applications received were awarded a \$1,000.00 Scholarship to the College of their choice;
- 4 were denied for various reasons.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Hobbs

Jean Hobbs
Education Fund, Dist. 3

Other Committee Members:

- Donna Rings, District 1
- Dr. Patricia Lane, District 2
- Cindy Lucas, District 4
- Shirley Ann Scholl, District 5

Sister Jean Hobbs: Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of this report.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion from the Educational Fund Committee to adopt their report. Is there any discussion? All in favor, raise your red card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. * What a task for the members of this Committee. I know how difficult it is to select those deserving of scholarships. We so want everyone to be selected but you and your Committee did an excellent job in selecting those we honored with scholarships. I thank you and your Committee members: Sisters

Donna Rings, Patricia Lane, Cindy Lucas and Shirley Scholl for your dedicated work for those who will receive these scholarships. I recognize Sister Johnnie Faye Morris, International Headquarters Committee Chairman, who will present her report.

Sister Johnnie Faye Morris: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers.

Perry Belmont House
International Headquarters
2018-2019
Johnnie Faye Morris

First I would like to thank Sister Carolyn for giving me this appointment. The duty of the International Headquarters committee ~~are~~ ^{is} to promote interest in our Headquarters.

International Headquarter sits on New Hampshire Avenue NW in Washington D.C., a magnificent building, the pride and joy of the Order of Eastern Star

I had the privilege to see our Headquarters in 2012 when Bro, Bill Bane was installed as Worthy Grand Patron for District of Columbia and again this year 2019

Construction was started in 1906 and finished in 1909 the total cost was 1.5 million

The exterior is reminiscent of 15th and 16th French chateau architecture..

The Mansion was only used for two months a year, It was built for the specific purpose of entraining not only the notables of Washington, also royalty. Mr. Belmont served as a Representative from New York for four terms. He also served as an Ambassador to Spain. The Belmonts main home was in Newport, Rhoad Island. His brother lived next

door to him and it was this brother that started the Belmont Stakes, horse racing, which is famous.

The Belmont's did not use the Mansion after 1925 and Mr. Belmont, being a Mason, was happy to sell it to General Grand Chapter in 1935 for \$1000,000.00. As part of the agreement with Mr. Belmont, the General Grand Chapter agreement states that the Right Worth Grand Secretary must live in the building. So the building is still a working private resident as well as our Headquarters.

There are eleven fireplaces, most with hand craved marble mantels. All the marble in the mansion is from Italy, all of the wood from Germany and all of the metal fixtures from France.

When you enter the front foyer, first thing you see are the beautiful white marble staircases, there are three staircases, which lead to different parts of the mansion, the main staircase is to the second floor, the left one to the original Secretary's office and the portraits of our Past and Present Worth Grand Matrons and the original signet which our Founder Dr. Rob Morris used is in this office. On the floor is a magnificent Eastern Star rug. There is also Past Worthy Grand Matrons jewels, one is Sister Jane Gregory's. The staircase on the right is where you can purchase items for our Order, such as new Rituals, Constitutions, all things concerning the Eastern Star.

Many of the furnishing, including several Tiffany vases, one of which was given to the Belmont Mansion by Br. Paul

Huffhines, Past Grand Patron of Texas and his wife Leona, in honor of Sister Rennie Often. Oil painting, Louie the 14th and 15th furniture, China and oriental rugs were included in the purchase, the paintings and also portraits of our Past Right Worthy Grand Worthy Matrons. Many of the painting need to be refurbished, the wooden frames, plus the paintings need to be cleaned, also the furniture needs to be fixed and refurbished, also the walls. Sister Alma-Lynne told us about this need and on this trip, the group that went took up a collection and we raised \$1000.00 towards this project

The Ballrooms can be rented and there are weddings, concerts held in the Grand Ballroom and the Gold Leaf Steinway Baby Grand piano is still used for these occasions. There are four Banquet rooms and the most elegant is the State Banquet room, when you first go into the banquet room you see the glittering candle lights that have welcomed Presidents and Royalty. First thing you notice is the banquet table which can seat twelve, and then you glance up and there on the ceiling are our heroines, their emblems and their colors which covers the entire ceiling and the rest of the elegants fades away after you see the beautiful ceiling.

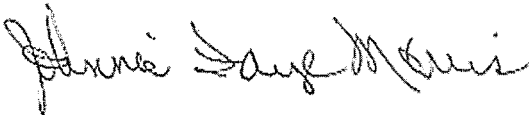
Some of the affairs that have happened at our Headquarters are: the current Supreme Court held a banquet in our Ballroom on Nov. 16,2018, in Jan.,2018 a former Atty. General gave a suprise birthday party for his wife, there was a Fashion Show ,sponsored by Italy, in March ,2019

Most
Bro. Henry Martin, Right Worthy Grand Patron and Sister
Alma Lynne Banc Right Worthy Grand Secretary, proud
Texans, have taken a room in the basement, cleaned it up
and it is across the hall from the main office and have
made a TEXAS ROOM with twin beds, and Texas
emblems, the Texas Flag is displaced in all of its Glory.

Sister Carolyn Martin Worthy Grand Matron and Bro.
Burley Jones Worthy Grand Patron planted Texas
Bluebonnets in the front garden of our Headquarters.

If the opportunity comes your way to visit and see our
Headquarters, I urge you to go and see our Headquarters,
you will never forget the pride and joy you will have in our
International Headquarters.

IF ARCHITECTURE IS FROZEN MUSIC, SURELY
THE PERRY BELMONT MANSION AND OUR
INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IS ONE OF THE
GREATEST SYMPHONIES EVER COMPOSED



Johnnie Faye Morris
International Headquarters
2018-2019

Johnnie Faye Morris: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that this report be
adopted.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of Sister Johnnie
Faye Morris and she has presented a motion for the International Headquar-
ters to adopt her report. Is there a second? Brother Burley Jones seconds the

motion. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your red cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. *

???: I just want to say thank you to Johnnie Faye for this wonderful report. I do want to say Most Worthy Grand Patron this morning, Brother Henry Martin also gave you a lot about the Foundation. We have a table outside. Johnnie has been working it. Go by there and see. I also want to tell you that our International Chairman, General Chairman of the International Headquarters is here. His name is Robert Ludlow. And he's very friendly and he'd like to talk to you. So, thank you so much. That's my Committee and you'll hear from me more later.

WGM: Thank you Sister Johnnie Faye for your work on the International Headquarters. We appreciate all that you did. And she has this appointment because she has been extremely interested in the Perry Belmont Mansion and has visited. Thank you very, very much Sister Johnnie Faye. At this time, I recognize Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Chairman of the Financial Investments Committee to bring her report.

PGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron.

Report of the Financial Investment Committee

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers

It is my pleasure to give the report of the Financial Investment Committee.

At least one member of this committee attended the Board meetings when the representatives of JP Morgan Chase presented their quarterly updates to the Board of Directors. We commend the Board of Directors and the Investment Team for their due diligence in seeing that our funds are properly invested and protected.

I was asked several questions concerning the investment portfolio and the status of our 501c3 account and was able to provide some insight concerning the items in question.

I would like to thank Brother Ray Hertenberger for his year of service on this committee and Brother Larry Tucker for his three years of service.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Albrecht, Chairman
Larry Tucker
Ray Hertenberger

PGM Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this long report. (Laughter)

WGM: Thank you Sister Cheryl. 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 red cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. * Brother Neuenschwander how about a good musical number please.

**(Grand Old Flag and Zippity Do Dah)
Led by Jerry Neuenschwander**

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Hey, guess what? Have you ever been to a ball game, baseball game and they had something called a seventh inning stretch? It's time to stand up and what you're going to do is stand up and you're going to wave at these folks over here. You gotta stand up to do this. Circulation. Circulation in the body. And you are waving over there. Now, what you've got to do with that, we're gonna do something else. We're going to go to the left, then we're gonna go to the right. Oh yes, Lord, it's gonna be alright. Is it going to be alright? Alright, now I have a question. Did you get confused real easy? No? That's good because what we could do if y'all are willing, we could start up another argument. (NO!) I mean we have some other Amendments that we could kind of work on while they are tabulating over here. If you really want to be confused. You wanna keep on working? (Yes!) Alright, Trey, it's your job now.

PGP Trey Smith: Okay, Sisters and Brothers. Sisters and Brothers. Okay, Sisters and Brothers, what we are going to do now is we are going to go ahead and take...that door over there needs to be secured.

WGM: The door on the far right needs to be secured please.

PGP Trey Smith: And the one over here as well. Secure the door please. Okay, we are going to take the Chapter Representative vote now on Amendment #1 as amended, as amended...as amended.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: How many of you need something that is over here and how many need something that's over there? Well, it would be real good if you go get it. I'll let you do that. But remember the Bible is open. Go pick your purses and your ballots and whatever you need. Wherever you originally started from but then you're going to go back over here because I don't want to lose the number on the tables. See, when I do this, you just never know where you are going to end up. But isn't it fun? How many Chapter Representatives do we have in here? Please raise your cards. Would the Warders and Sentinels please notify that we're fixing to take a ballot and if they are a Chapter Representative, they are needed in here. Our Worthy Grand Matron has decided that since our membership got to vote by ballot

that the Chapter Representative will vote with a ballot and I do not know the letters. K and L are the Chapter Representatives. They are a beautiful bright yellow, so our Worthy Grand Matron will tell us which number in this ear of which ballot you want you to vote on. "K", that's kindness, we want everybody to be kind to one another. Are my doors getting ready to be locked? Worthy Grand Matron, you need to make the announcement. Are my Pages ready?

WGM: Brother Grand Warder, you will see that our doors are secure.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Sisters and Brothers, we are about to ballot, and I need the Chapter delegates to do their duty. Ballot "K". I now declare the ballot Open. * Pages pick up the ballots and it will make it a whole lot easier for them if you will raise your yellow card, your voting card and they will know where you are to pick up your ballot. I think that will make it a lot quicker for them and easier.

WGM: We need some Deputies to go to this end please, at the far left. There is a Phyllis Wilson from Farmersville, I have your Credentials. If you will come to the Grand Secretary's office, section, table...they will be there.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: I need for the Deputies to bring those boxes to table 1 and 2 only. 1 and 2 only. Raise your hand Jerry Trees and Sharon. Over here. Have all of the Chapter Representative ballots been picked up?

WGM: Sister Associate Grand Matron? Would you like to tell everyone when you are going to practice please?

AGM Linda Winn-Christenson: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you very much for the courtesy of allowing me to do this. I would like to ask for those that will be participating...I'm past counting hours, I'm down to minutes now so I'm getting a little tongue tied. Those who will be taking part in tomorrow night's Installation, Sister Joyce Nicklas who is my Master of Ceremonies will be here around 7:30 this evening for practice and thank you so much for affording me that courtesy. I appreciate it.

WGM: I now declare the ballot Closed. *

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Deposit the ballots on the tables. You may let them enter or leave. Now the doors are unlocked.

PGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers, thank you again for allowing me to present #1 and it is such a pleasure that I have, almost as much as my wedding day, to say, I recognize Brother Bill Wyatt who will present Amendment #2. (Laughter)

PGP Bill Wyatt: Good evening my Sisters and Brothers.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, remember this is the business of Grand Chapter. It's very, very important that you understand it. But if we are talking, we may not hear it to understand it. Thank you.

PGP Bill Wyatt: We are going to move on to Amendment #2 to the Constitution. It was passed as amended at the 2018 Session. And you will find it on Page 51 of your Advanced Annual Report. It's presented for the Second Reading. If passed it will become effective at the close of this Grand Chapter Session. This refers to our Official Bulletin. If everybody remembers, it's supposed to be on the board, with a written...you write the Grand Secretary and a free copy will be furnished a copy of the Bulletin.

**AMENDMENT #2 - Passed
TO THE CONSTITUTION
PASSED AS AMENDED AT THE 2018 SESSION
PRESENTED FOR SECOND READING
IF PASSED, WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE AT THE CLOSE OF THIS
GRAND CHAPTER SESSION**

Page 67: Code of Laws; Division IV; Chapter 4, Duties and Prerogatives of Grand Officers; E. Grand Secretary; Article 60, Correspondence.

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 Secretary requesting a printed copy by letter under the Chapter Seal.

Respectfully submitted:
Gerry Sturtz
Melinda Hicks
Sissy Furrie
Glenda Grubbs
Ron Grubbs
Joyce Nicklas

Glenda Tackett
Jaclyn Parsonage
Rosemary S. Berry
Nelson Campbell
Jerre S. Lucas

I move the adoption of this report.

WGM: It has been moved and we need a second please?

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron I second the motion.

WGM: It has been seconded by Brother Burley Jones. It has been moved and seconded and Jurisprudence to vote on this Constitutional Amendment #2. The vote for this Amendment will be a ballot vote. Is there any discussion? Hearing none we will continue on. I now declare...(Janet is saying to wait. Jimmie Lee needs to tell what ballot.) I'm trying to hurry up folks. Sister Jimmie Lee, I await your presence. They need to know what ballot to use.

- **PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters and Brothers? If you've got your ballot in your hand and you think you're going to use one color, I might decide you're going to use another color. And the Worthy Grand Matron and I like "G". For good, for God help us (Laughter) for golly. We're all glad you're here and we're going to be real glad when you decide about the Bulletin. So, "G", the Worthy Grand Matron loves "G", gee whiz, we are here.

WGM: I now declare the ballot Open. * The doors will be locked. She let them in.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: We will have to go through the same process that we went a while ago and that is if they are the workers, the Arrangements Committees will be allowed to come in at the West on the right and they will be instructed upon the ballot. The Deputies please pick up the ballots and they are that pretty light color and they have a big "G" on them.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, Sisters and Brothers, if you will give us a moment please. Our workers need some explanation. Brother Bill. Come to the mic please.

PGP Bill Wyatt: Amendment #2 was to the Constitution last year. It was passed as amended in 2018 Session and this is for the Second Reading. And if passed it because effective at the close of this Grand Chapter. This deals with our Bulletin that we voted on last year. If it passes this year, the Chapters will receive a free copy of the Bulletin if they request it to the Grand Secretary. Is that good enough?

WGM: We need the second half of the workers to come in please.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Will the Deputies circle the tables. We're going to use all four tables. We need it as quick as possible because we have Humanitarian and other things that need to be done. Round the room.

WGM: Remember the Bible is open.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Brother Bill will explain to the second half of the Arrangements and Credentials people of what the ballot is being taken on. The second half is in. Look at the overhead monitors and Bill is going to explain it to you so you will know what you are voting on.

PGP Bill Wyatt: Sisters and Brothers, we are voting on Amendment #2 to the Constitution. It was passed as amended in 2018. You'll find it on Page 51 of your Advanced Annual Report. If passed it will become effective at the close of this Grand Chapter. This deals with the Bulletin that we passed last year that the Chapter would receive a free copy of the printed Bulletin with a request sent to, under seal, to the Grand Secretary's Office.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Will the Deputies that are around Alma Lynn Bane and Buddy Baker's table please move to one of the other three tables. Would you please move to one of the other three tables? I've got something up my sleeve.

WGM: I now declare the ballot Closed. * Sister Deputies deposit the ballots please. You may open the doors please. Sisters and Brothers stay with us. Stay with us. We're going to do something else. Sisters and Brothers.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Sisters and Brothers, we're fixing to have another ballot. Our Worthy Grand Matron and I have decided y'all are so good and quick and so fast. All Chapter Representatives please hold up your yellow cards. Hold up your yellow cards. All Chapter Representatives hold up your yellow card. Thank you. Get your other yellow ballot out. Get your other yellow ballot out. Worthy Grand Matron, they would love to do Jumping Jacks and jumping around and vote as Chapter Representatives on Amendment #2 that Bill is going to come and explain to the Chapter Representatives to realize we are voting on Amendment #2 as Chapter Representatives.

WGM: We are going to give an explanation then we will secure the doors again. This is for a Chapter Representative vote on Amendment #2.

PGP Bill Wyatt: Sisters and Brothers, on Amendment #2, I made a remark a while ago that I want to clarify. In the Resolution, I said the word free. In the Resolution, it says a copy will be provided to the Chapters. You know, I took it as free. I used that word, free, but on the Resolution, Amendment, it says a copy would be presented or let me read it to you. "a printed copy be provided for each Subordinate Chapter Secretary requesting a printed copy by letter under the Chapter Seal." I'm sorry I used the word free. Does that take care of the questions for everybody? Or, do we have questions on it?

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Sisters and Brothers, Sisters and Brothers. There has been an error, suck the paint off the wall people (Laughter). It's "L", it's love. We are not jumping around, we love each other. And it is bright yellow, and it says Chapter Representative on it, and it has a big "L" for love, laughter, and I'm sorry I called it the wrong number. (She never called anything on the mic.)

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, are we clear on Amendment #2? It's on the screen? Do you see Amendment #2 on the screen? We are only doing Chapter Representative, not the delegate, the Chapter Representative. We are through with the delegates. We want the Chapter Representatives. Thank you.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Would the Deputies pick up the Chapter Representative, would the Chapter Representatives hold up your card so they will know where to pick up your ballot? Brother Bill Rhyan has taken as table judge on three. He's sitting on four, I've been corrected. That's okay. He's finished that table for me. The Deputies will take all the ballot boxes to Bill and Buddy's table. (I think it was Buddy and Alma Lynn's table)

WGM: Have all voted who are entitled to do so? I declare the ballot Closed. * Deposit the ballots please and the doors will be unlocked. If everybody hangs with me, I will give you the results.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Your Worthy Grand Matron has the results of the membership vote and the Chapter Representative vote and she will now give you those.

WGM: For the delegate vote for the membership, we had No, 416. Yes, 495. For a total voting of 911. That's the delegate vote. For the Grand Chapter Representative vote, we had 76 No, 108 Yes. That's Amendment #1, has passed. It will go into effect at the end of this Grand Chapter Session. Sisters and Brothers, Sisters and Brothers, if we are going to get through this Session, we still have a couple of things to do. We have a vote out. At this time, I would invite Sister Sharon Adams to bring the report of the Museum Committee. **(Amendment #1 passed as Amended)**

Sister Sharon Adams: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers all.

The Museum Committee in the 2018-2019 Grand Chapter year focused on continuing the scanning, documenting and inventorying of the Objects that comprise the Museum Collection further building on the work accomplished in the prior two (2) Grand Chapter years. My heartfelt thanks goes out to District 2 Chairman, Mrs. Sherry Dieckmann, for her expertise and dedication in scanning the Archives previously de-accessioned. It is a dusty and tediously slow process. The removal of these items from the Collection was necessary due to the moldy condition of the Objects as well as the restricted space available for storage and display.

I am equally grateful for the efforts of District 4 Chairman, Ms. Melynda Giesenschlag, for downloading photographs she had taken of the Worthy Grand Matron Dresses contained in eight (8) wardrobe boxes and downloading the information onto flash drives so that the dresses could be more easily located and accessed as needed for Display. This proved to be another time consuming and challenging project.

The space provided to the Museum in the Grand Lodge Facility at Waco has been visited by members of this Committee and the proposed travelling Collection to be contained within the Display area approved by the Worthy Grand Matron. With her help the Pedestals you see on the floor at this Grand Chapter Session have been made available and will become at the close of Grand Chapter a semi- permanent part along with other items of interest of the Grand Lodge Display.

I wish to express my gratitude to all five of the District Chairmen Mrs. Joyce Champion; Mrs. Sherry Dieckmann; Ms. Jean Holland; Ms. Melynda Giesenschlag; and Mrs. Linda Crawford for their unwavering support. 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.

Our deep appreciation goes as well to the Board and especially to Mr. Darrell Albrecht for the endless dedication, interest and support of the Museum.

Lastly, we would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for their understanding and encouragement and especially for allowing us the honor of serving on this very important Committee.

Sharon Hill Adams
Museum General Chairman

Sister Sharon Adams: 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 red card. Cards down. All opposed raise your red card. Motion carried. * Sister Sharon, thank you so much to you and to your Committee for the work you have done. It takes great dedication to preserve our history and your Committee is so dedicated. Sisters and Brothers, when you are in the Arlington area, go by the Grand Chapter Office and see our Museum. Thank you. I now invite Sister Kenlyn Lawrence to bring the report on the OES Endowment Fund Committee.

Sister Kenlyn Lawrence: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members, Sisters and Brothers all.

Grand Chapter of Texas OES:

The following is the report of the OES Home Endowment Committee for the 2018-2019 Grand Chapter Year:

As General Chairman I have not received any contributions for this fund.

The District Chairmen have not had any contributions, either.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter.

District One Chairman: Mrs. Rita Erwin

District Two Chairman: Ms. Clara Lewis

District Three Chairman: Mrs. Francis Peacock

District Four Chairman: Mrs. Cathi Cannon

District Five Chairman: Mrs. Sue Kinsey

Respectfully submitted,

Kenlyn Lawrence, General Chairman

Sister Kenlyn Lawrence: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of this report.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt this report. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your red cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. * I would now like to recognize Sister Sharon Mosmeyer to bring the Purposes and Policies Committee report.

PGM Sharon Mosmeyer: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. It is my privilege to bring this report on behalf of Joyce Gilbert who has been hospitalized last night.

Purposes & Policies Committee Report

2019—2020

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers

This is the Report of the Purposes & Policies Committee.

The Purposes & Policies committee meeting was held at the Jasper School on February 2nd 2019. The meeting was opened with prayer by Joyce Gilbert, Chairman.

The Committee was introduced: District one: Joyce Gilbert-Chairman, District two: Betty Benham, District three: Nancy Brown, District four: Sharon Mosmeyer, District five: Jerry Trees. Three of our Committee members were unable to be present.

We were pleased to welcome those in attendance:

Carolyn Martin, Worthy Grand Matron

Burley Jones, Worthy Grand Patron

Linda Winn Christenson, Associate Grand Matron

Paul Garner, Associate Grand Patron

Cooperate Board members:

Terri Rozell, Grand Conductress

Phyllis Macon, Associate Grand Conductress

Ellen Pickrell, Grand Secretary

Greta Bane Spradling, Grand Treasurer

Board of Directors:

Sister Carlotta Fairchild, Chairman

Brother Robert Royall, Vice Chairman.

Article 152-A States that a Purposes & Policies meeting will be held at least 60 days prior to the opening of Grand Chapter.

Consisting of 8 Elective Officers, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the BOD, 5 Members {one from each District}

Sister Carolyn Martin, Worthy Grand Matron was asked to speak and then the Chairman turned the meeting over to the AGM and AGP to present their plans for the upcoming year.

Associate Grand Matron's committees requiring funding were 16, and those not requiring funding were 18.

Committees requiring funding were: American Warriors Helping our Military, Patriot Paws, Music, Calendar, Scottish Rite Puppies, Belmont Fans, Angels among us, Texas Whose Who, Traveling Angels, Ritualistic Achievement, Proficiency, Future Stars, and Fraternal Warmth of Friendship

Associate Grand Matron also included a complete and detailed financial report.

Each project was explained, discussed and finances were discussed.

The Humanitarian Program entitled "A YEAR OF GIVING AND BELIEVING" She quoted Sir Winston Churchill" We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.

C- Caring for Others- Benevolent Fund

R- Religious Study- Estarl

O- Our Order- General Fund

S- Sweet Sisters- TMRC

S- Scholarship

The projects were wonderfully presented and our wishes for our AGM and AGP is a very successful 2019-2020 year.

Those present who were on the committee, voted unanimously to accept the Associate Grand Matron- Associate Grand Patron program for 2019-2020.

There being no further business to come before the committee we adjourned at 1:35 PM.

Submitted by,

Joyce Gilbert, Chairman

PGM Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of this report.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt this report. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your red cards. Cards down. All opposed raise your red card. Motion carried. * Thank you very much Sister Sharon for presenting Sister Joyce's report. Sister Joyce's Committee which Sister Sharon is a member, it's a time-consuming job and each of you is to be commended for your attention to detail. Thank you so much for accepting this position. Do we have a Brian Hohle in the room? Your Credentials are at the Secretary's desk. Brian Hohle, at the Secretary's desk. Is Claude Ervin in the room?

Brother Claude Ervin: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members, my Brothers and my Sisters.

TITLES, DEEDS AND PROPERTIES REPORT

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers.

We, the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee of the 2018-2019 Grand Chapter, would like to thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing us to serve on this Committee

Our Committee consists of Brother Herb Garon from District 1, Brother Roy Gene Parsons from District 2, I'm Claude Ervin District 3, Gerry Sturtz, Chairman, is from District 4 and , Brother Ron Zipp is from District 5

The outgoing committee members passed along the documents and information that they had to the new members of the committee.

As was stated in the report in previous yearly reports of our committee, Microsoft announced plans to discontinue supporting Access software, which is how our Assets files were stored in the computer. With the discontinuation of Microsoft support of Access, our assets files have been transferred and are now being maintained in QuickBooks For the period of September 1, 2018, through July 3, 2019, Identified journal entries were verified for oil and gas royalties totaling \$11,904.51.

Our understanding is that Grand Secretary, Dr. Ellen Pickrell, had arranged with Brother John R. "Rick" Taylor, an Eastern Star Brother to research our asset files. We will refer you to the reports given by Dr. Pickrell and also to the Board of Director's report no. 10 given by Sister Cindy Echols.

I move the acceptance of this report

Claude Ervin

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt this report. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your red card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. * Thank you very much Brother Claude Ervin and your Committee for doing a very, very good job. I know this is a labor of love for you and your Committee and I thank you so much for all that you and your Committee have accomplished.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Mr. Wilson? Mr. Wilson? Where did he go?

Brother Ben Wilson: What did I do this time?

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: I need a little YMCA. I need something lively.

**(Played YMCA and everyone got up and got moving.
Lots of cheers!)**

WGM: Are you rejuvenated just a little bit? (Yes!) You'd think we were at Grand Assembly. They haven't got anything on us! We can still do it. They did turn the air conditioning down, but you just ruined it. (Laughter) Brother Bill Wyatt, for the Jurisprudence Committee.

PGP Bill Wyatt: Sisters and Brothers, we found a typographical error on the Resolution #2 or Amendment #2 not Resolution. Don't want to get my words wrong again. It said on Page 67 of the Code of Laws, it's really on Page 47 of the Constitution, Article VIII, Section 7. All that has to be done is the Secretary will change this on the paperwork as it was printed wrong in the Annual Report, Advanced Annual Report. Does anyone have any questions on that?

WGM: May I have your attention please. We have a result. For the delegate votes for Amendment #2, we have No 38, Yes 783 for a total of 821 votes. For the Chapter Representatives we have No 9, Yes 188, which is 197 votes taken so Amendment #2 passes and this is the Second Reading and will go into effect at the end of this Grand Chapter Session.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Sisters and Brothers, the ones on the tables, remember where you are seated. Remember who's beside you so we can go look for them. In the morning I need you to report to these tables, ready for an election in the morning. The quicker we can get this done, the sooner you can do other things. And our Worthy Grand Matron did not get to do several things that she intended to today, so we thank you for your service. We thank each of you that have been here and have been so patient with us and all the Deputies picking up the ballots, your job is not done I promise you.

WGM: We did get through all of the reports. We still have Amendments to vote on. We have one more Constitutional Amendment to vote on for a first reading, but the two Amendments for Second Readings have been taken

care of. And we did not get to the Humanitarian Report or the Grand Representative and Fraternal Correspondent for our beautiful flag drill. We will do those tomorrow morning, but remember we have to start elections at exactly 10:00. I urge you to give us a little help tomorrow so we can speed things along because we do have an Installation tomorrow night and I know that you want to attend that as I do as well. And we are going to go to...we have a 6:00 Banquet and I hope everyone comes to join us for the Rob Morris Banquet. Wear your western clothes and you should be rejuvenated after that song we just sang so I expect to see you there for a good hamburger and a lot of dancing. Brother Grand Warder. You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of calling "A Year of Celebrations – Baskets of Love" Session from Labor to Rest and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged. The doors should be secured. The doors should be secured please at the far right. Thank you.

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

WGM: Thank you. Brother Kenneth Gregory will now lead us in our Benediction. ***

PGP Kenneth Gregory: Our Father which art in heaven, we come boldly before Your throne of grace praising Your holy name. For You are worthy of our praise. Thank you, Father for the gift of life, especially these days as we gather at the 137th Grand Chapter Session. As we enjoy the fellowship of friends from the past and new friends. Father, there are those who are not with us at this Grand Chapter Session because of health reasons. We recognize that You are the great physician and pray that You will extend Your healing mercies upon them and heal them with Thy mighty power. Open our eyes to the opportunities that You present to us every day. Open our hearts that we might be sensitive to those who are destitute and distressed. Father continue to lead us in ways of pleasantness and paths of peace. And grant that all we say and do will be pleasing in Thy sight. As we continue our deliberations at this Grand Chapter Session, give us wisdom, patience and understanding. May we continue to feel Your presence at each Session. Hear our prayer, Oh, Lord. In Jesus name, Amen. (Amen)

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

Closing of the Bible

I now call the "A Year of Celebrations – "Baskets of Love" Session from Labor to Rest until 8:30 am on Saturday morning. *

(Closing of Friday Afternoon Session)

**137TH Grand Chapter Session
Order of the Eastern Star**

**Saturday Morning Session
August 17, 2019**

**“A Year of Celebrations
“Apples of Love Through
Kindness”**

Harvey Convention Center

137TH Grand Chapter Session, Order of the Eastern Star
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August 17, 2019
“A Year of Celebrations– “Apples of Love Through Kindness”
Harvey Convention Center

8:15 am	Musical Prelude	Mr. Carl Chalfant Grand Musician
8:30am		Mrs. Sandra Kerby Grand Musician
8:00 am	Call to Order	Mrs. Jerre Lucas Credentials Committee Chairman, GGC Past Grand Matron Mr. Billy Clabaugh Past Grand Patron

PGM Jerre Lucas: Good Morning. Our Worthy Grand Matron has graciously granted me the privilege of greeting those assembled here today, and to call to order this “Apples of Love Through Kindness” Saturday Session with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Billy Clabaugh. Each annual meeting is our harvest time. Today is aptly called “Apples of Love Through Kindness. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have scattered seeds of kindness for the past year and have sown those seeds for future reaping. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, the high esteem with which you are both held is proof that you have put into practice the highest and noblest principals of our Order. I know that Brother Billy would like to say a few words.

PGP Billy Clabaugh: Worthy Grand Matron, I wish to express to you my deep appreciation for the honor of being in the East with my own Worthy Grand Matron. Being here in the beautiful city of Tyler brings back many happy memories. Thank you.

PGM Jerre Lucas: Thank you Brother Billy. 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 “Harvest of Memories” drill.

(Grand Officers Drill)
(Applause)

Under the direction of “Bill” Wyatt, we will now have the Precision Drill to set up our Chapter room.

(Precision Drill)
(Applause)

I invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Chapter Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room. *** (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron to the Altar. To my good friend and Worthy Grand Matron our membership loves and appreciates each of you. To the Worthy Grand Patron, my own Grand Chaplain, I thank you each for your service to our Order.

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 to you the gavel.

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

WGM: Friendships are a positive result of being a member of our beautiful Order. Sister Jerre our friendship has grown through the years and is as special to me today as it was when we traveled as candidates. What fun and how special it is for me to have you open my Session today. Brother Billy, you are indeed a Texas cowboy with a gentle heart and a love for the Order. I am so glad that you could be here today to assist in opening this Session.

Thank you, Brother Carl for the music this morning. Brother Burley would you like to thank those that have contributed so much to our Session this morning.

WGP: Sister Jerre and Brother Billy, thank you both for opening this Saturday morning "A Year of Celebrations – Apples of Love Through Kindness" Session. You both have contributed so much to our Grand Order.

WGM: Brother Grand Warder

Gr. Warder: Worthy Grand Matron

WGM: You will see that the doors to our Grand Chapter are secure and inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this "A Year of Celebrations – Apples of Love Through Kindness" 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 the Grand Chapter)

It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar. ***

(Opening of Holy Bible)

WGM: Our invocation will be given by Mr. Jerry Martin, Past Grand Patron and Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

PGP Jerry Martin: Good morning. Sisters and Brothers please join hands with the person next to you, and as you hold their hands, remember that they are a creation of God and so are you. Let us pray. Gracious God, whose love is everlasting and whose grace is with us every minute of every hour. We offer our thanks to you for this day and all the blessings you have bestowed upon us in our lives. Show us thy way as we go through the final day of our Grand Chapter Session; the completion of our fraternal business, and election of new Officers for the upcoming year. Keep our minds focused on remembering your teachings to love one another while we conduct our business. And give us courage to speak with truth and justice in all our actions. Heavenly Father, we ask your blessings upon our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as they guide us through the business of this Order today. May all that transpires today be pleasing to thee. These things we ask in your son's holy name through whom we pray. Amen (Amen) *

WGM: To begin our day Sister Mary Ruth White, Texas Finance chairman, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas will present our scripture.

PGM Mary Ruth White: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me the privilege of bringing your scripture this morning to start this beautiful day which will conclude our business of this year. Her scripture for this morning is Hebrews 13:16 "And do not neglect doing good and sharing for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause) (This was not read. Worthy Grand Patron scripture: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13)

WGM: Thank you so much, Sister Mary Ruth for starting our day off with God's word. To avoid delays later, I would ask for any Chairmen giving reports to be seated in the East. And I am going to change this. The reports

that, the reports that we were going to do this morning, we are going to do this afternoon. We will complete it. I'm going to ask the membership to bear with me because we are going to finish the business of the 137th Session of Grand Chapter which means I'm going to move fast but I want your opinions to matter. But what I'm going to do is I have shortened some things and I hope you will understand and appreciate the fact that we need to finish our business. So, bear with me and we will all get through this and we will all be able to go to our Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron's Installation this evening. Thank you for the beautiful roses. Closer to 10:00 am those who will be nominated for an office and the person nominating them to please come to the East. We do have some business left over from Friday so at this time I would like to have the Jurisprudence Chairman to come forward. Sister Rosemary S. Berry.

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Good morning. If we are blessed today, say amen. (Amen) My dear ones, you did a beautiful job yesterday. You stayed with us. You conducted your business. Now it looks like we have several more to conduct. We do, but we are ready. I know you are ready. We are going to assist this Worthy Grand Matron on moving the Jurisprudence legislation on pretty rapidly. Okay, we are on Page 52. Pertaining to Amendment #3. This is the First Reading of a Constitutional Amendment. Listen carefully. Follow along with me. We will have another reading next year. But I want to... you allowed our Committee yesterday to do a general synopsis, so you have already read all the 'Whereas's'. And the reason for these 'Whereas's' is because they wanted to explain why they wanted to do what I'm fixing to tell you they want to do. Alright, on Page 53, we are under the Publication, the Bulletin, for our Order. They want to do three things. One, they would like to add space and subscriptions open to other Fraternal Organizations under the umbrella of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Two, they would like to add space in the Bulletin to open it up for businesses and organizations that will be approved by the Worthy Grand Matron. And three, they'd like to have one article every Grand Chapter year for each Subordinate Chapter at no cost. The Grand Secretary may select a number of articles based on when they are received. This article is intended for Chapters to share community involvement, benevolent work, fundraising and/or other activities that promote our Order. These articles are not to be political in any manner. Do you understand what we are going to be voting on this morning? (Yes) Worthy Grand Matron. I move that we...this is in proper form from your Jurisprudence Committee, I move that we take the vote.

WGM: jurisprudence has presented Amendment #3. The motion has been made for Amendment #3. Is there a second?

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

WGM: Brother Burley Jones seconded the motion. The motion has been moved and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing no discussion, all

those in favor raise your red cards. Cards down. All opposed, same sign.
Motion carried. *

AMENDMENT #3 – Passed.

Amendment to Constitution

Page 46, Article XIII, Section 7. PUBLICATION.

NOTE: If passed, this Amendment will be read for a second time at the 138th Grand Chapter Session in Waco, Texas. If passed at that Session, it will become law.

WHEREAS the “Official Bulletin, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star” is the official publication of the Grand Chapter.

WHEREAS the Official Bulletin is the only official means of communicating to the membership and, as referenced below in our Code of Laws, the following items are placed in the Official Bulletin to keep our membership informed:

Chapter 2 a., a candidate may place an announcement in the “Official Bulletin”; Chapter 2 b., social and entertainment events for candidates are published in the “Official Bulletin”;

Article 68 The audited, fiscal year-end financial reports shall be published each year, in the Bulletin;

Article 152-E-1 b. (3) the following items shall be printed in the “Official Bulletin” with the wording at the top “Read In Open Chapter” when the Jurisprudence Committee has made a Compilation of: Constitutional Amendments, Changes, Alterations, and Repeal of Laws, Approved Decisions of Worthy Grand Matron, and Edicts and Resolutions, all amendments, alterations, and additions to the Code of Laws for government of Grand Chapter, including all actions of the Grand Chapter in repealing any such laws; All amendments, alterations, and additions to the Code of Laws for government of Subordinate Chapters, including all actions of the Grand Chapter in repealing any such laws, All other interpretive or directive actions of the Grand Chapter at said Sessions including Edicts and Resolutions, With the assistance of the Grand Secretary, correct any inconsistencies in the wording of existing laws to correspond with any legislation passed by action of the Grand Chapter;

Article 152-V. CHOIR DIRECTOR, may publish in the Official Bulletin notification postings;

Article 170 proposals for new laws, amendments or repeal of existing laws, including the Legal Code and prescribed forms shall be printed in the Official Bulletin;

Article 268-1 b. any approved change of District and/or Section will be printed in the Official Bulletin;

Chapter 15 a list of all personal property, as they come available for sale, be published in the Official Bulletin;

Chapter 15 a list of all real estate, as it comes available for sale, be published in the Official Bulletin.

WHEREAS the Official Bulletin is used for sharing community involvement, benevolent work, fundraising, many activities which promotes our Order.

WHEREAS to further enhance our Official Bulletin we propose this Amendment.

WHICH NOW READS:

SECTION 7. 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:

SECTION 7. 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; published means either printed and/or electronic. The final copy of each issue of the Official Bulletin shall be approved by the Worthy Grand Matron. A printed copy will be provided for each Subordinate Chapter Secretary requesting a printed copy by letter under the Chapter Seal.

Ad space and subscriptions are open to other Fraternal

Organizations under the umbrella of the Grand
Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

Ad space is open to businesses and organizations approved by the
Worthy Grand Matron.

One article every Grand Chapter year for each chapter at no cost.
The Grand Secretary may select a number of articles each
month based on when they are received. This article is intended
for chapters share community involvement, benevolent
work, fundraising, and/or any other activities that promote our
Order. These articles are not to be political in any manner.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alma Lynn Bane
Trey Smith
Vi Griffin
Bess Caldwell
Glenda Murphy
Sherrie Fowler

Thomas R. Murphy
Burley Jones
Paul Garner
Ellen Pickrell
William "Bill" Wyatt
Joyce Gilbert
Jayne Yenger
Nancy Brown
Gary Mosmeyer

Jane Pyle
Joy James
Terri Rozell
Greta Spradling
Jerre Lucas
Betty Benham
Joyce Nicklas
Lesa Smith
Kimberly Waxler

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I now invite Sister Jerre Lucas to present Amendment #4. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. My Jurisprudence Committee reminds me that we still have the Chapter vote, Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM: We will have a delegate vote on this one. Those delegates will use their yellow voting card. All those in favor. Cards down. All those opposed. Motion carried. * This is the First Reading on this Amendment.

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Now, Sister Jerre.

PGM Jerre Lucas: On Page 54 of your Advanced Annual Report, you will find Amendment #4. This is Article 82, E. It is in proper form according to the Jurisprudence Committee. The rational...y'all don't need me to read that. I think most of you know how to read. The rational is that it is basically just a procedural to comply with reality. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this Jurisprudence report.

WGM: Jurisprudence has presented Amendment #4. Is there a second?

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

WGM: Brother Burley Jones has seconded the motion. Is there any discussion? All those in favor raise your red cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. *

AMENDMENT #4 - Passed

PAGE 76: CODE OF LAWS; DIVISION IV; CHAPTER 5, A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS; ARTICLE 82, ARTICLE E. BENEVOLENT FUND, 3.

WHEREAS the wording in the Code of Laws is not consistent with the actual Benevolent Aid process and,

WHEREAS the wording needs to be updated and,

WHEREAS the Board of Directors has an internal Benevolent Aid Committee and Chairman and,

WHEREAS the duties of the Secretary of the Board of Directors do not include the processing of Benevolent Aid Requests and record keeping and,

WHEREAS the processing of Benevolent Aid Requests and record keeping is handled by the Board of Directors' Benevolent Aid Chairman,

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS:
ARTICLE E, 3.

3. All checks for Benevolent Aid, regardless of type will be deposited into the Chapter's bank account and a Chapter check will be issued for a like amount payable to the recipient. The Chapter is responsible for notifying the **Secretary of the Board of Directors** when the recipient dies or is no longer eligible to receive the aid. If the recipient is alive on the first day of the month, then the recipient is entitled to the Benevolent Aid check that is issued for that month.

BE CHANGED TO READ:

3. All checks for Benevolent Aid, regardless of type will be deposited into the Chapter's bank account and a Chapter check will be issued for a like amount payable to the recipient. The Chapter is responsible for notifying the **Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee** when the recipient dies or is no longer eligible to receive the aid. If the recipient is alive on the first day of the month, then the recipient is entitled to the Benevolent Aid check that is issued for that month.

Respectfully submitted,
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Robert Royall, Jr.
Barbara Martin
James Parker
Tom Brisko

Cindy Echols
Tamela Henington
Darrell Albrecht
Debi Fincher
Phyllis Wilson

PGP Trey Smith: Good morning Sisters and Brothers. I hope you are having a great day! Exclamation point! (Laughter) Okay, Sisters and Brothers. I am here to present Amendment #5 for your consideration. This Amendment is in proper form and this Amendment is on Page 55 of your Advanced Annual Report. Is it on the screen? Wonderful. Worthy Grand Matron, this Amendment is in proper form and do you want me to give you the synopsis? Yes? Okay, wanna be clear. This is to say under the Code of Laws, Division IV, Chapter 5, Article 82, Article E. Benevolent Fund. This is in regard to Emergency Aid Assistance b. and c. B. the word **may** has been added and c. **Should the** Board of Directors member of that **District be contacted by the Worthy Matron, she/he may** take the necessary steps, (if further information is needed) to **assist in the completion of the forms** and the requested assistance for Emergency Aid. Okay? Worthy Grand Matron, it's in proper form. I make a motion that we proceed to vote on this Amendment.

WGM: Jurisprudence has presented Amendment #5. The motion has been made for Amendment #5, is there a second?

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

WGM: Burley Jones seconds the motion. Is there any discussion? I recognize Sister Terri Rozell.

AGC Terri Rozell: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Terri Rozell, Past Matron of Groves Chapter #953 and Worthy Matron of New Caney #1093. I believe there is an Amendment to this Amendment to correct the word "may".

PGP Trey Smith: There is. I had to wait for her to get to that part before I could say that.

AGC Terri Rozell: Thank you.

PGP Trey Smith: So, Worthy Grand Matron. We have an Amendment to this Amendment. (Laughter)

WGM: Folks, remember this, we all have an opinion. Let's listen carefully and we can move forward and expedite this. But we don't want to move so fast that we don't make good decisions. Thank you.

PGP Trey Smith: Okay. On the Amendment to the Amendment #5. Is it on the screen first of all? Okay. If we look down, everything stays the same except for the wording in b. which is part of what the original Amendment was going to be changed to. It says "the Worthy Matron will contact" changing it to "may" as the original Amendment. Okay? Then to c. it says: b. The Worthy Matron may contact the member of the Board of Directors that represents that District and relay the reason for need and the amount for consideration. c. Should the Board of Directors member of that District be contacted by the Worthy Matron, she/he may take the necessary steps, (if further information is needed) to assist in the completion of Sections 1 through 3 of the Request for Assistance Form, and forward the form to the Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee for processing and presentation to the full Board for consideration and action.

WGM: Can everyone see that on the screen and they understand it?

PGP Trey Smith: So, do we see it okay? Are we good? So, we are ready for discussion on the Amendment to the Amendment. I make a motion that this Amendment to Amendment #5 be accepted. It is in proper form.

WGM: A motion has been made to accept the motion to amend. Is there a second?

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

WGM: Brother Burley Jones has seconded the motion. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, cards up. All those opposed same sign. The motion to Amend the Amendment has passed. *

PGP Trey Smith: So now we vote on the Amendment as Amended. And I make a motion that we vote on and accept that Amendment #5 as Amended. It is in proper form and please allow this body to vote on it.

WGM: Jurisprudence has presented Amendment #5 as Amended. Is there a second?

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

WGM: Brother Burley Jones has seconded the motion to amend the Amendment to #5. Is there any discussion? All those in favor raise your red card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. *

PGP Trey Smith: Thank you Sisters and Brothers.

AMENDMENT #5 - Passed

PAGE 76: CODE OF LAWS; DIVISION IV; CHAPTER 5, A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS; ARTICLE 82, ARTICLE E. BENEVOLENT FUND, 4. Emergency Aid Assistance, b. and c.

WHEREAS the wording in the Code of Laws is not consistent with the actual Benevolent Aid process and,

WHEREAS the wording needs to be updated and,

WHEREAS a Chapter seeking Emergency Aid Assistance for a member should not be delayed by having to contact the member of the Board of Directors that represents that District and,

WHEREAS the member of the Board of Directors representing that District should have the discretion to assist the Chapter if called upon,

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS:

4. Emergency Aid Assistance, b. and c.

b. The Worthy Matron **will** contact the member of the Board of Directors that represents that District and relay the need and amount for consideration.

c. The Board of Directors member of that district will take the necessary steps, (if further information is needed) to complete Sections 1 through 3 of the Request for Assistance Form, and forward the form to the Board of Director's Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee for processing and presentation to the full Board for consideration and action.

BE CHANGED TO READ:

b. The Worthy Matron **may** contact the member of the Board of Directors that represents that District and relay the reason for need and the amount for consideration.

c. **Should the** Board of Directors member of that **District be contacted by the Worthy Matron, she/he may** take the necessary steps, (if further information is needed) to **assist in the completion of** Sections 1 through 3 of the Request for Assistance Form, and forward the form to the Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee for processing and presentation to the full Board for consideration and action.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlotta Fairchild
Robert Royall, Jr.
Barbara Martin
James Parker
Tom Brisko

Cindy Echols
Tamela Henington
Darrell Albrecht
Debi Fincher
Phyllis Wilson

PGP Trey Smith: I invite Brother Bill Wyatt to bring the next Amendment #6.

PGP Bill Wyatt: Sisters and Brothers, on your Advanced Report on Page 56 you will find Amendment #6. You'll find it on Page 77 in the Code of Laws; Division IV, Chapter 5, A. Board of Directors; Article 82, Article E. Benevolent Fund, 5. Temporary Aid Assistance b. and c. we are looking at. Is it on the screen? Sisters and Brothers, this Amendment is an Amendment that...really all they are trying to do is make it more simpler to where they will get it, get it processed so they can get the temporary aid out to the people, for our members quicker. This is something the Board has been working for because they do have a Benevolent Aid Chairman. So, this is the purpose of this Resolution. I can read it to you or if you want to read it, but that's what the purpose of this is.

WGM: Can everyone see it on the screen?

PGP Bill Wyatt: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption.

WGM: Jurisprudence has presented Amendment #6. The motion has been made for Amendment #6. Is there a second?

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

WGM: Burley Jones seconds the motion. Is there any discussion? Hearing none we will proceed to vote. All those in favor raise your red card. Cards down. All those opposed same sign. Motion carried. *

AMENDMENT #6 - Passed

PAGE 77: CODE OF LAWS; DIVISION IV; CHAPTER 5, A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS; ARTICLE 82, ARTICLE E. BENEVOLENT FUND, 5. Temporary Aid Assistance, b. and c.

WHEREAS the wording in the Code of Laws is not consistent with the actual Benevolent Aid process and,

WHEREAS the wording needs to be updated and,

WHEREAS a Chapter seeking Temporary Aid Assistance for a member should not be delayed by having to contact a member of the Board of Directors that represents that District and,

WHEREAS the Board of Directors has an internal Benevolent Aid Committee and Chairman and,

WHEREAS the processing of Benevolent Aid Requests and record keeping is handled by the Board of Directors' Benevolent Aid Chairman,

WHEREAS the Board of Directors' members representing that District should have the discretion to assist the Chapter as necessary when called upon,

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE E, 5. Temporary Aid Assistance, b. and c.

b. The Worthy Matron will contact the member of the Board of Directors that represents that district and will forward the request form to that Board member.

c. The Board of Directors member of that district will take the necessary steps, (if further information is needed), to complete ALL sections on the Request for Assistance Form and forward the request to the Board of Director's Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee for processing and presentation to the full Board for consideration and approval or disapproval.

BE CHANGED TO READ:

b. The Worthy Matron will forward the completed Temporary Aid Assistance Form to the Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee. If additional assistance is needed, the Worthy Matron may contact the Board of Directors' members that represent that district for assistance.

c. The Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee or the Board of Directors' members of that District will take the necessary steps (if further information is needed), to assist in the completion of ALL sections on the Request for Temporary Assistance Form. If completed by a member of the Board of Directors, the request shall be forwarded to the Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee for processing and presentation to the full Board for consideration and approval or disapproval.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlotta Fairchild
Robert Royall, Jr.
Barbara Martin
James Parker
Tom Brisko

Cindy Echols
Tamela Henington
Darrell Albrecht
Debi Fincher
Phyllis Wilson

PGP Bill Wyatt: Worthy Grand Matron, I invite Sister Jerre Lucas to present Amendment #7.

PGM Jerre Lucas: Thank you, Brother Bill Wyatt. Amendment #7 is in you Annual Report and I don't know what page. It is Page 57. And I feel very sure when you turn to that you're going to want me to read every word of it. (Laughter) The rationale for this is simply a procedural to comply with reality. Is this Amendment on the screen? I think it is.

WGM: Can everyone see it? (Yes) Thank you.

PGM Jerre Lucas: If you turn it around backwards it's kind of like reading Chinese. Worthy Grand Matron, this Amendment is in proper form and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

WGM: Jurisprudence has presented Amendment #7. The motion has been made for Amendment #7. Is there a second?

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

WGM: Brother Burley Jones seconds the motion. Is there any discussion? All those in favor raise your red card. All those opposed same sign. Motion carried. *

AMENDMENT #7 - Passed

PAGE 78-79: CODE OF LAWS; DIVISION IV; CHAPTER 5, A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS; ARTICLE 82, ARTICLE E. BENEVOLENT FUND, 6. Long Term Aid Assistance, a. c. e. f. i. and k.

WHEREAS the wording in the Code of Laws is not consistent with the actual Benevolent Aid process and,

WHEREAS the wording needs to be updated and,

WHEREAS a Chapter seeking Long Term Aid Assistance for a member should not be delayed by having to contact a member of the Board of Directors that represents that District and,

WHEREAS the Board of Directors has an internal Benevolent Aid Committee and Chairman and,

WHEREAS the processing of Benevolent Aid Requests and record keeping is handled by the Board of Directors' Benevolent Aid Chairman,
WHEREAS the Board of Directors' members representing that District should have the discretion to assist the Chapter as necessary when called upon,

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE E, 6. Long Term Aid Assistance, a. c. e. f. i. and k.

- a. A letter requesting Long Term Benevolent Aid for a member must be written and signed by the member to the Secretary of the member's Chapter. The letter of request from the member shall be read to the Chapter at the first Stated Meeting after receipt. At the same meeting, the Worthy Matron will appoint a committee of three (3) members to serve as an investigating committee to process the application. The investigating committee will evaluate the situation and complete all required forms. These forms must be completed in their entirety and returned under the Seal of the Chapter, with signatures of the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron and the Chapter Secretary. Board members from the member's District will be available to assist with questions or assistance in completing the documents. **The Secretary of the Chapter will write the Secretary of the Board of Directors under the Seal of the Chapter seeking the required documents.**
- b. (No Change)
- c. A vote of the Chapter to submit the application will require the Secretary of the Chapter to return the original application along with one Copy with all answers fully and clearly answered to the **Secretary of the Board of Directors**. The Board of Directors will ensure the documents are in order at the next scheduled meeting. If all questions are not answered fully, the application will be returned incomplete, causing delays and possible denial of assistance. Regardless of an affirmative or negative vote of the Chapter, **ALL APPLICATION FORMS AND ENCLOSURES** are returned to the **Secretary of the Board of Directors** with a letter, under the Seal of the Chapter, stating the wishes of the Chapter.
- d. (No Change)

- e. If approved, the Board of Director's Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee will notify the Grand Secretary to process the request and amount approved. The **Secretary of the Board of Directors** will notify the Chapter Secretary of the Board's decision and action. Once Benevolent Aid is granted, one copy of the application, together with a letter of approval, is sent to the Chapter Secretary. The Secretary will retain this copy of the application, which *SHALL be returned with a letter, under Chapter seal, of explanation to the Board of Directors when said Benevolent Aid is no longer required or the member dies.*
- f. If disapproved, the **Secretary of the Board of Directors** will notify the Chapter Secretary in writing the request has been denied and the reason why. The Chapter Secretary will notify the applicant of the results. All supporting documents are stored at the Grand Secretary's Office.
- g. (No Change)
- h. (No Change)
- i. *In March of each year, a Periodic Check Form will be sent to each Chapter for each member receiving Benevolent Aid; said form to be completed and returned NO LATER THAN MAY 31ST to the **Secretary of the Board.** The Worthy Matron shall appoint a 3-member committee to investigate and assist in completion of said form. The Committee will report its findings at a stated meeting of the Chapter, at which time vote will be taken to continue or discontinue such benevolent aid. Failure to comply will cause Long Term Benevolent Aid to their member or members to be interrupted until the form is received.*
- j. (No Change)
- k. In May of each year, the Chapter Secretary will notify the **Secretary of the Board of Directors** the name and address of the Secretary elected for the ensuing year. Failure to do so may result in delay of Long-Term Benevolent Aid checks and/or risk of loss.

BE CHANGED TO READ:

- a. A letter requesting Long Term Benevolent Aid for a member must be written and signed by the member to the Secretary of the

member's Chapter. The letter of request from the member shall be read to the Chapter at the first Stated Meeting after receipt. At the same meeting, the Worthy Matron will appoint a committee of three (3) members to serve as an investigating committee to process the application. The investigating committee will evaluate the situation and complete all required forms. These forms must be completed in their entirety and returned under the Seal of the Chapter, with signatures of the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron and the Chapter Secretary. Board members from the member's District will be available to assist with questions or assistance in completing the documents.

b. (No change)

c. A vote of the Chapter to submit the application will require the Secretary of the Chapter to return the original application along with one Copy with all answers fully and clearly answered to the **Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee**. The Board of Directors will ensure the documents are in order at the next scheduled meeting. If all questions are not answered fully, the application will be returned incomplete, causing delays and possible denial of assistance. Regardless of an affirmative or negative vote of the Chapter, ALL APPLICATION FORMS AND ENCLOSURES are returned to the **Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee** with a letter, under the Seal of the Chapter, stating the wishes of the Chapter.

d. (No Change)

e. If approved, the Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee will notify the Grand Secretary to process the request and amount approved. **Additionally, the Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee** will notify the Chapter Secretary of the Board's decision and action. Once Benevolent Aid is granted **the Chapter Secretary shall submit** a letter, under Chapter seal, to the **Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee** when said Benevolent Aid is no longer required or the member dies.

e. If disapproved, the **Board of Directors' Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee** will notify the Chapter Secretary in writing the request has been denied and the reason why. The Chapter Secretary will notify the applicant of the results. All supporting documents are stored at the Grand Secretary's Office.

f. (No Change)

g. (No Change)

h. (No Change)

PGM Jerre Lucas: I invite Brother Trey Smith to present Amendment #8. Thank you.

PGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers, I am here to present Amendment #8 and it is my pleasure to state to you that this is the last Amendment. (Yea!) So y'all have done so well. And this is just awesome. Okay. Amendment #8 has to do with intoxicating liquors being prohibited and as we know, Amendment #1 passed. So, Amendment #8 was not in proper form, okay? But when Amendment #1 passed that would have left us in conflict with the Constitution and the Code of Laws. So, our Board has submitted an Amendment to Amendment #8. Okay, very simple, very easy. And I do compliment them, and I appreciate your work on this. Thank you. Okay, is it on the screen?

WGM: We are going to do this, listen carefully. While they are getting it typed up, Brother Trey is going to read it for you.

PGP Trey Smith: Okay. It's really a simple change and I know we've heard that before in the past. But Sisters and Brothers, it really is a very simple change to it. If you will look on Page 61 of your Advanced Annual Report, this was the original Amendment as it was presented. What the Amendment to Amendment #8 is doing is basically changing the line that says: "No member of the Order of the Eastern Star may serve alcoholic beverages at any event." Article 273 which now reads: "SERVING OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR PROHIBITED.

Intoxicating Liquors shall never be served at a meeting, banquet, or other entertainment or affair given by a Chapter or in the name of the Order of the Eastern Star." That's what it says now in the Constitution. So, if this Amendment was passed, it would be changed to say "SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES".

Alcoholic Beverages may NOT be served at any meeting or activity in a Lodge or Lodge property." Okay, that's pretty simple, right? So, that takes out about any member serving anything. So, are we good to proceed? Is it now on the screen? Okay, so, do you see it on the screen? Makes sense? Okay, this has been signed by the members of the Board. Worthy Grand Matron, the Amendment to Amendment #8 is in proper form and it's our recommendation that this body be allowed to vote on it and I make a motion to do so.

WGM: Jurisprudence has presented Amendment to the Amendment #8. A motion has been made for the Amendment to the Amendment #8. Is there a second?

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

WGM: Brother Burley Jones has seconded the motion. The motion has been moved and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor raise your red cards. Cards down. All those opposed same sign. Motion carried. *

PGP Trey Smith: Thank you Sisters and Brothers. Now we have to vote on the Amendment to the Amendment. Okay, okay. Y'all are helping me here. Now we have to vote on the Amendment as Amended. (Yea) So Worthy Grand Matron, the Amendment to the Amendment is in proper form and I make a motion that we vote on it please.

WGM: We are going to vote on the Amendment as Amended. So says Jurisprudence and there is a motion on the floor. Is there a second.

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

WGM: Brother Burley Jones seconds the motion. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, red cards up. Cards down. Same sign in opposition. Motion carried. *

PGP Trey Smith: Thank you again. (Applause)

AMENDMENT #8 – Passed as Amended

Page 185, Code of Laws; Division V, Chapter 14, Article 273, Serving of Intoxicating Beverages

This amendment will be considered **IF** Amendment #1 is adopted.

Whereas the serving of Intoxicating Liquors is prohibited in Subordinate Chapters;

Whereas Article 273 governs Subordinate Chapters concerning the serving of intoxicating liquors at meetings, banquets or other entertainment or affairs given by a Chapter in the name of the Eastern Star and;

Whereas Amendment #1 allows for the serving of alcoholic beverages at Grand Chapter banquets, Round-ups and multi-state exchanges to generate revenues and offset expenses of the events;

The following amendment is proposed:

WHICH NOW READS

Article 273: SERVING OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR PROHIBITED.

Intoxicating Liquors shall never be served at a meeting, banquet, or other entertainment or affair given by a Chapter or in the name of the Order of the Eastern Star.

TO BE CHANGED TO Read:

Article 273: SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

Alcoholic Beverages may NOT be served at any meeting or activity in a Lodge or Lodge property.

No member of the Order of the Eastern Star shall serve alcoholic beverages at any event.

REASONING:

If Amendment #1 is adopted for the Constitution, there has to be some new wording for Article 273 in Division V – Code of Laws for the Government of Subordinate Chapters within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

The updating of Article 273 should be considered separately as Amendment #1 (page 47, Constitution: Article XIII, General Provisions, Section 6, Serving of Intoxicated Beverages Prohibited) is part of the Constitution and Article 273 is part of the Code of Laws.

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WGM: Sister Rosemary S. Berry for the Jurisprudence Committee.

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Wow! Am I proud of my membership. Give yourselves a hand. (Applause) Now, Sisters and Brothers, we're finishing up, we have a Resolution. It's okay. (Laughter) A Resolution is not changing a law. It's not amending anything. It's just a Resolution. Do you have it up on the board? (No) It will be shortly. I promise you. Worthy Grand Matron, I move that this body be allowed to hear this Resolution.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, we need to vote on this. Whether we are going to allow this Resolution. All those in favor raise your red voting card. Cards down. You are only voting to hear it not what it is yet. It is in the Constitution that we have to ask you if you want it presented. Okay? Let's try that one more time. All those in favor raise your red cards. Cards down. Any opposition? Passed. * We will hear the Resolution.

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Membership. Is it on the screen? Good job. I'm going to read it because even though it is there, I want you to hear it.

Whereas, a Right Worthy Grand Trustee of the General Grand chapter is elected at each Triennial Assembly to serve for 3 Triennials; and

Whereas, per Article V of the General Grand Chapter Constitution, one Trustee must be a Brother; and

Whereas, Brother Arthur Drescher desires to serve as Right Worthy Grand Trustee of the General Grand Chapter, by election to a 9-year term for that office; and

Whereas, this place of service is an honor for the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star; and

Whereas, the members of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Association have voted to support Brother Arthur Drescher for election to Right Worthy Grand Trustee of the General Grand Chapter.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

The Grand Chapter of Texas support and nominate Brother Arthur Drescher for election to the position of Right Worthy Grand Trustee of the General Grand Chapter at the 2021 General Grand Chapter 50th Triennial Assembly to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Worthy Grand Matron, it has been signed. The proponents are in the room. It's in proper form and now I move the adoption of this report.

WGM: Jurisprudence has presented the Resolution. A motion has been made for the adoption of this Resolution. Is there a second?

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

WGM: The motion has been seconded by Brother Burley Jones. Is there any discussion? All those in favor raise your red cards. Cards down. All those opposed same sign. The Resolution has passed. * (Applause) Brother Art Drescher, good luck.

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Worthy Grand Matron, with your permission, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the wonderful manner in which this membership has aided your Jurisprudence Committee in our presentation of all legislation, and I wish to recap the actions of this Grand Chapter for 2019:

Amendments Passed

#1 as Amended

#2

#3

#4

#5 as Amended

#6

#7

#8 as Amended

And the Resolution.

Thank you, dear ones. You the membership have passed. Thank you so much and I want to say, and they knew to come up even though I didn't tell them. They're a good group. Worthy Grand Matron, at this time, your Jurisprudence Committee finds no unfinished legislation to be carried over to the 2020 Grand Chapter Session, and this concludes the report of your Jurisprudence Committee. I say a grateful thank you to my wonderful team, to this great membership, and to you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for a job well done. (Applause)

WGM: Sister Rosemary, thank you for your work on this committee. As always, you were as close as your phone and I certainly made use of your wisdom. I appreciate you and your committee. To the committee members, Brothers Bill Wyatt and Trey Smith, Sisters Bess Caldwell and Jerre Lucas I appreciate your hard work and all the time spent in seeing that our Order continues to follow the Constitution and Code of laws. I appreciate all of your work. Thank you. (Applause) At this time is Sister Tina Stevens in the room for the final report of the Credentials Committee? Would one of the Deputies go get Sister Tina Stevens please? There were some keys found in the Staybridge parking lot near a white Lincoln Navigator. They will be at the Grand Secretary's desk should they be anyone in this room.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Sisters and Brothers, guess what? I'm back. You see this outfit? They call it my election outfit and that's pretty much what it is. Sisters and Brothers, those that worked the tables yesterday and the judges please take your tables. We are getting ready now. Your tables have been assembled. Those that served please take your places. We will fill the tables with those that are here today that were not here yesterday. Just very quietly and very quickly.

WGM: I also will need a Registration Report. Thank you. Thank you very much.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Sisters and Brothers, if I could have your attention. You are going to be given some instructions at this time while they are moving into place. We are going to move very, very rapidly. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, my Sisters and Brothers, I would like to ask for those with their voting cards, would they please hold it up if they are here for the first time or they are here voting for the very first time. Please hold your cards up. Great, great! That's what we want. That's our replenishment of our membership and you are working with us and we appreciate it. These instructions are for you and all of the membership. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for this awesome responsibility and the opportunity to serve the membership of Texas. Sisters and Brothers, the Code of Laws contains specific instructions concerning elections. Let us briefly review them. When making a nomination, only the name of the candidate, the name and number and location of one of the Chapters to which the candidate belongs and the office for which they are being nominated. No member of this Grand Chapter may be nominated for

more than one office at a Grand Chapter Session. If only one candidate is nominated, the voting is done by acclamation which is a voice vote. If two or more candidates are nominated for an election it is upon the ballot officially furnished to you when you were registering. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. No candidate receiving a majority vote, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes will be dropped. In the case of two or more candidates tied for the lowest number of votes and there are at least two others receiving a higher number of votes, then all candidates tied for the lowest number shall be dropped. Subject to this regulation we shall proceed with the candidates and who receives a majority of the vote. The votes of the vote are declared by the Presiding Officer. Additionally, the Assistant Warder and Sentinels have been instructed according to the law that no one enter or be allowed to exit the Grand Chapter room while the ballot is being taken, unless it is deemed an emergency. Please be very quiet. If you are on the tables, please be very quiet. Please be cooperative and understanding in this regard as I know that yesterday there were some people that were not very happy. Please be cooperative and understanding in this regard, knowing that if you are caught out before the ballot and the doors are locked, then you are deemed no admission. Our people are only faithfully performing the duties to which they were assigned. Do not leave your seat without your Credentials. And this includes your signed envelope, your ballot, your badge and your current dues card. You will need them to reenter. We had some yesterday that tried to exit without it, they said that they were looking for somebody. We are not playing. We are very serious. These people that are watching the doors were assigned a duty and they are trying to perform it. The Pages will be the only ones that are in the aisle, please. And they will be collecting the ballots just as they did yesterday. The First Aid Committee will be the only Committee that will be allowed to enter besides the Warders and Sentinels. They are going to get to vote. But the First Aid will be closed unless there is a member in and being treated. Otherwise, First Aid will be over to the right where they came in yesterday unless there is an emergency, and they will be seated there in case our membership is needing them. We have ballot A, B, C and D for elections. Let me explain about the ballot. Do not mark your ballot until the instructions from the Worthy Grand Matron. She will announce the letter and the ballot to be marked and color on that ballot. At that time, you will vote by circling the name you are voting for. To write in a candidate, you write it in on the bottom and circle it. But let me explain to you, a write in candidate can only be a Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Past Matron, Past Patron of a Texas Chapter. At this time Worthy Grand Matron, I believe we are pretty well ready. No member can cast more than one ballot. Each ballot to be placed face down in the ballot box for security. And no one can leave the room. And the Presiding Officer will declare it Open and the nominations will be taken. Sisters and Brothers, there is an area over here where the machines are being run. The people that will be back there are Mark Dieckmann, Leslie Forman, Jerry Peck, Sherry Dieckmann, Melissa Hudman and I believe Betty Friend if she is in the room. Jerry Martin, report to the corner. (Laughter) If you have a question, you will go to them and ask, they are the monitors in that area. Sisters and Brothers, your

Election Committee wishes you all, all the luck but please be very kind when the results are declared. We are all Sisters and Brothers with love in their hearts for each other. These people have worked very, very hard. They have worked many hours. And they are all your Sisters and Brothers. And not only that, please remember to ballot correctly because your vote is what makes the difference in the world. Just one moment. Worthy Grand Matron, I have a wonderful, wonderful statement that I would like to make right now.

WGM: Go right ahead.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: How many were at the auction last night and the dinner? How many had a good time? I don't want to see hands I want to hear it. (Yea!) You are going to do another one in just a minute. Worthy Grand Matron, we made \$6,548.00 for Service Dogs for Texas. (Applause and Yea's) We need to thank all those who made the quilt, our Worthy Grand Patron had to pay \$1,100. for it but anyway (Laughter) Uh...the Worthy Grand Patron got a beautiful gift! Someone paid \$1,100 to make sure he got it! And Troy Vincent was very, very kind to us. We had some beautiful jewelry and I thank everyone that participated. That makes us over \$20,000 for Service Dogs and we're not finished yet because the Worthy Grand Matron said she has some funds still coming in that we might get but if not, we've done \$20,000 and I thank you because you made it possible. (Applause)

WGM: Thank you very much Sister Jimmie Lee. It was a fun night and I'm so proud of each and every one in this room.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Are my tables full? Worthy Grand Matron, my parts ready when they give you their report.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, my understanding is we are having a little trouble with the computer with Registration and I do not wish to do a report for Credentials, put something in between and then do Registration. So, I'm going to give you a report then Credentials and Registration together so there will be no confusion. Brother James Parker would you please come forward with your report? And Brother Bill Wyatt. This is the report that has been ongoing for four years on our finances of Restricted Funds.

PGP Bill Wyatt:

(Report on Next Page)

RESTRICTED FUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Grand Chapter, August 16, 2019

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Restricted Funds Committee this year. I have enjoyed the last 4 years working on this task with Brother James Parker.

Sisters and Brothers in 2015-2016 Sister Jerre Lucas appointed myself and James Parker to a task to determine the amount of restricted funds and how these funds were restricted. We were reappointed to this task in 2016-2017 by Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, PGM and 2017-2018 by Sister Melissa Hudman, PGM. In 2018-2019 our WGM, Sister Carolyn Martin gave us the opportunity to complete it.

If you 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 will be in his report. Any changes going forward will be updated on an annual basis.

Please note - at the end of 2017-2018 the 501-C-8, the "Grand Chapter of Texas Endowment Fund", required additional research to determine the amount of Grand Chapter restrictions and the amount of donor restrictions. We have determined those amounts and they have been approved by the Board of Directors and the CPA.

(See insert)

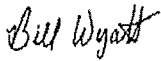
I want to thank the Board of Directors, the Grand Secretary, Sister Ellen and the Grand Treasurer, Sister Greta for working with us these last 4 years. There were others that helped with research needed and I appreciate and thank each of you also.

I want to thank Brother James Parker who has continued to work with me these past 4 years. We searched records looking for trust documents, endowment documents and wills and 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.

I am confident and feel we can move forward with these numbers for the future.

Bill Wyatt, Chairman

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



Bill Wyatt, Chairman



James Parker, BOD

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERS STAR
AND EASTERS STAR HOME OF TEXAS**
Classification of Investments
August 31, 2018

Code of Lines	Account Name	Investment	Donor Excessively Realized	Grand Chapter Excessively Realized	Other	Available Funds	Purpose
165	Grand Chapter of Texas Endowment Fund \$01(c)(1)(f)	\$ 11,217,355	\$ 69,818	\$ 9,818,556	\$ -	\$ 739,203	Income used for Ladies care; first, additional funds to be used as needed for general, benevolent, and educational purposes.
163-A	Grand Chapter of Texas Endowed Membership Fund	3,978,885	-	-	3,978,885	-	Income drawn back to subordinate chapters
165-A	Grand Chapter of Texas Endowment Sub Fund	3,785,033	-	3,355,033	-	-	Income to be used for benevolent projects, office expenses, archiving, and auditing records.
164	Eastern Star Home \$01(c)(3)(f)	\$88,372	-	\$48,372	-	-	To be used for Ladies care.
	Grand Chapter of Texas Holding Account	\$14,915	-	-	-	-	
	Reserves 2:						
160A	Emergency Fund		-	280,374	-	-	To be used for relocation purposes, office expenses, and other miscellaneous projects
166	Benevolence		-	10,485	-	-	To be used for benevolent purposes
167	Equal		-	5,693	-	-	To be used for educational purposes
167	Education		-	644	-	-	To be used for educational purposes
	Other Unassigned		-	-	-	217,537	
167	Mary Kannington	\$30,544	\$00,000	-	-	30,544	Income to be used for educational purposes
167	Grand Chapter Education	67,062	68,000	-	-	2,002	Income to be used for educational purposes
167	Fanny V. Wart	35,144	33,000	-	-	144	Income to be used for educational purposes
167	Helen Ramirez	8,534	8,500	-	-	34	Income to be used for educational purposes
		<u>\$ 20,765,644</u>	<u>\$ 1,308,314</u>	<u>\$ 14,359,319</u>	<u>\$ 3,978,885</u>	<u>\$ 939,238</u>	

Brother James Parker: I'd like to thank Brother Bill for all the hard work he put into place. I'd also like to thank each and every one of the Past Grand Matrons for allowing us to finish this report. It was started and stopped many times over years and without them letting us continue it would never have been done. We are not blaming anybody from the past, it was just one year, one year, one year and it took us four years. So, thank all of you. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, I move adoption of this report.

WGM: A motion has been made to adopt this four-year report on Restricted Funds. Is there any discussion? All those in favor raise your red card. All those opposed same sign. Motion carried. * The report has been adopted. Thank you. I recognize Ms. Tina Stevens, Credentials Committee, Chairman, who will present their final report.

< **Mrs. Tina Stevens:**

August 17, 2019

Credentials Final Report

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my sisters and brothers all. We still have 269 Chapters in Texas. We have 238 Chapters registered this year and 231 that picked up their credentials. We have 1306 registered voters minus the 171 that have not picked up their credentials as of 9 am this morning which equals 1135 votes for election. I wish to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for appointing me to this position and thank each member of the committee for their patience, dedication and hard work this past week. I would also like to thank the membership for their cooperation and patience this year as we migrated to an online system. At this time, I would like to introduce those that have served with me; District 1 – Patty Peck, District 2 – Mary Bond, District 3 – Ginny Lamb, Donna Hill Pope, District 4 – Heidi Jenkins, and District 5 – Benita Basset, Karen Wright, and Boyd Kramer. Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of this report.

Tina Stevens



Credentials General Chairman

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt the final report of the Credentials Committee. Is there any discussion? All in Favor, raise your red card. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. *

WGM: Sister Tina, you and your Committee have performed your important duties with diligence and kindness. Thank you for a job well done. Membership help me thank this Committee. (Applause)

WGM: I recognize Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger, Registration Committee, Chairman, who will present their final report.

**Grand Chapter of Texas 136th Session
Registration Report
Saturday, August 17, 2019**

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 as we implemented a our new system. Thank you Mark Dieckmann for writing our registration program.

The Registration Committee Members are:

- District 1-Glenda Smithcart
- District 1-Dorothy Upton
- District 2-Karen Goodin
- District 3-Ginger Byrd
- District 3-Abigail Foreman
- District 4-Kenneth Foreman
- District 4-Melinda Hicks
- District 4-Karen Best
- District 4-Liz Hopkins
- District 4-Carolyn Black
- District 4-Beverly Collier
- District 5-Colleen Asaro
- District 5-June Bell

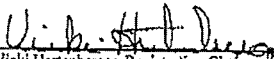
Final Registration Report

Total Pre-Registered Members	1453	
Total Registered at Grand Chapter	1453	1332 Paid
Total Registration	1453	

Other Totals for Grand Chapter:

TMRC Residents	9	
Total Chapters Represented	231	
Out of State Residents	209	
Grand Jurisdictions Represented	38	

Respectfully Submitted,


 Vicki Hertenberger, Registration Chairman

Sister Vickie Hertenberger: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, this motion comes from a Committee and needs no second. You have heard the motion adopt the final report of the Registration Committee. Is there any discussion? All in Favor, raise your red card. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. * Sister Viki, thank you and your Committee for the job you have done. How wonderful it was to have online registration. Thank you and your Committee so much for all of your hard work. The membership in Texas appreciates you and your Committee. Members help me thank this Committee. (Applause) Thank you very much. If you are allowing your name to be placed in nomination for a certain position for Grand Chapter, would you please make sure you make your way to the stage. It is almost time. You notice I keep pushing my phone so I'm not going to get behind. Saturday is election day is an important day of our Grand Chapter Session. We will be electing Officers who will preside over our Texas Grand Chapter. Please stay with us until the close of the Session. We have many more important events to happen today and I would remind you that we must have a Quorum in order to finish our business. With that being said, I will turn this over to Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon, our Election Judge. The Table Judges are in place. The Tellers are there. We're ready to go. Are we short at any of the tables? Thank you. Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, do you have a report you could give us? Thank you so very much.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Worthy Grand Matron, there is a little tad of a problem.

WGM: Very small.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Oh, yeah. The people who have not picked up their items and paid for them by Credit Card please do so because I want to raise the amount of money that I told you a while ago because I don't have all the totals in on my Credit Cards. So, if you owe me money, you owe my Service Dog, go to the corner. (Laughter) That is a tad of a problem. That doesn't have anything to do with the election.

PGM Sharon Mosmeyer: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests and all members attending Texas Grand Chapter. I am here to speak to you today on Membership from General Grand Chapter. I have some information for you. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron have implemented some extra incentives for members who do the guidelines, I'm just going to say. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for the opportunity to address this membership. This Triennium our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marianne Shenefelt and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry S. Martin, are continuing the Rob Morris award program for Sisters and Brothers who sign petitions. The motto is "Circle of Friendship and Service"

Around the World". Our leaders are asking you to share your love of our Order by asking perspective members to join our Organization. Simply by signing petitions for degrees you would be entitled to 100 points and 50 points for signing on the second line. For signing a Re-instatement by Affiliation, you would receive 50 points for signing either line. 300 points are necessary to qualify for the Rob Morris jewel. After you have the jewel, you can accrue the bars that attach to the jewel. After the point total of 300, your Chapter Secretary would simply submit the form to me. This program has been active for several Triennium's. I have a couple of questions for you. How many in this room already knew about the Rob Morris program? Raise your hand. That's wonderful. Now out of those and out of the members here, how many of those actually have this Rob Morris jewel? That's wonderful. And how many have the bars that go on the bottom? Sisters and Brothers, if you noticed the hands that went up and the members that raised their hands around you, those are the members that are working hard to continue our Order. There are also two extra programs they have for this Triennium. We have a "Mother Hen" program. Now this program is to reward a mentor of a new or returning member or members. This mentor would be a trusted and experienced member to advise, guide and encourage the new or returning member to be more active in our Order. We at my Chapter, Cypress Chapter, call this a Big Sister or a Brother. And this reward is a Mother Hen with a bunch of little chicks. So, have you experienced members in your Chapter being initiated and then they don't return? Don't you wonder why? I'm hoping and our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron are hoping that this program will help those members come back. So, the rules are you contact this prospective member and you meet with them on the initiated night at your Chapter, make your introductions, remain with the person until they are met by the Associate Conductress. Make them feel more comfortable because you know how you felt when you were initiated, it's a little scary not knowing what might happen next. If possible, you could meet with them ahead of time. I don't know how your Chapter appoints these, if they appoint them ahead of time. But when a petition is read and you're appointed to that person, if they are elected, then you can talk to them. Make sure they wear comfortable shoes and what to expect that night. We don't make them ride a goat or anything. Because you know we don't want them to be scared but sometimes we like to tease them a little bit. The mentor should contact the new or returning member prior to the next meeting after they are initiated and answer any question that they might have. Now you know when you were initiated, I know when I was initiated, I didn't remember everything that was said to me. But if you are a mentor then you can explain to them why we do certain things. Because they are going to have a lot of questions. Contact the new member and ask them to visit with you to another Chapter. Ask them for a ride. Meet them there. Make sure that they are encouraged and that they are informed. This process should continue for a consecutive three-month period at the end of the third successful month, the mentor may apply for their "Mother Hen" pin to be awarded. Any mentor wishing to receive the pin will see the General Grand Chapter Committee person for the pin. So, if you are here from another Grand Jurisdiction, you would have another person in your area that has the pins for you. But in

Texas, I have those pins. So, if you would want to participate in this program just contact me for the pin. Then the second new program is a ribbon award. Now the ribbon and the concept aim, this is for a new member to wear. So, if you have in your Chapter initiated two or more members at the same time, then the person initiated would be entitled to this ribbon. This award is to entice members or reinstate in groups. Two or more. Any Chapter initiating or reinstating two or more members would receive that appropriate ribbon. I'm going to say it again. The ribbon is for the new or returning member to wear. Now the ribbon actually says on it "Awesome Twosome", "Terrific Three-some", "Fantastic Four", "Fabulous Five" or "Remarkable Six." And these ribbons are in the colors of our Star Points. And it says, "Remarkable Six" and that's for six members who were initiated the same night and it says, "Remarkable Six", "Ask me How." So, the "Ask me How" when you see someone that's wearing them, they'll say "How did you get that ribbon?" That's what they are hoping will inspire us to do more initiations in two or more groups. Remember to share our Eastern Star Story as often as possible and in doing so you may strive to not only be recognized by wearing the Rob Morris jewel and bars, the "Mother Hen" pin and the "Awesome Ribbon" award but you will inspire and encourage others to do the same. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron said yesterday that we need to rebuild our Order and do our best for OES. And our Worthy Grand Matron this year says, "Dream It, Believe It, Achieve It". Not one person is responsible for getting new members for our Order. Every single one of us in this room has that duty. It can not be done by just one person or a small group. We all must be dedicated to improve and continue to grow our Order. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM: Thank you very, very much Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, Membership, General Grand Chapter. (Applause) That was a wonderful report. It was very interesting because I've been in Eastern Star many, many years and I have to be reminded of the Rob Morris program. Thank you very much for doing so today. Thank you.

Sisters and Brothers, we want to be kind and courteous to each one whose name is placed in nomination for any office. We may support one or the other but in today and when we elect one, we do not celebrate, we simply be happy for them. Celebrate outside the doors if you wish. But that is very hurtful to the other candidate. The preprinted ballots have the names of those who have placed a resume in the OES Official Bulletin and in the Advanced Report. If there are any other nominations from the floor, we will need a Resume. Sister Jimmie Lee is our Election Judge and you have seen her up and down and she tells me we are going to begin. Sisters and Brothers, it is now...I'm going to wait to make this legal folks...you have one minute. (Laughter) I wouldn't want it to be an illegal election, would you? (No) One minute. It's never going to turn. (Laughter) Everybody hold your face just right.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Worthy Grand Matron, we have sent for Credentials, Registration, First Aid, and all of those to enter so you can immediately at that point.

WGM: Ten O'clock! Sisters and Brothers, it is now Ten O'clock, and we will begin our elections. Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to begin the Elections. You will direct him and the 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. 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 Carolyn A. Martin.

WGM: Worthy Grand Patron, I am Carolyn Martin, a Past Matron of Palestine Chapter No. 395, I place the name of Linda Winn-Christenson for the office of Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WGP: Sister Linda Winn-Christenson 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 Linda Winn-Christenson for the office of Worthy Grand Matron say 'AYE'. Those opposed 'NO'. Sister Linda Winn Christenson you have been elected Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you Accept?

Sister Linda Winn-Christenson: Worthy Grand Patron, it is with a very humble heart that I gladly accept this and promise to serve the membership to the best of my ability. Thank you. (Applause)

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, thank you. I return the gavel to you.

WGM: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. Nominations are now open for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Brother Burley Jones.

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Burley D. Jones, a Past Patron of Cleveland Chapter No.465. I place the name of Brother Paul Garner, a Past Patron of Spring Chapter #1105 for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WGM: Brother Paul Garner 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 Paul Garner for the office of Worthy Grand Patron say 'AYE'. Those opposed 'NO'. Brother Paul Garner you have been elected Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you Accept?

Brother Paul Garner: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to accept this position and I promise to serve this membership. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM: Thank you. Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Linda Winn-Christenson.

Sister Linda Winn-Christenson: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Linda Winn-Christenson, a Past Matron of Waelder Chapter #1023 and it is my honor to nominate Sister Terri Rozell, Worthy Matron of New Caney Chapter #1093 and a Past Matron of Port Arthur Chapter #953 for the office of Associate Grand Matron.

WGM: Sister Terri Rozell 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 Terri Rozell for the office of Associate Grand Matron say 'AYE'. Those opposed 'NO'. Sister Terri Rozell you have been elected Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you Accept?

Sister Terri Rozell: Worthy Grand Matron, I do accept, and I thank the membership for having the confidence and faith in me. (Applause)

WGM: Thank you. Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WGM: I recognize Sister Cindy Brisko.

Sister Cindy Brisko: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Cindy Brisko, Worthy Matron of Lewisville Chapter #935. It is my pleasure to place the name of Tom Brisko, a Past Patron of Lewisville Chapter #953 in nomination for the office of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WGM: Brother Tom Brisko 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 Tom Brisko for the office of Associate Grand Patron say 'AYE'. Those opposed 'NO'. Brother Tom, you have been elected Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year and do you Accept?

Brother Tom Brisko: Worthy Grand Matron, with a humble heart I accept and am honored by this honor bestowed on me by the membership. (Applause)

WGM: Thank you. Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Marlene Dibrell, Past Matron, Dal-Cliff Chapter #574.

Sister Marlene Dibrell: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Marlene Dibrell. I'm a Past Matron of Dal-Cliff Chapter #574 and I have the honor to present in nomination for the office of Grand Secretary for the ensuing year the name of Sister Ellen Pickrell, a Past Matron of Richardson Chapter #921.

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 and do you Accept?

Sister Ellen Pickrell: It would be my honor to serve. (Applause)

WGM: Thank you. I now recognize Sister Susie Geer.

Sister Susie Geer: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Susie Geer, Worthy Matron of Greenville #189. It is my honor to place in nomination for the office of Grand Treasurer, Sister Greta Spradling, Past Matron of Greenville #189.

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 and do you Accept?

Sister Greta Spradling: Worthy Grand Matron, it would be my honor to serve as Grand Treasurer. (Applause)

WGM: Thank you. Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Terri Rozell.

Sister Terri Rozell: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Terri Rozell, Past Matron of Groves-Port Arthur Chapter #953 and Worthy Matron of New Caney Chapter #1093. It is my honor to place the name of Phyllis Macon, a Past Matron of Mesquite Chapter #887 for the office of Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WGM: Sister Phyllis Macon 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 Phyllis Macon for the office of Grand Conductress say 'AYE'. Those opposed 'NO'. Sister Phyllis you have been elected Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year and do you Accept?

Sister Phyllis Macon: Worthy Grand Matron, I do accept, and I thank this membership for the privilege of serving the Grand Chapter of Texas. (Applause)

WGM: Thank you. Nominations are now open for the Office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Lynda Klein, Worthy Matron of Norman Read Chapter #1010.

Sister Lynda Klein: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Lynda Klein, Worthy Matron of Norman Read Chapter #1010. It is my honor to place the name of Sister Susan Dormady, a Past Matron of Norman Read Chapter #1010 in nomination for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WGM: Are there other nominations? I recognize Brother James Walker, Past Patron of Farmers Branch #687.

Brother James Walker: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. My name is James Walker. I am a Past Patron of Farmers Branch Chapter #687, and I have the pleasure to place in nomination the name of Shelley Walker, a Past Matron of Farmers Branch Chapter #687 for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WGM: Are there other nominations? I recognize Brother Hobie Henderson, Past Patron of S. Ft. Worth #835

Brother Hobie Henderson: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. My name is Hobie Henderson, Worthy Patron of S. Ft. Worthy Chapter #835. It is my honor to place in nomination for the office of Associate Grand Conductress Sister Donna Noe, a Past Matron of S. Ft. Worth Chapter #835.

WGM: Are there other nominations? 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:

Susan Dormady
Shelley Walker
Donna Noe

Thank you, ladies, and you may be seated. (Applause) I now declare the Ballot open. *

We will use ballot "A". Please mark 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 area, go to tables "1" and "2" and STAND AND WAIT until I direct you. We are going to use all four tables to make this a quicker election so you will stand at 1, 2, 3, 4. If you are a Voting Delegate, 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. You may begin collecting the ballots.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Worthy Grand Matron, will you ask these wonderful Assistant Grand Warder if all the Assistant Grand Sentinels have voted.

WGM: Brother Grand Warder. Have the Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels voted? I think we have someone at the end. Is that what she's telling us? Thank you.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Now have all the Warders and Sentinels voted? Will some of the Pages circle the other tables because we are going to use all of the tables. To get this done as quickly as possible. Kind of spread yourself out. We don't want to leave anybody out counting. Is First Aid in here? You have voted. That was my concern.

WGM: Have all Ballots been collected? I hear some "no's". (Someone was talking about Security not voting)

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Where is Security located? Are they just outside the door? Brother Grand Warder, Brother Grand Sentinel, we would like for the door to the right side of the speaker, the sound system, to open it and ask that Security be allowed to vote at that area. Bring the Security to that area. Sisters and Brothers, we are not going to not allow someone to vote. We closed everything else down because of the timeframes and what have you, so they would be in here and that is my mistake that I did not say the word Security. So, we will work with Security. Have I got Security back over here at this side? Ask him to go to that side of the door. We are balloting on "A" for him to circle. I'm sending a Page to that corner. Because if we did not have Security in today's world, we would be a little more concerned and these gentlemen have walked these halls. You know, this is a different time and age and we are very blessed that we have our Organization. It's such a loving Organization and you never know what someone might not like about us. But we love us, and we love each other. So, we want to be kind and we want him to vote also. Brother Warder, it's clear? It's been taken care of. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers for bringing that to our attention. We are voting on ballot "A". We're voting on "A" and no one else can enter or leave. We're clear?

WGM: Thank you. Have all of the ballots been collected at this point? Have all the ballots been collected? I now declare the ballot CLOSED. * The Deputies are to deposit the ballots on the Tables. 1, 2, 3, and 4. Thank you Sister Deputies. You have worked this Grand Chapter Session. Brother Grand Warder, you going to lock the doors? Open them, sorry. I'm usually pretty loud up here but I turned my head. I'm sorry. Sisters and Brothers stay with us. We're moving. Sister Jimmie Lee would you come to the East please. Sisters and Brothers.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Sisters and Brothers, this kind Worthy Grand Matron loves you and what she's going to do right now are the doors are open. We know we have a ballot on the floor. It has been declared closed and is in the process. She is going to go ahead and open the doors for those who have sat here for the last two hours, would like to go out, come back in, get in your places for another closed ballot. Will that be alright with you? (Yes) The next thing is, if you let her, with the doors open, and there are so far there are candidates that she's going to be processing, unless somebody comes from the floor, they are going to be by acclamation. Yeehaw! And would you have a problem if she left the doors open so you can run in and run out and be really, really quiet, that we leave you able to do that while we are doing acclamation? All those that agree with that say "Aye". ("Aye") Worthy Grand Matron, I think that's a consensus that we can do that.

WGM: Nominations are now open for the Board of Directors, District 1 for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Susie Geer, Worthy Matron of Greenville #189.

Sister Susie Geer: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure...I am Susie Geer.

WGM: Excuse me Sister Susie. Folks we are doing this for your benefit to move it along, but I can't even hear her because we're making so much noise. Remember we are balloting for the good of our Order for those who are going to lead it. So, let's pay a little courtesy to those that are speaking at the stage. Thank you so much. I appreciate it. You are very kind people. Thank you. Susie.

Sister Susie Geer: I am Susie Geer, Worthy Matron of Greenville #189, and it is my pleasure to place in nomination for the unexpired term for Board of Directors, District 1, Brother Joe Gilmore, Worthy Patron of Wolfe City #1129. Sisters and Brothers, this is Brother Joe Gilmore. Thank you very much and you may be seated. (Applause)

WGM: Brother Joe Gilmore has been nominated for the Board of Directors for District 1. Are there other nominations? Didn't we just do that? All in favor of Brother Joe Gilmore for the Board of Directors District 1 say 'AYE'. Those opposed 'NO'. Brother Joe Gilmore you have been elected and do you Accept? I want to know if you can walk. (Laughter)

Brother Joe Gilmore: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to serve and it is my honor to be here and serve you and this Grand Chapter.

WGM: Thank you very much. Thank you. (Applause) Nominations are now open for the Board of Directors, District 4 for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Sissy Cults, Worthy Matron of Hemphill #375.

Sister Sissy Cults: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, I am Sissy Cults, Worthy Matron of Hemphill #375. I nominate Brother William "Bill" Henry for the office of Board of Directors, District 4.

WGM: Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and we will proceed to elect. I invite Brother Bill Henry to come to the center of the Stage. Sisters and Brothers, this is Brother William T. "Bill" Henry. Thank you.

WGM: Brother William T." Bill" Henry has been nominated for the Board of Directors for District 4. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Brother William T. "Bill" Henry for the Board of Directors District 4 say 'AYE'. Those opposed 'NO'. Brother Bill you have been elected and do you Accept?

Brother Bill Henry: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to accept this position. Thank you.

WGM: Thank you. (Applause) Nominations are now open for the Board of Directors, District 5 for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Ann Marie Belcher, Past Matron Travis #472.

Sister Ann Marie Belcher: Worthy Grand Matron, Ann Marie Belcher, Past Matron of Travis Chapter #472. I nominate Randy Martin, Past Patron of Travis Chapter #472 for Board of Directors, District 5 for the ensuing term.

WGM: Are there other nominations? Hearing none I declare the ballot closed. * Brother Randy Martin has been nominated for the Board of Directors for District 5. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Brother Randy Martin for the Board of Directors District 5 say "AYE." Those opposed "NO." Brother Randy you have been elected and where are you Brother Randy? I now invite you to the center of the stage. And do you accept?

Brother Randy Martin: It is with great honor that I accept this position. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM: Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5 for the ensuing year. I recognize Brother Kenneth Gregory, Past Patron of Travis Chapter #472.

Brother Kenneth Gregory: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I am Kenneth Gregory, a Past Patron of Travis Chapter #472. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Patty Peach, a Past Matron of Travis Chapter #472 for the new year.

WGM: Thank you. Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and we will proceed to elect. I invite Sister Patty Peach to come to the center of the stage. Sisters and Brothers, this is Sister Patty Peach. Sister Patty Peach has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners for District 5. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Patty Peach for the Board of Directors District 5 say "AYE". Those Opposed "NO". Sister Patty Peach you have been elected and do you accept?

Sister Patty Peach: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with honor that I accept this position. (Applause)

WGM: Thank you. Oh, excuse me. Did I say Board of Directors for Sister Patty Peach? I am so sorry. She is a Board of Grand Examiners. It so says so in my book. Sister Jimmie Lee? You need to come to the East, please. Because we are going to go out of order, I want to make sure we are doing this correctly. I'm going to get the Election Judge to tell me so I can tell you how we are going to do the next one. Okay, nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1 for the ensuing year.

Sister Joyce Hagens: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Joyce Hagens. Worthy Matron of Corsicana Chapter #118 and it is my pleasure to place into nomination the name of Kathy Paschal, a Past Matron of Corsicana #118 for the office of Grand Examiner, District 1.

WGM: Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and we will proceed to elect. I invite Sister Kathy Paschal to come to the center of the stage. Sisters and Brothers, this is Sister Kathy Paschal. Sister Kathy Paschal has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners for District 1. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Kathy Paschal for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1 say "AYE". Those Opposed "NO". Sister Kathy Paschal you have been elected and do you accept?

Sister Kathy Paschal: Worthy Grand Matron, I do accept this honor and I am so honored to serve the membership for another year. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM: Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2 for the ensuing year.

Sister Elaine Fox: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Elaine Fox, Worthy Matron of Eastland Chapter #280. It is my honor to place the name of Audri Rowell, a Past Matron of Abilene Chapter #30 in nomination for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2 for the ensuing Grand Chapter year.

WGM: Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and we will proceed to elect. I invite Sister Audri Rowell to come to the center of the stage. Sisters and Brothers, this is Sister Audri Rowell. Sister Audri Rowell has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners for District 2. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Audri Rowell for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2 say "AYE". Those Opposed "NO". Sister Audri Rowell you have been elected and do you accept?

Sister Audri Rowell: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with a grateful heart that I serve in this place of service. (Applause)

WGM: Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 3 for the ensuing year.

Sister Lou Carmichael: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Lou Carmichael. I am Worthy Matron of Handley Chapter #617 and I'm very proud to place the name of Lesa Smith, Past Matron of Handley Chapter #617 for the office of Grand Examiner, District 3 for the ensuing year. Thank you.

WGM: Thank you. Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and we will proceed to elect. I invite Sister Lesa Smith to come to the center of the stage. Sister Lesa Smith has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners for District 3. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Lesa Smith for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 3 say "AYE". Those Opposed "NO". Sister Lesa Smith you have been elected and do you accept?

Sister Lesa Smith: Worthy Grand Matron, thank you to the membership of Texas and I humbly accept the position for another year. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM: Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Four for the ensuing year.

Sister Diane Flanagan: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Diane Flanagan, and I'm a Past Matron of Waller Chapter #1047. I would like to place in nomination the name of Linda Klemm for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4.

WGM: Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and we will proceed to elect. I invite Sister Glenda Klemm to come to the center of the stage. Sisters and Brothers, this is Sister Glenda Klemm. Sister Glenda Klemm has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners for District 4. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister

Glenda Klemm for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4 say "AYE". Those Opposed "NO". Sister Glenda Klemm you have been elected and do you accept?

Sister Glenda Klemm: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with a humble heart that I certainly accept, and I appreciate the membership of Texas for electing me one more year. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM: Are the Grand Examiners still on the stage? I would like you to see your entire selection of Grand Examiners. I know we have one more election, but I wanted you to see these ladies. These are the Board of Grand Examiners, District One through District Five and soon we'll place Grand Examiner-at-Large. Thank you very much for your service ladies. (Applause) Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner-at-Large. Grand Examiners, you might as well just stay up here. Oh, no, you may return. Sorry, I just changed my mind. I recognize Sister Joan Baker, Worthy Matron of Huffman #1090. Huffman #1112.

Sister Joan Baker: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Joan Baker, Worthy Matron of Huffman #1112. It is my honor to place in nomination, Cheryl Royall, Past Matron of Huffman Chapter #1112, Huffman, Texas in nomination for the Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner-at-Large.

WGM: Thank you. Are there other nominations?

Sister Debra Albertson: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Debra Albertson, a Past Matron of Pinetree Chapter #1090. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Sister Ann Wyatt, a Past Matron of Pinetree Chapter #1090, Longview, for the office of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner-at-Large for the ensuing year.

WGM: Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed but Brother Warder. Brother Grand Warder we need to secure and close our doors please. This is a ballot vote. 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:

Cheryl Royall
Ann Wyatt

Thank you very much ladies. The doors being closed, I now declare the Ballot Open. * We will use ballot "C". Ballot "C" Please mark only one name on the ballot for the office of Grand Examiner-at-Large. Deputy Grand Matrons, I direct you to begin collecting the ballots. After you have collected all ballots in your areas, go to all four tables 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. We are using ballot "C".

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Brother Grand Sentinel, Brother Grand Warder, I need to know and be notified if your Sentinels and Warders have all voted and I need Security all members, to come in to vote on the right side of the West. So, the Warders and Sentinels at the right side of the West. So, you'll need to holler out. I know we have a couple of others. And is First Aid still in here for me? Has First Aid gone out? Check with First Aid. They are right across the hall. They may have had to tend to one of our members. Okay, if you'll be real quiet, I've got something else. I have a tad of a problem.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, we're giving you some instructions.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: I have a tad of a problem. I haven't gotten all of my Credit Card money in. And that's a problem. The dogs are getting hungry. And if you have not picked up your items by noon, if it's real expensive, I'm selling it again. (Laughter) And I will do it. But I have another thing. How about everybody standing up? Because you're looking sleepy. My problem is, you need to wave over here to the right. Kenneth Gregory needs to do this every day. Wave to the left. Give it a little bend. A little forward. A little stretch. Are you awake yet? (No) Okay, well, do it again.

Gr. Warder: Worthy Grand Matron, Security and Sentinels have voted.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Okay sit down. We have an issue coming up. Okay, everybody has to sit back down. She won't ask for the question if you don't sit back down. Gotta be real quiet. You're liable to miss something. We have one Security that has not voted? Okay, hold on to your ballot boxes ladies. Okay, we've got somebody going. You're doing real good. Did you see what time it is? We're just chugging right along here.

WGM: I would like the Humanitarian Committee and the Fraternal Correspondent please to come to the stage.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Has he voted? Has the last of my Security voted?

WGM: All of the ballots being collected I now declare the ballot CLOSED.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Deposit your ballots on the tables.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers. 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. Sisters and Brothers I thank you for your patience but we are going to do something a little different and please bear with us and know that I would have loved to have done this some other way but it's just not possible on the last day of Saturday. But I want you to know that I'm anxious to hear your

Humanitarians. I'm anxious for you to know who the Grand Representatives who were here this year so we'll hear the reports and the members will stand with your District or as your state is called. I am going to have the Chairman give their reports at this time. Do I have the Humanitarian Chairman? Sisters and Brothers, this is a little unusual so you might want to listen. We might ask you to do something.

Sister Linda Thornton: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members, Sisters and Brothers. I would like to present to you the District Chairmen of your Humanitarian program this year.

Sister Michelle Stegman, District 1

Sister Susan Dormady, District 2

Sister Melissa Roberts, District 3

Sister Jeanette Melton, District 4 and

Sister Cindy Bausell, District 5

They've done a great job for me this year and I appreciate their help. (Applause) Sister Michelle will come and give the report for District 1.

WGM: And as your District is called, this is District 1, would you please stand if you are a member of District 1. Take your accolades. We so appreciate you.

(Humanitarian Reports on Following Pages)

Sister Michelle Stegman:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, THANK YOU for the privilege of serving our Order as Humanitarian Chairman for District One. Thank you, District One for your unending support this year's Harvest Blessings of Love and Kindness! Deputies of District One and District Deputies of Every-one... your helping hands, courtesies, planning and fore thought on behalf of the Humanitarian Committee and those who attended your Schools of Instruction were outstanding! The beautiful and helpful pages assigned to me in those schools were most generous with their time and efforts. Thank you to my own Pittsburg Chapter and Section Nine for your assistance and companionship during my travels about District One. You know I love you!

Especially thank you to our General Chair, Linda Thornton, for your constant support and excellent record keeping and life-saving skills. I look forward to growing this new friendship for years to come.

I am proud to report the percentages of the Chapters in District One:

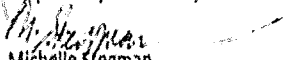
- Chapters at 100% 48
- Chapters at 200% 17
- Chapters at 300% 6
- Chapters at 400% 2
- Chapters at 500% 1 Henderson Chapter #597
- Chapters at 869% 1 Beckville Chapter #273

Our APPLE Donation totals are:

- A—ACHIEVEMENT: TMRC Texas Masonic Retirement Center \$130.80
- P—PERSEVERANCE: General Fund \$1,267.30
- P—PRAYER: ESTARI \$2,115.77
- L—LOVE: Benevolent Aid \$2,995.78
- E—ENRICHMENT: Education Fund \$2,154.35
- TOTAL: \$8,664.00**

Thank you District One for your support of the WGM's Harvest Blessings of Love and Kindness Humanitarian Program.

Respectfully Submitted,


 Michelle Stegman
 District One Chairman

It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Susan Dormady, District 2 Chairman

Sister Susan Dormady:

HUMANITARIAN REPORT FOR DISTRICT 2

Grand Chapter Year 2018 – 2019

Thank you for that wonderful report from District 1.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron; General Grand Chapter Installed Grand Officers, General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committees; Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons; Good Afternoon! How honored we are that you have travelled your many miles to attend this Grand Chapter Session in Texas.

Our Worthy Grand Matron had a phrase this year that she used quite often. Dream It! Believe It! Achieve It! I know they have accomplished that truly wonderful idea. Sister Carolyn Martin had a dream to lead the Grand Chapter of Texas which she accomplished in August of 2018; she believed she could perform this important duty and she has shown us that she is a kind hearted person as she led this Grand Chapter during the year; and she has certainly achieved this goal, just look how many members are attending to see Sister Carolyn and Brother Burley in action at the podium.

I want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this appointment. I am so honored to have worked with you this year. I look forward to hearing the achievements you have accomplished as you have travelled the roads in Texas.

The Humanitarian Program this year was titled "Harvest Blessing of Love and Kindness" and came straight from the heart of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron both enjoy music and incorporated that into the Humanitarian programs. They have shown love and kindness everywhere they visited to the membership this year.

District 2 may be small, but we are mighty. We cover a large area in District 2 from El Paso to Abilene and north to Amarillo. So, there may be many miles between us, but we all work together to remain strong in the Order of the Eastern Star. I am pleased to report that all Chapters in District 2 participated in the Humanitarian Program and their percentages are:

- 11 Chapters were 100%
- 4 Chapters were 200%
- 1 Chapter – Friendship #1008 was 700%

The donations from District 2 were

TMRC	\$ 67.00
General Fund	\$ 208.00
ESTARL	\$ 984.00
Benevolent Aid	\$ 566.00
Education	\$ 825.00

Total Donations of \$ 2,650.00

Sister Melissa Roberts:

Melissa Roberts

2018-2019

District Three:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter and District Three as its Humanitarian Chairman. It has been a wonderful opportunity for me to know the members of District 3 better. The members of District 3 have helped Grand Chapter to Dream with its donations to the General Fund, helped members Achieve with monies directed to ESTARL and Education Fund and to Believe in themselves with donations to the Benevolent Fund and to the TMRC.

53 Chapters in District 3 participated in the Humanitarian Program and their percentages are as follows:

- 37 Chapters 100%
- 6 Chapters 200%
- 3 Chapters 300%
- 2 Chapters 400%

The following Chapters were 500% or greater:

- Webb Chapter 1140 500%
- Stephenville Chapter 801 500%
- Brock 274 1000%
- Coleman Chapter 360 1100%
- Santo 270 1200%

Our totals for the APPLE Humanitarian Program this year were:

- TMRC: \$ 366.20
- General Fund: \$ 899.20
- ESTARL: \$ 1,469.70
- Benevolent Aid: \$ 1,754.70
- Education \$ 3,090.20
- For a total of \$ 7,580.00

Thank you again District 3 for your generosity. I have been humbled to be your Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Roberts
Humanitarian Chairman District 3

Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to introduce Sister Jeanette Melton, Humanitarian Chairman, District 4.

Sister Jeanette Melton:

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron,

What a blessing this year has been! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share your Harvest Blessings with District 4. It has been hard work but so rewarding to work with the most dedicated and loving people. The kindness and thoughtfulness that was shown to me as I visited with each School touched my heart. I appreciate the Chapters that granted me a Certificate of Appreciation and the Deputies that gave me the coveted parking space, the comped banquet ticket, and the endless supply of "goodies." You were all terrific and worked hard to make your School a success. This was certainly a year of wonderful memories.

Linda Thornton, our General Chairman, has the patience of a saint. She never failed to respond promptly to the many emails and texts she received from me. Everytime I started work on my spreadsheet, I thought of her and the five districts she had to keep up with. I prayed for us a lot.

I am pleased to report the following percentages for the Chapters in District 4:

100% - 45 chapters

200% - 18 chapters

300% - 14 chapters

400% - 1 chapter

500% - 2 chapters (Somerville and Iola/North Zulch)

600% - 1 chapter (Bluebell)

800% - 1 chapter (Smithville)

The donations made to each of the 5 funds are as follows:

TMRC - \$ 1,543.20

General Fund - \$ 1,394.70

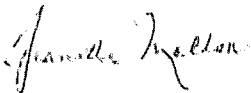
ESTABL - \$3,862.04

Benevolent Aid - \$3,289.53

Education Fund - \$3,633.53

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 13,723.00

Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for your generosity to the Harvest Blessings of Love and Kindness. It is now my pleasure to introduce Sister Cindy Bausell, Humanitarian Chairman for District 5.



Jeanette Melton
Humanitarian Chairman, District 4

Sister Cindy Bausell:

Sister Cindy Bausell:

It has been my great honor and privilege to serve as the Humanitarian Chairman for District 5 this year. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I want to thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve our 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 during this entire year. Almost every Chapter in District 5 has demonstrated their faithfulness to the obligation to the Order and their concerns for others through their contributions.

Thank you, Sister Linda, for all of 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 Five - 43 with 3305 members

Number of Chapters Participating - 41

100% Chapters - 27

200% Chapters - 5

300% Chapters - 3

400% Chapters - 1

500% Chapters - 1 (Cuero #618)

800% Chapters - 1 (Johnson City #32)

1000% Chapters - 1 (Amistad #1115)

1100% Chapters - 1 (Floresville #271)

Contributions by District Five were:

Achievement (A) - TMRC - \$141.20

Perseverance (P) - General Fund - \$484.20

Prayer (P) - E.S.T.A.R.L. - \$1907.70

Love (L) - Benevolent Aid - \$1207.20

Enrichment (E) - Education Fund - \$1768.70.

For a Total contribution for the 2018-2019 APPLE Humanitarian Program for District 5 of \$5,509.00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Bausell

Humanitarian Chairman - District 5

2018-2019 District 5 Humanitarian Program

Cindy Bausell, Chairman

Number of Chapters In District 5:	43
Number of Chapters Participating:	41
100% Chapters	27
200% Chapters	5
300% Chapters	3
400% Chapters	1
500% Chapters	1 (Cuero #618)
600% Chapters	0
700% Chapters	0
800% Chapters	1 (Johnson City #32)
900% Chapters	0
1000% Chapters	1 (Amistad #1115)
1100% Chapters	1 (Floresville #271)

Contributions to District 5:

TMRC	\$ 141.20
General Fund	\$ 484.20
ESATARL	\$ 1,907.70
Benevolent Aid	\$ 1,207.20
Education	\$ 1,768.70
DISTRICT 5 TOTAL	\$ 5,509.00

Sister Cindy Bausell: And I would like to turn the podium back over to our General Chairman, Linda Thornton.

Sister Linda Thornton: Thank you District Chairmen for your reports. It was a pleasure to get to know you and work with each one of you this year.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers,

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you so much for this very special appointment. It was a learning experience and I would like to give a special thanks to Sisters Jane Pyle and Betty Hancock for their invaluable assistance. You know that facts, figures, and spreadsheets are my thing and I really enjoyed this task. It was made all the more enjoyable because of these 5 lovely ladies you appointed to work with me – Sisters Michelle Stegman, District 1, Susan Dormady, District 2, Melissa Roberts, District 3, Jeanette Melton, District 4, and Cindy Bausell, District 5. I was able to attend at least one of each of their presentations and I think they did a great job sharing your APPLIE Humanitarian Program. They have worked diligently in receiving and documenting the donations from each of their districts and I can't thank them enough for their hard work and help to get the reports in each month.

The Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Junior Past Matrons, and Junior Past Patrons of our Subordinate Chapters have been invited to participate in the Humanitarian Drill and to make a donation of one book per chapter to add to our book donations to Scottish Rite Hospital. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to join us as our Grand Marshal, Sister Doris Jones, leads our Humanitarian Drill.

We will now hear from Sister Michelle Stegman, District 1 Chairman, for her report.

Thank you District Chairmen for your reports and your kind words. It was a pleasure to get to know each of you and work with you this year.

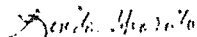
The totals for the APPLIE Humanitarian Program for 2018 – 2019 are as follows:

A – TMRC	\$ 2,248.40
P – General Fund	\$ 4,253.40
P – ESTABL.	\$ 10,339.21
L – Benevolent Aid	\$ 9,813.21
E – Education	\$ 11,471.78
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 38,126.00

This is the final report and includes all monies received prior to the opening of Grand Chapter. A supplemental report will be made to the Grand Secretary for any additional donations made for the 2018 - 2019 Humanitarian Program. Thank you Sisters and Brothers for your generous support.

Worthy Grand Matron, you **Dreamed** great dreams for our Order this year and you encouraged us to dream with you. You **Believed** in us and inspired us to work hard to help make the dreams come true. We hope that you are pleased with these **Achievements** of your Humanitarian Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Thornton, Humanitarian, General Chairman

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

Sister Linda Thornton: The completed report will be printed in our Proceedings. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion, this is from a Committee, you have heard the motion to adopt this report. All those in favor raise your red card. Cards down. Opposed same sign. Motion carried. * We have adopted the report of the Humanitarian Committee. Thank you, ladies very much and could we have a really peppy song right now, please? And celebrate those who worked so hard for the Humanitarian and we'll let them Drill right out of here. (Applause) Now I want you to realize that was your Humanitarian Drill and to those of you who brought books I want you to please place them outside on the table outside the door. And please accept my apologies but I could not not let you hear those reports. And if I had gone from Labor to Rest, had the Drill, from Rest to Labor, we'll still be here at 5:00 and Sister Linda Winn-Christenson does want to be installed. So, I appreciate you working with us and please accept my apologies that we could not Drill but we did get the essence of the report in. What you did is the report, not the Drill. So, thank you very much, each and every one of you in this room. Thank you. (Applause) And I want to thank Sister Linda for the wonderful report and to the membership for being so generous. Thank you to each of the Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Jr. Past Matrons and Jr. Past Patrons for that special Drill. This year has been so blessed by the donations which reflects the love our membership has for others. At this time, I would like to recognize Sister Carole McGee, the Fraternal Correspondent for her Grand Representatives report. And again, we are going to do this one different and I am so very, very sorry. But I do want to recognize, and she may call the name out of the Grand Representatives. We're going to call you out by state. We're going to ask you to stand and we're going to give you such a joyous accolade and know that I am so sorry that we cannot have the Drill due to time restrictions.

Sister Carole McGee: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, at this time I am delighted to call the roll of each state and Jurisdiction and as I call your state and Jurisdiction would you please stand?

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Alabama – Melba Jirasek	Nebraska – Wanda Hollingsworth
Alberta – Beverly Plante	Nevada
Arizona	New Brunswick
Arkansas – Randy Spell	New Hampshire – Kay Searson
Australia – James Walker	New Jersey – Pam Dean
Bolivia – John Wilson	New Mexico – Stephenia Myrick
British Columbia and Yukon	New York
California – Rebecca Dunn	North Carolina – Emily Ann Biddler
Colorado – Mary Brunet	North Dakota
Connecticut – Charles Broussard	Nova Scotia & PEI
Delaware – Betty Hancock	Ohio
District of Columbia	Oklahoma – Konnie Harrell
Florida	Ontario
Georgia	Oregon – Catrina Christopher
Idaho – Lynn Huckabay	Pennsylvania – Jim Turner
Illinois – Ann Dunn	Puerto Rico
Indiana – Barbara Tramel	Quebec – Mary Frances Royall
Iowa	Rhode Island
Italy – Sandra Zipp	San Paulo, Brazil – Sandra Kerby
Kansas	Saskatchewan
Kentucky – Debra Ervin Rice	Scotland – Xanthe Parker
Louisiana	South Carolina – Lou Skidd
Maine – Charlotte Beall	South Dakota – Wendy LaGrone
Manitoba	Tennessee
Maryland	Utah
Massachusetts – Elinor Humphreys	Vermont – Hobie Henderson
Michigan	Virginia – Martha Hackney
Minnesota- Sharon Prague	Washington
Mississippi - Jerry Boldin	West Virginia
Missouri - Alfred Bell	Wisconsin – Gene Cannon
Montana- Marlene Scholari	Wyoming – Harold Wert

Sisters and Brothers help me thank these Grand Representatives for their service to this beautiful Order. (Applause) My complete report will be printed in our Proceedings. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for this position. It has truly been an honor. Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of this report.

WGM: A motion has been made to adopt this report. All those in favor raise your red card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion has carried. * Thank you very much and imagine if we had those beautiful flags up here. Play me a flag song please. Thank you. Can't you just see those flags waving as we walked by? (Applause) I appreciate you working with us today. Thank you.

(Complete Fraternal Correspondent Report on Next Page)

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT REPORT 2018/2019

Thank You, WGM.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members,

My Sisters and Brothers all: I am delighted to present the Report of the Fraternal Correspondent for 2018/2019.

This has been a very enjoyable year for me and I would like to thank Sister Carolyn and Brother Burley for allowing me the opportunity to serve in this position. It has been a pleasure to serve you and the membership as the Fraternal Correspondent for 2018/2019.

In 1876 a Worthy Grand Matron of Connecticut had the idea of exchanging ideas and information with other Grand Jurisdictions. She saw how all states could benefit from such an exchange in many ways and the position of Fraternal Correspondent was established from her idea.

Grand Representative appointments are an honor and privilege to the individual brought about by years of service and contributions to our Beautiful Order. Each possesses distinct abilities but share a common love and dedication to spread friendship and good will in all their endeavors.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Grand Representatives for their reports throughout the year. I know from reading them that each of you tremendously enjoyed your visits to your Grand Jurisdictions.

From the reports I received, I was interested to learn of details about each Jurisdiction including differences in procedural directions for opening and closing, elections, attire, Grand Representative honors, banquet themes and attendance by Texas members to many Grand Chapters. Each of you had an opportunity to read these reports in the Grand Chapter Bulletins. Today, I would like to note some points of interest of other Grand Jurisdictions which include:

1. The election of the Grand Sentinel and his advancement to the Associate Grand Patron position;
2. The election of the District Deputy Grand Matron by each District and their ability to serve multiple times in this position;
3. The choosing of 3 members from each chapter by the Past Grand Matrons from which the Worthy Grand Matron-elect chooses her appointed Grand Officers;

4. Appointment of the Grand Marshal by the Worthy Grand Matron and her advancement to Associate Grand Conductress the following year;
5. Proving of the chapters by the Pages;
6. No existence of the District Deputy position, only Deputy;
7. Giving a biography of each Grand Officer as they enter the Chapter room during the Informal Opening;
8. The attendance of both Conductresses at the Altar when opening and closing the Bible.
9. Grand Chapter Formal Opening commencing only after at least one member from every Chapter in the state is present

Throughout the year, each Grand Representative honors their position as an ambassador of friendship representing both Texas and our Beautiful Order.

At this time, it is my pleasure to call the roll of States/Jurisdictions and the Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas who have served during 2018-2019. Some Grand Representatives were unable to attend this session. Several have the honor of having their counterparts present today.

ALABAMA – the Cotton State, Sister Melba Jirasek

ALBERTA – the westernmost of Canada’s three prairie provinces, Sister Beverly Plant

ARIZONA- the Land of Opportunity

ARKANSAS – The Natural State, Brother Randy Spell

AUSTRALIA – the Island Continent, Brother James Walker

BOLIVIA – home of the world’s largest salt flats and the world’s largest butterfly sanctuary, Brother John Wilson

BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON – one in four North American grizzly bears are found in British Columbia; Yukon is famous for its Gold Rush in the 1890’s

CALIFORNIA – the Golden State, Sister Rebecca Dunn

COLORADO – the Centennial State, Sister Mary Brunet

CONNECTICUT – the Provision State, Brother Charles Broussard

DELAWARE – the Diamond State, Sister Betty Hancock

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA – Washington, DC, the capital city of the United States

FLORIDA – the Sunshine State

GEORGIA – the Peach State

IDAHO – the Gem State, Sister Lynne Huckabay

ILLINOIS – the Land of Lincoln, Sister Ann Dunn
INDIANA – the Hoosier State, Sister Barbara Tramel
IOWA – the Hawkeye State
ITALY- looks like a high-heeled boot; Sister Sandra Zipp
KANSAS – the Sunflower State
KENTUCKY – the Bluegrass State, Sister Debra Ervin-Rice
LOUISIANA – the Pelican State, Sister Elizabeth Grayson
MAINE – the Pine Tree state; Sister Charlotte Beall
MANITOBA – one of the three prairie provinces of Canada
MARYLAND – the Old Lime State
MASSACHUSETTS – the Bay State; Sister Elinor Humphreys
MICHIGAN – the Wolverine State
MINNESOTA – the North Star State; Sister Sharon Prague
MISSISSIPPI – the Magnolia State; Brother Jerry Boldin
MISSOURI – the Show Me State; Brother Alfred Bell
MONTANA – the Treasure State; Sister Marlene Scholari
NEBRASKA – the Cornhusker State; Sister Wanda Hollingsworth
NEVADA – the Silver State
NEW BRUNSWICK – one of the four Atlantic provinces on the East coast of Canada
NEW HAMPSHIRE – the Granite State; Sister Kay Seanson
NEW JERSEY – the Garden State; Sister Pam Dean
NEW MEXICO – the Land of Enchantment; Sister Stephenia Myrick
NEW YORK – the Empire State
NORTH CAROLINA – the Tar Heel State; Sister Emily Biddler
NORTH DAKOTA – the Peace Garden State
NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND – the smallest province in Canada in both land area and population but the most densely populated
OHIO – the Buckeye State
OKLAHOMA – the Sooner State; Sister Konnie Harrell
ONTARIO – Canada’s most populous province accounting for 38.3 per cent of the country’s population
OREGON – the Sunset State; Sister Catrina Christopher
PENNSYLVANIA – the Keystone State; Brother Jim Turner
PUERTO RICO – a territory of the United States gained after the Spanish American War in 1898
QUEBEC – the oldest and largest of Canada’s 10 provinces; Sister Mary Francis Royall
RHODE ISLAND – the Ocean State
SAO PAULO, BRAZIL – the third largest city in the world; Sister Sandra Kerby
SASKATCHEWAN – the Land of Living Skies; produces more than half of the wheat grown in Canada
SCOTLAND – a country that is part of the United Kingdom and includes over 790 islands; Sister Xanthe Parker
SOUTH CAROLINA – home of Hilton Head Island which draws over 2 million tourists every year; Sister Lou Skidd
SOUTH DAKOTA – the Coyote State; Sister Wendy LaGrone

TENNESSEE – the Volunteer State

UTAH – the Beehive State

VERMONT – the Green Mountain State; Brother Hobie Henderson

VIRGINIA – the Mother of Presidents; Sister Martha Hackney

WASHINGTON – the Evergreen State; produces more apples than any other state in the nation

WEST VIRGINIA – the Mountain State

WISCONSIN – the Badger State; Brother Gene Cannon

WYOMING – the Equality State; Brother Harold Wert

Sisters and Brothers help me thank these Grand Representatives for their service to this Beautiful Order.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you again for giving me the appointment of Fraternal Correspondent. It has truly been an honor and one I will always treasure.

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

Carole McGee

Fraternal Correspondent

2018-2019

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahan: Worthy Grand Matron I have a request and that is for the Grand Warders and Grand Sentinels send word out into the hallway for those that have left or those that are in the vendors that we really need them back in.

WGM: I need to call a group of people out please and then I will seat them in the back. I need the following people to go back beyond the arch and wait until you are asked to do something. I need Sister Jane Wert, Judy Harris, Carla Stringer, Ray Hargis, Dee Reynolds, Kim Waxler, Doris Jones, Linda Thornton, Carole McGee, Joy James, Butch Haltom, Jerry Neuenschwander, Melissa Ramos, Becky Cole, Glenda Murphy, Sherry Fowler and Richard King. If you would go to the back of the room, please. Take your ballots. Remember to always walk with your ballots. And you may be sweeping the floor, or you may be cooking lunch, no we're going to have Chick-Fil-A so we might have a little problem there.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahan: Sisters and Brothers, we have somebody up here that's really trying to make funnies and Trey Smith is wanting...he had so much fun making Amendments a while ago and making Amendments to the Amendments, he asked the Worthy Grand Matron to make some more and she said "No!" (Laughter)

WGM: Brother Grand Warder you will see that our doors are closed please. We are about to have a ballot. Listen carefully. The doors should be closed. These are the results of the Associate Grand Conductress ballot.

Donna Noe - 234
Shelley Walker – 320
Susan Dormady – 456

Total votes 1,010
Number to elect 506

We do not have an election. At this time, we will remove the name of Sister Donna Noe. We will vote on Sister Susan Dormady and Sister Shelley Walker. We will be using ballot "B". "B" as in boy. Brother Grand Warder, please have the Grand Sentinel make sure the doors are secure. I declare the Ballot Open. * and you will mark one of the following names.

1. Sister Susan Dormady
2. Sister Shelley Walker

Deputy Grand Matrons, you will collect the Ballots. Please remember, only the Deputies are to be in the aisles. Thank you. I have a few people back there but that's alright. We'll work with that. Is Jerry Neuenschwander in the back? Thank you. Deputy Grand Matrons, you will collect the ballots. Please remember, only the Deputies are to be in the aisles. Thank you. I need to have security and First Aid at their door to vote please. Thank you.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Brother Grand Warders and Grand Sentinels, have all my Security and all of your Assistants voted? Has everyone in the room cast their ballot?

WGM: I declare the Ballot closed. * and the Deputies will proceed to the Teller tables, all four. Grand Warders, Grand Sentinels, you may open the door. Sisters and Brothers stay with me. I know you are anxious for our Chick-Fil-A but it's not here yet so, I'm going to dismiss in alpha order. How bout that? But I will give you the order. I don't want all five hundred of you running out the door and never to be seen again. But if you leave, you won't know the results of the elections because I don't know them yet, but, you sure won't.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present those special members in back of Esther's station. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be presented at the altar. Excuse me, back of Esther's station.

AGC: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present these special Distinguished members as you requested. I have Sister Jane Wert, Judy Davis, Carla Stringer, Dee Reynolds, Kim Waxler, Doris Jones, Linda Thornton, Joy

James, Butch Haltom, Jerry Neuenschwander, Melissa Ramos, Becky Cole, Glenda Murphy, Sherry Fowler, Richard King, and Worthy Grand Matron, I am missing Ray Hargis and Carole McGee.

WGM: Well, I will catch them later. Thank you very much. How honored I am to be able to do this for each of you deserving members. You will know that we have quite a few. I have tried to give them out over the period of this Grand Chapter Session, and we have not had the opportunity to do so. But most of these people are working here and I did not want them to give up their jobs and think that they were going to be a Grand Representative and not work. So, I waited until the work was over. (Laughter) Is not that a good thing to do? But you are very, very special to me and Sisters Conductress and Associate Conductress you will escort them to the East, please. (Applause) I'm going to call their name out with the state. We may not know alpha order either.

Sister Jane Wert District of Columbia

Whereas, the Grand Chapter of Florida...oops I do that every time. Order of the Eastern Star and the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Texas seeking to promote Fraternal relations between their Grand Jurisdictions and believing that the ties of affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of the Order promoted, it's unity, integrity and strength be protected and it's unity and honor confirmed by the appointment and reception of Grand Representatives from each of the aforesaid Grand Chapters to each other. I will but read this but one time and then I will call their state if that's alright with you each of you in the room. (Yes) Thank you, I appreciate that.

Sister Judy Harris	Florida
Carla Stringer	Kansas
Dee Reynolds	Michigan
Kim Waxler	Nevada
Doris Jones	New Brunswick
Linda Thornton	New York
Carole McGee	North Dakota
Joy James	Nova Scotia & PEI – Traveled with me
many years. I can not tell you how many years.	
Butch Haltom	Ohio
Jerry Neuenschwander	Ontario – Sister Susan would you like to
come to the East, Susan Neuenschwander. You can pin him just like	
in college.	
Melissa Ramos	Puerto Rico

Now while we are here, lets put a little plug in. We've been playing that CD that's going around and that's from all of the schools for this whole year. She created that and for \$10.00 you too may have one of those. Each Chapter in the state of Texas needs to have one of those and she is expecting you to come right out there and get one.

Becky Cole Rhode Island – she is known as the tablecloth lady. You will never know. It's kind of an inside joke.
Glenda Murphy Tennessee- my side kick along with Kim Waxler. We've traveled many a mile. Brother Tom would you like to come and pin... I like that "Yes ma'am". Brother Tom Murphy seconded that.
Sister Sherry Fowler Utah
Richard King West Virginia

No better accolade can be given to a member than to be a Grand Representative of the state of Texas. I so appreciate these. They have worked so hard. I have one more left, poor Ray has probably taken his shoes off and taking a break over there because he has worked hard. He is the Executive Chairman of my Committee for this year and he's done a very, very good job. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be returned to whatever place they hold in the Grand Chapter room. Because they still have to go back to work. Every one of them. (Applause)

WGM: Let me tell you what we have on plan. At 12:00 we're going to dismiss you to go, well I'm not going to dismiss you, we're going to go in alpha order. Well, when we can get you in alpha order to go out to eat. We're going to let you go out to pick up your chicken and bring it right back into the Chapter room. I'm on ten-minute increments. They will hand it to you with a ticket. If you don't have a ticket, I'm going to get your chicken sandwich. And I love Chick-Fil-A so I'll be putting it in my freezer. Sister Jimmie Lee can you come to the East please. I have to see where we are. More music please. Brother Jerry Neuenschwander can we have a song? Let the working man through. He's going to have the Grand Choir sing.

**(America)
Grand Choir**

Would those members who have received their 50-year Certificate. Would you please meet in the West please? Those that have received their 50-year Certificate. Find your way to the West behind the arch please. How exciting to have these 50-year members, 50-year Certificate members with us today. Sister Grand Marshal. Sisters and Brothers, your 50-year members are coming to the East. (Applause) How excited we are to have them with us. How exciting. (Applause) How exciting it is to have so many members that have earned their 50-year certificates. It is indeed a pleasure for me to be able to honor you at my Grand Chapter Session. I thank you for your many years of service and dedication to this Order. I am certainly watching this activity as next year I will be on stage when I receive my 50-year certificate. We must have all had an early start. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet these members.

WGP: Congratulations, you should all be congratulated. Not many people can claim 50 years in this Order, and we have some with more. I thank each of you for your service.

WGM: It is my pleasure to present these 50-year members. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sister Grand Marshal, they will be seated in the Grand Chapter room. Sister Jimmie Lee will you please come to the East. We are delighted to have with us today. I hope they haven't left. I hope not. Our members from TMRC, if they would stand please. I would love for you to be presented in the West. I know you asked me not to present you in the East, but I want everyone to see our members from TMRC. May I have some music while we are lining up our Sisters and Brothers from TMRC.

**(Trust and Obey)
Grand Choir**

Thank you. Sister Grand Marshal, you will escort the residents of TMRC to a line in the West. (Applause) My Sisters and Brothers, I have visited with you at TMRC when we had the parties and at other times when we were privileged to visit with you, go to church with you and eat those lovely meals with you. I have had so much fun visiting with each of you and of course Bingo is the name of the game. You got it? I like Bingo. You have a wonderful Eastern Star Chapter of which I have visited numerous times. I am so happy to see all of you here this afternoon. Worthy Grand Patron I invite you to greet these members.

WGP: Thank you all for being here. I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting with you during our School schedule and also at the fun parties.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, let's show them how much we love them. (Applause) You are indeed our sweethearts and thank you so much for coming today. Sister Grand Marshal, they will be seated in the Grand Chapter room. Sisters and Brothers, Chick-Fil-A is outside the door. We are going to take a little 15-minute break or so while we eat or picking up our lunches. We have other business still to go. I have the Deputies, the Board of Grand Examiners, and two elections that we still have to call and we are not yet ready so I'm going to send you out in alpha order but I shall expect you to return in good order. Those with the last names ending in A-E. (Ending?) Last names Beginning with A to E. Count it on your fingers. A, B, C, D, E. Take your credentials to get back in. A, B, C, D, E. Your last name begins with one of those letters. I can muddy the waters and tell you the next group but I'm afraid you'll get up and run. Sisters and Brothers, when you get your lunch, please come back in so I can determine when to send the next group, so we don't have everybody outside. Help me out please. You are to eat your lunch inside here. Thank you. We also have "Sweet Treats" out there if you want chocolate for dessert. You are welcome to purchase a bar of chocolate of some kind from "Sweet Treats." Goes to Rainbows and DeMolay. Alright Ladies and Gentlemen, Sisters and Brothers, if your last name begins with the alphabet from F to I. All of those with last names J through P.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Worthy Grand Matron, your office staff over in the corner has made a request. If there is a Chapter Representative or if someone could pick up the Chapter information, it will save us postage and you'll get it a lot quicker. So, if they would take it back to the Secretaries. If they are not here, if someone from the Chapter would pick that up it will save hauling it back to the office.

WGM: If your last name begins with Q-Z. Your Chick-Fil-A awaits. That's the last group. And remember the Bible is open folks. The Bible is open. You are just going out there to get your meal and come right back, but that Bible is open. Thank you. I hate to interrupt but I need to make an announcement. Alright. If you ordered a Chick-Fil-A sandwich and you have not picked it up, you need to do so because we have some extras and you know they were paid for in advance. So, if you don't pick them up, we can sell them to someone else who wishes to have a sandwich. But I will let you know many. But you need to pick your sandwich up if you have not picked it up at this moment. Please we have trash cans in here. Don't leave the trash at your seat please. Put it in the trash bags. We have trash bins. We have large trash bins in here. We need to be good citizens and put the trash where it belongs. Thank you so much. We are about to start again. We have a couple of items of business yet to go and if you will bear with me. Folks, can you hear me? Are you going to bear with me? (Yes) Alright. Thank you so very much. I would like to give you this announcement. "The Way We Were" Committee, that's selling the recycle Committee, has earned \$3,041.65. (Applause) "The Way We Were" was pretty productive, don't you think? Thank you.

(Some fast piano music going on)

At this time, wasn't that lovely? Okay, I would like the membership to thank those that are running the cameras, who did all of the electrical work, who did the speaker system, who did the sound system. Let's show them how much we appreciate what they have done. (Applause) for this Grand Chapter Session. At this time, if your Chapter receive a "Apple a Day" Chapter award, would you please go to the West where the arch is please? The arch to your right, my left. If your Chapter won one of the "Apple a Day" awards we are about to present those then we are going to do the Grand Examiners and Deputies. Deputies, if you will get ready to be presented on stage and the Grand Examiners make their way to the stage. Thank you so much. Did everybody enjoy Chick-Fil-A? (Applause). Oh, that's not loud enough for Chick-Fil-A. (Yea and Applause) Thank you. Don't forget that what we have been showing on the screens, that's the memories of this year and you may purchase that CD for \$10.00. You may purchase that CD for \$10.00 and it's all of the schools. Sister Margo. Where is Sister Margot? Sister Margot Mueller. Sisters and Brothers, I would like to present Sister Margot Mueller, the Chairman of the "Apple a Day" award and she is going to call out those Chapters that received that award. There are thirty-six of them but not every Chapter are here today or their representative. Please know that she has made a beautiful certificate and we have a lovely plaque for you to take home to your Chapters. At this time, I would like to recognize Sister Margot Mueller.

Sister Margot Mueller: As your name is called if your Chapter rep would move quickly over to the side here where your plaque is.

Abilene #30	Lubbock #76
Archive #1095	Lufkin #382
Bandera #643	Mesquite #887
Bryan #222	Nacogdoches #428
Buna #968	Nash #320
Crockett #509	New Caney #1093
Dallas #1	Palestine #395
Duncanville #1014	Pinetree #1090
Evadale #1111	Richardson #921
Floresville #271	Roy Stanley #642
Friendship #1008	Santo #270
Grand Prairie #219	Silsby #298
Kerrville #24	Springtown #498
Lancaster #943	Templar #374
Lewisville #935	Timpson #1144
Lexington #996	TMRC Daylight #1145
Lorena #1124	Vashti #32
Loyal #648	Weatherford #21

Thank you all for participating. You've made us very proud this year.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, we're going to draw this back in. We just took a little break to settle down and have something to eat so that we don't get dehydrated or whatever. But at this time, we have some very important people so bear with me. I want the Grand Examiners to come forth with their report. And I invite Sister Kathy Paschal, Board of Grand Examiners, District 1.

Sister Kathy Paschal:

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REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER, DISTRICT 1

2018 - 2019

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Members, my sisters and brothers: It is my honor to present the report of the Grand Examiner of District 1. This being my first year to serve as Grand Examiner of District 1, I have learned so much and yes, I have made a few mistakes. It has been quite a learning curve. However, that is how we grow. I want to say thank you to every member of District One 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 1, giving renditions of the Secret Work at each school. The highlight of the school, to me, was visiting with everyone and meeting new friends. I am very proud that each member earned an A certificate. There were no B certificates issued! I am also very excited we had 22 first time A certificates issued. I think that is excellent and speaks highly of the chapter members of District 1 and the hard work put in studying the secret work, Ritual and Constitution.

A total of 354 "A" certificates were earned in District 1 this year.

Section 1 & 2 70

Section 3 32

Section 4 & 5 98 916 YP

Section 6 & 7 44

Section 8 45

Section 9 & 10 68

Total 354 355 KP

YP does not
This total includes those exams that were earned for those who are not members of District One.

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 an apple on them, and they were available for purchase in the Examining Room. A total of \$375.00 was donated to the Worthy Grand Matrons project from District One.

Thank you to the Worthy Grand Matron for allowing us to choose one of her charities, and I chose the Susan G. Komen for the Cure as my project for this year. I have personally been touched by this terrible disease with my Mom, my

Sister Bonnie and two nieces and friends, and I know you have too. Thanks to your generosity a check on behalf of District 1 in the amount of \$600.00 was given to Susan G. Komen charity.

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 1, Sister Kim Waxler: you are a dear friend and our travels together certainly have strengthened our friendship. I hope you kept cool - I know I was but sleeping in 3 layers of clothing kept me warm. To the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 1: thank you for all you did to make our schools fun and successful and for all that you did to assist me in the Examining rooms. To Sister Michelle Stegman: your Humanitarian programs were wonderful, and I enjoyed being with you. To my co-workers, I treasure our friendships, I thank you for your all your great help this past year and I love each of you. I wish each of you God's 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 One. I can't wait to see you again on the school schedule very soon.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Paschal

Grand Examiner, District 1

It is my pleasure to introduce my friend and co-worker, Audri Rowell, Grand Examiner, District 2

Sister Audri Rowell:

**Audri Rowell
Board of Grand Examiner
District II Report
2018-2019**

Thank you, my friend and co-worker, Sister Kathy Paschal.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers one and all.

My first year of service has come to an end as Grand Examiner of District II. It has been a wonderful and challenging year. A special "Thank you" to the membership for allowing me the privilege of serving our beautiful Order in this place of service.

It is with pleasure that I submit the following report.

Section 1	0
Section 2	18 19
Section 3	0
Section 4	18
Section 5	1
Section 6	2
Section 7	24
Section 8	21
Section 9	0
Section 10	7

For a Grand Total of 91 "A" Certificates for District II.
92

This year 4 members achieved an "A" Certificate for the first time.

A detailed report by Chapter is on file at the Grand Secretary's office.

Each Chapter was forwarded a list of their members who have earned Certificate of Proficiency.

Apple proficiency stickers were sold in the examining room and District II proudly donated \$86 to this project.

On behalf of District II a \$400 donation was presented to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. This donation was made possible by your generosity in District II. I thank each of you who made donations and signed my quilt square.

Worthy Grand Matron, it was a pleasure to travel with you on the school schedule for my first year.

Worthy Grand Patron, "thank you" for your love and support as we traveled through District II way out in "West Texas".

A special "thank you" to the District Deputy Grand Matron and the other Deputy Grand Matrons of District II. It was a delight to serve with each of you and those who assisted in the examining rooms.

My sincere appreciation to my co-workers. Thank you for helping me through this first year of service. Each of you are a true example of friendship.

Once again, "thank you" for allowing me to serve this Grand Chapter. I look forward to traveling across Texas and spending time with each of you in the Examining Room this next year.

It is with pleasure to introduce my co-worker, Lesa Smith, Grand Examiner of District III to give her report.

Sister Lesa Smith:

REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER, DISTRICT 3

2018-2019

my friend & to work
Thank you Sister Audri, 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 second year to serve as Grand Examiner of District 3, I have learned so much and it was especially fun. I want to say thank you to every member of District 3 for their love, support and continued prayers. You are so supportive and uplifting, for that I am very grateful

It has been 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 11 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 232 "A" certificates were earned in District 3 this year.

Section 1	62
Section 2 & 3	37
Section 4 & 5	22
Section 6 & 7	41
Section 8	27
Section 9 & 10	43
Total	232

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 an apple on them, and they were available for purchase in the Examining Room. A total of \$218.00 was donated to the Worthy Grand Matrons project from District 3. These numbers were down from last year, but the schools were interesting, so everyone wanted to stay and learn all the new things from General Grand Chapter.

Thank you to the Worthy Grand Matron for allowing us to choose one of your charities. I choose the Patriot Paws again 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 \$671.00 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 27 schools on your schedule.

To the District Deputy Grand Matron of District 3, Sister Sherry Thompson: you were a good friend and Chapter member and I'm glad we got to spend more quality time together during our travels. 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 Melissa Roberts: your Humanitarian programs were never repeated, and I enjoyed listening to what song was presented at each of the programs. 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 3. I can't wait to see you again on the school schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

Lesq 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:

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REPORT OF GE DISTRICT 4

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my beloved Sisters and Brothers,

This year of service has been "sew" rewarding because of each of you, the membership. Your devotion to our Order has made this report possible. A special thank you to Sister Glenda Murphy, 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 and Sister Romelle Edwards,

Because of your support, I am pleased to submit the following report.

Total "A" Certificates Issued	455
Total "B" Certificates Issued	- 0 -
Total Certificates	455
Section 1	37
Section 2	70
Section 3	25
Section 4	71
Section 5	51
Section 6	40
Section 7	52
Section 8	27
Section 9	13
Section 10	70

There were twenty-seven (27) first timers who achieved their Certificate of Proficiency. The Apple proficiency stickers raised \$310.

A detailed report by Chapter is on file in the Grand Secretary's Office.

Once again, you stepped up the plate and hit a Grand Slam. The dyslexia program, aka The Happy Caterpillar Reading Club, was a great success. We collected \$1400.00 for this worthwhile program.

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

Sister Joan Miller:

**2018 – 2019 REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER
DISTRICT 5**

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 2018 – 2019 Grand Chapter year. It has been a wonderful privilege to serve on the Board of Grand Examiners for the past four years and I thank the membership for allowing me this honor. As we all know, it takes ALL of our members working together to have a successful year. The support and encouragement that you have given to me will always be treasured.

There were a total of 249 "A" Certificates earned this year in District 5. A complete report has been filed with the Grand Secretary's office.

Section 1	3
Section 2	0
Section 3	49
Section 4	12
Section 5	4
Section 6	59
Section 7	61
Section 8	30
Section 9	21
Section 10	10
Total	249

Congratulations to the 3 members that earned their Certificates for the First Time!

A total of 8 Schools of Instruction were held in District 5 for this past year. I was blessed with members that attended all the Schools that they could, and would always spend some time helping in the Examining Room. Your help was greatly appreciated and I will always be grateful for your assistance.

We collected \$220.00 in donations for the Apple Stickers for the members receiving their proficiency cards. I hope you have worn them proudly.

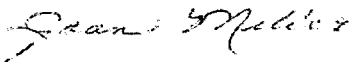
With the generosity of the membership and the matching funds by Sisters Carlotta Fairchild and Monette Littlepage a total of \$930 was sent to the Warrior and Family Support Center at Fort Sam in San Antonio for District 5 Charity for 2018 – 2019. I thank everyone that helped support this worthy cause as my charity for the past four years. The center is very thankful for your support.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, "Thank You" for a year of Dream It ...Believe it ...Achieve It ... Harvest Blessings of Love and Kindness". I enjoyed your time in District 5 and getting a chance to get to know you both a little better, also to Sister Doris.

District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Monette Littlepage, "Thank You" for opening your home to many of us as we traveled District 5, you are an amazing Sister! To the Deputies of District 5, "A job well done". Your hard work and preparations for your Schools was very apparent. We were all proud of the job that you did. And to all the members of the Chapters of District 5 you will never know how much I will always treasure the "Honorary Memberships" that you voted to present to me, the Love gifts, and all the courtesies that were extended to my office, I love you all!

Again, to this awesome membership, I "Thank You" from the bottom of my heart for allowing me this opportunity to serve Grand Chapter in this position.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Miller

Grand Examiner, District 5

It is my pleasure to introduce Shelley Walker, Grand Examiner At Large, to give her report. Thank you.

Report of the Grand Examiner
District 5

Joan Miller
2018-2019

A Total of 249 "A" Proficiency
Certificates Earned in
2018-2019

A Total of 11 "A" Proficiency
Certificates Earned in
Out of District

Section	# Certificates	1st timer	Out of District
Section 1	3	0	0
2	0	0	0
3	49	0	3
4	12	0	0
5	4	0	0
6	59	0	3
7	61	0	2
8	30	1	2
9	21	2	1
10	10	0	0
Total	249	3	11

* denotes member being a 1st Timer receiving their "A" Certificate.
OUT OF DISTRICT.

denotes member is from District 1
denotes member is from District 2
Chapter name and number in purple denotes member is from District 3
denotes member is from District 4

Sister Shelley Walker:

**Report of the Grand Examiner – At Large
August 17, 2019**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers.

What a wonderful privilege I have had this year serve again 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 dreaming, believing, and achieving.

Due to the good health of our Grand Examiners, I was not called upon to fill in for them at any of the schools. However, I was able to assist them in their examining rooms on the school schedule. I was also called upon to assist the Grand Examiner of District 3 with spending the afternoon at the TMRC to issue certificates to the wonderful residents.

I would also like express my sincere thanks to my Co-Workers on the Board of Grand Examiners. Kathy, Audri, 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.

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. It has been a privilege to serve as your in this place of service for the past three years. It has been a time of learning from and serving our most valuable asset, and that is each of you, the membership of our beautiful Order.

During the 2019 Grand Chapter session at Tyler Texas I am pleased the bring the following report:

"A" Certificates: 4

"B" Certificates: 0

Respectfully submitted,



Shelley Walker
Grand Examiner at Large

The complete reports of all of the Grand Examiners will be printed in the Proceedings. Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of the six reports given by the Board of Grand Examiners.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt the report of the Board of Grand Examiners. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your red card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. * Thank you to each of these Grand Examiners for their hard work and their patience in assisting the membership. I appreciate each and every one of you for your dedication to our Order. (Applause) Sister and Brothers, we have an election. For the Board of Grand Examiners-at-Large. We have Cheryl Royall 443. Ann Wyatt 565. For a total of 1,008 votes cast, number to elect 505. Sister Ann Wyatt has been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner-at-Large. (Applause) Sister Ann, do you accept?

Sister Ann Wyatt: Worthy Grand Matron, with a grateful heart, I accept this position and I look forward to serving this sweet membership. This sweet, sweet membership and I'm proud to be joining this elite group. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM: Thank you. Woah, woah, Sisters and Brothers. You are looking at your complete Board of Grand Examiners. The workingest Board...no, I'm not going to say that because the Board of Directors work very hard. Please excuse me sitting over there on that other stage! I almost got myself in trouble. These are working ladies. How about that? Does that work? Please show them how much you appreciate them. (Applause) Congratulations to all of you. Thank you. We will now have the reports of our hard-working Deputies of Grand Chapter. You are indeed my "Silver Apples" and I am so proud of each of you. I now recognize Sister Kim Waxler, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 1 for her report. Do we have the CD going? There it is.

Sister Kim Waxler:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all:

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report for District One. The ten ladies who served as Deputy Grand Matrons in District One for our Year of, Dream it, believe it, and achieve it, served with pride and dedication to our order. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I introduce these Deputies.

Sister Vickie Quebe, Section One- On March 16, 2019 the 10 Chapters of Section 1 hosted the “Coloring Outside the Lines” School of Instruction at Sherman, Texas with 187 in Attendance.

Sister Anita Durden, Section Two – On March 16, 2019 the 7 Chapters of Section 2 hosted the “Coloring outside the Lines” School of Instruction at Sherman, Texas with 187 in Attendance.

Sister Tamera Bean Lovin, Section three—On February 22, 2019 the 6 Chapters of Section Three hosted the “Back to the Basics” School of Instruction at Mt. Vernon, Texas with 93 in Attendance.

Sister Janet Travers, Section four---On March 9, 2019 the 8 Chapters of Section Four hosted “My OES Coloring Book” School of Instruction in Dallas, Texas with 191 in Attendance.

Sister Jackie Lemons, Section Five—On March 9, 2019 the 13 Chapters Section Five hosted “My OES Coloring Book” School of Instruction at Dallas, Texas with 191 in Attendance.

Sister Amy Coates, Section 6 on April 6, 2019 the 3 Chapters of Section Six hosted “Apple Seeds for Lifetime Knowledge” School of Instruction at Tyler, Texas with 234 in Attendance.

Sister Joyce Boggs, Section seven—On April 6, 2019 the 6 Chapters of Section Seven hosted “Apple Seeds for Lifetime Knowledge” School of Instruction in Tyler, Texas with 234 in Attendance.

Sister Barbara Hampton, Section Eight—on March 30, 2019 the 8 Chapter of Section Eight hosted “Seeds of Knowledge” School of Instruction in Jefferson, Texas with 145 in Attendance.

Sister Beverly Sikes, Section Nine—on April 5, 2019 the 7 Chapter hosted “School Bus of Learning” School of Instruction in Quitman, Texas with 147 in Attendance.

Sister Patricia Wilson, Section Ten- on April 5, 2019 the 4 Chapter of Section 10 hosted “Apple Harvest of Knowledge” School of Instruction at Quitman, Texas with 147 in Attendance.

The total Attendance for District One for the Schools of Instruction was 997. The Deputy Grand Matrons of District One, Kim’s Kandy Apples worked together to make each school enjoyable and create a great environment for Learning. Each Deputy contributed a special gift of talents at each of their schools. Doing a great job at each event they attended. All schools were well attended and enjoyed by the membership.

Statistical Report for District One

Chapters Assigned....76

Chapters Demised....0

Chapters Consolidated....4

Chapters Constituted....0

Chapters Inspected....76

Chapters Not Inspected....0

Team Taught All Districts

Schools Attended by DD....17

Schools Attended Officially....4

Schools Attended Unofficially....17

Letters Written....1,450

Miles Traveled....71,320

Books Collected....3,179

Covers for Kids Collected....1,123

Chapter that Consolidated with:

Mabank #821 to Athens #177

Avery #252 to New Boston #700

Plano #703 to McKinney #518

Commerce #208 to Wolfe City #1129

I wish to extend a special thank you on behalf of the Ten Deputy Grand Matron of District One and myself:

To Sister Carolyn Martin, Worthy Grand Matron: It has been our distinct honor and privilege serving as your Deputies of Grand Chapter we appreciate all the confidence and trust that you placed in each of us. We have many wonderful memories of our year. This opportunity has afforded us many friendships that will last a life time. Thank you for Dreaming and Believing in us and letting us Achieve all of our dreams this year, it has been wonderful.

We will forever appreciate your kindness and the sweet manner that you interacted with us and the membership. You lead with Love and Kindness and you will always be “Our” Number One Worthy Grand Matron.

To Brother Burly Jones, Worthy Grand Patron: It has been an honor to serve with you this year. We appreciate your service to this Grand Chapter. You shared many warm hugs and laughter with the membership. We will always be thankful.

To Sister Kathy Pascal, Grand Examiner District One, thank you for the sweet smiles and love and kindness that you shared with us and the membership. We enjoyed working with you and look forward to seeing what the future holds for you. Sorry I froze you out in the room but thanks for understanding.

To Kim’s Kandy Apples, you are wonderful your school were amazing. I am so impressed with all you have done this year. You worked hard at every project and every event that we participated in. Each of you will always have a special bond of friendship with me and each other. I love each of you more than you will ever know you each have a place in my heart.

To Sister Michelle Stegman , Humanitarian District One, each of your Humanitarian programs were very interesting, we so enjoyed the music. Your sweet smile and the joy you have in

your heart were apparent in each programs. Thank you for your dedication to our Order.

To the Membership of District One thank you for the love and support and prayers for the Deputies of Grand Chapter this year. The membership of our beautiful Order and the love we receive is truly more than anyone can imagine. We appreciate so much the honorary memberships the love gifts and the many act of kindness, most of all we appreciate your friendship.

In conclusion I would like to take this time to thank my co-workers. The District Deputies of Grand Chapter. What I have found in you can never be replaced. Your time and talents are amazing, and I have so enjoyed working with each of you. I do not know how we got so lucky but I am grateful we made this journey together. We were a great team. I love each of you and look forward to many adventures in the future.

Sister Kim Waxler for Barbara Wickham:

It is my pleasure to give the report for Sister Barbara Wickham, District Deputy Grand Matron District Two due to health reasons she is unable to be here with us today.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all:

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report for District Two. The five ladies who served as Deputy Grand Matrons in District Two for our Year of, Dream it, believe it, and achieve it, served our District well. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I introduce these Deputies.

Sister Janet Steven, Section Two and Three- On October 9, 2018 Sections two and three hosted the “Top of Texas” School of Instruction at Amarillo, Texas.

Sister Shirley Flache, Section Four and Five – On October 10, 2018 the Sections four and five hosted the “Seeds of Knowledge” School of Instruction at Lubbock, Texas.

Sister Nona Flanders, Section six and seven—On October 27, 2018 Sections Six and Seven hosted the “Fairest of Them All” School of Instruction at Abilene, Texas.

Sister Vickie Steward, Section eight---On October 20, 2019 Section Eight hosted “Apples 2 Apples” School of Instruction in Big Springs, Texas.

Sister Christel Fisher—On October 12, 2018 Section Ten hosted “It’s a Wonderful Life” School of Instruction at El Paso, Texas.

It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Sherry Thompson, District Deputy Grand Matron District Three.

Sister Sherry Thompson:

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON,
DISTRICT THREE
SHERRY THOMPSON

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished
Members, my Sisters and Brothers all:

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report for District Three. The Deputy Grand Matrons of District Three, Sherry's Super Stars achieved A+ status this year for their enthusiasm and dedication to our order and to the belief that if you Dream it, and Believe it, you will Achieve it. At this time it is my pleasure to introduce them.

Sister Sandra Stapleton and the fifteen Chapters of Section 1 hosted the "Apple Blossoms in Action" School of Instruction on January 5, 2019 in Fort Worth with 236 in attendance.

Sister Judy Wilson and the eight Chapters of Section 2 and Sister Virgie Mitchell and the three Chapters of Section 3 hosted the "Apple Picking Dreams" School of Instruction on November 30, 2018 in Granbury with 135 in attendance.

Sister Betty Warlick and the two Chapters of Section 4 and Sister Evelyn Berry and the three Chapters of Section 5 hosted the "Apple Blossom Time" School of Instruction on November 28, 2018 in DeLeon with 76 in attendance.

Sister Barbara Ochs and the five Chapters of Section 6 and Sister Claire Grogan and the three Chapters of Section 7 hosted "An Apple for the Teacher" School of Instruction on November 15, 2018 in Copperas Cove with 100 in attendance.

Sister Susie Smith and the seven Chapters of Section 8 hosted the "Seasons of Melodies" School of Instruction on November 10, 2018 in Temple with 163 in attendance.

Sister Debbie Skipper and the five Chapters of Section 9 and Sister Betty Martin and the six Chapters of Section 10 hosted the "Apple Blossoms on the Brazos" School of Instruction on November 17, 2018 in Waco with 206 in attendance.

The total attendance for all of the District Three Schools was 916

The District Three Red, White and Blue "Star Spangled Celebration" honoring our Installed Grand Officer, Sister Diane Davidson, Grand Esther and Sister Jo Ann Snow, Grand Chapter Sweetheart, was held July 6, 2019 at Faith United Methodist

Church in Fort Worth, Texas. The Deputies provided prize baskets for this event. The money netted from them and proceeds from the luncheon, along with silver drills held at two of our schools allowed District Three to make a \$100.00 donation to the Scottish Rite Hospital for Diagnostic Equipment and a \$767.00 donation to American Veterans Who Served(DAV).

Detailed Report of District 3 for 2018-2019

Chapters Assigned.....	57
Chapters Instituted.....	0
Chapters Demised.....	0
Chapters Consolidated.....	1
Chapters Constituted.....	0
Chapters Inspected.....	57
Chapters Not Inspected.....	0
Team Taught In All Districts	
Schools Conducted.....	6
Schools Attended Officially.....	29
Schools Attended Unofficially...	72
Letters Written.....	1,201
Miles Traveled.....	80,871

Books Collected.....1,171

Covers and Hats for Kids573

Changes in District Three

District 3 began the year with 57 Chapters and ended with 56. Brock Chapter #274 consolidated with Lipan Chapter #127.

To Sister Carolyn Martin, Worthy Grand Matron: It has been an honor and privilege serving as the District Deputy Grand Matron of District Three and I appreciate the trust and confidence that you had in me to "Achieve" the goals you set. You led by example and always showed kindness and love to me and the membership. I will treasure the memories and friendships made along the Apple Seed Trail and will hold you with love in my heart forever.

To Brother Burley Jones, Worthy Grand Patron: It has been a pleasure to serve with you this year. Your love and devotion to our Order is evident in your actions and deeds. I will never forget your hugs and the meaning of "JOY".

To Sister Lesa Smith, Grand Examiner District Three - our families have been close for many years, so being on the School Schedule with you was like slumber party time! Thank you for your dedication and countless hours in the examining room.

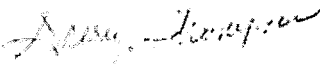
To Sister Melissa Roberts, Humanitarian Chairman, District Three - we go back several years as well, starting with Rainbow and now Eastern Star. Your musical talents fit right in with the Worthy Grand Matron's ideas for the Humanitarian program and you did a great job.

To the District Deputy Grand Matrons - we hit it off right from the start and made wonderful memories that will last a lifetime. I love you!

To my Super Stars – you know how proud I am of you. Together you achieved all of your goals. I love you and will keep the memories of this year in my heart forever!

To the Membership of District Three – thank you for your love and support this year. It has been a privilege to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Thompson

District Deputy Grand Matron, District 3

It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Glenda Murphy, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 4.

Sister Glenda Murphy:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all:

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report for District Four. The ten ladies who served as Deputy Grand Matrons in District Four for our Year of Dream it, Believe it, and Achieve it served with honor and dedication to our order. It is with a great deal of pride and pleasure that I introduce these Deputies.

Sister Deneice Marshall, Section One- On January 26, 2019 the 10 Chapters hosted the “Under the Apple Tree” School of Instruction at Lufkin, Texas with 153 in Attendance.

Sister Brenda McDaniel, Section Two – On February 2, 2019 the 15 Chapters hosted the “Love for Learning” School of Instruction at Jasper, Texas with 215 in Attendance.

Sister Donna Caddenhead, Section Three— On February 22, 2019 the 6 Chapters hosted the “Sowing the Seed of Knowledge” School of Instruction in Crockett, Texas with 161 in Attendance.

Sister Linda Wentworth, Section Four---On March 2, 2019 the 12 Chapters hosted “The ABC’s of Learning” School of Instruction in Cleveland, Texas with 251 in Attendance.

Sister Virginia Franklin, Section Five---On January 12, 2019 the 9 Chapters hosted “Apple Blossom Trail of Knowledge” School of Instruction in Houston, Texas with 224 in Attendance.

Sister Karen Jackson, Section 6 on February 19, 2019 the 6 Chapters hosted “You are Never too Old or Too Young to Learn” School of Instruction in Caldwell, Texas with 139 in Attendance.

Sister Andrea Delaney, Section Seven---On January 12, 2019 the 10 Chapters hosted “Apple Blossom Trail of Knowledge” School of Instruction in Houston, Texas with 224 in Attendance.

Sister Becky Brooks, Section Eight---on February 19, 2019 the 5 Chapter hosted “You are never too old or too Young to Learn” School of Instruction in Caldwell, Texas with 139 in Attendance.

Sister Elizabeth Lloyd, Section Nine---on February 16, 2019 the 3 Chapter hosted “Apple Harvest of Knowledge” School of Instruction in League City, Texas with 191 in Attendance.

Sister Marlene Green, Section Ten- on February 16, 2019 the 3 Chapter hosted "Apple Harvest of Knowledge" School of Instruction in League City, Texas with 191 in Attendance.

The total Attendance for District Four for the Schools of Instruction was . The Deputy Grand Matrons of District Four Glenda Gorgeous Gals, all worked together to make schools enjoyable and to make the schools a great environment for Learning. Each Deputy brought a special gift to the team and performed well at every event. All schools were very well attended and positive feedback was given after each one.

Statistical Report for District Four

Chapters Assigned....	85
Mileage.....	128,657
Chapters Demised....	0
Chapters Consolidated....	4
Chapters Constituted....	0
Chapters Inspected....	85
Chapters Not Inspected....	0
School Conducted....	24
Schools Attended Officially....	24
Schools Attended Unofficially....	24
Letters Written	2,855

Miles Traveled..... 128,657

Books Collected.... 2,913

Covers for Kids Collected.... 1,311

Dist attended 1,118

Chapters Consolidating after June 1, 2019:

Normangee with Madisonville

Liberty-Dayton with New Caney

Seabrook with Pasadena

Garrison with Timpson

I wish to extend a special thank you on behalf of the ten Deputy Grand Matron of District 4 and myself:

To Sister Carolyn Martin, Worthy Grand Matron: It has been an honor and privilege servings as your Deputies of Grand Chapter and we appreciate all of the trust and confidence that you had in each of us. We have many wonderful memories of the year and have made friendships that will last a life time. Thank you for believing in us.

We will always appreciate you guidance and kindness not only to us but the membership as well. You lead with Dignity and Grace and you will always be "Our" Worthy Grand Matron.

To Brother Burly Jones, Worthy Grand Patron: It has been a pleasure to serve with you this year. We appreciate your willingness to serve this Grand Chapter. You shared many words of wisdom and caring with the membership. We will always be grateful.

To Sister Glenda Klemm, Grand Examiner District Four, thank you for the patience and understanding that you extend to each member as they strived to achieve their A certificate. We enjoyed working with you.

To Glenda's Gorgeous Gals, there are really no words that express my gratitude to each of you. You worked tirelessly at every project and every event that we participate in. Each of you will always have a special place in my heart. I love each of you more than you will ever know.

To Sister Jeanette Melton, Humanitarian District Four, each of your Humanitarian programs were delightful and meaningful, causing each of us to reflect on the purposes of our Order. Your kind and caring heart were reflective in each your programs. Thank you for your dedication to our Order.

To the Membership of District Four thank you for the love and support of the Deputies of Grand Chapter this year. The lesson of our Order shine through you to us daily. We appreciate so much the honorary membership the love gifts and the many act of kindness, and most of all your friendship.

In conclusion I would like to take this time to thank my co-workers District Deputies of Grand Chapter. The pleasure we have had working together as a team has created a bond that will last a lifetime. Thank you.

It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Monette Littlepage, District Deputy Grand Matron District Five.

August 17, 2019

Glenda Murphy

District Deputy District 4

Sister Kim Waxler: Sister Monette Littlepage ill and could not attend and we are very sad not to be here with her. Apple Dumplings is what they named themselves. But, we want to introduce them as they have worked very hard this year as all of our Deputies have. Willing to do anything they were asked.

DDGM D5 Annual Report
Monette B. Littlepage, DDGM D5
2018-2019

Thank you, Sister Glenda Murphy, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 4, my co-worker and friend.

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 **Apple Dumplings**.

Sections 1 & 2 – **Deborah McCullough (S1/S2)** who is unable to be with us today. She was instrumental in organizing the S1 and S2 Fraternal Visit in San Angelo on Sept. 24, 2018, and made all of her Official Visits in S1 and S2. Robert Lee/Bronte Chapter #187, out of S1, consolidated with San Angelo #10 in San Angelo. Consolidation went smoothly.

Section 3 and Section 4 – **Reagan Harris (S3)** and **Barbara Nunley (S4)** held the “Apple Seeds of Knowledge” School in Boerne on September 21 and 22, 2018, with 143 in attendance.

Section 5 – **Barbara Franklin (S5)** held the “Shining Our Apples” School in Poteet on September 19, 2018, with 56 in attendance.

Section 6 – **Patsy Davidson (S6)** held the “Apple for the Teacher” School in Austin on September 14 and 15, 2018, with 190 in attendance.

Section 7 – **Tracie Scheffler (S7)** held the “Stars in the Apple Orchard” School in Floresville on October 5 and 6, 2018, with 136 in attendance.

Section 8 – **Susan Martin (S8)** held the “Come and Take the Apple” School held in Gonzales on September 25 and 26, 2018, with 98 in attendance.

Section 9 – **Linda Carter (S9)** held the “Daybreak by the Bay” School in Rockport on September 18, 2018, with 59 in attendance.

Section 10 – **Betsy Foote (S10)** held the “Apples, Nickels and Dimes” School was held in Harlingen on September 17, 2018, with 43 in attendance.

District 5 Total School Attendance - 725

A group of more ‘delicious dumplings’ cannot be found throughout Eastern Star!

Each of our Deputies has a special gift to bestow upon our Order. Their dedication and willingness to serve is unsurpassed.

Chapters assigned – 45

Chapters consolidated – 1

Robert Lee/Bronte #187 consolidated with San Angelo #10

Chapters instituted – 0

Chapters inspected – 44

Chapter not inspected – 0

Schools conducted – 8

Schools attended – 40 (includes DDGM attendance)

Letters written – 1283

250+ “Covers for Kids” – donated to the San Antonio Children’s Hospital and Ronald McDonald’s House in Corpus Christi, Texas

2000 Books donated through the Happy Caterpillar Reading Club.

We held (3) one-day schools which worked for those sections and (5) two-day schools. We held a joint FV only for D5 S1 and S2 in San Angelo. I want to thank the membership for their interest and participation at the schools. It was greatly appreciated.

Sister Carolyn Martin, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you so much for allowing me the privilege of serving as District Deputy Grand Matron for D5. It has been a wonderful experience working with my D5 Deputies and my fellow DDGMs. It was a fabulous year of memories. Our members had a new year of getting to know more about General Grand Chapter, reviewing the basics of our ritualistic work and enjoying our DDGMS’ year of team teaching!!!! Thank you for your ever willing guidance and loyal dedication. Your kindness and laughter led our Order to remember the special nature of our obligation and the reason that we all love being together.

Brother Burlly Jones, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for a great year! It was definitely a year of JOY! Your sweet prayers and moral fiber made for a wonderful role model for our Order. Your ever ready smile and energy worked for

the success of our year. Sister Doris, your sweet voice, along with Burley's and Kim and Glenda's, uplifted our membership in song! Thank you for your love of our Order and for sharing Burley!!!!

Sister Joan Miller, Grand Examiner District 5, thank you for your support and love of the membership for five years. It's hard to believe we will not have you as our Grand Examiner going forward. However, your sacrifices have made our Order a more loving Order. Thank you!

Sister Cindy Bausell, Humanitarian Chairman, thank you for your programs, your beautiful music, and attendance and help at each School of Instruction. Your dedication to the Order of the Eastern Star is greatly appreciated.

Sisters Barbara Tramel and Jane Wert, Secretaries to the Worthy Grand Matron, your dedication to our Order is greatly appreciated. Sister Linda Roy, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron, your support is also greatly appreciated.

To my dear, dear sisters: Kim Waxler, Sherrie Thompson, Glenda Murphy and Barbara Wickham ... our bond of friendship is extraordinaire!!!! Thank you, my sisters, for your encouragement, wisdom and unforgettable days of laughing, wringing our hands and holding our breaths!!!! What a year! You are all to be commended!!!!

To the Membership of District 5 and to our D5 DDGM Club (Gail Fuller, June Bell, Janet Kramer 'assisted' by Paul Zappe): it was my honor to serve as your District Deputy Grand Matron. I always feel welcome 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. It was through the expertise and love all of the D5 membership that our 'Apple Dumpling' year was a success! Pat yourselves on the back!!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Monette Butler Littlepage
District Deputy Grand Matron, District 5

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of these five reports.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt the report of the Deputies of Grand Chapter. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, raise your red card. Cards down. All opposed, same card. Motion carried. *

WGM: To my "Silver Apples", the Deputy Grand Matrons, how pleased I am that each of you accepted this appointment and how proud I am of the job each of you have done. You are indeed the "Apples" of my eye.

Thank you so much. I love each and every one of you. Thank you. (Applause) Is Brother Ray Hargis in the room? Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present Brother Ray Hargis in the West please.

GC: It is my pleasure to present Ray Hargis as requested.

WGM: Thank you very much Brother Ray. Brother Ray, thank you for everything you have done. You are my Executive Chair. That's a chore and you have done it wonderfully well and I appreciate it. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present Brother Ray Hargis in the East. (Applause) If Sister Linda is in the room, she may come to the East. Brother Henry would you like to put this wonderful pin on Brother Ray, please?

Whereas, the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star...and the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Texas seeking to promote Fraternal relations between their Grand Jurisdictions and believing that the ties of affection may be strengthened, prosperity of the Order promoted, it's unity, integrity and strength be protected and it's unity and honor confirmed by the appointment and reception of Grand Representatives from each of the aforesaid Grand Chapters to the other. Therefore, let it be known that as evidenced of our trust and confidence, we by these present constitutes and appoint Brother Ray Hargis, you are now the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba. (Applause) ***

Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in saluting him with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given)

Brother Ray Hargis: Thank you Sisters and Brothers. (Applause)

WGM: * Sister Jimmie Lee? I don't know how many times I've said her name today. At this time, I would like to have the Executive and Arrangements Committees in the West. If you would join our Grand Conductress' in the West, please. The Executive Committee and the Arrangements Committee. Is Brother Jack in here or is he hiding from us? Well, do we have any of them here? Brother Ray is up here. Sister Becky Cole, Sister Ann Wyatt, Sister Betty Scott, Sister Jan Walker. They must be busy doing other things. I want

everybody to know we may have to do that in a moment or we may not get to do that but I want you to know how much I have appreciated, the Executive Committee and the Arrangements Committee, they have worked very hard to bring you this Grand Chapter Session. I hope it has been pleasing to you. I hope you have enjoyed your time. We had a little fun. We had a few issues, but you know what, we worked through those issues and we are going to end in super good time so that we will be able to go home, get rested and dressed for this evening. Here comes my lovely Committee. Good.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Worthy Grand Matron, while they are coming in could I ask a favor of the membership?

WGM: Sure.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Okay, Sisters and Brothers, I know you are waiting here in anticipation and we've had an answer for a long time, but we wanted you to have lunch. The other thing is you still owe me money in the corner. (Laughter) And I know we've got another \$500. Over here but our Worthy Grand Matron always has some closing. There are a few more things to be done. If she gives you your answer will you please stay with us until we finish? (yes...) Can I have a better answer than that? (YES!) Thank you.

WGM: There are no words adequate enough to express my feelings for the work that each of you have done to make this Grand Chapter session the remarkable Session that it was. Brother Ray Hargis, you have listened to me for the last 4 years and you have always been kind and understanding as you guided me along the right path. You are a masterful organizer and I appreciate all that you have done for me personally and for our Grand Chapter. Sister Becky Cole, my co-chair, and as always, the tablecloth lady, you were always willing to do whatever was asked of you and volunteered for more. And I was so glad to take you up on those kind offers. Your joy in your job made it easier for all of us. Thank you. Sister Ann, to you fell the tedious task of keeping us in line with the money. You did an excellent job and I thank you for that. I cannot leave out Sister Betty Scott, our more than capable secretary. Yes, you take great notes and you see that we follow what we said we would follow! Thank you for your work this year. Sister Jan Walker, you will take care of us in the end. With these capable people working on this Grand Chapter Session, your job should be easy. I hope so, I thank you for accepting the position as our Auditor. What can I say, the Arrangements Committee under the direction of Jack Beall has done an outstanding job with this Grand Chapter Session. My thanks goes out to each of you on the Committee. You worked hard, you stayed long hours and I so appreciate it and please know it's from my heart that I thank you my Arrangement Committee and my Executive Committee. And I want to give a special thanks to Jack's right hand man...Charlotte for all of her hard work. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP: There really are no words that will adequately express my gratitude and admiration for the many hours and months that all of you have dedicated to making this Grand Chapter the great success that it is. Thank you.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers show these wonderful people in the West how much you appreciate the job that they have done. (Applause) It is a difficult job. Most people have no idea what they do. (Applause continues) I think that says you did a good job, people. You did a good job. Thank you so much. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will return them to their seats in the Chapter room please. Sisters and Brothers, what you have all been waiting for. We do have an election for Associate Grand Conductress. Sister Shelley Walker, 363. Susan Dormady, 592. Number to elect, 478. You have elected for your Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year Sister Susan Dormady. Do you accept? 955 total votes were cast in that election.

Sister Susan Dormady: Worthy Grand Matron, thank you. With a humble heart I accept this and thank you membership for the opportunity to serve this most wonderful Grand Chapter. (Applause)

WGM: Thank you.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Worthy Grand Matron, you know these beautiful people that have counted and they have subtracted and they have done everything and I know she appreciates it and I certainly do. Your election results have been tallied, they have been counted, they have been announced and I resign as your Judge as of now. (Laughter) And thank these hard workers that have set here all day even though they weren't counting and they were visiting, they did their job admirably, quickly and precisely. Thank you. Sisters and Brothers. (Applause)

WGM: But we have one more thing to do. We have a tradition when we elect an Associate Grand Conductress. They are presented with flowers and they get a hug from everyone and so that's what they are doing back here, and they can have their little meeting. And we need a picture. At this time, I would like to ask Brother Claude Ervin to come to the East and issue the invitation to the 138th Grand Chapter Session. Oh, wrong information. Oscar Hairell, alright. Would Brother Oscar Hairell come to the East? And as soon as we finish with the invitation, Brother Burley and I will give our closing remarks which are very short and I will close this Session and I will see everyone back this evening for the Installation and yes, if you are at a Teller table, you may pick up your stuff on the table and return to your places in the Chapter room. And I appreciate you so much and I thank you for sitting there all day. (Applause)

Brother Oscar Hairell: My esteemed Sisters and Brothers, I am Oscar Hairell, Worthy Patron, Yoakum Chapter #282. This afternoon's welcoming invitation is extended to everyone to attend the upcoming 138th Grand Chapter Session, Order of the Eastern Star. To be hosted in that amazing city of Waco, Texas. So, start your planning now and come to Waco, the heart of Texas, and let your Stars shine. During your stay in Waco we hope you all will take full advantage of the wonderful sites and historic culture that you can discover. We encourage you to explore the campus of Baylor University, the Grand Lodge of Texas Museum, the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame and Museum. The Mammoth National Monument, the Dr. Pepper Museum, the Cameron Park Zoo and of course, enjoy the cities diverse downtown sites and shopping, such as great food, the Spice Village, Antique stores, and Magnolia Market and Silos. So, come join us in the heart of Texas. Take time for yourselves by coming a day early, staying a day later. Again, my Sisters and Brothers, we sincerely want each of y'all to be there. So together we can let our Stars shine. Now let's get the fun rolling. (Deep in the Heart of Texas music)

WGM: Thank you. Alright we expect to see everybody in Waco, Texas. Let's hear it for the Officers, the friends, the members, everything that is going to happen in Waco next year. (Applause, Wahoo) Sister Linda, do you have any announcements? You good? Sister Linda Winn-Christenson, do you have any announcements? Okay, here we go. We're almost through. Remember, we have to close this Session. We have to close this Session. May I have your attention please. Sisters and Brothers let's be courteous to one another. We like to play but we want to close this Session so you may be able to be ready for tonight. It has been a wonderful year of celebrations. I could not have asked for a more wonderful year. I have met so many new friends while renewing old acquaintances. I want to thank Brother Burley Jones for serving with me and driving the van so I could talk on the phone! Sister Doris, thank you for putting up with all that we had to do. It has been a pleasure being with both of you. To the membership, my heart is full, but I will see you along the trail. Thank you for being so kind and caring to me. I shall always remember. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP: I would like to express my deep appreciation to the Membership of Texas for their love and support this year. I also wish to thank my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Carolyn Martin, for the honor of serving with her in this "Year of Celebrations."

WGM: Sister Linda I understand you might have something to say?

AGM Linda Winn-Christenson: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I just wish to invite everyone back this evening for Installation. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. and to those who will be taking part or being Installed this evening, I ask that you be here by 5:00 if at all possible, for photographs. Thank you again and thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for a wonderful year. It has been my pleasure and my honor to serve this membership with you.

WGM: Thank you so much. It has certainly my honor to serve with you for the last seven years. Thank you so much. Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this "Apples of Love Through Kindness" Session from Labor to Rest and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged. And we do need the tables moved back please. We need the tables moved.

Gr. Warder: (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.

WGM: While they are moving the tables, we do have a visitor with us today. A very special visitor all the way from Kansas. I would like for him to please stand. Brother Ron Kammerer, Worthy Grand Patron of the grand state of Kansas. (Applause) Show him how much we appreciate that he's here. (Applause) Thank you, sir. We appreciate you being here. Hope you'll be here tonight for our Installation. We would be very pleased to have you.

Gr. Sentinel: There will be no interruptions.

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

WGM: Thank you Brother Grand Warder. I have one other person to thank at this time. I want everyone to know that sometimes you see this person sitting up here and you don't realize all the work that they do. I would like to thank our Parliamentarian, Sister Janet Travers and after yesterday, you know she worked hard. (Applause) She's also my Deputy, that's double duty.

WGM: Let us join in singing our closing ode "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree". It's page 54. *** oh! 79. To bring the Benediction for this Session is Brother Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron.

PGP Kenneth Gregory: Oh, God. Father of us all. Give us a strong awareness of your presence and a steady faith in your promises. May our faith give reality to the things we hope for. Give wings to our hope and rest to our fears. As we come to the close of this Saturday afternoon 137th Grand Chapter Session, we want to thank you for the Officers and Committee members who served our Order this past year. And we know they will continue to serve in future years. May the memories of this past year of service continue to be a source of satisfaction and joy for years to come. We look forward to the Installation of new Officers this evening. We pray that your all-seeing eye will ever be upon them. Give them health and strength to perform the duties they are about to assume, wisdom to make good decisions and courage so that by trusting in you we may accomplish great things in the service of mankind and for you. Bless our Order of the Eastern Star in its benevolent endeavors. Open our eyes and enlarge our hearts to be sensitive to the needs of others. Hear us Father, graciously in this our prayer. In Jesus name. Amen. (Amen)

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

(Closing of Holy Bible)

WGM: I now call the "A Year of Celebrations" 137th Harvest Session of this Grand Chapter from Labor to Rest until 6:00 pm tonight at which time we will have our Installation of Officers for 2019-2020 year. * Brother Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel. We will have a retiring Drill. The doors are still secure. Sisters and Brothers thank you for staying with us and we hope you enjoyed your 2018-2019 Grand Chapter Session. It was our privilege to serve you the membership. Thank you so much for your love and kindness throughout the year. We thank you for all that was done for us and we send our love to each of you. We will now have "The Apple Farewell Drill" voiced by Brother Bob Royall.

(Retiring Drill)

Brother Bob Royall:

Sisters and Brothers, our Grand Chapter now much close,
Let us put our cares to sweet repose.

We'll place our jewels by the Holy Book,
Into whose pages we reverently look.

From this book, the light of our Star
Will shine on those both near and far.

The Grand Warder and Grand Sentinel, guards on our door.
Keep us safe on the Grand Chapter floor.

The stories of Grand Adah and Grand Ruth of old
The lessons of fidelity and constancy are told.

Grand Esther teaches us of unselfish loyalty
And Grand Martha about trusted faith in immortality.

Grand Electa's life of charity and hospitality
Tells us to "Love One Another" with all our fervency.

The music of the Grand Organist makes our ceremonies impressive
And the Grand Marshal's grace makes our ceremonies most effective.

The Grand Chaplain's devotions fill us with God's love
Until we meet again at the Grand Chapter up above.
Our Associate Grand Conductress assists with the active duty
So our ceremonies are conducted with the utmost beauty.

Our Grand Conductress with courtesy and dignity
Welcomes our guests with love and tender civility.

Our Grand Treasurer preserves our funds for future prosperity
And pays them out upon request and proper authority.

Our Grand Secretary makes our records complete
With faithful performance that is both prompt and discreet.

Our Associate Grand Patron is ready to fill a higher position
Preparing for the day to make his transition.

Our Associate Grand Matron is always ready to assist the Worthy
Grand Matron with planning and preparing for that higher station.

Our Worthy Grand Patron holds our most exalted position
As our Brother with honor and distinction
He is our "Texas Traveling Man" like no other.

And, finally, our beloved Worthy Grand Matron, with her leadership,
kindness and A smile upon her face is our brightest Star with
elegance and grace.

Forever high may we hold our creed
For the jewels of this book are all that we need.

To guide ourselves and our Grand Chapter so dear
Our circle of friends throughout the year.

(Applause)

(End of the 137th Grand Chapter Session)

REPORTS NOT GIVEN
AT GRAND CHAPTER

AMERICANS WHO SERVED

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Most Worthy Grand Patron.

This is the Final Report for the Americans Who Served Committee General Chairman.

This committee funds the Disabled Veterans Transportation Fund.

We started with 500 pins, sold a total of 375 pins for a total of \$3,750.00.

There was a donation made by Grand Prairie Chapter #219 of \$118.00.

This is total monies collected of \$3,868.00

Out of the outstanding pins, there will be a total of 53 returned.

There were 18 lost when the lady's purse was stolen.

There are still outstanding pins from some members whom have not responded to repeated phone calls by their District Chairmen. Ten each.

Unaccounted outstanding pins of 44 pins.

Some members may have mailed the checks directly to Grand Chapter without notifying the District Chairman or myself.

I wish to thank the District Chairmen for their work this year on the WGM's project:

District 1	Jerry Peck
District 2	Albert Kolterman
District 3	Kenneth Larson
District 4	Dr. Danna Fertsch
District 5	Lee Stroman

Thank you for letting me serve as General Chairman of this committee.

Janet Kramer
General Chairman

APPLE GANG

It is a great pleasure to report to the Grand Chapter that the members of the Apple Gang Committee in our great state proudly assisted during the schools with the set up and selling of merchandise and printed materials that supported the Worthy Grand Matron's committees and projects for the year. Gratitude is expressed to the committee, and to all those who assisted the committee, in accomplishing this important work of the Grand Chapter.

On behalf of the entire Apple Gang, I thank our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the opportunity to serve our Grand Chapter in the support of its charitable efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Leonora Owre
General Chairman

CELEBRATIONS OF OUR ORDER

On behalf of the members of the Celebrations of Our Order committee, we want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Carolyn Martin, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Burley Jones, for our appointments. It has been a very rewarding experience.

As General Chairman of this committee, I attended the Roundup held in Granbury, July 9, 2018, for Sister Carolyn Martin and Brother Burley Jones. I picked up 100 Celebrations of Our Order books to be distributed to the District Chairman of each District. I emailed each District Chairman on 8-1-18, introducing myself and attached a list of the committee members and asked that they contact their committee members in their District by email or mail and let them know what their expectations were. I, also, asked each District Chairman to let me know if they would be in attendance to Grand Chapter, so I could deliver their books to them. I mailed each District Chairman a copy of the email and the list of committee members. Each District Chairman were instructed that a report needed to be turned in monthly with the money collected for the month, so it could be reported to the Grand Secretary and General Chairman and District Project Managers.

The District Chairman and General Chairman for the Celebrations of Our Order were:

District 1-Debbie Burks
District 2-Faye Murphy
District 3-Nelly Somera
District 4-Marilyn Butler
District 5-Beverly Stroman
General Chairman-Debbie Hicks

While in attendance to Grand Chapter, August 16-19, 2018, I delivered Celebrations of Our Order books to the Chairman of Districts 2, 3, 4, and 5. After Grand Chapter, I mailed books to the District 1 Chairman, Debbie Burks, once I was notified who that person would be.

Each Chairman reported their sales each month and sent the money collected for those books to me. I forwarded the money to the Grand Secretary with a report of the sales of each District each month. An email was sent monthly to the General Chairman of the Project Managers, Xanthe Parker, and the Project Managers of each District with the monthly report attached reporting the sales of each District for that month.

Any remaining inventory was to be returned by January 2019, and all remaining inventory was returned by the District Chairman of each District and the General Chairman.

The Sales of the Celebrations of Our Order books by each District and General Chairman were as follows:

District 1-38 books for a total of \$570.00
District 2-14 books for a total of \$210.00
District 3-30 books for a total of \$450.00
District 4-9 books for a total of \$135.00
District 5-9 books for a total of \$135.00
General Chairman-20 books for a total of \$300.00

Total books sold: 120 books for \$1,800.00

In conclusion, this book was very helpful to the membership with greetings, programs, poems, and information, and it sold itself. All who purchased one was pleasantly surprised. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Carolyn Martin, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Burley Jones, for letting all of us serve Grand Chapter on this committee, Celebrations of Our Order. It was truly a pleasure and honor to serve in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hicks
General Chairman

GRAND CHOIR

First of all, I would like to thank our Worthy Grand Matron for the opportunity to serve our great Order as the Director of the Grand Choir. It has been a good year of recruiting and encouraging members throughout the state to join the Grand Choir to sing and support our Grand Chapter of Texas.

Our Worthy Grand Matron wanted fifties and sixties songs for her year. I set about searching for songs that would appropriately reflect the beauty of the Order, be significant in keeping the wishes of the Worthy Grand Matron and, also, fun and enjoyable to sing and hear during the Sessions of Grand Chapter. I also tried to incorporate a few songs in tribute to our Worthy Grand Patron.

The recruitment process to get Grand Choir members started almost immediately after the Installation of Grand Officers in August of 2018. The process is slow and, at times, nerve-racking as members of the Order would send in their information. How many song books to I need to prepare? Will the members of the Grand Choir be familiar enough with the songs to perform well? And so on and so on.

Of course, there are several of our members who cannot commit early until they know for sure they can attend Grand Chapter. I always panic, but, remarkably, the membership comes through to support our Grand Chapter. I am proud to announce that we have 45 to 50 members in the Grand Choir this year. Each member is a delight and a blessing. Their energy and willingness to sing is outstanding. I know we will do a great job for our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron with the songs we will be singing.

Congratulations to you both, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for a successful year. Your leadership and kind expressions throughout the year are a constant reminder to be thoughtful and kind to everyone. You are both great examples of the essence of the Eastern Star.

Once again, thank you so much for the opportunity to serve. It has been my pleasure to work with you and for the members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

"Sing" cereley,

Jerry Neuenschwander
General Chairman

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP STAMP

In September of 2018 I called all District Chairmen and also emailed them. Several of the chairmen had some very innovative ideas on how to reach the members in their district to promote the Endowed Membership Stamps and how to obtain information on the number of Endowments purchased and the number of stamps sold.

Quite a number of chapter secretaries keep stamps on hand.

According to the Grand Secretary's Office this has been the biggest year in several years for buying stamps and approximately 96 Endowments have been awarded which is also a high in recent years.

District reports:

District 1
None reported

District 2
None reported

District 3: Information obtained,
Chapters that sold stamps:

Marble Falls # 436	10 stamps
Belton # 589	27 stamps
Kingland #1118	12 stamps
Bellmead #	300 stamps
Stephenville #801 member	purchased all 50 stamps
Springtown # 498	5 complete endowed memberships

New Endowed Members

Amy McDonald	Lipan #127
Leslie Seymour	Lipan #127
Judith Wilson	Lipan #127
Juanita Norris	Vashti #32
Floyd Hall	TMRC Daylight #1145
Wanda Hall	TMRC Daylight #1145
LoRee Griffin	TMRC Daylight #1145
Charles Hanes	TMRC Daylight #1145
Delphia Von Heeder	TMRC Daylight #1145
Suzanne Walters	TMRC Daylight #1145
Laverne Whitfield	TMRC Daylight #1145
Shirley Reese	TMRC Daylight #1145
Martha Pengelly	TMRC Daylight #1145

District 4: Information obtained

Chapters that sold stamps

League City #621	73 stamps
West Columbia #705	10 stamps

New Endowed Member

Christine Armstrong	League City #621
Joan Johnson	Friendswoods #1131
Samantha Lang	Pearland #1065

District 5 Information obtained

New Endowed Members:

Pat Sullivan	Dripping Springs #860
Keely Peel Odell	Dripping Springs #860
Vicky Roberts	Harlingen #641

I wish to thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Carolyn Martin for the opportunity to serve as general chairman of the Endowed Membership Stamp Committee.

Toni Crawford
General Chairman

GLIMPSES OF THE PAST

Out of the Five Districts of Grand Chapter only two have reported back to after several emails.

Two Historical Highlights has been sold for the year 2018-2019.

The reports from the two Districts have said the book is old and archaic and have no value. I do not believe this to be true and they did not really look at the book. Two of us from this committee bought the book and found it to be very enlightening and full of facts.

Respectfully submitted

Carolyn Sturgeon
General Chairman

MAKING TIME – CALENDAR

General Chairman – Susan Neuenschwander

District 1 Chairman – Jakie Spinks

District 2 Chairman – Cindy Pearce

District 3 Chairman – Shirley Brown

District 4 Chairman – Sue Saunders

District 5 Chairman – Karen Cabrera

The Making Time – Calendar Committee received 500 calendars in August at the beginning of the 2018-2019 Grand Chapter year. Using the suggested formula provided by the Projects Manager Committee, the calendars were distributed as follows: General Chairman – 20; District 1 Chairman – 120 calendars; District 2 Chairman – 45 calendars; District 3 Chairman – 95 calendars; District 4 Chairman – 150 calendars; District 5 Chairman – 70 calendars. Total sales of the calendars were as follows: General Chairman sold 11 calendars (\$88); District 1 sold 34 calendars (\$272); District 2 sold 23 calendars (\$184); District 3 sold 63 calendars (\$504); District 4 sold 20 calendars (\$160) and District 5 sold 5 calendars (\$40).

The money sent to the Grand Secretary's office was as follows: Sales - \$1,248; Donation - \$48; and overpayment - \$8. The grand total sent to the Grand Secretary's office was \$1,304.

With the exception of 10 calendars reported lost during a move from one home to another, all remaining inventory was returned to the Project Manager Committee.

A monthly breakdown by District is reported on the attached spread sheet addendum.

Susan Neuenschwander
General Chairman

MASONIC HARVESTERS

Doc Grubbs visited Victoria Lodge on September 5th 2018 and spoke to the Brothers about Violet Chapter OES. No petitions were handed out.

On February 22, 2019, Doc Grubbs visited Seadrift Lodge and talked about Eastern Star and 4 petitions were handed out.

James Harrington visited William Foster Masonic Lodge No. 312, in Frankston on September 11, 2018 and spoke about the Order of the Eastern Star, no petitions were handed out.

James Harrington visited Jacksonville, Lodge No. 108, in Jacksonville, Texas on September 13th he spoke about Eastern Star and 1 petition was handed out.

James Harris visited Palestine Lodge No. 31 on September 4, 2018, spoke about Eastern Star and 2 petitions were given out.

James Harris visited Elkhart, Masonic Lodge No. 400 on September 6, 2018 spoke about Eastern Star and no petitions were given out.

James Harris visited Tyre Masonic Lodge No. 198 on September 20, 2018 spoke about Eastern Star and no petitions were given out.

This is the report from Alfred Bell, District One Member:

Here is a list of the Masonic activities that I attended, handing out Eastern Star petitions:

October 2, 2018 – Mesquite Lodge open house celebration, 3 petitions
November 16, 2018 – Ferris Lodge fundraiser, 3 petitions
December 6, 2018 – Mesquite Lodge stated meeting, 2 petitions
December 19, 2018 – Mesquite OES, Christmas meal, 2 petitions
January 6, 2019 – Birthday party at TMRC for Mesquite members, 2 petitions
February 2, 2019 – DeSoto Lodge fundraiser, 2 petitions
February 28, 2019 – Visited Royal Arch Chapter and Council stated meetings in Ennis.

Encouraged OES attendance there for members of OES and made available petitions for transfer of membership to Winnie Chapter OES from out of town members. These are the only members on the Masonic Harvesters committee who have responded with reports.

Bill Prague
General Chairman

MEMORIES OF THE HEART

We developed a Facebook page to gather fun photos from around the state. <https://m.facebook.com/Memoriesoftheheartoes/>
These people posted many photos on the Facebook Memories of the Heart Page.

- i. Patty Perez
- ii. Brenda Armistead
- iii. Debra Land Ford
- iv. Konnie Harrell
- v. Connie Nurmi
- vi. Tina O'Shields
- vii. Martha Bolton Chambers
- viii. Charles Broussard

We shared the site with friends and members on our list. We made a nice group of Memories of the Heart CD and Memories of the Heart Recorders and of course Grand Photographer Charles Broussard and the district and section photographers. I received DVD's of photos from around the state and posted them on the Facebook site. We have thousands of photos on this site. We receive over 500 hits every week on this site.

We picked photos from the site and produced a cd with a printable pdf. Of over 700 photos. We also produced a dvd with two movies and other goodies. We also produced a Pdf. Booklet that was sent by email. We are still tallying the profits from this project. The good news is that there was no cost to the Grand Chapter for the production of the CD's or DVD's.

Melissa Ramos
General Chairman

PROJECT MANAGERS

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron,

Thank you for honoring me with the appointment as General Chairman of the new Project Managers Committee. Through this experience, I have a new-found appreciation of what it takes to make our Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects succeed. When we are successful, we can fulfill our benevolent purposes and provide much needed funds to groups such as The Disabled American Veterans, Susan G. Komen Foundation, Patriot Paws, Youth Groups, Scottish Rite Charities and others.

The newly formed Project Managers committee was created to monitor the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects inventory and proceeds. The committee consisted of a General Chairman and five District Chairmen. Our charge was to ensure that product was moving out to committee members and that the proceeds from the items sold were forwarded to the Grand Secretary in a timely manner. The Worthy Grand Matron also asked us to assist with sales at Grand Chapter, various meetings and the Schools in our respective areas.

In early August of 2018, a Project Managers Overview along with a summary of the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects was emailed to each of the District Project Managers. The summary contained the purpose of our committee, monthly report details and instructions on how monies collected were to be handled by the Special Projects General Chairmen.

At the same time, a separate Project Managers Overview and Requirements email along with a sample spreadsheet for reporting was sent to each of the Special Projects General Chairmen. The General Chairmen were in turn asked to contact their committee members in writing and provide a copy of their letter to the Project Managers Committee. The requested letters were received from all of the Special Projects General Chairmen.

Monthly reports began with the month of September. In late November, the Worthy Grand Matron requested that all remaining inventory be returned at the Fort Worth School. The Special Projects General Chairmen were notified to that effect by email on December 2nd. Similar to the form created for checking out additional product along the School schedule, a new form was created to track product returned.

First I would like to thank my Project Managers District Chairmen for all of their efforts in making this year a success: District 1- Ms. Christi Smith, District 2- Mrs. Nancy Alison, District 3- Ms. Betty Penney, District 4- Mrs. Dorris Clegg and District 5- Mrs. Kay Searson.

I would also like to thank all of the Special Projects General Chairmen for their efforts and for providing the needed reports to myself and my committee members and for forwarding the same along with the funds collected to the Grand Secretary.

Thank you to the District Deputy Grand Matrons and their Deputies for their assistance in getting product out to and back from the Special Projects committee members.

Special thanks to Mrs. Leonora Owre for providing the assistance of her Apple Gang committee who were ready and willing to help during the busy School schedule.

Finally, special thanks to Mrs. Jane Wert, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron who traveled the School schedule and whose dedication to our Order is a true gift to the membership.

Respectfully Submitted,

Xanthe Parker
General Chairman

RITUALISTIC EXCELLENCE

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Carolyn Martin, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Burley Jones, thank you for this opportunity of service as Ritualistic Excellence General Chairman. During the School of Instructions, Harvest Blessings of Love and Kindness schedule, the membership of Texas certainly did excel in their rendition of our Ritual work. There were twenty-six categories in which to strive for excellence this year. A Texas star was awarded for each category to those who were 100% in their renditions. Over the course of many months and 32 Schools of Instruction, 426 members participated in the Ritualistic Excellence endeavor. They represented 176 Texas chapters.

As additional recognition, individuals who earned the most stars in their District were awarded trophies. The chapter in each District whose members earned the most stars collectively were also awarded a trophy for their chapter. These trophies were presented at the District Banquets on July 6, 2019.

Members recognized for their excellence were:

District 1	Eileen Lewis, June Whitaker
District 2	Oleta Cornelius
District 3	Helen Sandeford
District 4	Marialice Bailey, Marceline Crenshaw
District 5	June Bell

The Chapters recognized for their collective excellence were:

District 1	Greenville #189
District 2	Queen Esther #833
District 3	Santo #270
District 4	Newbern #1135
District 5	Waelder #1023

Many thanks go to the dedicated and hard-working District Chairmen. They arrived early and often stayed after the Fraternal Visits in order to listen to the members. I would like to personally thank the following District Chairmen:

District 1	Kenneth Jackson
District 2	Jean Harrison
District 3	Jerry Wilson
District 4	Dale Eldridge
District 5	Roberto Cortez

I enjoyed working with each of you. You are each a Super Star in my eyes!

Patricia Callahan
General Chairman

ROB MORRIS

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Rob Morris Committee. I know it is very special as this is in dedication of our Founder, Brother Rob Morris, and honoring him. The membership has been very generous this year and I am very proud to report that we have collected a total of \$21,750. I know this is not a complete total, since the Banquet, "Apple Two Step", was last night and I anticipate that we will have received a good response to the Live and Silent Auction item.

I would like to thank the District Chairmen who have helped make this Committee a successful year:

District 1	Virginia "Ginger" Hosick
District 2	Rosemary Williams
District 3	Dorothy Kinsinger
District 4	Madeline "Madi" McMurry
District 5	Claudine Burgess

Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of each of the members of the 2018-2019 Rob Morris Committee, we thank you for giving us the privilege of serving the Grand Chapter, and move for the adoption of this report.

Betty Fogarty
General Chairman

SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers:

I would first like to thank the members of this Committee for working hard to share information regarding our Eastern Star Specialty License Plates. I would also like to extend my sincerest appreciation to the District Chairmen for providing brochures at the Schools in their Districts promoting the sale of the license plates with instructions for purchasing the plates.

Mrs. Jana Lubbers, District 1
Mr. Jimmy Ruth, District 2
Mrs. Bobbie Jarvis, District 3
Mrs. Elizabeth Hopkins, District 4
Mr. Terry Miller, District 5

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank Mr. Tom Murphy, General Grand Chapter Scottish Rite Committee-Chairman and Past Grand Patron of Texas, for keeping us abreast of sales and renewals as reported through his contact.

Unfortunately, reporting of Specialty Plates transactions does not occur in real time so the only information we have been able to obtain at this time is through January 31, 2019. This reports is as follows:

Passenger - New Personalized Plates	43
Passenger - New Standard Plates	<u>102</u>
Total New Plates Sold	145
Passenger - Renewed Personalized Plates	23
Passenger - Renewed Standard Plates	<u>45</u>
Total Plates Renewed	68
Grand Total - All Plates	213

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for this very special opportunity by allowing me the privilege of serving the membership of our beautiful Order as the General Chairman of the Specialty License Plates Committee. Thank you for having confidence in me to accomplish wonderful and inspiring things. Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for everything you have done and everything you continue to do for the members of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Royall
General Chairman

TIME AND TALENT TMRC

To the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the honor and pleasure of serving on this Committee. Working with the Residents of the TMRC has been a most enjoyable and rewarding experience. We have hosted five events and each of the parties were well attended with loads of fun! Thank you to Eastern Star, Rainbow, DeMolay and our Masonic Brothers for assisting and supporting with these activities to make everyone comfortable. While our year on the Committee is coming to a close, we hope to be invited to help again in the future.
Respectfully submitted,

Alys Newsom
General Chairman

THE WAY WE WERE RECYCLE

District 1	Mary Black	\$390.00
District 2	Alma York	\$0
District 3	Mary Jo Jaska	\$510.55
District 4	Donna Mims	\$384.00
District 5	Kitty Welch	\$0
TOTAL COLLECTED		\$1,292.65

Lisa Nystedt
General Chairman

WEBMASTER

Many thanks to the Webmaster Committee Members.

The Webmaster Committee has worked to keep the Grand Chapter Website up to date as information has become available to us. The Grand Chapter forms are updated as changes are made. The Minutes button has been moved to the main page for easier access.

In 2018 the Hosting account was moved from IDS webhosting to Hostgator, and the Domain names of grandchapteroftexasoes.org and texasoes.org were renewed until 2020.

Additional Proceedings have been added and more years will be added as time permits. They are found under the Past Grands Section and the year of the Grand Chapter Session click on the line labeled Proceedings and the pdf file will open.

We have received e-mails from members, and visitors of the Website. All have been answered either by the Webmaster Committee, Grand Secretary's Office, or forwarded to someone who could provide the proper response. There have been many inquiries about membership in the Order. These have been responded to with information on how to locate a Chapter close to them, or the information necessary to contact the closest Chapter Secretary.

The Website is a continuing effort and we welcome comments and suggestions to help us improve the Information that is provided to the Membership of Texas.

All the Chapters in Texas have been listed on a links page and if they have their own website and will send the information to the Webmaster Committee we will make the link active so members will be able to access the Chapter's site from this page. One rule is that there cannot be any membership list of address or phone numbers on the Chapter's website, but it will be acceptable to have the WM's and WP's and Secretary's contact information on the site.

Fraternally,

Jack York
General Chairman

SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF
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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 attendance at this event. The committee will also promote attendance at the Grand Chapters of these 4 states.

AMERICAN VETERANS WHO SERVED

We are pleased to continue working with the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) as we wanted to focus on the disabled veterans who reside in Texas. To assist those who live in Texas was a focus for us, and we are glad to be able to continue assisting the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) of Texas.

APPLE A DAY CHAPTER AWARD

This committee will visit with the membership and encourage them to try for this special award. The Apple A Day Chapter Award is designed to promote participation in the activities of our chapters. It promotes working together, encouraging others, and having fun. The committee will have available for sale a Key Catcher. The money will go to purchase awards for Winning Chapters. Any monies left over will be undesignated

APPLE BLOSSOMS

These are the Worthy Matrons of the chapters and they will serve as a Publicity committee announcing their chapter's good works, meetings, installations and fund raisers in the Official Bulletin and in their local advertising media. They along with the Texas Traveling Men (Worthy Patrons) will serve in the schools of instructions and make themselves available to be the Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels at the Grand Chapter Session in Tyler, Texas, in 2018-2019.

APPLE GANG

This committee will be composed of members in each section that will assist the WGM and WGP in the set up at each school, and in the selling of the projects. This is a very important committee as they will assist in the control and distribution of the items to be sold at the schools.

CELEBRATION OF OUR ORDER-POETRY

This Committee will assist in selling a special book of celebrations, helpful hints for the Worthy Matrons, original poetry and historical facts about our beautiful Order. It is the culmination of almost three years of research and creativity. Mrs. Carol McGee is the author of this outstanding piece of work and as such shares her love of our Order with each of you.

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP STAMP

The Committee will inform the membership of the benefits of an Endowed Membership and to recognize those who already have endowed memberships. The Committee Members will explain the purpose of the Endowed Membership program and how the membership can obtain the stamps and books. They should encourage the members to purchase the stamps for themselves, as gifts to members, as gifts for visitors who present programs, or a membership in memory of a deceased member.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ASSISTANTS

In November of 2018, at the 50th Session of General Grand Chapter in Orlando Florida. Mrs. Marianne Shenefelt, Past Grand Matron of Wyoming and Mr. Henry S. Martin, Past Grand Patron of Texas will be installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron of General Grand Chapter.

GLIMPSES OF THE PAST

The history of any organization is both interesting and rewarding. It is fun to look back at what has happened. Historical Highlights is the history of our Grand Chapter and as such very interesting.

This committee will encourage the membership to purchase the loose leaf binder edition for a donation of \$25.00. The updated inserts are available for a donation of \$2.00 per page. Both are accessible through the Grand Secretary's office.

GOLDEN APPLES

Golden Apples Committee - We have many members who have traveled the road before us and have worked many years during difficult times. These fine members deserve recognition for their many years of dedicated service. This Committee honors their Service. We would hope that our Apple Blossoms and Texas Traveling Men would choose to honor these members in some special way and perhaps ask them to share their memories at a chapter meeting.

GRAND MUSICIANS

There will be five Grand Musicians, one from each district, who will share his or her musical talents across the State as he/she is invited to do so.

I LOVE TEXAS COLLECTION

This committee will be in charge of selling the "Texas Collection" which consists of a warm throw that reflects the Texas state flag, "I love Texas" pin, and the "Traveling Texans" dues card holders. We are going to love the state we travel.

MAKING TIME – CALENDAR

The Calendar Committee will have pocket calendars available covering the 2018-2019 Grand Chapter Year and encourages members to follow the Stars and travel. The Calendar which can be carried in a pocket or a purse, will provide the members with information including dates for the Eastern Star Schools, Fraternal Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron, Roundups, Chapter Anniversaries and other pertinent dates of the activities of Grand Chapter

MASONIC HARVESTERS

This committee will strive to perpetuate the fraternal bond between the Masonic Lodge and the Eastern Star.

MEMORIES OF THE HEART CD

Memories are important to each of us. We love to see ourselves as we interact at our schools and our banquets. We are anxious that all the members who are present at our schools and section activities are recorded so that at the end of the year, we will have a pictorial review of our year. This committee will presale the CDs. There will be a photographer for each section who will record our activities. How fun it will be to have a record of our year!

MUSICAL MEMORIES

The Musical Memories Committee will have the sheet music written for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron available. The "**Harvest of Memories March**" is a combination of a World War II song, "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree With Anybody Else But Me" and favorite fifties' songs and was written and arranged by Mr. Bill Rhyan, Past Grand

Patron of Arizona and a member of Handley Chapter No. 617. The Worthy Grand Matron's march is in honor of my Mother and Father, members of the Greatest Generation. The Worthy Grand Patron's, "**Texas Travelers March**" is written and arranged by Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry, Past Grand Matron of Texas and a member of Lufkin Chapter No. 382. The Worthy Grand Patron's march is a combination of his favorite songs and how they relate to the special people in his life.

PATRIOT PAWS

Patriot PAWS Service Dogs is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization CFC #35710. They are located in Rockwall, Texas. The mission of Patriot PAWS is to train and provide service dogs of the highest quality at no cost to disabled American veterans and others with mobile disabilities in order to help restore their physical and emotional independence. Patriot PAWS intends to build partnerships with the state and community organizations to help develop and support this goal. This committee will be encouraged to support and promote Patriot PAWS in any way possible. We will continue with Sister Melissa's Patriot PAW pin and add a 2018-2019 bone attachment to denote this year of service.

PROFICIENCY

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

PROJECT MANAGER

Each district will have a project manager to assist the General Chairman. The purpose of this committee is for control of the projects and their proceeds. Each project manager will see that each committee chairmen in their district communicate with their committee members.. The General Chairman will communicate with the Worthy Grand Matron's traveling secretary for control of and reordering of supplies. The district chairmen will strive to attend the schools of instruction to assist with the projects. The communication aspect of this committee is very important.

READING THE NEWS (BULLETIN)

This committee will have a table at each of the schools to afford the membership the opportunity to purchase a subscription to the official communication of Grand Chapter. The members of this committee will also encourage the membership to purchase an ad in the memory section of the Bulletin so that our chapters and their activities can be showcased in the Bulletin. We can then use the bulletin as our memory book. Not only will this committee sell subscriptions to the Bulletin but they will also sell ads to help defray the cost of the Bulletin. The more newsworthy we make our Bulletin, the more our membership will wish to purchase a subscription.

RITUALISTIC EXCELLENCE

This committee will be in charge of the Ritualistic Excellence at the Eastern Star Schools. Each member is encouraged to strive for perfection. A Texas Star will be given for each category listed below to those who are 100%. The individual who earns the most Stars in their District will be awarded a Trophy and The Chapter in each District whose members collectively earn the most stars will be awarded a Trophy for their Chapter. The Trophies will be presented at the District Banquets.

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 (2) mistakes will be awarded a gold ribbon pin
- Three (3) mistakes will be awarded a silver ribbon pin
- For participating and making four (4) or more mistakes, you will be awarded a bronze ribbon pin

ROB MORRIS

The members of this committee will be responsible for the silent auctions at each Eastern Star School of Instruction and the Rob Morris Celebration (party) at Grand Chapter. Each committee member is responsible for the donations for the silent auctions at the schools of instruction and for the live auction at Grand Chapter. It is important that the members of this committee be diligent in obtaining donations so that there is a new and varied selection for the membership to bid upon. The more enthusiasm we can create, the more fun it is. The monies collected will be used to defray costs for the Rob Morris Celebration at Grand Chapter and any other function should there be monies available.

SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES

This is an ongoing project for the Grand Chapter of Texas. The license plates are now available for the membership to purchase. It is important that this committee visit the chapters in their sections so that the membership becomes aware the plates are available. The members of this committee can also visit the schools of instruction to bring the information to the membership. We must encourage the membership to participate in the program when registering their vehicles.

SWEET TREATS

As we all know, we want to support our youth. When in the school business, I did many candy fundraisers. They are easy and have a "youth" connotation! We will think we are back in school again. Candy will be purchased and will be given to committee members at each school or function and at Grand Chapter. The committee will be responsible for selling candy. The funds will be divided between the DeMolay International and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

TEXAS TABBIES

Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, located in Dallas, is a pediatric hospital specializing in the treatment of orthopedic conditions and sports injuries, as well as certain arthritic and neurological disorders and learning disorders, such as dyslexia. If a child is lucky enough to be diagnosed by the Scottish Rite Hospital in the area of dyslexia, they offer a complete diagnosis to the school district along with workable suggestions for improvement. There is no cost to the parents. The members of the Texas Tabbies committee will have cuddly Texas Tabbies to sell. The membership may purchase one of the three or all of the three little cuddly tabbies for their children, for their grandchildren or they may be donated to the Scottish Rite Hospital or to an organization or hospital of their choice.

TEXAS TRAVELING MEN

These are the Worthy Patrons of the chapters and they will serve as a Publicity committee announcing their chapter's good works, meetings, installations and fund raisers in the Official Bulletin and in their local advertising media. They along with the Apple Blossoms (Worthy Matrons) will serve in the schools of instructions and make themselves available to be the Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels at the Grand Chapter Session in Tyler, Texas in 2018-2019.

TEXAS WHO'S WHO

This is a continuation of the successful 2016-2017 book that was so popular. It will be printed at the Grand Secretary's Office and will be the size of a directory. It will contain all the Texas dignitaries and appointments. We will also continue the same format as it is easy to carry and the index is very popular!

THE HAPPY CATEPILLAR READING CLUB

This is a fun, yet very important committee. They will collect books for the children that visit the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital. To make this an easier task, the hospital will furnish a list of books that will be appropriate at all levels for this committee to collect. The committee will speak at the schools of instruction and will arrange for each section to participate in the collection of the books. At the end of each district's schools, the books will be taken to the hospital. They are very excited about this program, and I know the children will love all the books we will lovingly provide for them.

THE MEMORY RECORDERS

This committee will consist of a photographer for each section. The photographer will be responsible for attending the school of instruction and any other activities the chapters may invite him/her to attend. They will photograph the membership as they interact for the purpose of pictures for the CD that will be available at Grand Chapter. The photographer will furnish the general chairman the photographers to be assimilated into the CD that will be available at Grand Chapter.

THE WAY WE WERE - RECYCLE COMMITTEE

This committee is back by popular demand. The members of this committee will bring OES items from yesteryear to the schools of instruction for the membership to view and purchase. At Grand Chapter we will have items of clothing as well. It will be a great opportunity for our membership to purchase items of interest at a wonderful price. It is important that the members of this committee search out items of interest and attend the functions that will enable them to sell these items. The proceeds from this committee will go to the Worthy Grand Matron's Undesignated Funds.

TIME AND TALENT

This committee will use their time and talents to plan and present parties for all those residing in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. The Committee members will ask chapters and members in their area to assist in the parties with planning and preparing of the decorations, refreshments, program and any gifts needed for the parties. In addition to these parties, they will encourage the membership of the chapters to do for the chapter shut – ins and local care facilities in their home areas. Hopefully, every section will have a party for the residents of their area during this Grand Chapter year. What a wonderful way to share our love with others! The Committee will encourage Chapters to participate in the TMRC Family Day event. They will be responsible for the advertisement and coordination of the event.

TRAVELING ACROSS TEXAS (VISITATION)

This committee will actively promote visitation between Chapters in their Section. The Visitation Award will serve as an incentive for traveling in their sections. The Traveling Across Texas committee will sell the Travel Books that have been prepared by the District Deputy Grand Matrons of Grand Chapter. The Profit of these books will go to the General Fund.

GRAND OFFICERS

Worthy Grand Matron

Mrs. Carolyn Martin

Grand Adah

Mrs. Mary Spell

Worthy Grand Patron

Mr. Burley Jones

Grand Ruth

Mrs. Carla Stringer

Associate Grand Matron

Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson

Grand Esther

Ms. Diane Davidson

Associate Grand Patron

Mr. Paul Garner

Grand Martha

Mrs. Joy James

Grand Secretary

Dr. Ellen Pickrell

Grand Electa

Mrs. Robyn McGarr

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Grand Warder

Mr. Jimmy Leftwich

Grand Conductress

Ms. Terri Rozell

Grand Sentinel

Mr. Joe Gilmore

Associate Grand Conductress

Mrs. Phyllis Macon

Fraternal Correspondent

Mrs. Carole McGee

Grand Chaplain

Mrs. Sherrie Fowler

Grand Chapter Sweetheart

Mrs. Jo Ann Snow

Grand Marshal

Mrs. Doris Jones

Grand Organist

Mrs. Susan Helmcamp

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/Germany

Mrs. Jayne Yenger

Ambassador/Mexico

Mr. Jerry Trees

Ambassador/Romania

Dr. Charles "Bill" Bane

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

By-Laws Committee Chairman

Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane

Credentials Committee

Mrs. Bonnie Varnell

Eastern Star Journal

Mrs. Bess Caldwell

ESTARL

Mr. Trey Smith

First Responders, Chairman

Mr. Karl Arthur Drescher, Jr.

Jurisprudence, Chairman

Mr. H. Lee Stallings

Necrology, Chairman

Mrs. Joyce Gilbert

Regenerative Medicine

Mrs. Mary Ruth White

Service Dogs

Mr. Jack Guy

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS OF MWGM

Deputy to MWGM in Mexico

Mrs. Delia Whitfield

Hummingbird

Mrs. Phyllis Macon

Mrs. Deborah Foster

Eagles

Mr. Robert "Bob" Royall, Jr.

**PAST GRAND MATRONS OF TEXAS
1978-79**

Mrs. Rennie Ofton

1981-82

Mrs. Elise Hammack

1984-85

Mrs. Beulah Speer

1989-90

Mrs. Betty Benham

1990-91

Dr. Effie Mae Davis

1995-96

Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry

1997-98

Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield

1998-99

Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane

1999-00

Mrs. Betty Friend

2000-01

Mrs. Naomi Wolfe

2001-02

Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon

2003-04

Mrs. Doris Hester

2004-05

Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler

2005-06

Mrs. Nancy Brown

2006-07

Mrs. Geraldine Dusek

2007-08

Mrs. Joyce Gilbert

2008-09

Mrs. Joyce Nicklas

2009-10

Mrs. Bess Caldwell

2010-11

Mrs. Mary Ruth White

2011-12 Mrs. Vi Griffin
2012-13 Mrs. Annette Curry
2013-14 Mrs. Jayne Yenger
2014-15 Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht
2015-16 Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas
2016-17 Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer
2017-18 Mrs. Melissa Hudman

PAST GRAND PATRONS OF TEXAS

1991-92 Mr. Glenn Whitaker
1996-97 Mr. Richard Ochs
1997-98 Mr. Kenneth Gregory
1998-99 Mr. Henry Martin
1999-00 Mr. H. Lee Stallings
2000-01 Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker
2001-02 Mr. Harold Trammell
2002-03 Mr. Ed Warner
2003-04 Mr. Jack Guy
2004-05 Mr. Jerry Martin
2005-06 Mr. Nelson Campbell
2006-07 Mr. John Creel
2007-08 Mr. Jerry Trees
2008-09 Mr. Ray Hertenberger
2009-10 Mr. William "Bill" Wyatt
2010-11 Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.
2012-13 Mr. William "Bill" Crews
2013-14 Mr. Trey Smith

2014-15 Mr. George A. Gwaltney
2015-16 Mr. William H. "Billy" Clabaugh
2016-17 Mr. Thomas R. "Tom" Murphy
2017-18 Mr. Richard Skidd

PAST GRANDS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

PGM of Michigan
 Mrs. Carol Upston
PGM of Nevada
 Mrs. Bettie Bywater
PGM of New Hampshire
 Mrs. Susan L. Thomas
PGM of New Mexico
 Ms. Rosemary Alsworth
PGM of New Mexico
 Mrs. Bonnie Varnell
PGM of Vermont
 Mrs. Elizabeth Bordeaux
PGP of Arizona
 Mr. J. William Rhyan
PGP of Connecticut
 Mr. Carl P. Larson
PGP of District of Columbia
 Dr. Charles W. "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 Benefield
 Ms. Freda Combest
 Mrs. Marlene Dibrell
 Mrs. Edna Goettee
 Mr. Floyd Green
 Mrs. Barbara C. Grimes
 Mrs. Betty Morris
 Mrs. Cleta Todd
 Mrs. Greta Watson

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Mr. Jimmy Gilbert

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Mr. Joseph D "Joey" Yenger

Dr. Daniel Caldwell

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Mrs. Kathey Crews

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Mrs. Jane Clabaugh

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Grand Escort to PGM of New Hampshire

Mr. Jeffrey Thomas

Grand Escort to PGP of Arizona

Mrs. Jay Rhyan

Grand Escort to PGP of Connecticut

Mrs. Donna M. Larson

GRAND ESCORTS TO THE GRAND OFFICERS

Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Harold Wert

Worthy Grand Patron

Mrs. Donna Haltom

Associate Grand Matron

Mr. Victor Christenson

Associate Grand Patron

Mrs. Regina Garner

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Mr. James "Jim" Pickrell

Grand Treasurer

Dr. Charles W. "Bill" Bane

Grand Conductress

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Mr. Paul C. Zappe III

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Mr. Lynn James

Grand Electa

Mr. Gene Carnes

Grand Warder

Mrs. Diane Flanagan

Grand Sentinel

Mrs. Kay Gilmore

APPOINTED SECRETARIES**Worthy Grand Matron**

Mrs. Barbara Tramel

Worthy Grand Matron

Mrs. Jane Wert

Worthy Grand Patron

Mrs. Linda Roy

Associate Grand Matron

Mrs. Martha "Sudie" Pool

Associate Grand Patron

Ms. Melanie J. Rayner

Grand Conductress

Mrs. Mickie Campbell

Associate Grand Conductress

Mrs. Willie Mae Shaw

GRAND PAGES TO**THE GRAND OFFICERS****Worthy Grand Patron**

Mr. Paul Green

Mr. Terry "Butch" Haltom

Mr. Richard King

Mr. Terry Littlepage

Associate Grand Matron

Mrs. Earlene Angell

Mrs. Karen DeVillier

Mrs. Vickie Mathews

Mrs. Kaye Swain

Associate Grand Patron

Mr. Ronald "Ron" Mietzner

Mr. Robert "Bobby" Orr

Mr. Jesse "Jess" Ramos

Mr. Ray Williams

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Mrs. Mary Ann Davis

Ms. Andrea "Ande" Shoults

Grand Treasurer

Mrs. Pam Barnett

Mrs. Susie Geer

Mrs. Kathi Troublefield

Grand Conductress

Mrs. Rhonda Ashcraft

Ms. Ruth Clifton

Mrs. Betty Duncan

Mrs. Lura LaBove-Scott

Mrs. Marita Adamson Lewis

Ms. Francie Spirkoff

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Mrs. Lara Nix

Mrs. Lou Anne Elliott

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Mrs. Carol Jackson

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Mrs. Judy Harris

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Mrs. Kimberly Watkins

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**138th Installation of
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August 17, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

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Musical Prelude

Mrs. Sandra Perdue

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Mrs. Joyce Nicklas
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Mr. Ray Hertenberger
Past Grand Patron

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Sister Grand Marshal, will you please escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. *** (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, this is your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, please join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sister Processional Marshal, would you like to bring in the General Grand Chapter Officers. (Applause) Sister Processional Marshal, please bring in the General Grand Chapter Appointed Officers. (Applause) General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members. (Applause) The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions (Applause) Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions (Applause) Our own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas (Applause) You will present the Deputy of General Grand Chapter. (Applause) The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master (Applause) Distinguished Guests of other Fraternal Organizations. (Applause) See, I've already boo-boomed. Will you please escort in our Past Grand Masters. There already up here? Yea, well I didn't boo-boo too bad. * Did we get our State Presiding Officers? (They are up here) Okay.

Good evening and welcome to the 138th Installation of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. I am Joyce Nicklas, a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Tonight, I am pleased to share the Masters of Ceremonies duties with my Worthy grand Patron, Brother Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron 2008-2009. It is a pleasure to be working together again. On behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, Sister Linda Winn Christenson, and our Worthy Grand Patron-Elect, Brother Paul Garner, we extend a warm welcome and offer their sincere appreciation and gratitude for your presence here tonight. Throughout this evening, we have enjoyed the wonderful piano music provided by Mrs. Sandra Perdue. Sweet Sandra, your music lifts our spirits, calms our nerves and soothes our souls. You are truly blessed with a wonderful talent and we are blessed by your performance tonight. Let's show her how much we've enjoyed her. (Applause)

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Sister Joyce, it is always a pleasure to be in the East with you. It brings back good memories. Has it really been 10 years since our Grand

Chapter? It seems like only yesterday. Our 137th Harvest Session of Grand Chapter year has brought us dreams and achievements as the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have traveled the Apple Blossom Trail throughout Texas working for our Order.

PGM Joyce Nicklas: It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Carolyn Martin, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Burley Jones, Worthy Grand Patron. Please join me, oh we've already done that. It's in the book. I was going to do it again. Okay, Sisters and Brother. Sister Carolyn, this is your part.

WGM Carolyn Martin: Sisters and Brothers, I now call the 137th Session of the Grand Chapter from Rest to Labor. *

PGM Joyce Nicklas: I am pleased to present the 2019-2020 members of the Board of Grand Examiners.

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PGM Joyce Nicklas: I am honored to present the 2019-2020 Grand Officers Fraternal Correspondent, Mrs. Vickie Mathews, escorted by Mr. Alan Mulder
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PGP Ray Hertenberger:

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PGM Joyce Nicklas:

Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Linda Rose Winn-Christenson, escorted by
her husband Mr. Victor Christenson
(Applause)

Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure that I introduce Sister Jerre Lucas,
General Grand Chapter Credentials, Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of
Texas for the presentation of our Star Point Emblems.

PGM Jerre Lucas: Tonight Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, General Grand Chapter
Texas Finance Co-Chairman and a Past Grand Matron will lead the proces-
sion of our Star Point Emblems.

Our Star Point Emblems represent the principles and purposes of our Order and have led us to service.

The sky-blue ray of Adah teaches us fidelity. The heroic Adah, a young girl, 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. Jayne Yenger, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

The yellow ray of Ruth represents honor, justice and humility and teaches the valued lesson on Constancy. Ruth was constant in devotion to her Mother-in-Law, Naomi. This faithful widow showed Naomi the love in her heart and brought forth the golden grains of life's harvest. Constancy is love that shines through acts of kindness and love. The Sheaf is presented by Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, General Grand Chapter Benevolence Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

The white ray of Esther symbolizes light, purity and joy while the Emblem speaks of royalty and power. Esther was chosen to be the Queen of Persia. Her devotion is an inspiring lesson in Loyalty as she was prepared to sacrifice her crown and even her life to save her people from death. The Crown and Scepter are presented by Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, General Grand Chapter Membership Committee, Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

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 is presented by Mrs. Bess Caldwell, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

The shining red ray of Electa is a symbol of courageous fervency and Love, for all who would be engaged in truth. Electa is described as the Elect Lady and ideal mother who 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. Jimmie Lee McMahan, General Grand Chapter Service Dogs Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

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.

PGM Joyce Nicklas: The holy Bible is the source for all the lessons taught by the Heroines of our Order and the name of the Order is also derived from a verse found therein. The Bible used this evening is the Masonic Bible which was given to our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect's husband, Victor Christenson when he was raised a Master Mason. The Bible is being presented by Miss

Alexis Victoria Clarke, granddaughter of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect. The Bible Marker was made by the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect's sister, Mrs. Diana Kay Winn McDaniel. The marker is being present by Miss Ella Rose Clarke, the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect's youngest granddaughter. The beautiful Altar cloth and kneeling bench covers were made by Mrs. Rita Lytle, Past Matron of Spring Chapter #1105.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: We are grateful that the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons has since the inception of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, allowed the Square and Compasses to be placed upon the Bibles in every Chapter in Texas. The Square and Compasses being used tonight belong to the Worthy Grand Patron-Elect who plans to use them on the Altar at his Lodge when he is installed as Worshipful Master. The Square and Compasses are being presented tonight by Mr. Paul Martin Garner, II, son of the Worthy Grand Patron-Elect. He is also a Master Mason and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

PGM Joyce Nicklas: A white rose is laid upon the Altar by Mrs. Ashely Garner Esparza, daughter of the Worthy Grand Patron-Elect. The rose is placed in honor of all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, those who believed in our Order and gave from their heart to the membership.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: It is now my pleasure to introduce Mr. Karl Arthur Drescher, Past Grand Patron of Texas, who will be the narrator for our flag presentation.

PGP K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.: Through the ages, flags have been used to identify and symbolize nationhood. We pledge allegiance to the flag as an expression of our loyalty to our country and our cause. Please stand for the presentation of our flags. ***

Across America and around the world, the United States flag symbolizes the freedoms we enjoy. May we never take lightly the blood that continues to be shed to preserve the freedoms we enjoy daily. Presenting the United States flag is Brother Richard Skidd, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

The Canadian flag of our neighbors to the north is flown with the bright red Maple leaf. Our flags fly side by side in a spirit of peace and fraternal friendship. The Canadian flag is being presented by Brother George Gwaltney, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

No other state has such a heritage of sacrifice for Freedom as Texas. It is one of the most readily recognized of all state flags. With great pride, the Texas flag is being presented by Brother Jerry Trees, Past Grand Patron of Texas.



The Cross of the Christian flag represents the sacrifice of our Savior and is symbolic of our faith. It is the universal emblem of the Christian religion. The Christian flag is being presented by Brother Bill Bane, Past Grand Patron of the District of Columbia.

The beautiful emblematic Star of our Order displayed on a background of pure white reminds us of the lessons taught through the heroines of our Order. The Eastern Star flag is being presented by Brother Tom Murphy, Scottish Rite Charities Committee Chairman, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Texas.

The Masonic flag represents the foundation of the entire Masonic family. It is being presented this evening by Brother Bill Wyatt, Ambassador to Alaska, General Grand Chapter and Past Patron of Texas.

Sisters and Brothers, please join me as we Pledge Allegiance to the flag of our country after which we will sing the National Anthem. ***

(Pledge of Allegiance and “Star Spangled Banner”)

Please remain standing as we sing “O’ Canada”.

(Singing of “O’ Canada”)

Sisters and Brothers, we will now pledge allegiance to the Texas flag.

(Pledge Allegiance to the Texas Flag) *

WGM Carolyn Martin: Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar.

(Opening the Holy Bible)

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Our invocation will be offered by Brother Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

PGP Nelson Campbell: Let us pray. We pause thanking you for your love and many blessings. May we feel your presence as we assemble here this evening. As we stand at the beginning of a new year, we pray for they continued presence, protection and blessings. We ask thy blessings upon each Officer who is to be installed this evening. Give them strength in body and mind to perform their duties. Father we pray that you would bless this Grand Chapter. We thank you for the opportunity to share with others as we support our Worthy Grand Matron’s projects this next year. Teach us to learn well the lesson, it is more blessed to give than to receive. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

WGM Carolyn Martin: *

PGP Ray Hertenberger: We will now have the Welcome and Greetings sent from Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of the Past Grands of Texas. Sister Rennie has requested her greetings be read by Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Past Grand Patron of Texas

PGP K. Arthur Drescher: It is indeed an honor to have Sister Rennie ask me to read her Greetings to you this evening. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Sisters and Brothers, and Friends all. 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 137 years. Many Sisters and Brothers are missing, it is true, but we have the blessings of their memories of dedicated efforts, which gave us the foundation we enjoy today. We gratefully acknowledge all the efforts Worthy Grand Matron Carolyn Martin and Worthy Grand Patron Burley Jones have given to us this past year of service. Please help us give our approval to them for their efforts to develop a spirit of Faith, Hope and Love during their year and for this Session. We are pleased with the visit of our Most Worthy Grand Matron Marianne Shenefelt and Most Worthy Grand Patron Henry Martin. We extend our appreciation for the work all of you contribute during your time in office. To all of our visitors, we have planned for your visit and hope our "Texas Hospitality" was 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 2019-2020. Thank you, Linda Winn-Christenson and Paul Garner for carrying on this important task for next year. In closing, always remember who we are and what we are doing is for the good of mankind. "We are good people, doing good things for good reasons and thoroughly enjoying it." Thank you. Rennie Ofton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas. (Applause)

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Thank you Brother Arthur for bringing Sister Rennie's Greetings. The Worthy Grand Matron-Elect has the freedom to choose the Installing Grand Officers for her Installation, and she has selected the following:

Installing Grand Officer, Mrs. Mary Ruth White, Triennial Assembly Committee, General Grand Chapter and Finance Chairman and Past Grand Matron of Texas.

Assisting Installing Grand Officer, Mr. Henry S. Martin, Most Worthy Grand Patron of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Texas

Installing Grand Marshal, Mrs. Betty Benham, Worthy Grand Esther and
Past Grand Matron of Texas

PGP Ray Hertenberger:

Installing Grand Chaplain, Mr. Trey Smith, Triennial Assembly Committee, Texas Arena, Chairman and a Past Grand Patron of Texas

Installing Grand Organist, Mrs. Sandra Perdue, Grand Representative Hospitality Chairman

Grand Secretary Pro-Temp, Mrs. Doris Jean Hester...Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary of General Grand Chapter

We will now have a brief recess as the Installing Officers assume their places.

(138th Installation of Grand Officers)

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Worthy Grand Matron, I now present you with your gavel.

WGM Linda Winn-Christenson: Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible. ***

(Closing of Holy Bible)

*Sisters, Brothers and friends, we will now have a brief recess while the arc of chairs are removed. Gentlemen.

PGM Joyce Nicklas: * Let's thank these fine gentlemen for taking care of the chairs. (Applause) Texas is always proud of our Past Grands who serve the General Grand Chapter, and tonight we are especially honored to have with us, Mr. Henry S. Martin, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter. Brother Henry, would you please bring Greetings?

MWGP Henry Martin: Thank you Sister Joyce. It's certainly an honor to be here tonight for this Installation of Sister Linda Winn-Christenson and Brother Paul Garner. On behalf of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Officers of General Grand Chapter, many of who attended this Grand Chapter, I bring Greeting to each one of you in this room. And I also want to wish the Officers who have just been installed, the most joyous and productive year of service ever. This is a great responsibility, but I know that they will perform to the best of their abilities and I wish them the very best. If there is anything that General Grand Chapter can do to assist you during this year, you have only to ask. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers and Visitors and Friends. Thank you. (Applause)

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Thank you Brother Henry. The Grand Lodge of Texas grants the right for us to operate in the State of Texas and has given us the special privilege of using their emblem, the Square and Compasses, upon the Holy Bible in every Chapter in Texas. It is my great honor and privilege to present to you, Right Worshipful Paul Underwood, Deputy Grand Master, of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Right Worshipful Sir, would you please bring us Greetings on behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas.

RW Paul Underwood: Worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Visitors and Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all. On behalf of the Most Worshipful Terry Wayne Stogner, Grand Master of Masons in Texas. I'm proud to bring Greetings and his sincere wish with all of the other Trustees, that this 137th Grand Chapter Session a complete success and enjoyable to all attending. The Grand Lodge of Texas and the Order of the Eastern Star have a strong family bond from the very beginning. And it continues to get stronger every day. My wife, Rebecca and I have been members of Eastern Star for over 40 years and are currently members of Aransas Pass #162. Worthy Grand Matron, you and I are Brother and Sister. We are also very close friends. It is quite the honor to be here this evening to witness you being installed as the leader of Eastern Star in Texas. I know the Star in Texas is in very good hands and your journey this year will be exciting and rewarding. I would also like to thank you for serving on my 2020 Planning Committee and together we'll accomplish more than we can individually. We love you. We love the Eastern Star and Texas Masons history is stronger because of Eastern Star partnership and support. Thank you. (Applause)

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Our Masonic Youth are a vital part of growing our Order and the Masonic Order. We are pleased to have the two recognized Masonic Youth Organizations in Texas with us tonight. The Order of DeMolay helps mold the character of young men while teaching leadership skills. The aim of DeMolay is to build better sons which will, in turn, mean better men to be better citizens, husbands, fathers, friends and leaders in the future. It is my pleasure to introduce Mr. Michael Sampson, Executive Officer of DeMolay in Texas and Mr. Rex Wunsche, State Master Councilor, DeMolay of Texas. (Applause) Mike has shrunk. (Laughter)

Mr. Tommy Chapman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters, Brothers and Friends of Eastern Star. I am not Michael Sampson. My name is Tommy Chapman. I am the Deputy Executive Officer for Texas DeMolay and on behalf of Dad Michael Sampson, Executive Officer of Texas DeMolay, I bring you Greetings from us both. He sends his regrets that he was unable to attend this evening and ask me to fill in for him. So, here I am. It is indeed an honor to be here with you this evening to see this beautiful Installation. The installing team did a wonderful job and we are very excited and know that you will do a great job. And I would also like to

congratulate the Jr. Past Worthy Grand Matron and Jr. Past Worthy Grand Patron on a fine year. Thank you all very much. And at this time, it is my distinct honor and pleasure to present and introduce to you, our State Master Councilor of Texas DeMolay, Rex W. Wunsche. (Applause)

Mr. Rex Wunsche: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy General Grand Chapter Officers, Grand Officers, Past and Present, Distinguished East, Members and Visitors. I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to the new Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, as well as the new Grand Officers. We share a somewhat unique bond in the sense that we were installed as the heads of our bodies only one month apart. I am so looking forward to serving alongside both of you this year as we seek to lead our Orders and promote our messages of charity and compassion. Your message this year of "Giving and Believing" inspires us all to keep steadfast in our faith and reminds us that we should all be believers and givers of the missions of our Order. With a name like "Rex" it was only natural that I would choose the dinosaur as my emblem for this year. (Laughter) During my term as State Master Councilor, dinosaurs are teaching us to reach out, act and respond, or roar into Texas DeMolay. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it is my honor at this time to present you with one of my dinosaur pins. The proceeds of which are going to benefit Houston Scottish Rite Education Center. (Applause) I would like to leave you with a quote from one of my favorite singers who I believe captures the essence of the messages of both of our Orders. "If you feel insignificant, you better think again because you are part of something way bigger. I'll be the roots, you be the tree, pass on the fruit that was given to me. Honor our legacy because we are part of something bigger." If we continue to pass on our legacy and spread our messages to all of those around us, then the Order of the Eastern Star and the Order of DeMolay will continue to make good people better for centuries to come. Once again, congratulations on your election Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. God bless mother, God bless Father and God bless the Order of the Eastern Star, God bless the purposes of DeMolay and God bless each and every one of you. (Applause)

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Thank you for your Greetings. We are honored to have you join us this evening. Please join me in extending our appreciation to this young man. (Applause) The other Masonic Youth organization is the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. It is an organization where young women learn to build self-confidence and leadership skills. The organization promotes community service as well as love and service to their schools, their homes and to each other. When these young ladies take the floor, they renew our faith in the future, fill our hearts with joy and bring a smile to our face. The Grand Worthy Advisor's motto this year is "Make Rainbow Part of Your World." We are honored this evening to make Rainbow part of our world and have Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Parliamentarian, International Order of Rainbow for Girls bring Greetings.

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. It is a privilege to be part of this Installation and celebration and to bring Greetings on behalf of the Supreme Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Our Assemblies are blessed to have the sponsorship of you dedicated adults. We have lofty goals in our Rainbow Organization which are anchored in the support of our fraternal family. It is your support, Grand Chapter, your confidence, your presence at our meetings, your positive mentoring, your leadership and the sharing of your values that make our Assemblies possible. And your "Giving and Believing" make it possible for them to grow and prosper. Thank you for helping our girls become the very best persons they can be as you help them prepare to be our leaders of tomorrows. Sister Linda and Brother Paul, Supreme Rainbow and Texas Assembly will be with you by your side with your believers, guardians and all members during this Grand Chapter year. We know that your support is sincere and enthusiastic, but what can we say but a simple Thank you. This is the day of new beginnings, time to remember, time to believe what love is bringing, seeking new paths and sure to find. Tonight is the beginning of something great and each of us in Rainbow thank you for your friendship and your reflection of love, kindness and genuine commitment. There is a ripple effect in all that we do, what you do touches me and what I do touches you. May we all touch each other with the watch words of this new 2019-2020 Grand Chapter year, courtesy, consideration and respect. Thank you so much. (Applause)

PGM Joyce Nicklas: And now to bring Greetings and introduce the Grand Worthy Advisor, and other Rainbow girls present tonight is Mrs. JoAnn Weaver, Supreme Deputy in Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Sister JoAnn.

Mrs. JoAnn Weaver: Good evening and with protocol having been established, we shall move right on. I am honored to bring Greetings on behalf of the Rainbow Girls in Texas and Worthy Grand Matron, your invitation and the privilege to participate in your beautiful Installation is greatly appreciated. It is our honor to be part of your special celebration. The Rainbow Girls in Texas are making a difference in my life as well as in yours. Those of you that are Majority Rainbow Girls and now active in Eastern Star understand the Rainbow teachings of charity, service and sisterhood. Your dedication to support the Texas Grand Assembly with your fraternal teachings of love and kindness is a special blessing to all of us. Texas Rainbow is also blessed by having many of you Chapters as sponsoring Orders for our many Rainbow Assemblies across Texas. Also, as we encourage our Rainbow Girls to join Eastern Star when they become of age, we have the pleasure and excitement to help grow your membership. We look forward to moving into the future hand in hand to strengthen both of our Fraternal Orders. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, the Rainbow Girls of Texas promise to support you and hope to be of service to you during your term of office. And we would love to invite you both as well as your Officers and membership to our 2020

Grand Assembly Session in Waco. I now have the honor to invite the Rainbow Girls of Texas to enter this Grand Chapter room. Sister Drill Leader, you will conduct the Grand Worthy Advisor, Ms. Lauren Zelenske to the Altar. Sister Assisting Drill Leader, you will please conduct the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the Altar.

(Rainbow Girls enter with Rainbow Drill)
(Bible Presentation by Grand Worthy Advisor, Lauren Zelenske)

At this time, I would like for all Majority Rainbow members and Adult Volunteers of this wonderful Organization to please stand as well as others as we sing our song.

(Singing the Rainbow Song)

*Assisting Drill Leader, you will conduct the Worthy Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Matron back to the East. Sister Drill Leader you will conduct our Grand Worthy Advisor to her place. (Applause) Thank you Rainbow Girls for traveling many miles 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 unbelievable young ladies. And remember that you each have a very special place in my heart. Thank you and you may retire. (Applause)

WGM Linda Winn-Christenson: Ms. Weaver, thank you for those beautiful words and I know its Sister Lauren actually, because she is a member of Eastern Star as well and to all of you beautiful young ladies thank you. Your participation this evening really touched my heart and made the evening more special. And I hope that you except this small donation to your Pot of Gold Foundation as a token of appreciation from Brother Paul and I for you being here this evening. Thank you. (Applause)

PGM Joyce Nicklas: I invite Sister Mary Ruth White to please come to the podium. She has a presentation.

PGM Mary Ruth White: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, please join me up here. I want the membership to know what a wonderful couple we have. You know, you two have become Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron because you believe in our Order. You believe in what we are doing. And most of all you believe in yourself and that's why you have accomplished as much as you have. This is a love gift from your Installing Grand Officers and those who have participated in various presentations this evening and we just want to tell you that we support you fully and whole heartedly because we know that you believe in our Organization and will do your utmost to make it even bigger and better this year. As we should be doing each and every year, accomplish just a little bit more. And Paul. We, all of those that have participated in this love gift wish to thank you for allowing us to have a part in your Installation tonight because it's very dear that we had this privilege. And thank you each very, very much. (Applause)

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I believe you have a small presentation for the leaders of...you already did that. Nevermind. (Laughter) At least I'm so glad I'm on cue. Well, the Installation of Officers is complete, and we have a new Worthy Grand Matron and a new Past Grand Matron. I believe a change of jewels is in order. The Worthy Grand Matron's traveling jewel is being presented by Mrs. Carolyn Martin.

PGM Carolyn Martin: Worthy Grand Matron, it is indeed my pleasure to present to you the traveling jewel. One of them, and we have two and they are beautiful. This is the version that was made when we thought we couldn't find the original. This one we wore and had made. This is the original and matches the Worthy Grand Patron's pin. And so, we've had it cleaned and shined and it is ready for your use and enjoy it so much. It has been a pleasure for me to wear it. I wore this one most because I was afraid I might lose that one. And I would have to go to Oklahoma or somewhere if we lose that pin. Wear it with pleasure.

WGM Linda Winn-Christenson: Thank you. Thank you, Past Grand Matron, I will wear it with pride. (Applause) Thank you very much. It was an honor to serve with you.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Presenting the Worthy Grand Patron's traveling jewel will be Mr. Burley Jones, Junior Past Grand Patron.

PGP Burley Jones: Brother Paul, Worthy Grand Patron. It has been my privilege and honor to wear this jewel my year. This is the original jewel that all Past Patrons have worn. Guard it with your life (Laughter) and pray tell that nothing happens to it. I know you will wear it with pride. Congratulations Brother. (Applause)

WGP Paul Garner: Thank you.

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Would Mrs. Sherrie Fowler, Joy James and other Apple Blossom Friends please come to the podium and make the presentation of the Past Grand Matron's jewel.

Sister Sherrie Fowler: To our very special Past Grand Matron, Sister Carolyn Martin, as one of the Officers of Apple Blossom Friends, many of who are here this evening. I am very honored to be here this evening to present her with a very special gift that I know she is going to love. Next we are going to hear from the DD's also.

DD #1: Past Grand Matron, what an honor it is to be here tonight. I know that this ring that you are receiving tonight has a lot of significance for the year that you served, but it also has some diamonds in it that was given to you in a bracelet when your son was born. But it also has a diamond in the center that will remind you of all of your DD's every time you look at it.

DD #2 Past Grand Matron, this is a ring that you have earned. You have worked hard. You wear it with pride. We were proud to serve as your DD's, your friends and Installed Grand Officers. We love you and thank you for the year you gave to us and to our Order. (Applause)

PGM Carolyn Martin: Thank you so very much. It means a lot to me. The stones have memories and I thank you very much. Thank you.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Mrs. Doris Jones, I believe you have a presentation to make for our Junior Past Grand Patron.

Mrs. Doris Jones: Well, Junior Past Grand Patron. You only have one presenter because you only have one wife. (Laughter) So, you got me, that's it. (That's all I need) In this pin there's some special memories. One of our friends, and several of you know her, Jewel Walker, she passed several years ago, but she was like a mother to both of us. We went on many trips and she was always there if you needed an answer. And some other gold that is in this pin was from Claude White. He was kind of like a father to us in his later years and I know some of you know him. But, Past Grand Patron, it is with pleasure and I have the privilege of presenting this pin to you. And I'm so proud of you and what you have accomplished. (Applause)

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Every Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron puts their own special touch on their Grand Chapter year, and tonight the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons will reveal some of those special touches. Presenting the dedication of the Worthy grand Matron's year will be Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this honor. This is the message of the Worthy Grand Matron to the membership of Texas.

As this year of "Giving and Believing" begins, I am humbled by the honor of serving with Brother Paul M. Garner, Worthy Grand Patron, as leaders of the Grand Chapter of Texas. My desire is to never forget the members granted us this honor and it is the members we have taken an obligation to serve. I believe that God places each of us in a specific place in His time, for a reason we may not understand. He will reveal His plan to us if we open not only our minds but dedicate our hearts to Him. It is my hope that we, as members of this beautiful Order, rededicate ourselves to building our Chapters and serving our communities. May our focus be to offer compassion and aid to those in need, encourage our new members and reach out to our Sisters and Brothers who are no longer active. Let us once again extend the hand of friendship to every member as a reminder they are a valued part of our Chapters and have not been overlooked or forgotten. We must respect our heritage yet open our minds to the future. Let us be willing to consider the ideas of a new member and perhaps let go or incorporate a previous one. Because "We've

always done it that way” does not mean it is the only way. The way we have always done things may need to be adjusted for today’s changing world. Let us not set aside our moral compass or the charitable purpose of our Order, but realize our future is not locked in the past. I believe if we each Give of ourselves and Believe in our Order, Eastern Star will continue to not only exist but be a beacon of light and hope for all. I humbly pray that God gives me the strength and wisdom to serve with a loving heart for the membership and an open mind to a bright future for the Order.

This is our Worthy Grand Matron’s Dedication:

I dedicate this year to the 137 Sisters who have served in this office previously. They believed in our Order and its purpose of charitable beneficence. They taught us to follow the golden rule, work as a team, to be kind, to inspire and to love one another. It is my desire to honor my obligation, the office and the standard set by those who preceded me. I commit my year to serving the membership with love, courtesy, consideration and respect. To my husband, Victor Christenson, you have not only encouraged and supported me every step of our life’s journey, you have believed in me even when I failed to believe in myself. To our daughters Karen, Sharon, Vickie, Rondalin and Brenna. I love each of you very much. I am fortunate to have you, our sons-in-law Steve, Dink, Troy and Garth along with eleven grandchildren and too many great grandchildren to count. Thank you for your love, support and understanding. I promise we will spend more time together after August 2020. To the members of Waelder, Gonzales and Lorena Chapters, you welcomed me with unconditional friendship and have nurtured, guided and sometimes pushed me every step of my journey. Thank you for being more than friends yet not quite family, you are my “Framily”. To Paul and Regina Garner, thank you for agreeing to take this journey with Victor and me. I knew I wanted someone who would walk this road with me who was intelligent, had a good sense of humor and especially a deep faith in God. You fill all of those qualifications. To the other Elected Grand Officers, I am honored to serve this Grand Chapter and the membership with you. Each of you are a dedicated member who also loves this great Order. To the Appointed Grand Officers, thank you for saying yes. All of you hold a very special place in my heart, I look forward to serving this Grand Chapter and the membership with you. To the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas, you have entrusted me with a great honor which has humbled my heart and blessed my life. To you, I will be forever grateful. (Applause)

PGM Joyce Nicklas: The Worthy Grand Matron has given her Worthy Matrons the title of “Believers”. Bringing the message to her “Believers” will be Mrs. Jerre Lucas, Credentials Chairman, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas.

PGM Jerre Lucas: I chose the name "Believers" for the Worthy Matrons who will be serving with me. I have been taught that to accomplish any goal we set for ourselves, we must first believe in our ability to do so. Your year of service to your subordinate Chapter has begun. I hope you have planned your year with goals of making your Chapter one the members and visitors will enjoy attending. Strive to have the Officers present the Ritualistic work beautifully, think of ways to incorporate innovative and fun plans to make your meetings and fundraisers ones all want to attend. Resolve to follow your charge by cultivating social virtues and avoiding conflict and misunderstandings among the members. Foster an air of Fraternal love and fellowship in your Chapters so we may renew and invigorate interest in our Order. To fulfill our Obligations, we must believe the lessons and obey the teachings of our Order, while committing ourselves to our purpose of benevolence. If we do all of these, we can look to a brighter future for our Order. In the words of Helen Keller, "One can do little, together we can do so much." I am excited to work with each of you so we too can accomplish much. Hugs and prayers, Linda (Applause)

PGP Ray Hertenberger: The dedication of the Worthy Grand Patron's year and message to the "Guardians" will be presented by Mr. Trey Smith, General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly, Texas Arena Chairman and a Past Grand Patron of Texas.

PGP Trey Smith: The Dedication of the Worthy Grand Patron's year and message to the Guardians.

Many have come before, and many will come after, for those that traveled this road before, I give thanks for your sacrifice, hard work and selfless years of service to our Order. For those that will come next and after, I pledge myself to a year of service that will continue the legacy of servant leadership, dedication and devotion to this beloved Order. To my wife Regina – it's been you and me against the world for over 40 years and look how far we've come. Forever with you is just not enough, but it is a good start. To Martin and Lisa and Ashely and David, you are never far in our hearts and we'll have a big party after Grand Chapter. To my secretary, Melanie Rayner, we're halfway through our 2-year journey and the fun is just beginning. Thanks for all you do. To my Pages, Ray Williams, Jesse Ramos, Rick Delaney and Alan Duncan. I am looking forward to a great year of serving together. Thanks for stepping up. To the members of my parent Chapter, Spring #1105, my Plural Chapter Andral Van #741, "The Guardian Friends Club" and the members of District 4, Section 7, I have grown and learned and struggled and fallen and succeeded, all within the supportive fellowship of these loving members. To our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda Winn-Christenson, thank you for the opportunity and the faith you've placed in me. I am so very honored, so excited and with all my strength, I am poised and ready for this journey of service with you for our beautiful Order. Most importantly, I dedicate this year to

the Eastern Star membership of the great State of Texas. I look forward to serving you this year and I ask for your strength and support as we work together for the good of the Order.

To the "Guardians". My symbol is the Guardian Angel holding the Cross of our Savior and you will be known as "Guardians". Together with your Worthy Matrons, we will be "Believers" and "Guardians". Believing in our benevolent Order in all that we do and proclaim and standing steadfast as a "Guardian" for all our God-led beneficent purposes. You will work with the "Believers" in striving for growth and excellence in the Chapters, assist in planning charitable projects, encourage members to be proficient in their work and supervise the general affairs of their Chapter. You will also be asked to serve as Assisting Grand Warders and Sentinels at Grand Chapter in Waco. Within your Chapter, I ask that you be strong and knowledgeable in your work and that you encourage and guide others to do the same. I pray that you will guard your actions and focus on the true meaning and purpose of our Order. That you will be a beacon and role model for all and that your light will shine with the highest regards for all Worthy Brethren. Gentlemen, I am honored to be working with each and every one of you this year and I look forward to a grand time together. Paul M. Garner, Worthy Grand Patron. (Applause)

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Presenting the Worthy Grand Matron's Colors, Flowers, Emblems and Watchwords is Mrs. Bess Caldwell, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

PGM Bess Caldwell: Thank you. The Lady Bug is the Worthy Grand Matron's personal emblem, a name given to her as a child by her maternal grandmother. She explained, "Ladybugs" are guardian angels of the garden, as they cared for her beautiful garden. Our Worthy Grand Matron believes we should all be guardian angels here on earth by caring for God's garden of life.

The Cross

Linda selected the cross for the "Believers", as it is a universal symbol of belief to Christians. Our Worthy Grand Matron wishes to express a special thank you to Jim and Cynthia Leftwich for the beautiful OES Cross traveling plaques. The Worthy Grand Matron has stated, you made her vision a reality.

Colors: Gray, Black and Silver

To Linda these colors symbolize life. We are all faced many times with gray skies and black clouds of distress. She believes if we have faith and trust in God, we will find life is like a mirror, the dark side is overshadowed by the shining silver side reflecting the light of God's love.

Flowers, White Orchids and White Roses

White was chosen as the color for each flower as white flowers are usually the most fragrant and because our Worthy Grand Matron love the purity and understated elegance of white flowers. Orchids, because like people, God

made them in many varieties which grow and bloom in all over the world. Roses in honor of Linda's paternal grandmother, Rose Edna Ward Winn, for whom she was named and who in Texas does not love a rose?

Watch Words

Courtesy is that action which separates and elevates humans from other animals.

Consideration of others cost little and returns much.

Respect, something we cannot command, we must earn respect by showing respect for others and ourselves. Thank you. (Applause)

PGM Joyce Nicklas: The presentation of the Worthy Grand Matron's scriptures will be given by Mrs. Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

PGM Nancy Brown: Thank you. I would like to thank our Worthy Grand Matron for the privilege of presenting her scriptures for the year. She has four.

Exodus 15:2

"The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him."

Isaiah 41:10

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

Mark 11:24

"Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours." (Applause)

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Presenting the Worthy Grand Patron's scriptures is Mr. Tom Murphy, Scottish Rite Charities Committee, Chairman, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas.

PGP Tom Murphy: Thank you Worthy Grand Patron for this honor. Paul's scriptures, he has three of them, have a theme of angels or guardians and how important they are in God's work in his kingdom, both on earth and in the coming days. He also believes how God deserves our praise, honor and glory for his loving grace and salvation. His first scripture is:

Psalms 91:11

"For He will give His angels charge of you to guard you in all your ways."

Revelations 5:11-13

11 "Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands and ten thousand times ten thousand..."

12 In a loud voice they were saying: 'Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive, honor, glory and praise!'

13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea saying, 'To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever!'"

Psalm 28:7

"The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart trusts in Him and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy and with my song I praise Him." (Applause)

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Plato wrote "Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything." Leonard Bernstein said, "Music can name the unnamable and communicate the unknowable." Here to tell us what the Worthy Grand Matron's Music will communicate is Sister Melissa Hudman, Unfinished Business Committee, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

PGM Melissa Hudman: It is an honor Worthy Grand Matron to be able to present your music. Music is something our Worthy Grand Matron very much loves and appreciates. Her love of music began as a child when her mother took her to events that developed this love. But what is music? Music is unique, special, and very personal to each one of us. Some say music speaks when words fail, others say music is emotions out loud, music recalls special memories, can change and alter our moods, and even inspire us to achieve greatness. No matter what each reason is very personal. Our Worthy Grand Matron's music this year was arranged and composed by our Grand Organist which is a compilation of our Worthy Grand Matron's favorites. Greigg's "Piano Concerto in A Minor" for the classical, Bill Joel for jazz and soul, Frank Sinatra "My Way" (her theme song) for inspiration and our Grand Organist for original jazz, who brought them all together. Her dream for this year is that music will inspire the Order of the Eastern Star members to greatness. Now, I would like to ask our Grand Organist, my very best friend, Mrs. Beverly Plante to please play our Worthy Grand Matron's music.

(Worthy Grand Matron's March played by Beverly Plante)

(Applause)

PGP Ray Hertenberger: The dedication of the Worthy Grand Patron's music will be given by Brother Tom Murphy, Scottish Rite Charities Chairman, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas.

PGP Tom Murphy: Thank you Brother Ray. As you can tell, I'm not Joyce Gilbert. But if you would, Joyce Gilbert took ill and if you would keep her in your prayers and thoughts. The dedication of the Worthy Grand Patron's

March "The Guardian March" was again arranged by our Grand Organist, Beverly Plante.

Music has always had a special place in my life. Whether it was in Church or living my teen years in the late sixties and early seventies, I turned to music so often for comfort, relaxation and inspiration. As I struggled with what I wanted in my music, I finally decided on 4 songs that have special ties to the most important people in my life.

Star Wars, the first movie that I took my wife to (girlfriend at the time) was *Star Wars* at the Highland Park theatre in Memphis on opening weekend. It was a risky choice but thankfully she loved it and actually stood in line for 5 hours to get us tickets for opening day for *Empire Strikes Back* 3 years later.

Be Thou My Vision, this hymn is my favorite and reminds me of my Scots-Irish (Presbyterian) background and my McNeely family heritage. It is played at all celebrations of life for our family.

Somewhere Over the Rainbow, my favorite movie of all time is *The Wizard of Oz* and my daughter Ashely and I share a special bond over this movie. There is a great story here so be sure and ask Ashely about it.

Rainbow Connection, our son, Martin, is a huge Sesame Street fan and particularly, Kermit. Therefore, this song has a very special meaning for me and always reminds me of him.

Regina, Ashely and Martin, thank you for your love and support. You are the notes, harmony and music of my life.

I want to thank Sister Beverly Plante, Grand Organist for composing my music and figuring our "my style". The Worthy Grand Patron's music, "The Guardian March" will be performed by Mrs. Beverly Plante, Grand Organist.

(The Guardian March)
By Mrs. Beverly Plante
(Applause)

PGP Ray Hertenberger: The presentation of the Worthy grand Matron's Humanitarian Program will be presented by Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, General Grand Chapter Triennial Committee, Finance, Texas Co-Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

PGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Brother Ray. In our Ritual, Landmark #4 states, our lessons are scriptural, our teachings moral and our purpose is beneficent. Just as my savior Jesus was crucified on the Cross, giving his life willingly to save others, we will give from our hearts to help others. "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." A quote often attributed to Sir Winston Churchill. I have been taught and I believe, the Order of

the Eastern Star is a beautiful fraternity of similar minded individuals who work to serve our God by loving and working for the good of our fellow man. I believe that mission is reflected in a line from the Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi "For it is in giving that we receive." A prayer I hope each of us will reflect upon this year and follow in our thoughts and deeds.

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
And where there is sadness, joy
O divine Master grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love
For it is in giving that we receive
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it's in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

Sisters and Brothers, the 2019-2020 Grand Chapter year will be dedicated to believing in the power of renewing ourselves and our Order through charitable acts of giving. Those acts should be to support our charities, our Order and our many Sisters and Brothers. While financial aid is necessary to accomplish many things, a gift of one's time or self can have just as important an impact on society. I, as a Christian, believe my salvation came from Jesus Christ by his act of giving his life on the Cross. In honor of his gift we will us the word CROSS as an acronym.

C-Caring for others, Benevolent Aid, providing aid to our Sisters and Brothers in need.

R-Religious education and training, ESTARL, providing scholarships for those pursuing a degree in religious studies.

O-Order of the Eastern Star, General Fund, assisting with the cost of operating Texas Grand Chapter

S-Sweet Sisters, TMRC Ladies Fund, we have made a promise to care for our precious ladies, this fund helps us fulfill our obligation to them.

S-Scholarships, Educational Scholarships. This year we were privileged to award over 40 scholarships to deserving youth in Texas, this fund assists in providing funds for those well-deserved scholarships.

Each Chapter is encouraged to be 100% by donating \$1.00 per member as listed on the 2019 Annual Report. Additional contributions may be given by any Chapter or member as Memorials, Honorariums, etc. and may be made throughout the year and added to the Chapter's percentage. (Applause)

PGP Ray Hertenberger: At this time, I have the honor and distinct privilege to introduce a man who is a true southern gentleman. A man dedicated to working for his family, church, our Order, the Masonic Fraternity and the community, our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Paul Garner. Brother Paul, would you please bring us Greetings?

WGP Paul Garner: Sisters and Brothers, I'm here to tell you, I don't know if it's the weight of the position or these hot lights but it's pretty hot up here. (Laughter) Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, what a beautiful evening we've had here tonight. I am overwhelmed by the love and kindness and support that everyone has shown for Sister Linda and me. This evening will certainly live in my heart as a cherished memory for the rest of my living days. What a high honor it is to serve this membership in such an important capacity. To be Worthy Grand Patron of the glorious State of Texas is beyond compare.

I want to thank each and every one who participated in the Installation ceremony tonight. The presentation of the Star Point Emblems, the Flag Presentation, the Music and all the special Greetings. I especially want to thank the Installing team, General Grand Chapter Committee member and Past Grand Matron, Sister Mary Ruth White and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry Martin. Your team did a fantastic job and you made this a special night that I will never forget. Thank you, Sister Betty, Sister Alma Lynn, Brother Trey and Sister Sandra for that beautiful music. Sister Joyce, Brother Trey and Brother Tom, thank you all for reading my dedications and scriptures. It was so special for me and I realized that Sister Joyce wasn't able to be with us but I want to thank her anyway for her willingness to participate.

Right Worshipful Brother Paul Underwood, Deputy Grand Master, Sir, thank you for those special Greetings from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas. During this Grand Chapter year, if tradition holds, I will have the honor of also serving as Worshipful Master of my Lodge and it is an honor to have you here tonight.

To all the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members, thank you for serving with us this year and I look forward to working together for the good of this great Order. I want to thank my Pages who will be working and supporting me this coming year. You've already been recognized but, Brothers, Ray Williams, Past Patron of Spring #1105, Jesse Ramos, Past Patron of Floresville #271, Rick Delaney, Past Patron of Cypress #1102 and Alan Duncan, Past Patron of LaPorte #683. Thank you, Brothers.

I especially want to recognize and thank my Secretary, Sister Melanie Rayner, current Worthy Matron of Cedar Bayou #11, if that's not enough. It's been a wild ride so far and it gets even more so starting tonight. You seem to have it all together and somehow keep me on track. I couldn't do this without you there to help me keep my head on straight and pointed in the right direction.

Will the members of my Parent Chapter, Spring #1105 please stand? Thank you for being here tonight and for supporting me. I look forward to our homecoming and I apologize in advance if I miss a few meetings this year. Will the members of my Plural Chapter, Andral Vann #741 please stand? Thank you very much and I look forward to our visit coming this year. I also want to thank our Co-workers from other Grand Jurisdictions, that have graced us this week, but I also want to take just a moment and go off script and thank a very dear friend of mine. Will Brother Larry McVey and his wife, Lynette please stand? I know they are over here somewhere. Brother Larry, I have to tell you a quick story, Brother Larry is the current Worthy Grand Patron of the great state of Mississippi, my home state, Regina's home state. We met Larry a couple of years ago. He is from Texas and was recently installed and I had the pleasure of being at his Installation and I'm honored that you and Lynette are here with us tonight. Thank you, Brother Larry and Sister Lynette. Thank you so much. Will the members of District 4, Section 7 and Section 5 please stand? These are my two Sections. And now will all the Members of District 4 please stand? Thank you all for coming tonight. Thank you very much.

Now we come to the hard part. As I look out tonight, I have a certain few, who are dear to me and have a personal and special place in my life. First, I want to introduce my children and their spouses. Martin will you and Lisa please stand. Sisters and Brothers, as many of you know this is my namesake, Paul Martin Garner, II. He is a Master Mason and a member of Spring Chapter, OES. His beautiful wife Lisa stands together with him and I cherish the fact that you both were able to be here tonight. Martin is a Board-certified Chaplain for the Hospice Unit at Mary Washington Hospital outside Washington, D.C. and Lisa is a Board-certified Behavioral Specialist for Children with Autism. I am so proud of you. I love you both and you are superheroes in my book. And as many of you know, "Angels Among Us" Committee is my personal charity this year and all the proceeds will go to Children with Autism.

Ashely will you and David please stand? Sisters and Brothers, this is Ashely Garner Esparza and her husband David. Technically newlyweds. We waited a long time for this one and we are so happy that you found Mr. Right. Marriage suits you very well. Please take good care of Buddie while we are traveling. I wouldn't want your Mom to have a nervous breakdown while we're on the road. Buddie is our dog, travels with us everywhere but unfortunately can't travel this year. Tomorrow when Ashely gets on the plane, Buddie will be with her. So, pray for Regina please. We love you and we'll be stopping by when we're in the El Paso area during the school schedule. So, we'll see you soon.

Finally, we come to Grand Esther, Regina. This is another adventure for us and one that we will not forget. We've been doing this a long time, you and me, just you and me and one that we will not forget. 40 years now and still going. You are my strength and I love you so much. It's always been you and

me against the world and I wouldn't want it any other way and I wouldn't want anyone else by my side. It is so special to see you sitting there, my wife and my queen. Regina means Queen by the way in Latin. As I always say forever with you is just not enough, but it is a good start. (Applause)

Sister Linda, as I've said before, words cannot describe how honored and excited I am that you would ask me to be your partner along this path of service to our beloved Order. We had a great year in the Grand West and now it's our time to serve this membership together in the Grand East. What an honor it is for me to serve with you and I truly thank you for your faith and your confidence in me. I love you and look forward to our time of service together. Thank you. (Applause)

Sisters and Brothers, I know this position ultimately comes the title of Worthy Grand Patron, but the responsibility of the role is that of service to the Order and to this membership. I look forward to working and serving with each and every one of you and all the Eastern Star members across this great state this coming year. I believe in this Grand Chapter and this membership. I believe that our purpose is right and mighty and is ever guided by the hand of God, the Supreme Architect of the Universe. Therefore, we must guard our beloved Order and show the world that we are full of kindness and love for our fellowman. We must be clear in our purpose and visible to others who are seeking an organization of Sisters and Brothers engaged in the service of truth and love. Now, more than ever, it the time for our beloved Order to bond together in fraternal love so the world may see His purposes reflected in our rituals, in our work and in our lives. Together, as "Believers" and "Guardians", we will thrive, and we will remain that bright shining Order of the Eastern Star. So, I leave you with this:

Have the strength to accept what is
Have the courage to let go of what was, and
Have the faith to believe in what will be
For He will give His angels charge of you
To Guard you in all your ways. Thank you.
(Applause)

PGM Joyce Nicklas: This is a very special moment for me as I present a lady of faith and conviction who served as my Deputy Grand Matron in 2008-2009, as District Deputy Grand Matron for Sister Mary Ruth White in 2010-2011. She served as Grand Examiner and now the leader of our Order. Worthy Grand Matron Sister Linda Rose Winn-Christenson. Sister Linda, please bring us Greetings. (Applause)

WGM Linda Winn-Christenson: Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members all and you know protocol has been established about 14 times this week I know, so, I won't go any further. When I chose to join the Order of the Easter Star, I was drawn to the purpose of performing charitable work and the commitment

to the community which our Order is known for. After becoming a member, I have been blessed with the friendship and love of some of the most wonderful people in the World, my Eastern Star Family. I wrote notes to say thank you to all who made tonight possible. I then realized we have to be out of here before midnight. So, I'm just going to say that I express my gratitude to everyone here tonight. And to those who helped with the Installation I give my special thanks. I do want to first and foremost thank the Lord for without his guidance and his love and care I wouldn't be here. You know he always seems to be there to lift me up even when I fail to follow his teachings. He is there for me in sadness and joy, in sorrow and happy times but he is always there no matter what I do. I may have failed my Lord, but He has never failed me.

Past Grand Matron, Mary Ruth White, well, you have been my mentor, you've been my friend, you've been my Sister and while we may not be Sisters in blood you are going to be my Sister in my heart until the day I die. (Applause)

Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry Martin, I have always admired you, as you are in my estimation a proper gentleman. You are a great leader, you are a good man and dedicated member of the Order of the Eastern Star, sir. I am honored that you were here tonight and helped install us. It has made my evening supreme. Thank you so much, sir. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Esther, Sister Betty Benham, thank you for serving as my Installing Marshal. You know you set a standard of grace in the way you move on the floor and I've always thought "That's the way it should be done". Thank you so much for being here.

Past Grand Patron, Trey Smith, you know, thank you for being a good friend. I think I mentioned the other day that I remember a time a few years back when I was having a little meltdown, and I will never forget the kindness you showed me. And you said, "It will be alright". And it was. But you were there as only a good friend and an Eastern Star Brother, and a true good man would be. Thank you for being here tonight for us. (Applause)

And Right Worthy Grand Secretary, thank you so much for stepping in. As you know Sister Doris is actually from my home section and I hoped she would be here this evening. And when she couldn't you so graciously, as you always do, agreed to fill in and I thank you and I love you. You know you are very special. I still remember coming to Washington, D.C. and Brother Bill giving us a tour and coming back another time and you just make it special and I might say that the Harry Belmont Foundation is one of our charities also this year because if you haven't been there, you need to go. Thank you so much for being here. (Applause)

Sister Sandra Perdue, thank you for your music and for stepping when Brother Daniel Caldwell, I ask that you all keep him and his family in prayer. His father is with hospice right now, so please keep him in prayer.

Past Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Nicklas. Well, you know you always tell me you were my first mama. So, I had to have you up here and Brother Ray because he was with you. Thank you so much and I know that it's been a long evening but thank you. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Patron, how does that sound by the way? (It's still hot up here) To you and our own Queen Esther, Sister Regina, thank you for agreeing to travel this road with me and Victor. We have come many miles and have many more to go. I know of no one I would rather have on this journey with me than the two of you. Thank you for sharing this time with me. (Applause)

As the hour is growing late, I won't try to thank any more people. I just hope each of you as I said that played any part in it will know that I thank you.

And to all of the Installed Grand Officers, both Elected and Appointed, I can't think of any people I would rather serve with. And to both of the Board of Directors and Grand Examiners, I know how awesome each and every one of you are. I have served in that position as Grand Examiner, not on the Board of Directors but I can assure you, my Secretary, Carlotta Fairchild will keep me informed on that. You know I told her when she accepted this job "Just think, you won't have to drive to Grand Chapter every week...or every month now. You'll get out of that. You'll just be in the van for oh, several months instead." (Laughter) And Sister Carlotta, you are my Secretary, but you are my friend. You were the Conductress at my Initiation and we've been side by side many times together on many OES journeys. Including the car trip that we won't talk about with 7 Sisters in one car and we survived it. So, thank you again for sharing this journey with me try to keep me calm and on point which is sometimes difficult.

I do need to introduce my family because I would hate for Victor to have to buy me a new dress or jewelry. So, my husband, Victor. My Aunt Frances Williams who is also my Sister because she is a member of Jasper Chapter. And to my wonderful Sister Diana Kay. Sister I love you. Thank you for traveling here from Arkansas to be with me this special evening. And for my nephew Wayne, no, I haven't forgotten Wayne. Thank you for driving her. And two of our beautiful daughters are here tonight. We have the first daughter, Karen, who is serving as Grand Adah and we have the baby daughter Brenna, who brought the grandbabies which is really, really important. And both of their husbands are here also. So, Garth and Steve, thank you. They supported me also and I love you. Both of you have been really good husbands and you're good men. And especially to my two Granddaughters, Alexis and Ella Rose, well you know you are the joy in my life. You're the sparkle that makes it all happen. And I thank you both for being here and participating tonight. And I do promise after August of next year, I will come to Virginia more often and visit you. So, thank you very much for being here.

And I would also like to say quickly will the members of Waelder, Gonzales and Lorena Chapters all stand because the night is going on? So, thank you

all. These are my Chapters. And finally, Districts 5 and 3 please stand. These are my Districts. Yes, I cross the line at lot of times. Thank you all for being here. You know you've nurtured me and guided me and pushed me as I said earlier and...I took a quote that I would like to give all of you. Thank you all. Please help me thank them for being here. (Applause)

And I want to leave you with a quote tonight from author Richelle Goodrich: "You may be the only person left who believes in you, but it's enough. It takes just one star to pierce a universe of darkness. Never give up."

My promise is to believe each and every one of you and in this great Order and in my God. Thank you very much and I hope we will have a year of "Giving and Believing" together. Thank you. (Applause) I failed, and I apologize but one thing I want to mention tonight and with much appreciation. This is the gavel that I will be using tonight, originally belonged to Sister Edna Goettee. And she used it as she presided as Worthy Matron. She has very generously now given this to Mary Ruth White who allowed me to use it tonight. So, thank you for this great honor. I appreciate it greatly. Thank you. (Applause)

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Our Installation will be closed with a Benediction which will be given by Mr. Jerry Trees, a Past Grand Patron of Texas.

PGP Jerry Trees: Will you please stand and bow your head. Our heavenly Father, in this hour of beginning a new year we give thanks for the blessings you have bestowed on each of us and upon our Grand Chapter. We pray that you bless those who will lead us throughout the year. Give them the strength to meet the challenge of each new day and vision to build for the future. Bless our Order with strong ties of Brotherhood and make us instruments of your peace. All this we ask in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen (Amen)

WGM Linda Winn-Christenson: I would like to thank each and every one of you for attending our Installation of Officers this evening. Your presence made this evening complete. So, we must close our Grand Chapter Session so I must ask all who are not members of the Order of the Eastern Star will please retire at this time. To my family, I love you, but you have to leave now. (Laughter) But not you Victor, you're still stuck here.

(Non-members leave)

WGM Linda Winn-Christenson: Brother Grand Warder and Brother Grand Sentinel, you will inform the Sentinel that we are about to close this 137th Session of Grand Chapter.

Gr. Warder: There will be no interruptions Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Linda Winn-Christenson: Sister Associate Grand Matron, you will ascertain if all present are members of the Order.

(Proving the Chapter)

WGM Linda Winn-Christenson: It is well. * Sister Grand Conductress, you will open our Holy Bible. ***

**(Opening Holy Bible)
Grand Conductress**

WGM Linda Winn-Christenson: * We will now have presentations, I recognize I believe Brother Bob Royall, the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Brother Bob Royall: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I think protocol has been worn out tonight or this week. (Laughter) But with that, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, it's our pleasure as Board Members to make a small presentation and I would like to ask the other two Officers that were elected to come up and join me and all the other Board of Directors, please stand. I would like to introduce your Officers for this year Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron. We have Sister Barbara Martin who is Vice-Chairman from District 3 and Sister Phyllis Wilson who will be our Secretary from District 5. We look forward to working with you. The whole Board is here behind you and that Worthy Grand Patron and I have something that you probably are waiting on. I have a love gift and I must explain. This love gift looks like somebody has been in it. And they have because it was me. I showed up this morning sleepy and it was in front of me, which our great Secretary put it there and I went "Oh, somebody left me a card. How nice." So, I opened it. (Laughter) So, it's a little torn but a love gift for each of you and Worthy Grand Patron, I didn't open yours. And then the most important thing, your ride for the next year. There's a beautiful van parked out front, it's been detailed, the oil has been changed, it's full of gas and Carlotta was ready to start driving it, I hear. So, we have two keys and if there's anything this Board can do to make sure that van stays safe while y'all are on the road, you know how to get ahold of us. Pick up the phone and call. Thank you very much. (Applause)

WGM Linda Winn-Christenson: Thank you very much. I appreciate that greatly. We are blessed in Texas to have an Order that provides the Worthy Grand Matron with transportation for the Schools and things. So, we thank the Board very much for that. I do have a couple of quick announcements. Don't forget the breakfast in the morning for our newly Elected Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Susan. We look forward to being here and seeing you and finding out all about what your girls are going to be and everything. So, thank you very much. Also, after that we will have a meeting with the

Deputies, and I invite all of the Past Grand Matrons and the Installed Grand Officers and any General Grand Chapter family also to attend the meeting. I'm not sure exactly where but somewhere near where the breakfast is over at the Rose Garden. I would also like to meet with all of the what I call the new Candidates in the morning before the breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the dining room. I don't know where, look for me and I'll be the lady in the silver and black jacket. So, find me there please. Now, Brother Grand Marshal. Will you retire the flag of our country? *** Sister Grand Conductress you will close our Holy Bible.

(Closing of the Bible)

Sister and Brothers, according to our Code of Laws, it is legal to close our Chapter with a blow of the gavel and because of the lateness of the evening, that is what I have selected to do. * I declare this 137th Session of Grand Chapter closed. * My way! (Applause) Oh, and Grand Officers there will not be a retiring Drill, I'm not a big Drill person but Grand Officers, you must see the Grand Secretary and turn in your badge. It's not yours to take home.

(137th Session of Grand Chapter Closed)

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APPENDIX

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>WORTHY GRAND MATRON</u>	<u>WORTHY GRAND PATRON</u>	<u>GRAND SECRETARY</u>	<u>GRAND TREASURER</u>
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 Moore	†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. Atchison	†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. Hellver	†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 W. 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	†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

LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

YEAR	WORTHY GRAND MATRON	WORTHY GRAND PATRON	GRAND SECRETARY	GRAND TREASURER
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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YEAR	WORTHY GRAND MATRON	WORTHY GRAND PATRON	GRAND SECRETARY	GRAND TREASURER
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 Beest 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	†George 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 Herrin	†J. Victor Jones	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1971	†Mrs. Ailene 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 McMahan	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. Marfin	Burley Jones	Mrs. Ellen Pickrell	Mrs. Greta B. Spradling
2019	Mrs. Linda R. Winn-Christenson	Paul M. Garner	Mrs. Ellen Pickrell	Mrs. Greta B. Spradling

† Deceased

* Demitted

INDEPENDENT
AUDITOR'S REPORT



Ratcliff & Associates, P.C.

Certified Public Accountants

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors Grand Chapter of Texas,
Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home of Texas:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home, Texas non-profit organizations, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of August 31, 2019, and the related consolidated statements of activities, cash flows, and functional expenses for the year 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 audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit 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.

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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, 2019, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Change to Beginning Net Asset Classifications

As discussed in Note 12, Net Assets disclosure to the financial statements, the Grand Chapter determined that net assets of \$8,073,036 previously reported as permanently restricted with donor restrictions were actually unrestricted designated net assets without donor restrictions. Net assets without donor restrictions of \$6,118,905 previously reported as general unrestricted were determined to be designated net assets without donor restrictions. The Board of Directors and the membership both approved the change in net assets in fiscal 2019. The overall net effect of these reclassifications on total net assets is zero. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Ratzliff & Associates, P.C.

January 27, 2020

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
August 31, 2019

Assets

Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$257,452
Interest receivable	83,772
Prepaid expenses and other	<u>123,589</u>

Total current assets 464,813

Noncurrent assets

Investments	538,225
Net property and equipment	404
Investments held in trust	4,143,467
Endowment investments	<u>16,699,517</u>

Total noncurrent assets 21,381,613

Total Assets \$21,846,426

Liabilities & net assets

Liabilities

Current liabilities

Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	\$78,972
Deferred revenue	<u>173,077</u>

Total current liabilities 252,049

Noncurrent liabilities

Funds held for others 4,143,467

Total liabilities 4,395,516

Net assets

Without donor restrictions	16,142,596
With donor restrictions	<u>1,308,314</u>

Total net assets 17,450,910

Total Liabilities & Net Assets \$21,846,426

Consolidated Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended August 31, 2019

Changes in net assets without donor restrictions

Revenues

Revenues without donor restrictions	
Donations and other income	\$325,260
Dues	264,506
Grand Session revenue	121,763
Bulletin and supply sales	70,428
Investment returns, net	<u>904,536</u>
Total revenues without donor restrictions	<u>1,686,493</u>

Expenses

Programs	
Care of elderly members	331,995
Educational scholarships	56,390
Benevolence	155,357
Fraternal activities	<u>241,629</u>
Total program expenses	<u>785,371</u>

Support services

Fundraising	60,553
General and administrative	<u>317,174</u>
Total support services expenses	<u>377,727</u>

Total expenses	<u>1,163,098</u>
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Change in total net assets	523,395
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Net assets at beginning of year	<u>16,927,515</u>
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Net assets at end of year	<u>\$17,450,910</u>
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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended August 31, 2019

Cash flows from operating activities

Cash received from donors, dues, and other	\$780,060
Cash paid for programs and support services	<u>(1,159,544)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>(379,484)</u>

Cash flows from investing activities

Proceeds on sale of investments	<u>441,189</u>
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>441,189</u>

Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	61,705
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Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>195,747</u>
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$257,452</u>
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Reconciliation of change in total net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities

Change in total net assets	\$523,395
Adjustments	
Depreciation	6,411
Investment returns, net	(891,772)
Change in interest receivable	(12,663)
Change in prepaid expenses	1,588
Change in accounts payable and other	
Accrued liabilities	(4,445)
Change in deferred revenue	<u>(1,998)</u>
Total adjustments	<u>(902,879)</u>

Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$(379,484)</u>
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The Grand Chapter of Texas

Order of the Eastern Star

One Hundred Thirty-Seventh Harvest Session

“A Year Of Celebrations”

*The festivities begin on Thursday, August 13, 2019
At the Rose Garden & Harvey Convention Center
in beautiful Tyler, Texas.*





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**Working
Hard
And**



**Having
FUN**





New
Grand
Representatives



Celebrating





It Begins!

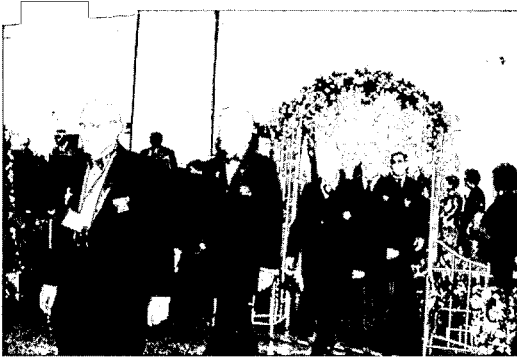
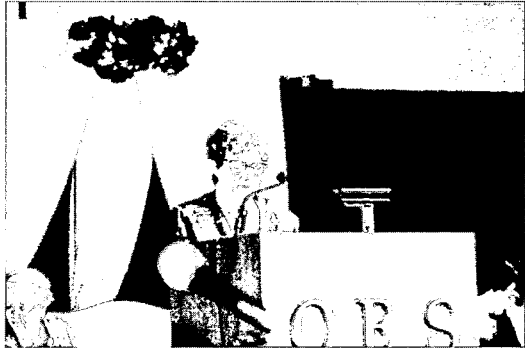
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Texas's

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Precision

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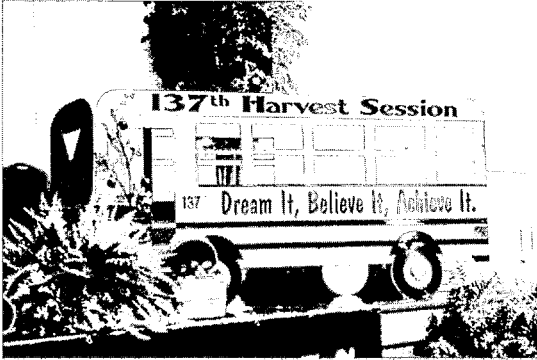


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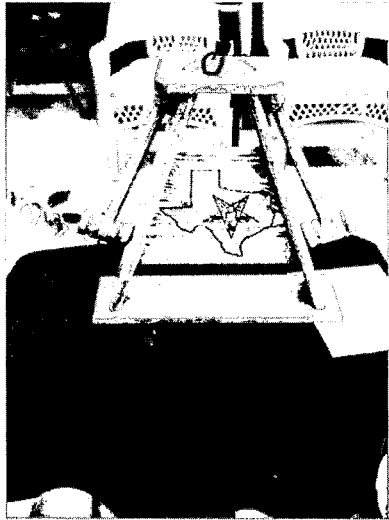


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We
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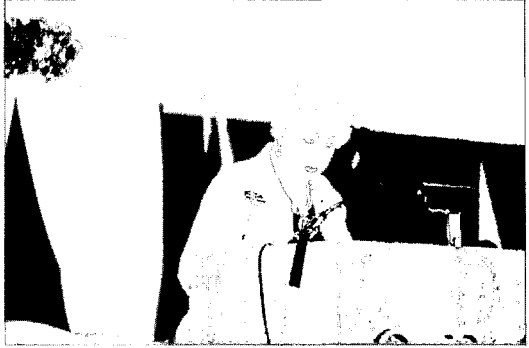




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Usual



Musical

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Our
Honored
Guests





Still
Directing
Business





The Texas Two-Step

Rob

Morris

Evening



Tackling

The

Line Dance





ESTARL
Scholarship
Recipients





The
End
Is
Drawing
Near





Our
Present
And
Our
Present



What
Fun
We
Had



**Happy
Times
At
The
Cascades**



**How do you spell Love? You don't spell
Love, you feel it. (Winnie the Pooh)**

**We love all of you and we thank you for
the memories.**

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