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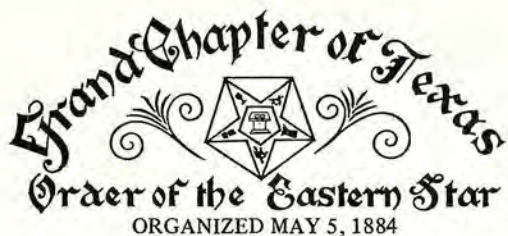
Symbols of Freedom



PROCEEDINGS

95TH ANNUAL SESSION • GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

OCTOBER 25-28, 1976



NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION



“SYMBOLS OF FREEDOM” SESSION

held in the
Tarrant County Convention Center
Fort Worth, Texas

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
OCTOBER 25-28, 1976**

MRS. DORIS EASTERLING
Worthy Grand Matron
P. O. Box 598
Clyde, Texas 79510

MR. O. D. CHRISTIAN
Worthy Grand Patron
5026 Rose Drive
Garland, Texas 75043

MRS. AGNES LEE HOWARD
Grand Secretary
1111 E. Division
Arlington, Texas 76011

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION
“SYMBOLS OF FREEDOM” SESSION

Grand Chapter of Texas

is

LOVINGLY DEDICATED TO

MRS. MABEL L. MACKERETH

Most Worthy Grand Matron

General Grand Chapter

and

MR. WILLIAM E. GEORGE

Most Worthy Grand Patron

General Grand Chapter

**GUESTS OF HONOR
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER**

Mrs. Mabel L. Mackereth Most Worthy Grand Matron
Mr. William E. George Most Worthy Grand Patron

TEXAS' OWN

Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris Past Most Worthy Grand Matron
Mrs. Sally Matranga Worthy Grand Organist
Mr. J. Victor Jones International Temple Committee
Mr. Herbert L. Arnold Jurisprudence Committee
Mrs. Ruby Enloe Ritual Committee

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Other General Grand Chapter Officers
and
Committee Members
Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons
of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Other Grand Officers and Committee Members
of Other Grand Jurisdictions

TEXAS' OWN

**PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS
and
Grand Representatives from Other Grand Jurisdictions**

GUEST OF HONOR



MRS. MABEL L. MACKERETH
Most Worthy Grand Matron
General Grand Chapter
Order of the Eastern Star

GUEST OF HONOR



MR. WILLIAM E. "BILL" GEORGE
Most Worthy Grand Patron
General Grand Chapter

GUEST OF HONOR

MRS. MILDRED HANEY HARRIS
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron
General Grand Chapter

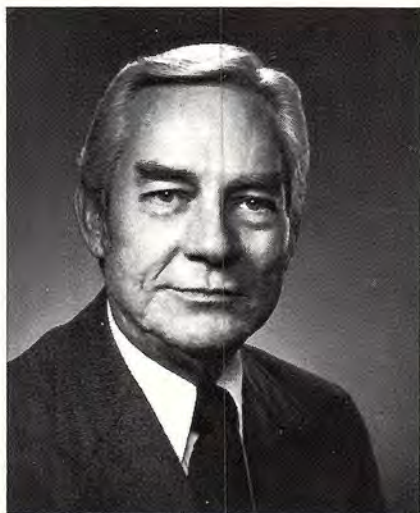
GUEST OF HONOR



MRS. SALLY MATRANGA
Worthy Grand Organist
General Grand Chapter



MR. HERBERT L. ARNOLD
Jurisprudence Committee
General Grand Chapter



MR. J. VICTOR JONES
International Temple Committee
General Grand Chapter



MRS. RUBY ENLOE
Ritual Committee
General Grand Chapter

Mrs. Doris Wynona Easterling, daughter of Dan E. and Edith Crum, was born in Ames, Oklahoma, and moved to Texas when she was 9 years of age. She graduated from Abilene High School and attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Married J. B. Easterling, Jr., December 25, 1940, and they are parents of two children — Nancy Brown of Fort Worth and John Easterling of Denton. They have three grandchildren — Lydia, Nannette and Darren Brown. Member of the First Baptist Church of Clyde, where she held many places of leadership, including Church Secretary, Primary Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent, member of the Sanctuary Choir, and President of Woman's Missionary Union. She was active in Parent-Teacher work and served as President two years, and is a member of Clyde Woman's Club. She was initiated in Callahan Chapter No. 242, in Baird, November, 1946, and served as Worthy Matron of the Chapter in 1951-52. Transferred to Clyde Chapter No. 308, and served as Worthy Matron there in 1958-59 and in 1965-66. Service in Grand Chapter follows:

Deputy Grand Matron	1960-61
District Deputy Grand Matron	1962-63
General Chairman Welfare Committee	1965-66
Grand Examiner District Three	1968-69
Grand Examiner District Three	1969-70
Grand Examiner District Three	1970-71
Grand Examiner District Three	1971-72
Associate Grand Conductress	1972-73
Grand Conductress	1973-74
Associate Grand Matron	1974-75
Worthy Grand Matron	1975-76



MRS. DORIS EASTERLING
Worthy Grand Matron

O. D. CHRISTIAN, WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Odis D. Christian was born and reared in Freestone County, Texas. He married his High School sweetheart, Frances Coleman, in 1940. He was employed by the United States Government as a Procurement Officer in Dallas until June 1944, when he was inducted into the U. S. Navy and served in the South Pacific until the end of World War II.

After his return from service, he was employed by the United States Postal Service in Dallas as a Carrier until the end of 1952, when he began pastoring a Baptist Church in Dallas. He served as Pastor of other Dallas Churches until November, 1970, when he became Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Rose Hill in Garland.

He has served for a number of years as Recording Secretary of the Baptist Missionary Association of America on the local, State and National levels.

He and Frances have three children — a daughter, Mrs. Sarah McGuffey, and two sons, Jerry and Travis. They have six grandchildren.

His hobbies include hunting, fishing, traveling and photography.

O. D. was raised a Master Mason in R. C. Buckner Masonic Lodge No. 1176 in 1969 and was initiated into Dal-Cliff Chapter No. 574 in 1970, where he served as Worthy Patron in 1972-1973. He served as Chairman of the Assistant Grand Sentinels at the 1973 Grand Chapter Session and was a member of the Credentials Committee in the year 1973-1974. At the 1974 Grand Chapter Session he was elected Associate Grand Patron. He is a member of the Dallas Scottish Rite Bodies and of the Hella Temple Shrine.



REV. O. D. CHRISTIAN
Worthy Grand Patron
Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star

GRAND OFFICERS OF 1975-1976



MRS. JOYCE ROBERTS
Associate Grand Matron

- Deputy Grand Matron 1959-60
- Welfare Committee 1961-62
- District Deputy Grand Matron .. 1963-64
- Grand Examiner-at-Large 1964-65
- International Temple 1966-67
- ESTARL 1967-68
- Endowment Fund Committee ... 1969-70
- District 2 Chairman
 Founders Day 1971-72
- Grand Marshal 1972-73
- Associate Grand Conductress ... 1973-74
- Grand Conductress 1974-75
- Associate Grand Matron 1975-76



MR. J. PERRY SMITHWICK
Associate Grand Patron

- Chairman First Aid 1953
- Arrangements Committee 1955-56
- Chairman Transportation
 and Mileage 1959-60
- Arrangements Committee 1960-61
- Chairman Credentials
 Committee 1961-62
- Grand Sentinel 1963-64
- Board of Grand Trustees 1967-72
- Chairman Endowment Fund ... 1972-73
- Endowment Fund 1973-74
- Credentials Chairman 1974-75
- Associate Grand Patron 1975-76

GRAND OFFICERS OF 1975-1976



MRS. AGNES LEE HOWARD
Grand Secretary

- Deputy Grand Matron 1943-44
- District Deputy Grand Matron .. 1944-45
- Grand Examiner, District 3 1949-55
- Grand Warder 1955-56
- Resolutions Committee 1956-57
- Associate Grand Conductress ... 1957-58
- Grand Conductress 1958-59
- Associate Grand Matron 1959-60
- Worthy Grand Matron 1960-61
- Purposes and Policies
Committee 1964-70
- Jurisprudence Committee 1970-71
- Grand Secretary 1971-76



MRS. JETTIE HINTON
Grand Treasurer

- Grand Representative 1934-36
- Deputy Grand Matron 1937-38
- Grand Representative 1945-47
- Grand Treasurer 1950-76

GRAND OFFICERS OF 1975-1976



MRS. MARY M. BROWN
Grand Conductress

Deputy Grand Matron 1957-58
 District Deputy Grand Matron .. 1964-65
 Secretary-at-Large 1965-66
 Chairman Grand Historians 1966-67
 Endowment Fund Committee ... 1969-70
 Membership Restoration
 Committee 1970-71
 Grand Examiner, District 4 1971-73
 Kindness and Hospitality
 Committee 1973-74
 Associate Grand Conductress ... 1974-75
 Grand Conductress 1975-76



MRS. RENNIE OFTON
Associate Grand Conductress

Arrangements Committee 1963-64
 Deputy Grand Matron 1965-66
 District Deputy Grand Matron .. 1967-68
 Grand Examiner-at-Large 1968-69
 Grand Examiner, District 5 1969-73
 Kindness and Hospitality
 Committee 1973-74
 Brilliance Committee 1974-75
 Associate Grand Conductress ... 1975-76

GRAND OFFICERS OF 1975-1976



MRS. OLLIE ROGERS
Grand Chaplain

- Chairman of Welfare Committee . 1958-59
- Deputy Grand Matron 1960-61
- District Deputy Grand Matron .. 1962-63
- Time and Talent Committee 1964-65
- Grand Representative
 New Mexico in Texas 1971-73
- Star Visitation Committee 1973-74
- Grand Chaplain 1975-76



MRS. JOY SHACKELFORD
Grand Marshal

- Chairman Time and
 Talent Committee 1966-67
- Fraternal Visitation Committee 1967-68
- Chairman Fraternal Visitation
 Committee 1968-69
- District Deputy Grand Matron
 District 3 1971-72
- Personal Page to Associate
 Grand Conductress 1973
- Links of Love Committee 1973-74
- Personal Page to Grand
 Conductress 1974
- Happy Highways Committee 1974-75
- Personal Page to Associate
 Grand Matron 1975
- Grand Marshal 1975-76

GRAND OFFICERS OF 1975-1976



MR. BOB K. KING
Grand Organist

- Assistant Grand Sentinel 1971
- Assistant Grand Sentinel 1972
- Bulletin Committee 1973-74
- Registration Committee 1974-75
- Grand Organist 1975-76



MRS. NANCY BROWN
Grand Adah

- Worthy Matron 1975-76
- Grand Adah 1975-76
- (Daughter of Worthy Grand Matron)

GRAND OFFICERS OF 1975-1976



MRS. ELLEN TURNER
Grand Ruth

- Interchapter Goodwill
Committee 1964-65
- Deputy Grand Matron 1965-66
- Time and Talent Committee 1968-69
- ESTARL Committee 1971-72
- ONES Committee 1972-73
- Founders' Day Committee 1973-74
- Grand Ruth 1975-76



MRS. FRANCES CHRISTIAN
Grand Esther

- Grand Choir 1963, 1967, 1970,
1971, 1972
- Grand Page 1973
- Founders Day Committee 1973-74
- Personal Page to
Grand Martha 1974
- Good Turns Committee 1974-75
- Personal Page to Acting
Worthy Grand Patron 1975
- Grand Esther 1975-76

GRAND OFFICERS OF 1975-1976



MRS. MERLE G. YOUNG
Grand Martha

Grand Page 1972
ONES Committee 1972-73
Arthritis, Rheumatism and Cancer
Committee, Dist. 4, Sec. 2
Chairman 1973-74
Grand Martha 1975-76



MRS. PAULINE POE
Grand Electa

Music Committee 1971-72
Co-Chairman Section 3 Com-
memorative Medallion
Committee 1973-74
Personal Page to Associate
Grand Conductress 1973
Grand Electa 1975-76

GRAND OFFICERS OF 1975-1976



MRS. VIOLET LOWREY
Grand Warder

- Arrangements Committee 1968-69
- Chairman By-Laws Committee .. 1971-72
- General Chairman Festal
 - Day Committee 1972-73
- Time and Talent Committee 1973-74
- Kidney and Cancer
 - Research Committee 1974-75
- Personal Page to Associate
 - Grand Matron 1975
- Grand Warder 1975-76



MR. JOHN EFIRD
Grand Sentinel

- Masonic Ambassador 1968-69
- General Co-Chairman Star
 - Visitation 1971-72
- General Chairman Builders
 - in Tomorrow 1972-73
- Roadside Special 1974-75
- Grand Sentinel 1975-76

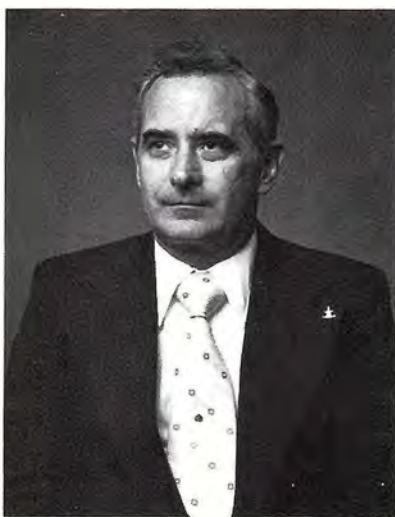
EXECUTIVE AND ARRANGEMENTS CHAIRMEN



MRS. MAUDE ARNOLD
Executive Committee Chairman



MR. DALE SHACKELFORD
Chairman
Arrangements Committee



MR. JAMES D. WARD
Co-Chairman
Arrangements Committee

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



MRS. JOAN WARD
Secretary
Executive Committee



MRS. ETHEL WAGGONER
Housing Chairman
Executive Committee



MRS. EILEEN MATHEWS
Social Chairman
Executive Committee



MRS. LILLIAN ANDERSON
Public Relations Chairman
Executive Committee

OFFICIAL PROGRAM
NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

PROGRAM
“SYMBOLS OF FREEDOM” SESSION
INFORMAL OPENING

Monday Evening
October 25, 1976
5:15 P.M.

Musical Selections Mrs. Lucille Rowland

5:30 P.M.

Entrance of the Grand Choir Mrs. Delia Dusek, Grand Choir Director
ESCORT Mrs. Joy Shackelford, Grand Marshal

Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter

Mr. Herbert L. Arnold, Member Jurisprudence Committee, General Grand Chapter

CALL TO ORDER Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris
Mr. Herbert L. Arnold

PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Mabel Mackereth
Most Worthy Grand Matron
General Grand Chapter

Escort: Mr. T. L. “Duke” Weaver
Grand Representative of
Arkansas in Texas

Mr. William E. “Bill” George
Most Worthy Grand Patron
General Grand Chapter

Escort: Mrs. Mary Horton
Grand Representative of
New York in Texas

Other General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas and Program Participants

PRESENTATION OF MASTER OF CEREMONIES Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris

Mrs. Ruby Enloe
Member Ritual Committee
General Grand Chapter

Escort: Mr. James D. Ward, Co-Chairman
Arrangements Committee

PRESENTATION OF GRAND OFFICERS Mrs. Ruby Enloe

NARRATION: Mr. J. B. Easterling, Jr., Chairman By-Laws Committee

Formation by Floor Officers and Other Grand Officers
Directed by Mrs. Joy Shackelford, Grand Marshal

“Star Spangled Banner” Grand Choir

ALTAR PRESENTATIONS:

Holy Bible Mrs. Nancy Bailey, Past Grand Matron

Square and Compasses Mr. J. T. Sanders, Past Grand Patron

INVOCATION Mrs. Rebecca L. Miles, Past Grand Matron

WELCOME:

From the City of Fort Worth Hon. Clif Overcash, Mayor, City of Fort Worth

From Eastern Stars in Fort Worth Mr. Richard T. Porter, Past Grand Patron

From the Masonic Bodies Mr. John T. Bean, Past Grand Master,
and Superintendent of Masonic Home and School

From Order of Rainbow for Girls Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield,
Supreme Faith and Supreme Inspector in Texas

RESPONSE Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Associate Grand Matron

DEDICATION OF THE SESSION Mrs. Doris Easterling, Worthy Grand Matron

POEM OF DEDICATION Mrs. Margaret Townsend, Poet Laureate

PRESENTATION OF FLAGS:

United States Flag Mr. Gayle Brown, American Heritage Committee

Texas Flag Mr. Stanton Parker, Chairman Grand Ushers

Canadian Flag Mr. William D. Klonaris, Grand Usher

Arkansas Flag Mr. T. L. "Duke" Weaver, Grand Representative of
Arkansas in Texas

Christian Flag Mr. Ronald Ernst, Arrangements Committee

Eastern Star Flag Mr. Morris Fair, Champions of Freedom Committee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Mr. Herbert L. Arnold

TRIBUTE TO THE FLAGS Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, Past Grand Matron

MEDLEY OF PATRIOTIC SONGS Grand Choir, Directed by Mrs. Delia Dusek

PRESENTATION OF HOST WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS

FORMATION by Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Texas, Directed by
Mrs. Joy Shackelford, Grand Marshal

BENEDICTION Dr. R. O. Fuqua, Past Grand Patron

Non-members of the Order of the Eastern Star will please retire at this time.
We appreciate your presence for our Informal Opening of the 94th Session of the
Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

FORMAL OPENING

8:00 P.M.

"Our Emblems" Drill Floor Officers and Personal Pages
Directed by Mrs. Joy Shackelford, Grand Marshal

Ritualistic Opening of Grand Chapter

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Response for General Grand Chapter Guests Mrs. Mabel Mackereth
 Most Worthy Grand Matron
 General Grand Chapter

Response for Other Distinguished Guests Mrs. Lola Lane
 Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma

Filling of Vacancies

Report of Chapters Under Dispensation Committee Mrs. Lorene Harris, Chairman

Report of Credentials Committee Mr. H. E. "Gene" Campbell, Chairman

Benediction Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, Past Grand Matron

TUESDAY MORNING**8:45 A.M.**

Musical Selections Mrs. Carrie Ruby

9:00 A.M.

Call to Order Mrs. Patricia Neinast, Past Grand Matron
 Mr. Earl G. Manning, Past Grand Patron

"Our Emblems" Drill Floor Officers and Personal Pages
 Directed by Mrs. Joy Shackelford, Grand Marshal

Invocation Mrs. Viva Huffman, Past Grand Matron

Report of the Worthy Grand Matron

Report of the Worthy Grand Patron

Song Grand Choir, directed by Mrs. Delia Dusek

Report of the Grand Secretary

Report of the Grand Treasurer

Benediction Mrs. Katherine Poulis, Past Grand Matron

TUESDAY AFTERNOON**1:45 P.M.**

Musical Selections Mrs. Viva Peek, Mrs. Glenn Wylie

2:00 P.M.

Call to Order Mrs. Aliene Houston, Past Grand Matron
 Mr. Harold C. Todd, Past Grand Patron

"Happy Birthday, America" Drill Time and Talent Committee,
 Founders Day Committee, Directed by Grand Marshal

“Our Emblems” Drill Floor Officers and Personal Pages
Directed by Mrs. Joy Shackelford, Grand Marshal

Invocation Mr. Gerald C. Allen, Past Grand Patron

REPORTS:

Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolence . . Mr. Thurman Perry, Chairman

Jurisprudence Committee on Unfinished Business and Distribution of Reports

Superintendent-Administrator of O.E.S. Home Mrs. Potsy Sawyer

Time and Talent Committee Mrs. Mary Steinmetz, Chairman

Founders Day Committee Mrs. Ruth Jameson, Chairman

Recognition of 50-Year Members

Benediction Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Past Grand Matron

TUESDAY NIGHT

7:45 P.M.

Musical Selections Mrs. Lucille Rowland

8:00 P.M.

Call to Order Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, Past Grand Matron
Mr. Edwin L. Sharpe, Past Grand Patron

“Our Emblems” Drill Floor Officers and Personal Pages
Directed by Mrs. Joy Shackelford, Grand Marshal

Presentation of Honored Guests:

Mrs. Mabel Mackereth
Most Worthy Grand Matron
General Grand Chapter

Escort: Mr. T. L. “Duke” Weaver
Grand Representative
Arkansas to Texas

Mr. William E. “Bill” George
Most Worthy Grand Patron
General Grand Chapter

Escort: Mrs. Mary Horton
Grand Representative
New York to Texas

Honor Guard Formation American Heritage Committee

Song: “The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise” Grand Choir

Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron
General Grand Chapter

Escort: Mr. Ray McRoberts
Worthy Grand Chaplain
General Grand Chapter

Mrs. Sally Matranga
Worthy Grand Organist
General Grand Chapter

Escort: Mr. Donald J. Matranga
Past Patron

Mr. Herbert L. Arnold
Jurisprudence Committee
General Grand Chapter

Escort: Mrs. Maude Arnold
Chairman Executive Committee

Mrs. Ruby Enloe
Ritual Committee
General Grand Chapter

Escort: Dr. Jewett Enloe
Champions of Freedom
Committee

Mr. J. Victor Jones
International Temple Committee
General Grand Chapter

Escort: Mrs. Jocie Jones
Grand Representative
Iowa in Texas

Invocation Mr. J. Victor Jones
International Temple Committee, General Grand Chapter

Report of the FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT Mrs. Mattie Henry

“The World of O.E.S.” Formation Grand Representatives

“He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands” Grand Choir

Address Mrs. Mabel Mackereth
Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter

Musical Selection Mrs. Sally Matranga
Worthy Grand Organist, General Grand Chapter

Address Mr. William E. “Bill” George
Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter

Remarks Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter

Report of the GRAND HISTORIAN Mrs. Kathy Johnston

Report of the INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE Mrs. Lucile Dunaway, Chairman

Benediction Mrs. Ruby Enloe
Ritual Committee, General Grand Chapter

WEDNESDAY MORNING

8:45 A.M.

Musical Selections Mrs. Carrie Ruby

9:00 A.M.

Call to Order Mrs. Lois Burnett, Past Grand Matron
Mr. Charles Bairfield, Past Grand Patron

“Fraternal Ties” Drill Champions of Freedom Committee and
Sojourners Committee, Directed by Grand Marshal

“Our Emblems” Drill Floor Officers and Personal Pages
Directed by Mrs. Joy Shackelford, Grand Marshal

Invocation Mrs. Lillian Barnard Parker, Past Grand Matron

REPORTS:

Committee on Grievances and Appeals Mr. John D. Isenhower, Chairman
By-Laws Committee Mr. J. B. Easterling, Chairman

- Museum Committee Mrs. Donna Reed, Chairman
- Endowment Fund Committee Mrs. Pauline Dugger, Chairman
- Educational Fund Committee Mrs. Cacy Fidler, Chairman
- Board of Grand Trustees Mrs. Velda Anderson, Chairman
- Sojourners Committee Mrs. Ethel Schnelle, Chairman
- Champions of Freedom Committee Mr. Paul Ofton, Chairman
- Benediction Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling, Past Grand Matron

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

1:45 P.M.

- Musical Selections Mrs. Mary Alice Alberts

2:00 P.M.

- Call to Order Mrs. Amy Goebel, Past Grand Matron
Dr. James H. Goettee, Past Grand Patron
- “Bells of Freedom” Formation District Deputies, Deputies, Grand Examiners
Directed by Mrs. Joy Shackelford, Grand Marshal
- “Our Emblems” Drill Floor Officers and Personal Pages
- Invocation Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup, Past Grand Matron

REPORTS:

- District Deputy Grand Matrons, Deputy Grand Matrons Mrs. Doris Efird
District Deputy Grand Matron, District No. 3
- Grand Examiners Mrs. Viola Edwards, Chairman
- American Heritage Committee Mrs. Barbara Robinson, Chairman
- Music Committee Mr. C. C. Poe, Chairman
- Bicentennial Committee Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, Chairman
- Jurisprudence Committee Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, Chairman
- Secretarial Committee Mrs. Allie Mae Lennard, Secretary-at-Large
- Distinguished Guest Committee Mrs. Mildred Garlitz, Chairman
- Benediction Mr. Paul Huffhines, Past Grand Patron

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

7:45 P.M.

- Musical Selections Mrs. Lucille Rowland

8:00 P.M.

- Call to Order Mrs. Thelma Chandler, Past Grand Matron
Mr. Hal Burnett, Past Grand Patron
- Invocation Mrs. Mary Katherine Smith, Past Grand Matron

- Report of the WELFARE COMMITTEE Mrs. Lemma Voorhies, Chairman
 Formation by 100% Chapters, directed by Grand Marshal
- “Our Emblems” Drill Floor Officers and Personal Pages
 Directed by Mrs. Joy Shackelford, Grand Marshal
- MEMORIAL SERVICE Directed by Mrs. Ollie Rogers, Grand Chaplain
- Benediction Mr. Ed L. Sharpe, Past Grand Patron

THURSDAY MORNING

8:45 A.M.

- Musical Selections Mrs. Carrie Ruby
- Call to Order Mrs. Katherine Harbour, Past Grand Matron
 Mr. C. A. “Bill” Holmes, Past Grand Patron
- “Our Emblems” Drill Floor Officers and Personal Pages
 Directed by Mrs. Joy Shackelford, Grand Marshal
- Invocation Mrs. Cynthia Mae Watts, Past Grand Matron
- Devotional Thoughts Rev. O. D. Christian, Worthy Grand Patron
- Final Report of Credentials Committee Mr. H. E. “Gene” Campbell, Chairman
- Appointment of Election Judge, Table Judges and Tellers
- Election of Officers

REPORTS:

- Transportation and Mileage Committee Mrs. Lena Hoover, Chairman
- Registration Committee Mrs. May Delle Grubbs, Chairman
- Resolutions Committee Mrs. Ann McConathy, Chairman
- Purposes and Policies Committee Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, Chairman
- Telephone and Telegraph Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup, Chairman
- Invitation Committee Mr. Glenn Taylor, Past Patron
- Grand Examiner-at-Large Mrs. Beulah Holliday
- Recognition of Executive Committee Mrs. Maude Arnold, Chairman
- Recognition of Arrangements Committee Mr. Dale Shackelford, Chairman
- Benediction Mrs. Cheba Dewees, Past Grand Matron

GRAND USHERS

Stanton Parker, Chairman
 Murray Watson, Jr., Co-Chairman

Belk, Gene
 Brown, Gayle
 Fair, Morris
 Fields, Ray
 Harbison, Winfred
 Henry, Wallace

Klonaris, William D.
 Logsdon, Charles
 McCollum, George
 Myers, John D.
 Roberts, Don
 Stephens, Monroe

PERSONAL PAGES

Pauline Dugger, Chairman
 Jean Nesbitt, Co-Chairman

Allen, Irene
 Baze, Sybil
 Bean, Bessie
 Berryman, Mamie
 Beverly, Oleta
 Brannam, Mary
 Brenner, Mildred
 Church, Loretta Mae
 Cross, Faye
 Day, Ben
 Easterling, Jr., J. B.
 Ernst, Dona
 Germann, Mamyedell
 Gillispie, J. D.
 Hansen, Mary
 Hunt, Shirley
 Jordan, Laura Jane
 Martin, Clara
 Morris, Mary Ella

Norris, Mattie
 Reynolds, Phama
 Robertson, Shirley
 Robison, Eddie
 Sanderford, Helen
 Smithwick, Helen
 Speer, Beulah
 Stith, Lucille
 Stockton, Sue
 Strong, Virginia
 Sullivan, Edgar
 Sullivan, Geraldine
 Tresenriter, Mildred
 Vasbinder, Suzette
 Warneke, Virginia
 Warner, Dorothy
 Wise, Lena "Babe"
 Woolsey, Gladys

ASSISTANT GRAND WARDERS

Co-Chairman — Betty Cooper

Co-Chairman — Katie Lee Couch

Co-Chairman — Owena Sutton

Adair, June
 Adams, Evelyn
 Autrey, Maxine
 Bass, Mildred
 Bledsoe, Norma
 Boyd, Erma
 Cain, Neta
 Clayton, Johnye R.
 Coker, Isabelle
 Cope, Jennie Mae
 Copley, Carrie
 Davis, Mittie Marie
 Dixon, Louise

Dunn, Clara
 Fager, Ethel Mae
 Francis, Florecita
 Franklin, Addie
 Grandstaff, Clara Mae
 Higginbotham, Mary Catherine
 Horton, Mary
 Hurlbut, Vera
 Johnson, Tommye
 Kelly, Ann
 Lowrey, Ruth Alice
 Manning, Gladys
 Meador, Ruby

Nash, Audis
 Parker, Mildred
 Pipkin, Anita
 Polk, Ouida
 Purvis, Faye M.
 Ramsey, Jeneva
 Roberts, Othella
 Russell, Marian
 Shoemaker, Delores
 Smith, Linda
 Steen, Anna
 Sudsbury, Elretta

Talley, Helen
 Thiebaud, Ava
 Tracy, Retha Mae
 Trammell, Della
 Trimble, Pat
 Trout, Vera
 Wade, Ruth
 Welch, Maylee
 Wilkerson, Ella Mae
 Wimberly, Bessie
 Wright, Dona

ASSISTANTS TO THE GRAND ORGANIST

Lucille Rowland

Carrie Ruby

GRAND PAGES

Co-Chairman

Lola Miller
 Margaret Hill
 Joyce Saling

Charlotte Carpender
 Nora Hiett
 Betty Jo Dean

Adams, Evelyn
 Aleshire, Joy
 Alberts, Mary Alice
 Allen, Winnie
 Armstrong, Nancy
 Baise, Flo
 Barak, Mattie
 Barlow, Betty
 Barr, Betty
 Bartholow, Emma Lee
 Bauerle, Elizabeth
 Beall, Alma
 Bell, Lucille Cross
 Bell, Mildred
 Black, LaViece
 Blackburn, Gladys
 Blackburn, Valerie
 Bouldin, Mary
 Braswell, Jessie
 Bridges, Maxine
 Burnett, Dorothy
 Butler, Virginia
 Byrd, Wynona
 Cardella, Caroline
 Cheatham, Hazel
 Cheney, Dorothy
 Clark, Esther
 Cole, Thelma
 Coles, Billie
 Creed, Marcella
 Culpepper, Betty
 Cunningham, Sarah

Curlee, Maxine
 Darsey, Winifred
 Dresser, Hazel
 Dunlop, Ruth
 Friend, Betty
 Gammon, Mary Louise
 Gimmison, Florence
 Goff, Evelyn
 Goyne, Helena
 Gray, Iva
 Grun, May S.
 Hagan, Lillie
 Hambrick, Helen
 Hartwell, Grace
 Hayes, Margaret
 Heartfield, Margaret
 Hinsley, Creola
 Hoffman, Marjorie
 Holderman, Maxine
 Holland, Arrah Margery
 Hopkins, Kathryn
 Howard, Dorothy
 Hyde, Grace
 Jacks, Ora
 Kear, Annabelle
 Keasling, Della
 Kee, Joy W.
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 Kimmel, Priscilla
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PRE-SESSION ACTIVITIES "FLOOR OFFICERS DINNER" Saturday, October 23, 1976

The Dinner for the Floor Officers of Grand Chapter was held at the Century Two Club on the 35th Floor, atop the Fort Worth National Bank Building. The setting presented a "Fairylend Backdrop" as the lights of the city seemed to "twinkle" a message of "Welcome to YOUR Session of Freedom." In this close circle of Love, the atmosphere was one of nostalgia. Mrs. Joy Shackelford, Chairman, welcomed the Floor Officers and their companions.

At the place of each officer was an exquisite china Mug on which was engraved, "Share with Us in our Pride, the Commemoration of our Nation's 200th Anniversary", and the names of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. At the place of each husband or wife was a miniature Eagle with outspread wings. These place favors were gifts of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, continuing the Bicentennial theme of their administration. The Floor Officers remembered their beloved leaders with gifts, also.



"LIBERTY BELL RECEPTION" Sunday, October 24, 1976 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

The traditional Reception honoring the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Floor Officers included, also, as Honorees, the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. The setting was the Reception Hall of the Tarrant County Convention Center.

Delicious refreshments were served from an Open Oval Table of tremendous size, skirted in Satin and holding floral arrangements of the Patriotic colors. Behind the red cushioned chairs on which the Receiving Line was seated was an enormous LIBERTY BELL. Several thousand guests were received as they recalled the message of "FREEDOM" tolled by the Liberty Bell.



DEDICATION OF BICENTENNIAL MARKER

At the Eastern Star Home

October 25, 1976

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: This is a moment when we come to the realization of a "Dream Come True". I am grateful that Mrs. Cloe Morris is here to take the notes of what is spoken so that the transcript may go into the sealed box with all of the other artifacts to be opened when we are no longer here. I am sure that none of us will be here 50-years from now . . . however, we want posterity to know of the patriotic thoughts that were stirring our minds and of the actions that they evoked during this great year in our Nation's History.

We are pleased to have with us some of the beloved Sisters who live at the Home. We welcome you to the Ceremony.

The Clock of Time is ticking eternally. The Hands move swiftly. Two hundred years have passed since the birth of our Nation. In the span of 200 years, America has grown far beyond the dreams and hopes of our forefathers. Those Builders left great gifts for us — for us, their posterity. They left gifts of their wisdom in instruments as well as monuments, that speak to us of their generation.

We give thanks once again for this heritage — for the challenging opportunities that this Bicentennial year has given to look backward over the Highway of progress over which America has traveled, and for the inspiration and opportunity to project our own vision.

It was by the action of Grand Chapter that this project was created. The Worthy Grand Matron then serving, Mrs. Patricia Neinast, with the Associate Grand Matron, who is today our lovely Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Doris Easterling, and the Grand Conductress at that time, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, were given the responsibility of appointing a committee to bring to the Grand Chapter of Texas a Bicentennial Celebration Program. Mrs. Neinast is with us, and I am going to ask her if she would like to say a word before we go further with the Dedication Ceremony. Mrs. Neinast.

Mrs. Patricia Neinast: Thank you Sister Lallah Mae Vollus, General Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee. On the way out, Lallah Mae said to me, "I am going to call upon you to say a few words." I say sincerely that I appreciate the cooperation from Sister Doris, our now present Worthy Grand Matron, and Sister Joyce Roberts, our Associate Grand Matron, for the recommendations that they sent to me for this particular committee. They did not, however, suggest which one to make the General Chairman.

Like the forefathers of our country, I asked the Lord to direct me. One day I finally decided whom I would ask. Two or three days later — I guess the Lord sent her my way — we were in our School in Kingsville, Texas, and she walked in. I said, "We need to take a coffee break — let's go to the kitchen". That is when this particular committee was appointed, following the direction of the Resolution passed at the Houston Grand Chapter.

I turned the list over to Sister Lallah Mae, naming her as Chairman. She said later, "I felt like dropping dead when I saw that I was chairman". I would like for this group here this evening to extend in applause their appreciation for the tremendous job that she has done.

NOW, Sister Lallah Mae, I tried to get the finest workers that I knew, along with the great group that these other two girls had recommended. They say, to select the ones that you have observed in the past — who have served credibly — to serve in positions of responsibility. Let's join together in our expression of appreciation to her and to the entire committee. (applause)

Mrs. Vollus: Thank you Sister Neinast, and to you Sisters and Brothers. It HAS been a job, but it has been a great challenge and pleasure too.

Phase 3 of the Bicentennial Program was the planning and erection of a Marker at the "Heart of our Order", here at our Home . . . a Marker of clear lines and meaningful symbolism to speak to OUR posterity and of the attainments and trends of the 20th Century. It will serve as evidence of the patriotism that prompted us, as an Order, to observe a Great Day of Celebration; to express our deep gratitude of Religious Freedom; and to leave a tangible Marker commemorating two hundred years of Freedom Loving People — AMERICANS — who were Sisters and Brothers bound by sacred ties.

To present the man whose talents and skills have made of our dreams a thing of beauty — a reality — and then to pass to the Grand Chapter through our Worthy Grand Matron, our gift, I present the member of the Bicentennial Committee who has assumed the responsibility of coordinating all details bringing us to this moment. He has truly done a magnificent job — MR. ROBERT WOOD.

Mr. Robert Wood: I would first like to introduce a man whom I have come to love. He is a man whom you can depend upon when a job needs to be done. He said to me in the beginning, "Bob, I will try not to let you down".

I think you will agree that he has not let me or you or Grand Chapter down. Mr. John Paul Brown has dedicated the last several months to the designing and to the completion, and, through the various stages of change, to the actual placement of this Marker last Friday; then just before you arrived the bronze plaque was put in place.

Mr. Brown, will you come forward. This is the man that is responsible for the design and the erection of this magnificent Marker that our Sisters and Brothers 50-years from now will point to with great pride. We would like to have a word from you.

Mr. John Paul Brown: Thank you, Bob. You know, I am just real pleased that you made it possible for me to be on this significant program. I am doubly pleased that I have had the opportunity to work with a man of the statue of Bob Wood in the creation of this symbol — I like to call it a piece of Art. I hope the symbolism in it is self-explanatory, and that the generations to come will enjoy and get some delight from it. It has been a real pleasure, Bob. Thank you.

Mr. Wood: I would like to explain to you the meaning, or symbolism, of the Marker. It is written on the bronze plaque . . . "Upheld by the World the Grand Chapter of Texas and Eastern Star Supports FREEDOM Throughout the Universe", and moves up to the Moon — even to Lallah Mae's Flag (points to Flag on Moon). The little ripples, of course, are the clouds. The vertical rays are from our Globe — our World, and the greenery at the bottom again represents the world on which we live.

Being a part of this important activity of this Grand Chapter has meant much to me. I felt very humble when Pat suggested me for membership on this fine committee. She expressed her confidence that I would be able to add something to it. I hope that I have. This is possibly the high light of my Grand Chapter life in Eastern Star — to be a part of History — to be a part of the Heritage that we have and the Heritage that we pass on to those to follow. I want to thank Mrs. Patricia Neinast, Junior Past Grand Matron; our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Doris Easterling, and Mrs. Joyce Roberts, our Associate Grand Matron, for the privilege of serving with Lallah Mae Vollus on this fine committee. I think that the efforts of this committee, under the direction of our own beloved Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, have spoken for themselves.

I know you are as pleased as the Bicentennial Committee is to have presented on May 15th, what I feel was an outstanding Bicentennial Celebration; and then to have given several Scholarships of \$2,000.00 each for Higher Education in the field of Religious Training; and, now, to be able to place this magnificent Marker here at our Eastern Star Home. This box will be sealed within a few days to be opened 50-years from now by our Sisters and Brothers, so that they may see what we have done here this year — last year — for them, and to see how proud we were to be a part of the AMERICAN HERITAGE.

Now, Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of your Bicentennial Committee, I present to you and to Grand Chapter this special Marker. As I have said, a TIME CAPSULE will be placed at a later date. I wish that we could all be here to see it opened . . . but with great pride I do present to you and to the Grand Chapter of Texas this BICENTENNIAL MARKER.

Mrs. Doris Easterling, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Mr. Robert Wood. Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, Master of Ceremonies, and members of the Bicentennial Committee and Friends who are gathered here: On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, as the presiding Officer this year, it is my pleasure to accept this beautiful and impressive Monument which has been presented here at the Eastern Star Home. I know that this will be a monument which will make those who follow after us know how much the Bicentennial Year has meant to us as members of the Order.

I am very pleased with the Bicentennial Celebration that we had in May. I thought it was one of the most outstanding events that our Order has ever participated in.

I am very grateful to you, Sister Lallah Mae Vollus, for serving as General Chairman. Your work, I know, was tremendous, and we appreciate you and each member who has served on this committee.

We feel that those who follow after us will long remember what this particular year has meant to our Order, and I am very grateful that we could have a part in this great Bicentennial Celebration as the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Vollus: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. May I say here that accomplishment is not the result of work of "a" person . . . it is the work of "unity" and united effort of dedicated PERSONS. As I have said many times, I have written many letters and have made many phone calls, but the credit for any accomplishment that the committee has attained in the name of the Grand Chapter of Texas is through the dedication of, first, the members of this committee being placed where they could best serve; and, then, to the devotion of a great membership of this Grand Chapter.

We are always fortunate in the gentlemen that the Grand Chapter places in the position of leadership as Worthy Grand Patron. We have been particularly pleased this year in having a gentleman of dignity to hold the hand of our Worthy Grand Matron and to lift our thought to the Throne of God in Thanksgiving for what we have. I ask him to come forward now and close this simple service by speaking a word of Dedication of this tangible Marker, and, then, by giving the Benediction. Rev. Mr. O. D. Christian.

Rev. Mr. O. D. Christian: Thank you, Sister Lallah Mae Vollus, Past Grand Matron, for the opportunity of sharing in this great, distinct honor of seeing the finalization of an outstanding Bicentennial Celebration in Texas. To Brother Robert Wood and the gentleman who carried out the dream of this piece of Art, please accept from our hearts, the gratitude for the work displayed in this Marker.

Now we dedicate it for all ages to come. As others drive into the driveway of this Home and view this Art, may they know it was from the work and hearts of the membership of the Order of the Eastern Star in Texas — that it sets here as a memorial of the 200th Birthday of America. As I stand beneath Old Glory waving high and in front of the Home provided for our ladies, I am truly reminded of how gracious our Heavenly Father has been to each of us. Now, may we pray:

Our Heavenly Father, we stand humbly in Thy presence today in front of this beautiful Home for our dear ladies and beneath Old Glory that represents the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave" to bow our hearts in humble praise for your goodness and your mercy. Grant, our Father, that in the dedication of this piece of Art that it will call to our minds down through the years to come that America stands today as a Nation under God — a Nation undivided in loyalty to a Government "By the People and for the People".

Thank you our Father, for the hands that have labored so diligently — for the minds that have searched long hours for the very design that would so greatly depict our thoughts of 200 years of Liberty. Thank you for the Committee, the Worthy Grand Matrons whose tenure of service this Committee has touched. Continue Thy blessings upon us.

Now, Heavenly Father, when those who succeed us in years to come shall have the privilege and opportunity to break the seal and read from the History, this actual happening, grant that they too shall be filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit. Direct all of our minds, our footsteps, and our lives to bring honor and praise to Your Matchless Name. Continue Thy blessing upon the Worthy Grand Matron and her corp of officers as they preside throughout this Session. And now, we humbly ask in loving memory that this piece of Art shall reflect through the Ages Your Grace, Your Mercy, and Your Love for all mankind. Through Jesus' name. AMEN.

ESTARL WORSHIP SERVICE
Sunday, October 24, 1976 **10:00 A.M.**
PROGRAM

Prelude	Mr. Bob King Grand Organist
Welcome	Mrs. Elsie Paladino
Choral Call to Worship	The Grand Choir "The Lord Is In His Holy Temple"
Invocation	Rev. O. D. Christian Worthy Grand Patron
Hymn	Grand Choir and Congregation "Onward Christian Soldiers"
Prayer	Mr. Steven Coffman
Offering	(The Offering will go for additional ESTARL Scholarships)
Offertory	The Grand Choir "Heritage Medley"
Scripture Reading	Rev. Larry D. Petton
Special Music	Miss Danna K. Wilson
Sermon	Mr. Kenneth Arthur
Presentation of ESTARL Scholarships	Mrs. Doris Easterling Worthy Grand Matron
Presentation of Bicentennial Scholarships	Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus Past Grand Matron
Benediction	Mr. Glen Boyd Smith

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Mrs. Opal Ramsey	District Four
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Mr. Bob K. King	Grand Organist

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ESTARL SERVICE

"Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord." With this thought in mind, the annual Session of Grand Chapter of Texas was opened with the ESTARL Worship Service. This inspiring service was under the direction of Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Chairman of the Estarl Committee. The decorations were simple, yet most impressive. In keeping with the theme of the year, red, white and blue flowers in white containers were placed on either side of the stage, with tall palms outlining the stage's edge.

As the hundreds of Eastern Stars and friends were gathering, Mr. Bob King, Grand Organist, at the piano, set the mood for the morning with beautiful music. Mr. King was accompanist for the inspiring music rendered by the Grand Choir, as well as the solo, "Let There Be Peace on Earth", by Miss Danna K. Wilson, one of the Estarl recipients.

Mrs. Elsie Paladino: It is good that so many of you have gathered together in this place to praise the name of our Lord. We know that the Lord is in His Holy Temple, and we feel His presence here this morning, just as we have felt His presence in your response to the ESTARL program throughout the year. You, the membership, have made this year a very special one for us. Psalms 33:13 says, "Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord." We also feel that blessed is the organization whose members seek His guidance and glorify His name.

Rev. O. D. Christian: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who art the Master Architect of the Universe and all Creation, we come before Thy Holy Presence this morning with bowed heads, and I trust, with humble hearts, to invoke Thy blessings upon this time of worship, praise and adoration of Thy Holy Name. Our Father, we pause now to express our gratitude for those who have labored so diligently seeking out these young men and young ladies who are most deserving of assistance in their educational field. We thank Thee for these many Scholarships to be presented. We know they shall be used to serve Thee. May your lowly spirit find access to the hearts of every individual in this Service today. We pray that You give them eternal joy and peace of heart with the assurance of Eternal, Everlasting Life. Grant now, O Lord, our petitions. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

Following a hymn by the Grand Choir, the following prayer was offered:

Mr. Steven Coffman: Dear Heavenly Father, we pause for a moment to reflect upon the manifold blessings which Thou has bestowed upon us and we thank Thee, with praise, that we are able to gather together. We confess our many sins to Thee and humbly beg Thy pardoning graces. Give us the strength to overcome all evil and temptation, that we may be pure of heart and soul. We do now give thanks, O Lord, for the Order of the Eastern Star. They have blessed so many people and have given of their heart and soul. For this we give thanks unto Thee. Father, we pray a special prayer for this country this election year. To all those who shall be elected, give, we pray Thee, the spirit of wisdom, courage, sympathy and true Godliness. All this we humbly pray in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

REV. LARRY D. PETTON read the Scripture for the morning — Philippians 1: 1-11; 21.

MR. KENNETH ARTHUR, one of the ESTARL recipients, brought the sermon, "SYMBOLS OF FREEDOM," lifting up the Symbols to which America has pointed during the Bicentennial year — the Declaration of Independence; The Flag of our Country; The Liberty Bell; Paul Revere's Ride; The Bill of Rights; The Emancipation Proclamation; and The Statue of Liberty. He added:

“There is another symbol here this morning that reminds me that I’m FREE — the Symbol of the CROSS. John 8:31 says, ‘Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye continue in MY WORD, then are ye My disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you FREE.’

One other thing the CROSS symbolizes is the Freedom we have from death. The Scripture tells us that Jesus took on death. Hebrews 2:14-15 says, ‘Through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the Devil; and set free those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.’ We do not have to fear something that has been conquered. Jesus has overcome death by Himself, dying, and then coming back to life.

That’s the kind of God we worship — the One who can set us FREE. I pray this morning that you know this FREEDOM in Christ that we have celebrated. Go now — Be FREE in Jesus Christ.”

MRS. DORIS EASTERLING, Worthy Grand Matron, presented the Scholarships saying, “First of all, let me thank you young people who have participated in the Service this morning. It was my request that our ESTARL recipients be used in this Service. Truly, my heart has been blessed and I believe each one here has received a blessing from this service.

One of the greatest blessings we experience, as members of our Order, is that of having a part in helping with the education of fine young men and women who are training in the field of Religion. We are grateful for all that has been given this year to assist with the Estarl Scholarships for these young people.

We are grateful to those who came to participate this morning and we regret that all the Recipients could not be with us. Some, we know, are holding services in their own churches. It is with the greatest of pleasure that I represent the Grand Chapter of Texas in presenting these Scholarship Awards to the recipients present. Will you please come forward as your name is called? Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to help in the presentation of these Scholarships?”

The Worthy Grand Matron called the name of the eighteen Recipients present and handed each a Scholarship. Following is a list of the 65 Scholarship Recipients as listed in the Program. An additional 5 Scholarships were presented following the Offering taken during the Worship Service. Those marked * were present to receive their Scholarships:

Michael Allen
 Peter C. Anton II
 *Kenneth Markham Arthur II
 *Barbara Annette Bellus
 Everett Elmo Boyce, Jr.
 Terry D. Brown
 *Pam Burton
 Carroll Alvis Caddell
 Herbert Wayne Calcote II
 Michael Stephen Clay
 *Steven David Coffman
 Brynda Michelle Cooper
 Darrell R. Cory
 *Layloni Louise Drake
 *Edward Lee Frankenfeld
 Richard L. Gaia
 William B. Gandin, Jr.
 Henry Arthur Garcia
 Barry Cecil Gholston
 *Lon Jay Gregg

Frank Charles Hancock, III
 *Michael Allen House
 Robert Hubbard Kibb
 *Cleva Kirby
 David L. Lee
 *Robert Earl Long
 *Steven Leonard Mansen
 Walter Neil Marcum
 Gary Wayne Merrell
 John R. Miller
 John Talbot Mollet, Jr.
 James Withers Moore
 Pleasant Lawrence Murphy, Jr.
 James Neil Norman
 Carl Rowan Pafford
 *Richard F. Paul, Jr.
 Robert Pearl
 *Larry Dean Petton
 Thomas Allen Pieper
 Larry Odus Pillow

Robert Winston Presnall
 *Craig Lee Reed
 Walter Charles Rittle, Jr.
 *Kyle Robertson
 Marvin Kenneth Runte
 David M. Shelby
 Douglas Nichols Sholars
 Donald Gene Smith
 *Glen Boyd Smith
 Eddie L. South
 Franklin Scott Spencer
 Milo Steffen II
 *Henry Roland Suche, Jr.

James W. Thorpe, Jr.
 Larry Don Tinsley
 Karren Lynn Sharman Tucker
 Fredric Lee Utz
 James Van Rite
 Steven John Wadle
 James Jesse Walker
 Jimmy Stanton Weatherly
 Robert Clinton Williford
 *Dana Kathleen Wilson
 Elroy Ernst Wisian, Jr.
 Richard Alvin Young

BICENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

Rev. David Michael Park

Rev. Bruce Tankersley

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, Past Grand Matron and Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee: To Hitch your Wagon to a Star, so to speak; to know the thrill of the journey through dreams and plans; and to experience the satisfaction of attaining your goal is indeed a great experience. The Bicentennial Committee has known such a joy.

Phase 2 of the Program of the Bicentennial Celebration, in gratitude of the Religious FREEDOM that we have known for 200 years, was to present two \$2,000.00 Scholarships for higher education in the field of Religious Training. The membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas has made it possible for each heart to be moved in a Prayer of Thanksgiving that in this moment our STAR OF HOPE has become a reality.

I would acknowledge the work of the ESTARL Committee in following through with the investigation of the applications and of Mrs. Wanda Gilmore, the member of the Committee from District I, in interviewing the applicants.

Two members of the Bicentennial Committee conferred with the various Schools of Theology and received applications for these Scholarships. I am pleased to present these gentlemen to make the presentation of the Bicentennial Scholarships.

Mr. Paul Huffhines: Mr. Rev. David Park, one phase of the Welfare work of our Order is to provide scholarships for men and women seeking an education in the religious field. In celebrating the Bicentennial year of our great Nation, we are reminded of the principles that have kept it, as well as our beautiful Order, strong. If we hope to survive, the teachings of our Lord and Master must be spread throughout the world. Making scholarships available for higher education in religious work is our way of showing our concern and love for our fellowman. It is my pleasure to present a \$2,000.00 Scholarship to you, Rev. David Park, from the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

Rev. David Michael Park: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Members of the Eastern Star and Friends: I am honored to be a recipient of your Bicentennial Scholarship. You are a most gracious and beneficent organization, for which I am most grateful. Thank you for your gift and for being concerned and for the interest which it represents.

Dr. Bert Hammack: Rev. Bruce Tankersley, you come to us with high recommendations and you have been chosen to receive a Scholarship to assist you in better preparing to serve mankind, and through such service, our Lord and Master. May this assistance serve as a beacon of light on your pathway, and ever remind you of that night, centuries ago, when God placed a STAR in the Heavens to guide man to His great gift of love. In remembrance of that night, the Order of the Eastern Star invests you with our best wishes and a \$2,000.00 Scholarship.

Rev. Bruce Tankersley: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and Members of the Eastern Star: A big word in the Bicentennial Celebration this year is the word HERITAGE. We have been reminded that nationally and spiritually we have a great heritage. This morning, however, I would like to think about that kind of heritage that characterizes me as an individual. You see, you have a personal heritage, even as I. For me, this consists of my mother, my father, my wife and children. These significant persons invested themselves in me as a person with potential. Today the Order of the Eastern Star, by your generosity, has become a part of my heritage. For this I am grateful. I shall try to be worthy of this honor. Thank you.

(Mrs. Paladino announced that \$1,002.00 had been collected in the Offering, making it possible to award five more Scholarships.)

Mr. Glen Boyd: Father, we thank you for the kind, loving and ecumenical spirit of the Order of the Eastern Star. It stands as a beacon to each of us in our endeavor to know that the Church of God can come together, can love together, and can have common purposes. Let us see this, O Lord and learn from it. Forgive our sins and deliver us from all evil desires. Amen.



NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR SYMBOLS OF FREEDOM SESSION

The Ninety-fourth Annual Session, the Symbols of Freedom Session, of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, was held in the Tarrant County Convention Center, Fort Worth, Texas, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, 1976. The ESTARL Worship Service was held in the Theater Section of the Convention Center.

The Setting for the entire 94th Session was one of beauty developed in meaningful simplicity. The "Picture Impression" was in keeping with the Patriotic Theme of the Bicentennial year of our Nation, in which FREEDOM has been featured so impressively. The backdrop of blue was symbolic of the Heavens. Suspended from the top, in front of the backdrop, were spotlighted the words, "Symbols of Freedom — 94th Session." For each evening of the Session a different "Symbol" of our "American Heritage" was featured. Monday evening the symbol was a replica of the Statue of Liberty, holding in her left hand a Scroll with the Four Freedoms printed thereon, and a torch was held high in her right hand. Tuesday evening the symbol was changed to a large American Eagle with out-spread wings, protecting the American shield. Wednesday evening the symbol was the Statue of Iwo Jima, in which the American Marines are re-establishing Old Glory on the hill, recalling to the minds of our generation those "dreadful hours of uncertainty in the Pacific Theater of World War II; the great deeds of heroism of our Boys in Service; and the great Price of Freedom."



The Star Point Pedestals were Colonial Lamp Tables with a beautiful Early American Rocker at each station. Each chair was draped with a tapestry of the Eagle in flight. These rockers represented a bit of the HEART of Grand Chapter, in that they were loaned for the Sessions from the Eastern Star Home.

The Altar was covered with red satin over which a cloth of the same white lace as the gowns of the Floor Officers was placed. Upon the Altar was the Bible belonging to the Easterling family.

Flowers of red, white and blue, with ferns and other greenery, were placed about the room. At the front of the stage in the East were ferns in Drum Containers, representing the Early Drum of the Revolutionary "Fife and Drum" Unit.

The Floor Officers were attired in gowns similar to those worn two centuries ago, made of imported lace over red taffeta. Other Grand Officers wore gowns of similar design in colors of red, white and blue.

Monday Afternoon, October 25, 1976

5:30 P.M.

INFORMAL OPENING

Musical selections were presented by Mrs. Lucille Rowland and Mrs. Carrie Ruby prior to the Opening of the Session. The Grand Choir entered promptly at 5:30 P.M., singing, "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," led by Mrs. Delia Dusek, Grand Choir Director.

The Grand Marshal, Mrs. Joy Shackelford, presented Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter, escorted by Mr. Herbert L. Arnold, Past Grand Patron and Member of the Jurisprudence Committee of General Grand Chapter, to the East to Call to Order the Informal Opening of the 94th "Symbols of Freedom" Session.

Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris: Distinguished Guests; Honored Leaders of our International Order of the Eastern Star around the World; Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas; Civic and Masonic Leaders of the beautiful City of Fort Worth; and Distinguished Leaders of our "Stars of Tomorrow"; our Members of Texas Grand Chapter; Delegates and Friends:

Good afternoon and WELCOME to each one. The beautiful music of this hour fills our hearts with a tranquility we all appreciate and enjoy. Our sincere thanks to these Musicians for the beautiful peace of this hour.

I am pleased beyond measure to Call this Informal Opening to Order with my dear friend, the Honorable Herbert L. Arnold, a distinguished leader in the Fraternal Orders in the State of Texas and throughout our Fraternal World of Stardom, a Past Grand Patron of Texas and a member of the Jurisprudence Committee of the General Grand Chapter.

Brother Herbert, it is a special pleasure and an honor to occupy the East with you as we call this "Symbols of Freedom" Session, the 94th Annual Session, of the Grand Chapter of Texas, to order.

We are pleased to be meeting in the City of Fort Worth, your home city, and we extend a cordial and warm welcome to each member and guest from far and near. This City is the gateway to the West and we invite you to enter and enjoy its fine hospitality.

My happiness is complete when I am privileged to be with my beloved Texas membership and, from the bottom of a grateful and loving heart, I say, WELCOME TO EACH AND EVERY MEMBER IN TEXAS, TO THIS, YOUR OWN GRAND CHAPTER. It is yours to enjoy, to direct, and to write a great chapter for the betterment of all mankind in its borders and beyond.

We extend a very special Welcome to our Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, Mrs. Mabel Mackereth, whose home is Toronto, Canada. We are truly honored that you are with us, Most Worthy Grand Matron.

A real Texas Welcome is accorded to our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. William E. George, our good neighbor in Little Rock, Arkansas. How good that you came to Texas.

We are honored to have members of their Official Family present and thank each one for coming.

It is with a feeling of personal pride that we receive our very own Texas General Grand Chapter Appointees who have created for themselves a place of honor and service around the World for this Triennium.

Sister Sally Matranga, Worthy Grand Organist, Texas' "Melody of Love", a gift to the Fraternal World from Texas.

Sister Ruby Enloe, the Committee on Ritual of the General Grand Chapter — our Texas Pearl of Great Price.

And Brother J. Victor Jones, a member of the International Temple Committee, a Christian gentleman of great stature and ability in Texas and far beyond.

These three who serve with our Brother Herbert L. Arnold get our greatest Texas Welcome, and a special thank you to our Most Worthy Grand Matron for this beautiful recognition in Texas.

Fleeting months, days and hours have left a distinctive mark on the Annals of Time through the kind and capable leadership of our beloved Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Easterling, aided by our distinguished Brother O. D. Christian, Worthy Grand Patron.

Time has dealt kindly with these two dedicated leaders and they leave a beautiful imprint for history to enjoy.

They gave us a momentous celebration during this historic year of the Bicentennial, through the planning of those leaders who helped to write the history of our memorable years. We thank them for that.

We watched, with a pardonable pride, as our gracious Worthy Grand Matron led a busy Texas delegation of 81 during the "Art of Living General Assembly" of our General Grand Chapter in Cleveland, Ohio. She did it with poise and grace in the many ways she represented Texas before the World.

We realize that each new day brings new accomplishments and new problems for man and mankind to solve or to live with. Nations are torn with strife. Unrest and danger are about us. However, we, as members of this great Order, have OUR OBLIGATION and our LANDMARKS, together with the Lessons of the Ritual, as the solid foundation for a fruitful life of peace and happiness for each of us — a great strength in time of distress or need.

We have much to be proud of in the accomplishments of these past two hundred years, however, we must do more than reflect on the glory of a job well done, for, while we have reached an enviable plateau of achievement, we also stand on the threshold of a challenging century ahead where even greater opportunities for achievement await us.

If we are to keep Faith with those notable ones who have preceded us, we must rededicate ourselves to even greater effort to advance the high ideals and sacred trust for which our Order stands. Let us not stoop to any petty or unkind acts against a Brother or Sister. WE MUST BE TRUE TO OUR OBLIGATION, living with tolerance, understanding and truth in our hearts, if we are to attain PEACE IN OUR FATHER'S WORLD.

Brother Herbert L. Arnold, will you greet our members and guests?

Mr. Herbert L. Arnold: Thank you. Sister Mildred Haney Harris. Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Friends:

It is a distinct honor afforded me by our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Easterling, to have the privilege of presiding at this, the 94th Informal Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, with Texas' own beautiful and beloved Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris.

I want to extend a special welcome to our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mabel Mackereth, and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother William George, and tell them how glad we are to have them with us in Fort Worth this evening.

This is my home town, Fort Worth, Texas, of which I am very proud. It is the City where the "West Begins", also it is a City where the "BEST" Begins.

To the Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Friends, we extend you a very hearty Welcome, and we hope that each minute of your stay with us at this Grand Chapter will be a memory that will last throughout your life. Thank you for coming, we are glad to have you. Thank you, Sister Mildred.

Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris: Thank you, Brother Arnold.

Grand Marshal, you will present Mrs. Mabel Mackereth, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, escorted by Brother J. B. Easterling; and Brother William E. George, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, escorted by Mrs. Mary Horton, Grand Representative of New York in Texas.

(While the Organists played, "O, Canada," the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron and their Escorts, accompanied by the Canadian Flag and the Flag of the State of Arkansas, were escorted to the East.)

Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris: Sisters and Brothers, you will extend to our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron a real Texas Welcome. (APPLAUSE)

Grand Marshal, please present the General Grand Chapter Fraternal Family for the Triennium, who are present tonight:

Sister Carol Strizek, Right Worthy Grand Conductress — our brilliant Star in the South of our Firmament — from Seattle, Washington, escorted by Brother Gayle Brown.

Sister Josephine Ruhsam, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress — our Star whose radiance is in the North — from Albert Lea, Minnesota, escorted by Brother Morris Fair.

Sister Helen Roquemore, Right Worthy Grand Trustee — the pride of Georgia and of Texas — escorted by Brother Ray Fields.

Sister Evelynne M. Little, Worthy Grand Marshal. She comes from Toronto, Ontario, Canada — the home of our Most Worthy Grand Matron — escorted by Brother James Ward.

Brother Ray McRoberts, Worthy Grand Chaplain of the General Grand Chapter, and Past Grand Patron of the beautiful State of Arizona, also one of my Worthy Patrons in Germany when I was Most Worthy Grand Matron, escorted by Sister Sarah Coursey.

Sister Sally Matranga, Worthy Grand Organist of the General Grand Chapter. She is "Texas' very own golden-haired darling and musical pride" of the Blue Bonnet State, escorted by her husband, Brother Donald Matranga.

Sister Lois Newman, Worthy Grand Esther, who brings us Happiness from Missouri, escorted by her husband, Brother Gordon Newman.

Sister Ruby Enloe, Member of the Ritual Committee of the General Grand Chapter — the special pride and joy of all Texas — escorted by her husband, Brother S. J. Enloe.

Sister Edith Maddex, Chairman of the Heart Foundation Committee of the General Grand Chapter. She comes from the State we all love — Alabama. Sister Maddex is escorted by Brother Gene Belk.

Brother J. Victor Jones, International Temple Committee of the General Grand Chapter — a distinguished leader among Christian men and women — escorted by his wife, Sister Jocie Jones.

Sister Helen Marston, Payroll Committee of the General Grand Chapter, from Ontario, Canada, escorted by Brother Cletus Bridges.

Sister Eileen P. Weidman, Member of the Charters Committee of the General Grand Chapter, from Broomfield, Colorado, escorted by Brother J. C. Gilmore.

Sister Betty Yull, Member of the Shriners Crippled Childrens Committee of the General Grand Chapter, from Kingston, Ontario, Canada, escorted by Brother Doss Brown.

Brother Charles Harpool, Member of the Shriners Crippled Childrens Committee of our neighboring State of Oklahoma, escorted by his Sister, Mrs. Jackie Huffhines.

Brother W. E. Brander, Member of the Jurisprudence Committee of the General Grand Chapter, from Duluth, Minnesota, escorted by Sister Irene Scarborough.

Sister Lillian Seymour, Member of the Jurisprudence Committee of the General Grand Chapter, from Billings, Montana, escorted by Brother Kermit Bronson.

It is the special wish of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Easterling, that the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas be seated in the East that she may pay them the proper tribute and honor they so justly deserve in the glory of their service in our Order. Their names are written high on the pinnacle of success and they retain the brilliance of their accomplishments and remain beloved in the hearts of all Texas.

Sister Grand Marshal, please present the PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF TEXAS, their husbands, wives or escorts to the East.

(The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons were escorted to the East.)

Sister Grand Marshal, please present the Program Participants for the evening and their escorts:

Brother Richard T. Porter, Past Grand Patron, and he is escorted by his wife, Sister Earnesteen Porter.

Brother John T. Bean, Past Grand Master, and Superintendent of the Masonic Home and School of Texas, escorted by Sister Joan Ward.

Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Supreme Faith and Supreme Inspector in Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, escorted by Brother Vaughan Johnson.

Sister Grand Marshal, will you present Sister Barbara Hansford, the Worthy Grand Electa from the Grand Chapter of Scotland. Sister Barbara comes to us from her home far across the sea. She lives in England and her membership is in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. She is escorted by Brother Wayne Jones.

It is now my special privilege and my delight to present a loving friend and a very special one, Sister Ruby Enloe, who is Master of Ceremonies for this evening. Sister Ruby.

Mrs. Ruby Enloe: Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mr. Herbert L. Arnold, Member of the Jurisprudence Committee of the General Grand Chapter, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, other General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Members and Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Friends:

In the very beginning, I must confess to you that I am a substitute. Our dearly beloved Sister Edna Earl Duke was to have performed in this place. Because of her illness, of which I am sure you are all aware, our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Easterling, asked me to take her place. Though I know no one can really take Edna Earl's place, I consider it a distinct honor and a privilege to have been asked to do so. My appreciation goes to you, Worthy Grand Matron, for your confidence in me. You have served our Order well in Texas this year, and we were doubly proud of you and Brother O. D., our Worthy Grand Patron, as you represented us at General Grand Chapter in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Harris, as Texas' Most Illustrious Member of our Order, our own Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, how appropriate and wise of our Worthy Grand Matron to select you to Call to Order this Informal Opening of the "Symbols of Freedom Session" with our Distinguished member of the Jurisprudence Committee of General Grand Chapter, Mr. Herbert L. Arnold, who is a resident of this great city of Fort Worth. We are most appreciative of the beauty and graciousness with which you presented Mrs. Mabel Mackereth, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mr. William E. George, our Most Worthy Grand Patron; our other Distinguished Officers of General Grand Chapter, our Past Grands of Texas and the Program Participants. Thank you.

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty, Let Freedom Ring." This has been our Worthy Grand Matron's theme as she, the Worthy Grand Patron and their corps of Officers have set the pace to the drum's beat as we, in the Grand Chapter of Texas, joined our Nation in celebrating America's 200th Birthday this Bicentennial Year.

Proudly, then, do I present these Leaders, their Floor Officers, and the other Grand Officers as they re-enact the bombardment of Fort McHenry and the writing of "The Star Spangled Banner", our National Anthem:

Worthy Grand Matron, MRS. DORIS EASTERLING...
 Escorted by her husband, Mr. J. B. Easterling
 Worthy Grand Patron, MR. O. D. CHRISTIAN
 Escorted by Mrs. May Delle Grubbs
 Associate Grand Matron, MRS. JOYCE ROBERTS
 Escorted by her husband, Mr. Joe Roberts
 Associate Grand Patron, MR. J. PERRY SMITHWICK
 Escorted by his wife, Mrs. Helen Smithwick
 Grand Secretary, MRS. AGNES LEE HOWARD
 Escorted by her husband, Mr. Murle Howard
 Grand Treasurer, MRS. JETTIE HINTON
 Escorted by Mr. George Curtis
 Grand Conductress, MRS. MARY M. BROWN
 Escorted by her husband, Mr. Doss Brown
 Associate Grand Conductress, MRS. RENNIE OFTON
 Escorted by her husband, Mr. Paul Oton
 Grand Chaplain, MRS. OLLIE ROGERS
 Escorted by her Worthy Patron, Mr. Jimmy Guinn
 Grand Marshal, MRS. JOY SHACKELFORD
 Escorted by her husband, Mr. Dale Shackelford
 Grand Organist, MR. BOB K. KING
 Escorted by his wife, Mrs. Cindy King
 Grand Adah, MRS. NANCY BROWN
 Escorted by her husband, Mr. Gayle Brown
 Grand Ruth, MRS. ELLEN TURNER
 Escorted by her husband, Mr. John E. Turner
 Grand Esther, MRS. FRANCES CHRISTIAN
 Escorted by her Worthy Patron, Mr. L. J. Reynolds
 Grand Martha, MRS. MERLE G. YOUNG
 Escorted by Mr. W. R. "Dick" Robinson
 Grand Electa, MRS. PAULINE POE
 Escorted by her husband, Mr. C. C. Poe
 Grand Warder, MRS. VIOLET LOWREY
 Escorted by her husband, Mr. W. C. Lowrey
 Grand Sentinel, MR. JOHN EFIRD
 Escorted by his wife, Mrs. Doris Efird
 Fraternal Correspondent, MRS. MATTIE HENRY
 Escorted by her husband, Mr. Wallace Henry

Narrating this unusual and magnificent pageant will be the "Grand Husband" of our Worthy Grand Matron, and also the Chairman of the By-Laws Committee. Mr. Easterling has held many Grand Chapter appointments and is presently serving for the tenth time as Worthy Patron of Clyde Chapter No. 308. He is a distinguished Mason, holding the title of Past Master of Baird Lodge and the Lodge at Clyde. He also served twice as District Deputy Grand Master of the 74th Masonic District and presently holds a life-time appointment as Grand Representative of the Grand Jurisdiction of New South Wales near the Grand Lodge of Texas. With pleasure I present Mr. J. B. Easterling.

(The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the platform in the center of the Grand Chapter floor, where the "tattered and torn" flag with 15 stars and stripes was flying, and the other Floor Officers were escorted to their places on the lower platform. Then, as the narration by Mr. Easterling was being given, the other Grand Officers formed a replica of Fort McHenry, with the ladies in red dresses circling first, then the ladies in white dress and finally the ladies in blue. The men formed the outside circle. The lady Board Members and Deputies formed the "gun abutments". This represented the story of the writing of The Star Spangled Banner.)

Mr. J. B. Easterling: During this Bicentennial year, people have become closer and more united — and they show a reviving spirit of Patriotism to our Symbols of Freedom.

We have seen reproduced, re-enacted and displayed this past year, many symbols of our Freedom. Perhaps the best known of ALL Freedom Symbols anywhere in the world is the American Flag; and when we think of our beautiful Old Glory we think of our National Anthem. Tonight we relate to you the story of the writing of this song that holds a very hallowed place in the hearts of ALL true Americans.

Francis Scott Key, a young American lawyer, boarded an enemy warship under a flag of truce during the battle of Fort McHenry, in September, 1814. He went there to beg for the release of a friend, held prisoner of war. His plea was granted, but he and his friend were kept on board during the battle.

At sunset, across the water, they saw the Stars and Stripes, tattered and battle-scarred, flying bravely over the Fort. All night long the furious battle continued. If the enemy were successful, the two Americans watching from the deck of the enemy's ship, knew that ANOTHER FLAG would fly over Fort McHenry in the morning.

Anxiously, fearful of the outcome, they waited during the long night, and then, in the first faint light of the early dawn, they saw THEIR FLAG still fluttering gently in the morning breeze.

Thrilled and inspired at the sight, Francis Scott Key, pulled an old envelope from his pocket and wrote the glorious words of the song which today is our National Anthem.

We have heard this song many times throughout our lives, and have sung it many times. Most of us take the words for granted, singing them without being aware of their meaning. Let us reflect on the words of the song for a few moments.

Our song begins with a question — “Oh, say can you see?” It does NOT begin with an exhortation, as does the French National Anthem, nor does it begin with a petition to God, as the British “God Save the King” begins, nor with a call to action, as does the Communist Anthem. It begins with a QUESTION, just as our Nation began 200 years ago. Americans THEN asked a question of history — “Can FREE PEOPLE govern themselves effectively?” And to this day Americans are STILL asking questions. Our Democracy itself is a question, and it makes special kinds of demands on its people. This is what Democracy is all about — asking the PEOPLE the important questions, and getting the answers from THEM, not from some ruling tyrant.

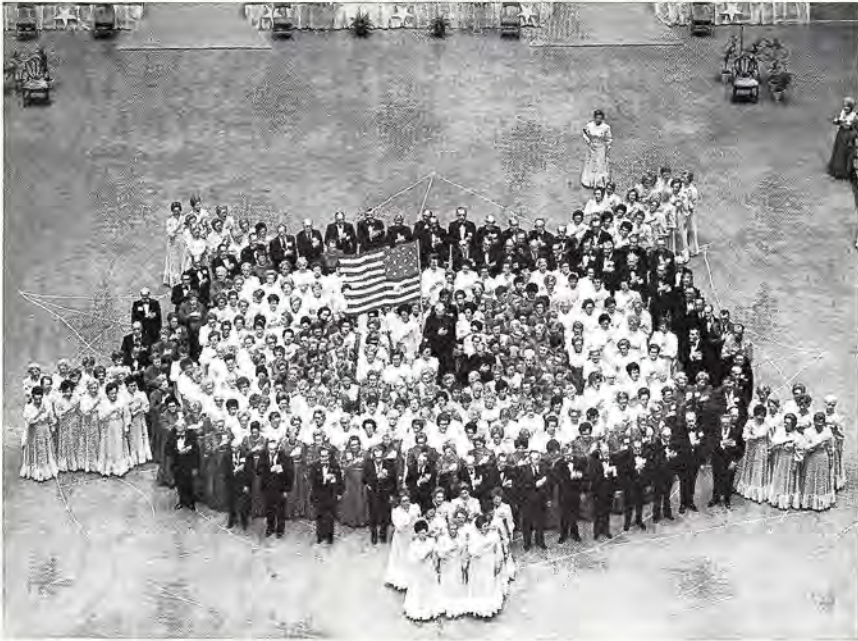
The next words, “Whose broad stripes and bright stars”, remind us that OUR SONG concerns a specific object, the Flag of our Country, which reflects our National Spirit and is the dominant characteristic of our people.

“Through the perilous fight”, tells us the remarkable fact about OUR National Anthem, for it tells of an attack on Americans, by the enemy. Perhaps no other people proudly sing of a National Banner in danger of destruction. We Americans are NOT a war-like people, yet every time we sing our National Anthem, we remind ourselves that OUR FLAG will always need to be defended, for our FREEDOM demands eternal vigilance, which our Founding Fathers freely gave.

The words, “Proof through the night”, SHOULD remind us of the many times in our history we have been given proof through the night — not only in foreign wars, but here at home, as well. As a Nation, we have never FEARED THE NIGHT, for we have proof of our National STRENGTH, and we have always known that our NATIONAL UNITY would ultimately come shining through for America.

Our song ends with a question, as it began — “Oh, say does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave?” This question becomes a CHALLENGE to be answered by Americans of every generation. DOES our Flag still wave? Do the things it stands for still remain a part of our National life?

This question is easy for us to answer, for usually, when we sing these words, our Flag is in view. But the Question will NEVER be completely settled — it must be asked and answered whenever America’s FREEDOM is endangered, and whenever we need to remind ourselves and the rest of the world what we HAVE BEEN, and what we RESOLVE TO REMAIN — “THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE.”



(The Audience joined in singing “The Star Spangled Banner” led by the Grand Choir. The Floor Officers and Grand Officers retired from the Grand Chapter floor.)

Mrs. Ruby Enloe: We are going to set up the Labryinth now and, at this time, I am going to take the opportunity to say to our Most Worthy Grand Matron how wonderful it is to have her in Texas and how we appreciate her. You know, Most Worthy Grand Matron, I have thought of many, many words that could describe you, but I like the word “Cute” the best. You are absolutely “The cutest thing out.” We love you, Sister Mabel.

As Sister Nancy Bailey, Past Grand Matron, presents the Holy Bible, may our hearts be filled again with praise and thanksgiving for our individual right and Freedom to Worship God. Then as Mr. J. T. Sanders, Past Grand Patron, presents the honored Square and Compasses, may we join our Masonic Brothers in their pride as we remember the outstanding number of the signers of the Declaration of Independence who were members of the noble Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

Please remain standing as Sister Barbara Hansford leads us in our Invocation.

Mrs. Barbara Hansford: Sisters, Brothers and Friends, let us pray.

For the glory of the Star,
 For Thy protection, near and far,
 For Home and Friends, for bed and board,
 We thank Thee, Lord. Amen

Mrs. Ruby Enloe: Another privilege which we cherish as Americans and Eastern Stars is the FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY. I am certain these whom I am about to introduce next, to voice words of welcome, are very pleased that we have come to Fort Worth to assemble PEACABLY!

The fraternal welcome of the Hostess Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star in Fort Worth will be brought by an esteemed gentleman, bearing titles of distinction in several Masonic bodies, including Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas — Mr. Richard T. Porter.

Mr. Richard T. Porter: Master of Ceremonies, Sister Ruby Enloe; Worthy Grand Matron; Worthy Grand Patron; Most Worthy Grand Matron; Most Worthy Grand Patron; Distinguished Guests; My Sisters; Brothers and Friends:

It is a delightful privilege to appear before you and to bring you a sincere welcome from the Sisters and Brothers of Fort Worth and Tarrant County. Following the last Grand Chapter Session, the plans were immediately begun and have continued to be worked on by various committees. The Executive Committee and the Grand Chapter Arrangements Committee and all of their sub-committees have been working diligently and hard to please you at this Grand Chapter. As you look around, you will see the many appointments that go into a Grand Chapter Session; please know that they were made with loving hands for your pleasure on your visit to Fort Worth. We trust that, as this week unfolds, you will know the sincere fraternalism that is in the hearts and minds of the Sisters and Brothers of Fort Worth and Tarrant County. So, if there is anything that any of us can do to make your stay a little more pleasant, please do not hesitate to ask us. We bid you a most hearty and cordial welcome to Fort Worth.

Mrs. Ruby Enloe: This Order is no part of the Ancient Order of Freemasonry, yet we are bound to it by the dearest of human ties, and the highest degree of respect. With us tonight, as a representative of this time-honored Fraternity to voice the welcome of these Bodies, is Mr. John T. Bean, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas and Superintendent of the Masonic Home and School. Mr. Bean.

Mr. John T. Bean: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Sisters, Brothers and Friends:

I am glad the Mayor didn't show up tonight. Had he shown up, I would not have gotten to sit next to the Worthy Grand Matron. It just goes to show you, "It's how you show up that the show down counts."

Brother Tom Yantis, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, asked me to give you his Fraternal Greetings and to thank you for the good work that you have done for the Grand Lodge of Texas this year. I am especially glad to have this opportunity to express that for him. Because Brother Lamb, Brother Hal Burnett and Brother Claud Austin think they are "so hot" I just want to show them that I can get on this program and they can't.

We are mighty proud of the members of the Order of the Eastern Star. You have given us a new image in Masonry. There's many a Lodge in this State tonight that is painted that never would have been painted and maintained, if it had not been for your support.

There's many a Worshipful Master who has a tendency to fix his tie and button his coat because some of you girls have shown him how it ought to be done. We are proud of that, and we realize that if it were not for you, there are many members who would not even belong to our Order.

On this occasion, I want to welcome you to Fort Worth. I hope that you will have time to visit our Masonic Home and School in Fort Worth. That's the only school in the State of Texas that refuses to accept or solicit available Federal or State Funds.

I carry a little card in my pocket, and I am proud of this card. I am proud of it because it says, "Ysleta Chapter No. 991, Order of the Eastern Star. Card No. 44, El Paso, Texas, April 26, 1976. This certifies that John T. Bean, Member, paid his \$6.00 dues and is paid in full to May 31, 1977."

This card is a card of good repute. Just everybody can't get one of these cards. In fact, I am surprised that the Government has not issued an order that they are not any good. As long as we keep our organizations as they are — as long as we take care of them — we will have the kind of organizations that can choose its members just as your Father and your Mother chose. As I welcome you here tonight, my parting word to you is, "Let us thank God that we have the privilege and the opportunity to belong to such an organization." What greater welcome could there be than for you to go back home when this day is over and tell the folks back home that you have rededicated yourselves to the principles of the Order of the Eastern Star, that we are in a position to be happy and to communicate happiness. Thank you.

Mrs. Ruby Enloe: Thank you, Brother Bean, for coming to talk to us and to welcome us.

Those of us with daughters who are members of the Order of Rainbow for Girls, or who have daughters who have reached their majority (as my daughter has), as well as many in this audience tonight who are now Eastern Stars because of being a former Rainbow Girl, know of this remarkable organization. We are honored tonight to present a gracious lady, who is not only a devoted member of our Order, but also gives unselfish service in directing the activities of this splendid group of young women. With personal pleasure, I present Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Supreme Faith, Supreme Inspector in Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Mrs. Whitfield.

Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield: Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests and Members:

The Rainbow Girls expect the love and support of Masons, Eastern Stars, their parents and friends, and we, as adults, must avail ourselves of that privilege.

Our 1976 Grand Assembly Session is one that will always be near and dear to everyone who attended. It is one that we will remember. There was no panic — we had no tragic aftermath of it. All of that was due to the caliber of the fine girls and adults who attended.

I feel that the great success of that is from a statement that one of our very young little girls said to herself in almost a moment of despair, "Lord, you promised," and He did. And we will have many, many fine Grand Assembly Sessions.

Many of you have served as Mother Advisors, members of the Advisory Board. You know the help that was needed at that time. Are you giving that help today? Too many girls hear this, "We can't get anyone to be our Mother Advisor or to serve on the Advisory Board." That probably does something to the girls the rest of their lives. May I ask you to avail yourself of that opportunity.

We had a loss in membership. When you, as Mother Advisor, or member of the Advisory Board, worked with the girls you were representing your own Chapter and you are taking to those girls the strength and interest of your Chapter. We must remember this.

To go back to our Grand Assembly Session — all of us want to extend our thanks to the many people who were with us: our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron and many of our Grand Officers and members were with us. They stayed with us, they gave us their support, their love and we needed it.

In asking you to attend our Assembly Sessions and our Grand Assembly we not only invite you to attend, but we will expect you to attend.

Worthy Grand Matron, the Rainbow Girls know of the love which you have for many Orders. They know you are looking to the future, to the Welfare of our Eastern Star members, and they would like to present you a check for \$500.00 that you can use for the Eastern Star bodies as you care to — but we would like for it to go to the Home Endowment Fund. That doesn't give much choice, but I believe it is her choice. Again, many thanks for having this privilege of speaking for the Rainbow Girls and of inviting you to meet with those girls. If you haven't, you have no idea what it will mean to you in your lives.

Mrs. Ruby Enloe: Thank you, Sister Whitfield, and that's the kind of choice she gives these girls sometimes.

It would be difficult to find a more charming lady (even in her own native land, England) than our next speaker. This Grand Chapter is pleased that tradition names our Associate Grand Matron to bring the response to the warm welcomes voiced throughout the Informal Opening — for it gives us the opportunity again of listening to the melodious voice of lovely Mrs. Joyce Roberts, our Associate Grand Matron.

Mrs. Joyce Roberts: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies; Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Doris Easterling; The Rev. Mr. O. D. Christian, Worthy Grand Patron; Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mabel Mackereth; Most Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. William E. George; Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris; Distinguished General Grand Chapter Officers; Distinguished Members; My Sisters, Brothers and Friends:

I am deeply honored this evening to have the privilege of responding to the various welcomes. "Tis sweet to know there is an Eye will mark our coming, and look brighter when we come."

Mr. Richard Porter, on behalf of the Eastern Stars of Fort Worth; Mr. John Bean, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (I can vouch for his initiation, my Sisters and Brothers, I was there the night he was initiated); Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Supreme Faith, Supreme Inspector, International Order of Rainbow for Girls; it is with deep pleasure that I, in behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, accept your beautiful words of welcome. Your expressed desires to accommodate our presence in your midst is noted with gratitude and humility, and we, as members of this Order, will strive to uphold the responsibilities of dignity and character that we profess. Above all things, we are cognizant of the Freedoms that we are privileged to enjoy. By assembling here, we are exercising our beliefs and Freedom of Choice. As citizens of the United States of America, we are truly blessed by a beneficent and All-powerful Being, who, through the minds and hearts of mankind, created this paradise of Democracy.

It is my hope that all who watch us from afar will be uplifted in some small way by the very expressions of these beliefs, made evident through our deeds and by our actions.

I thank each one of you for your warm-hearted hospitality and for your manifestations of friendship. You will always be remembered as very special people who have added a very special gift to our lives. Thank you.

Mrs. Ruby Enloe: Thank you, Sister Joyce.

The Grand Lady who addresses us next has led our Grand Chapter through an outstanding year of achievement and patriotic fervor with her Bicentennial theme. Her years of unselfish service in our Order in Texas is sincerely appreciated by the membership. To dedicate this Session over which she will preside. I proudly present Mrs. Doris Easterling, Worthy Grand Matron.

Mrs. Doris Easterling: Master of Ceremonies, Mrs. Ruby Enloe; Distinguished East; Sisters; Brothers and Friends:

First of all, may I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. Herbert L. Arnold, member of the Jurisprudence Committee of General Grand Chapter, for Calling to Order this Informal Opening of the Grand Chapter Session. Both of you are very special friends of mine, and I am pleased that you could serve in this capacity. Mrs. Harris, you mean much to all Eastern Stars in Texas, and we have the greatest admiration and respect for you. You were the one who served so beautifully as my Installing Officer last October, and it has been a pleasure to have you participate in the first activities of this Session. Mr. Arnold, we are delighted with your appointment in General Grand Chapter, and an added joy is mine in having you participate in this program.

Mrs. Ruby Enloe, member of the Ritual Committee of General Grand Chapter, words of mine seem inadequate to express my appreciation for your assistance this evening. Those who have served in the place I now serve, realize the utter despair one feels when informed of the necessary absence of one who is on the program. This was my feeling when I learned of the illness of Mrs. Edna Earl Duke, but you, Mrs. Enloe, have done a magnificent job on short notice. Please know that always I shall be grateful for your last-minute assistance, and we rejoice in your appointment in General Grand Chapter for the next three years.

To Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Supreme Faith, Supreme Inspector in Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, may I express my sincere appreciation for this great gift, and the Home Endowment Fund is my very special fund for this year. I am pleased to accept this on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

It is a pleasure to add my Welcome to those already extended you by other individuals. I am delighted that each of you has joined us for this portion of our Program and hope you enjoy our Informal Opening of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

All members of Texas Grand Chapter join me in expressing our gratitude for the presence of our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. We are doubly honored in having BOTH these distinguished leaders of General Grand Chapter with us, and our hearts rejoice in their attendance at our Session.

Mrs. Mabel L. Mackereth, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. William E. George, Most Worthy Grand Patron, may I take this opportunity to extend each of you a most cordial welcome to Texas. Because we are highly honored by your Official Visit to Texas Grand Chapter, it is a distinct privilege and pleasure for me to Dedicate this 94th Session, the "Symbols of Freedom" Session, to YOU, the Beloved

Leaders of our Order. I now lovingly Dedicate this 94th Session to Mrs. Mabel L. Mackereth, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. William E. George, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

At this time I want to read a Poem that has been written for our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron by Mrs. Margaret Townsend, our Poet Laureate, who could not be with us:

GO FORTH IN JOY AND FREEDOM

Almighty God, be ever gracious unto you,
As you lead the "Stars" of this great land.
May He give you wisdom for each task you do
And guide you with His loving, gentle hand.

May each day bring a promise of delight,
Filled with sweet joy, and free from all alarms,
And at the close of day, a peaceful night
Safe in the shelter of His loving arms.

Walk then in Freedom, and the joy of liberty,
Spreading goodwill and faith, the nations wide;
And may your venture ever prosperous be,
Knowing true friends walk daily by your side.

Proudly proclaim the lessons that we teach;
Unfurl your flags against a waiting sky,
Bringing new hope to every heart you reach.
Go forth in Love and Peace, your torch held high.

Margaret Townsend, Poet Laureate 1975-76

Mrs. Ruby Enloe: What a thrill that it is to have this Session dedicated to our Most Worthy Grand Matron and our Most Worthy Grand Patron. Sister Doris had not told any of us about this, Sister Mabel.

Sisters, Brothers and Friends, the presentation of these Flags always brings us to our feet, with hearts beating proudly, and heads held high with love and respect. Particularly in this year of 1976, they have added meaning for us as "Symbols of Freedom."

The Beloved "Old Glory" — the Flag of the United States of America, held aloft by Mr. Gayle Brown, Champions of Freedom Committee.

The Lone Star Flag of Texas, proudly carried by Mr. Stanton Parker, Chairman of the Grand Ushers.

The magnificent Canadian Flag, presented tonight in honor of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, whom we hail from America's great northern neighbor — CANADA! — presented by Mr. William D. Klonaris, Grand Usher.

We also hail the Arkansas Flag, presented tonight in honor of our Most Worthy Grand Patron, who comes to us from Texas' neighboring State of Arkansas, carried by Mr. T. L. "Duke" Weaver, Grand Representative of Arkansas in Texas.

The Cherished Christian Flag, reverently held aloft by Mr. Ronald Ernst, Arrangements Committee.

The banner bearing the emblem of our Order, the Eastern Star Flag, presented by Mr. Morris Fair, Champions of Freedom Committee.

To lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country, I am pleased to present one of Texas' most loved and distinguished Past Grand Patrons, Mr. Herbert L. Arnold, Member of the Jurisprudence Committee of General Grand Chapter.

(The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was led by Mr. Herbert L. Arnold, joined by the Congregation.)

Mrs. Ruby Enloe: Now, I am delighted to present to you one who always generously shares her remarkable talents, her knowledge of our Constitution and Laws, and her magical gift of Oratory. I give you the charming, gracious Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, Past Grand Matron, who will bring the Tributes to the Flags.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, our Distinguished Guests, Visitors, Members, Sisters and Brothers, ALL:

We hold in our hands the program of the 94th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas — the program of the "Symbols of Freedom" Session. As the time for this part of the program approached, I thought of the fact that, since time began, man has used a symbol to designate groups of people joined together for common purposes. My assignment in tonight's program is to speak words of tribute to those beautiful symbols that you viewed in the impressive presentation of the FLAGS. They are truly our "Symbols of Freedom" joining us together for common purposes.

FLAG OF OUR COUNTRY . . . glorious, victorious, immortal flag . . . from the depths of our hearts, we salute you. Sweet and tender are the emotions that surge within us in this year of 1976. We are mindful of the courage, loyalty, devotion to principles upon which the United States of America was founded. We remember and are grateful for the principle of Justice and Equality established for us in the Constitution by men of great stature, wisdom and vision.

Your Stars and Stripes and field of blue represent all that we are as a Nation and all that we ever hope to be . . . the symbols of cherished ideals of government, sacred to us all. Within thy silken folds are wrapped the tears and toils of those whose lives and labors have builded and preserved us a Nation, have written our glorious history and have made of you a "Banner, Immortal."

You are a creation of beauty with your red — your white — and your blue. No red was ever so red, not even the sun in its majestic grandeur, as it sinks beneath the twilight's purple hills was ever so red as the red in that Flag. No white was ever so white, not even the petals of the fairest lily as it bursts forth from the bosom of Mother Earth. No blue was ever so blue — just a little bit of heaven, sifted down from above; and the starlight dome above us never shone more brightly than do the stars in the Flag we love so well.

As we pay tribute to you, proud old Flag, we likewise lift the prayer that your people may not lose in apathy what has been passed to us through Agony.

"Texas, Beautiful Texas — the land where the Bluebonnets grow." As we gaze upon your great Lone Star, we see a proud people; we see great expanses of land stretching from the snow of the North to the deserts of the West and down to the Rio Grande Valley fruit belt — through the plains of your heart that roll unto the shores of the Gulf and then on to the tall, graceful Pines that guard your Eastern boundary. Rich, romantic and glorious to your history of 140 years.

Lest we forget the great price paid for our freedom and independence, as you flutter in the breeze, you whisper, "Remember the Alamo! Remember Goliad!" Hearing, every true Texan stands a bit taller and a bit straighter and calls back, "We shall NOT forget." We pledge to you that we shall so live as to be worthy of the price paid for your life. May the friendship and brotherly love that we extend to all justify the interpretation of your name, TEJAS — TEXAS — FRIEND.

Beautiful Lone Star, the Eyes of Texas are upon you. With pride, we proclaim, "You belong to us and we belong to you."

The Canadian Flag, perhaps most familiar to us, is the ROYAL UNION FLAG, generally known as the "Union Jack". It was approved by the Canadian Parliament in 1964 for continued use as a symbol of Canada's membership in the Commonwealth of Nations and of her allegiance to the Crown.

The beautiful and meaningful emblem of Canada that was adopted by the Parliament and proclaimed by Her Majesty, the Queen, on February 15, 1965, is the one that was presented in our Parade of Flags. On November 3, 1921, red and white were the colors officially declared and used by King George V in a proclamation of Canada's Coat of Arms recommended to His Majesty by the Canadian Government. It was natural that the new flag would be of these colors. There are two red bars on each side equal to the size of the white square in the center. On the white square is the lovely Maple Leaf which seems to have been regarded as a Canadian emblem as early as 1700. It was used for decorative purposes during the visit of the Prince of Wales in 1860. It has been used as a symbol and mark of identity by the Canadian Armed Forces.

Thus is described the beautiful emblem of our neighbor to the North, Looking upon its MAPLE LEAF, you reflect momentarily upon the words of the poet, "Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree." In such reflection, you think of the great forest of this Northland, but you likewise think of the great people who live therein — also the creation of a Great God.

I am sure that there were many thoughts that stirred within the hearts of we Americans as this symbol passed before us tonight. Though greatly different in design, it has the same red and white of our standard — the RED that speaks of Love and Sacrifice woven into it — the WHITE that calls forth the truth, the justice — the purity reflected from it. This banner proclaims to us that there can be a 3,000 mile border, free of "Checkpoint Charlies" — a borderline that has developed a PEACE GARDEN wherein both peoples may look to the Heavens in thanksgiving.

I invite you in this moment to look upon that Maple Leaf and listen — you will hear it speaking to us in the language of UNDERSTANDING and the tones of courage, zeal and fervency. It reflects light and calls its people to loyalty, devotion, justice and truth. These, my friends, are the great elements of FRIENDSHIP.

Beautiful emblem of Canada, tonight as Americans, we pay a sincere and loving tribute of respect to you as the symbol of a great people — Our Neighbors. To that we would add, as members of this great Order, a tribute of thanksgiving for your DAUGHTER, Mabel Mackereth, our Leader and Friend.

And now I must make a confession — when the Worthy Grand Matron wrote me to give the Tribute to the Flags, the beautiful Arkansas Flag was not listed among my notes. I did not know, as I have been busy, until I looked at my Program on the Stage, that I was to speak on this Flag, so I will say to the Honored Guest, that I cannot speak to my Texans of the tradition woven into your beautiful flag. I can, however, speak of what I see in it. I see in that Flag, the Red, the White and the Blue, the same colors of the Texas Flag. The Red for Love, the White for Loyalty and the Blue for Fidelity — these virtues we have found in our neighbors. I see Stars that resemble those which God placed in the Heavens. To us they speak of "Star's jeweled friendships", of neighbors with whom we have shared many things — just across the border.

I see woven into it the same White of Purity that is in our Christian Flag. This White is symbolic of your people. We have found you a Christian people. I see woven into it a deep pride of State — a great element of Patriotism. Your State has given to the Nation many great leaders. As we pay tribute to your Flag this evening, we likewise pay tribute to a man who "stands tall", not just by stature, but by the way he lives, by what he represents; a Christian gentleman; a Civic Leader; an outstanding Leader in our Order. Mr. Bill George, to your Banner, the Flag of Arkansas, we proudly pay our tribute of love.

It is with reverence that we pause to honor our Christian Flag — a symbol of the abiding love of an Everlasting Father. As we look upon your field of White, representing PURITY, from our hearts and minds leaps forth the thought, "One Nation Under God." So may it ever be! You are an everlasting symbol of a Nation's unswerving Faith in the ONE True God.

The field of Blue represents the Heavens — the New Jerusalem — "That City not made with Hands," and symbolizes Fidelity.

The Red Cross, drenched in the precious blood of Jesus Christ, Our Master and Teacher, bids us to "Take up our Cross and follow Him." He said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Light", and "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die . . . but live eternally", in that City not made with Hands.

In this hallowed moment — in this simple tribute — cognizant of our many failures, our weakness — we rededicate ourselves to Him who redeemed us through His precious blood.

Symbol of the Eastern Star, you are the tie that binds us in sweet fellowship, in good works and in love. You are worthy of esteem and high praise. Proudly, we salute you.

Your emblematic Star reminds us that God did place a Star in the Heavens to go before the Wise Men and to guide them in their search for Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Your symbolic hues remind us of those virtues so courageously practiced by the heroines of our Order. May we, too, be wise and follow the Light of the Star, trusting and hoping that it will lead us into Pathways of Service to Mankind.

As we behold your simple beauty, may we determine to so live that we may effectively emulate the true spirit of Brotherhood through experiences of Courage; Fidelity to Duty; Confidence in People; Faith in God; and Love for One Another.

My Sisters, Brothers and Friends, ALL of these Flags are SYMBOLS OF GREAT FREEDOMS — they represent PATRIOTISM in our Stars and Stripes; RESPECT and Honor for the Canadian Banner; PRIDE in the Freedom purchased by the Lone Star; FAITH and LOVE for the Christian Flag; and FELLOWSHIP and BROTHERHOOD for the Eastern Star Symbol. May these Symbols of FREEDOM be lifted high and carried proudly by each of us during the days of this 94th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. May our words and our actions be centered in all for which they stand.

Mrs. Ruby Enloe: Thank you, Sister Lallah Mae. And now we will have a "Medley of Patriotic Songs" by the Grand Choir.

(The Grand Choir sang a beautiful Medley of Patriotic Songs.)

Mrs. Ruby Enloe: The Grand Marshal will now present the Hostess Worthy Matrons and the Host Worthy Patrons of this fine Fort Worth area. We know how diligently this group has worked and cooperated with many others in the plans and preparations for our coming to this Grand Chapter Session. It is with distinct pleasure that I now present them to you — Our Hostesses and Hosts. I will call their Chapter number and names as they come, so that you may know who our Hostess Chapters are:

WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS OF HOST CHAPTERS

Shirley Martindale
Doris Loyd
Lula Bell Daniel
Adell Faulk
Leatha Adams
Valois McDonald
Faye L. Fox
Bonnie Daley
Jo Alice Wall
Mary Ruth Wellington
Helen Keller
Mona Rector
Margie Joan Curtis
Rhonda Barnes
Winnell Yeats
Dorothy M. Koenig
Clara Inez Cole
Doris Dunagan
Thylis Chambless
Martha Frances Smith
Hazel King
Bessie Mae Corley
Geraldine Sullivan
Gloria Cummings

Arlington No. 249
Arlington Heights No. 702
Azle No. 899
Castleberry No. 1028
Crescent No. 820
Everman No. 624
Fort Worth No. 681
Grapevine No. 326
Haltom City No. 982
Handley No. 617
Hurst No. 1099
Keystone No. 9
Lake Worth No. 1109
Mansfield No. 876
North Fort Worth No. 684
Polytechnic No. 420
Richland Hills No. 1040
Ridglea No. 999
Riverside No. 834
South Hills No. 835
Southside No. 673
Tarrant No. 8
Wedgwood No. 756
White Settlement No. 1053

Jess Martindale
E. William Horne
W. R. Daniel
Curtis Faulk
Keith L. Peterson
Charles W. Pitts
Charles A. Reiser
Newton B. Ceat
Ronald Ernst
G. Stanley Bass
James Sparks
James L. Ott
John L. Pribble
William H. Barnes
George Hanks
Terry D. Mayfield
Mike M. Wolff
E. H. Haag
Daniel McBride
Ray F. Briggs
C. D. King
John I. Corley
Richard Dickens
A. H. "Tony" Cummings

Mrs. Ruby Enloe: Now the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Texas are going to join the Fort Worth Matrons and Patrons in a spectacular formation. When it is completed, you will realize the significance of this display.



(The Grand Marshal led the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons into the Maple Leaf Formation on the Grand Chapter Floor.)

Mrs. Ruby Enloe: Mrs. Mabel Mackereth, Most Worthy Grand Matron, behold the magnificent MAPLE LEAF, the National Symbol of your beloved CANADA, displayed on the floor of the Grand Chapter of Texas as a loving gesture and our true appreciation for your distinguished presence with us at this "Symbols of Freedom" Session.

Sisters and Brothers, I know it is the largest Maple Leaf she has ever seen.

Mr. William E. George, Most Worthy Grand Patron, held aloft for you to behold with pride, is the Banner of ARKANSAS, your home State. It is lifted high by these Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons in appreciation of your presence among us.

While we are standing, I am going to ask Brother R. O. Fuqua to come and give the-closing words of Benediction for this Informal Opening of our Grand Chapter Session, the "Symbols of Freedom" Session. Dr. Fuqua.

Dr. R. O. Fuqua: Will you bow your head and join with me in prayer? Our Gracious and Loving Heavenly Father, in these closing moments of this Informal "Symbols of Freedom" Session of Grand Chapter, we humbly pause in Thy presence to ask Thee to bestow Thy blessings upon each one present, especially our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron; guide and direct them in all of their official duties during this annual session of Grand Chapter. May peace and harmony prevail in the hearts of all the members of this great Fraternal Order. May we all grow in grace and knowledge of Thee, and in love for one another. Lord, bless all that is said and done here, may it be pleasing unto Thee, then we will give Thee all the praise and glory. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen.

Mrs. Ruby Enloe: This concludes the Informal Opening. All who are not members of the Order of the Eastern Star will retire. Thank you for coming. All platform guests will retire for preparation of the FORMAL OPENING.

RITUALISTIC OPENING

8:00 P.M.

The Grand Officers in their "Colonial" White Lace over red taffeta gowns, the Personal Pages in red flowing chiffon gowns, and the men in dark suits, carrying red, white and blue banners, beautifully executed "Our Emblems Drill" under the direction of the lovely Grand Marshal, Mrs. Joy Shackelford. The Drill honored the Emblems of the Eastern Star, as they moved from formation to formation with precision execution. First, a small circle about the center; then a Star, representing Subordinate Chapters; then, into a Star within a Pentagon, representing Grand Chapter; and finally, into a large circle, representing the General Grand Chapter, was formed on the Grand Chapter floor.

The Ritualistic Opening of the 94th "Symbols of Freedom" Session of Grand Chapter followed, with "Love is the Theme" sung as the Opening Ode, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Worthy Grand Patron, Bro. O. D. Christian. The Session was declared open for business by the Worthy Grand Matron at 8:50 P.M., after all introductions.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure that I welcome each of you to the 94th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. We are delighted with your presence, and we hope you enjoyed both the Informal and the Ritualistic Opening of our Grand Chapter Session.

We are very honored with the presence of many distinguished guests this evening. Will our Most Worthy Grand Matron and our Most Worthy Grand Patron please rise?

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron at the Altar.

Sister Mabel L. Mackereth, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother William E. George, Most Worthy Grand Patron, this is the highlight for my year as Worthy Grand Matron, to have the opportunity of extending a welcome to each of you as you honor us with your presence at our Session.

I have anticipated your visit to Texas since first I knew you were coming — now the time has arrived. No greater honor could come to a Worthy Grand Matron than having both of you attend the Grand Chapter Session. We are doubly blessed to have our two Most Distinguished Leaders of the Order with us tonight. Your lives will touch those of others throughout the world as you serve the Order these next three years, and this is our wish and prayer for you as you continue your years of devoted service.

God bless you in the morning when you greet the sun's first ray;
 God bless you in the afternoon and all throughout the day;
 God bless you in the evening and fill each hour you live
 With perfect peace of mind and heart that He, alone, can give.

Welcome to our 94th Grand Chapter Session.

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

Sisters and Brothers, it is with the greatest of pleasure that I introduce to you Sister Mabel L. Mackereth, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother William E. George, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in saluting them with Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to add your welcome to our Guests?



Worthy Grand Patron: Mrs. Mabel Mackereth, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. William E. "Bill" George, Most Worthy Grand Patron, it gives me a great sense of humility to just say welcome to the most revered two in the entire Eastern Star World. You have chosen to honor the members of this Grand Jurisdiction with your presence at this "Symbols of Freedom" Session.

If the office of the Worthy Grand Patron can assist you while you are here, please let me hear from you. With a gigantic Texas welcome, we greet and bid each of you welcome. (APPLAUSE)

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present Sister Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, at the Altar.

Sister Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, you have brought honor to Texas, and the eyes of the world have focused on our great State because of your years of service in the General Grand Chapter. For many years I have admired you, but it is only since serving in the Grand Chapter line that I have had the privilege of knowing you and your charming manner. Always you are a kind and gracious person, and one whom I truly feel is my friend. You have been very helpful to me many times, and I appreciate your friendship.

Now and then you meet someone, whose fine and thoughtful ways
Add a little something special to just ordinary days;
You are that kind of someone, and that's why it's such a pleasure
To wish you every happiness and joy beyond all measure.

Welcome to our Grand Chapter Session.

(The Past Most Worthy Grand Matron was escorted to the East.)



Sisters and Brothers, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I introduce to you Sister Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in saluting her with Grand Honors.

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

How pleased we are to have this fine number of distinguished Elective and Floor Officers of General Grand Chapter with us. We know each of you is a busy person, and we are greatly honored that you have come to our Session.

To those of you serving in the General Grand Chapter Line, we are deeply grateful for your presence, and we welcome you, along with all others who have come to visit us.

May I say to one special person in this group, our very own Sister Sally Matranga, Worthy Grand Organist, our hearts thrill with pride because of your appointment in General Grand Chapter.

To each of you, please know that you are indeed welcome to Texas, and to each of you:

We wish skies of blue and sunshine each day;
And the best of luck along your way.
We wish health, wealth, and happiness, too;
And we wish always, the best for you.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these distinguished members to the East.

(General Grand Chapter Elective and Floor Officers were escorted to the East.)



Sisters and Brothers, it is my distinct honor to introduce to you:

Mrs. Carol Strizek, Right Worthy Grand Conductress;
 Mrs. Josephine Ruhsam, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress
 Mrs. Helen Roquemore, Right Worthy Grand Trustee
 Mr. Ray McRoberts, Worthy Grand Chaplain
 Mrs. Evelyne M. Little, Worthy Grand Marshal;
 Mrs. Sally Matranga, Worthy Grand Organist; and
 Mrs. Lois J. Newman, Worthy Grand Esther;

General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. You will assist me in giving them Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Matron: Our lovely and most distinguished Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mabel L. Mackereth, will now give the Response for the General Grand Chapter Officers. Sister Mabel.

Mrs. Mabel L. Mackereth, Most Worthy Grand Matron: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, this is a lovely courtesy that has been extended to me from the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I am very happy to extend the thanks of my General Grand Chapter Family to the Jurisdiction of the great State of Texas. You made plans for our coming — we are enjoying so very much the fulfillment of those plans. The meeting of us at the airport, the breakfasts, the luncheons, the banquets, the corsages, the courtesy cars, all these have helped to make our stay so lovely and will be memorable. We thank you so very, very much.

Worthy Grand Matron, and Worthy Grand Patron, I want to say to both of you fine people; Sister Doris, a lovely and gracious lady, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother O. D., a handsome Christian gentleman, I have heard such glowing remarks about your tenure of office over this great State of Texas, and, as Most Worthy Grand Matron, I congratulate you.

Sister Doris, I want to personally thank you for the gift last night. It was a personal gift, and I did appreciate it so very much.

I would also like to thank the Matrons and Patrons of the State of Texas for their drill tonight — exemplifying the Maple Leaf. These are things that have made me so happy.

Now then, finally, on behalf of Brother Bill and myself, I say humbly and with so very much appreciation in my heart, and I know in his, too, to you, Sister Doris, thank you for dedicating this lovely Session in our honor. We will always remember this courtesy and so to you, from both Bill and me, we say, “starting tomorrow, may every sunrise bring you promise of peace, and every sunset be the fulfillment of that promise.”

Our best to both of you, and thanks again. (APPLAUSE)

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Mabel L. Mackereth, Most Worthy Grand Matron, for this beautiful response.

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

We have looked forward with much pleasure to your visit with us. Your presence here inspires us to greater accomplishments. I am confident that, as your duties take you into different parts of the world, you will do your best to bring about the desires of the Most Worthy Grand Matron. We congratulate each of you on your preferment, and we are especially proud of our very own Committee appointments in General Grand Chapter — Sister Ruby Enloe, Brother J. Victor Jones and Brother Herbert L. Arnold.

As you serve on the various committees this is our wish for you:

God bless you with a happy heart, and keep it free from care;
 God shelter you from every harm, and answer every prayer;
 God fill your days with deep content, the joy of good health, too;
 That's what "God Bless You" really means, as it's said tonight to you.

Welcome to Texas.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these distinguished members to the East.

(General Grand Chapter Committee Appointees were escorted to the East.)

Sisters and Brothers, it is with great pleasure that I introduce to you:

Mrs. Edith E. Maddex, Chairman, General Grand Chapter Heart Foundation;
 Mrs. Cora Lee Hays, Member General Grand Chapter Heart Foundation;
 Mrs. Lillian Seymour, Member General Grand Chapter Jurisprudence Committee;
 Mrs. Helen Marston, Chairman General Grand Chapter Payroll Committee;
 Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Member General Grand Chapter Ritual Committee;
 Mr. Charles Harpool, Member General Grand Chapter Shriners' Hospital Committee;
 Mrs. Marjorie Johnson, Member General Grand Chapter Shriners' Hospital Committee;
 Mrs. Betty Yull, Member General Grand Chapter Shriners' Hospital Committee;

Order of the Eastern Star. You will assist me in giving them Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.

To our Co-workers, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of another Grand Jurisdiction, how pleased both the Worthy Grand Patron and I are to welcome you who are now serving as the Presiding Officers in your Grand Jurisdiction. We realize you have many duties and your presence here is greatly appreciated.

May the Lord's richest blessings rest upon you through the year;
 Through life's joys and through its sorrow, may you feel God's presence near;
 And along your future pathway, may true happiness be yours,
 With a perfect peace and goodness that His blessed love assures.

We welcome you to our Grand Chapter.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these distinguished members to the East.

(Worthy Grand Matron and Patron of Other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted to the East)

Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure that I introduce to you:

Sister J. Madge Ford, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma;
 Brother S. Howard Hope, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma

Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in giving them Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Matron: 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.

We are honored with your presence at our Session and we extend you a cordial welcome.

May your visit here be perfect, and bring you special pleasure;
 May each day be the kind that leaves some memories to treasure.
 We welcome you.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these distinguished members to the East.

(Past Grand Matrons and Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted to the East.)

Sisters and Brothers, it is my privilege to introduce to you:

Sister Agnes Ray, Past Grand Matron of Georgia;
 Sister Jeri Morrow, Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma;
 Sister Lola Lane, Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma;
 Sister Ida Eaves, Past Grand Matron of Arkansas;
 Brother Elmer H. Borcharding, Past Grand Patron of Maryland;
 Brother W. R. Walls, Past Grand Patron of Tennessee; and
 Brother Harley Kirkman, Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma,
 Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in giving them Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas at the Altar.

To our own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, my what a beautiful sight to behold as we have so many of you, our Beloved Past Grands, with us for this Opening Session. Each of you has stood where the Worthy Grand Patron and I now stand, and you remember the thrill and excitement you felt when you beheld those who had served our Order in Texas before you. We are overjoyed with your presence tonight, and want you to know we love and appreciate each of you very much.

This world is a little brighter, and a whole lot happier, too,
 Because of folks as wonderful and thoughtful as each of you,
 Who live each day unselfishly, with other's cares in mind,
 Concerned about what they can do, and not what they can find;
 And those whose paths have crossed with yours will certainly agree,
 You are some of the nicest people this world will ever see.

Welcome to your own Grand Chapter Session.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Past Grands of Texas to the East.

(Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas were escorted to the East.)

Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure that I introduce to you our very own Beloved Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas:

Sister Viva S. Huffman;
 Sister Cynthia May Watts;
 Sister Lillian Barnard Parker;
 Sister Lallah Mae Vollus;
 Sister Cheba Dewees;
 Sister Mildred Garlitz;
 Sister Mary Ella Schoverling;

Sister Eunice Connell;
 Sister Lois Burnett;
 Sister Mary Katherine Smith;
 Sister Agnes Lee Howard;
 Sister Thelma Chandler;
 Sister Molly Goodpasture;
 Sister Amy Goebel;

Sister Mildred Sharpe;
Sister Nancy Bailey;
Sister Robbie Yates;
Sister Frances Key Herrin;
Past Grand Matrons; and

Sister Aliene Houston;
Sister Katherine Harbour;
Sister Thelma Joyce Alsup;
Sister Patricia Major Neinast;

Brother Earl G. Manning;
Brother Charles Bairfield;
Dr. R. O. Fuqua;
Brother Gerald Allen;
Dr. James Goettee;

Brother J. T. Sanders;
Brother Richard T. Porter;
Brother C. A. "Bill" Holmes;
Brother Paul Huffhines;

Past Grand Patrons, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will assist me in giving them Grand Honors.

(Grand Honors were given.)

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our distinguished visitor from the Grand Jurisdiction of Scotland behind Esther's Station.

Sister Barbara Hansford, Worthy Grand Electa, we first met in Denver when we attended the General Grand Chapter three years ago, and we have kept in close contact from that time until this. How pleased I was when I learned that you would be in Texas for our Grand Chapter Session. We appreciate you for having traveled farther than any other visitor to attend our Session.

May God, our Heavenly Father, be with you day by day;
May His watchful care abide with you, as you journey on your way.
God bless you, and Welcome to Texas.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our distinguished member to the East.

(The Worthy Grand Electa was escorted to the East.)

Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure that I introduce to you Sister Barbara Hansford, Worthy Grand Electa, Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in giving her a very hearty welcome.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Installed and Elective Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions behind Esther's Station.

How happy we are to have you here to share this Grand Chapter Session with us. May every moment of your stay in Texas be enjoyable, and may your presence cement bonds of love and friendship between your Grand Chapter and our own. We hope you enjoy our Session and that you will return again and again. Welcome to Texas.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these distinguished visitors to the East.

(Elective and Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted to the East.)

Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure that I introduce to you:

Sister Maxine Ginn, Associate Grand Matron of Oklahoma;
Sister Dorothy McClure, Grand Conductress of Louisiana;
Sister Wilma Clark, Grand Conductress of Oklahoma;

Sister Imogene Burris, Grand Chaplain of Oklahoma;
 Sister Doris Ward, Grand Marshal of Georgia;
 Sister Faye Parker, Grand Marshal of Oklahoma;
 Sister Juanita Cox, Grand Organist of Oklahoma;
 Sister Blanche Robertson, Grand Ruth of Arkansas;
 Sister Juanita Roberts, Grand Ruth of Oklahoma;
 Sister Louise Tindale, Grand Esther of Oklahoma;
 Sister Jane Barker, Grand Martha of New Mexico;
 Sister Lois Roberts, Grand Martha of Oklahoma;
 Sister Anita Weber, Grand Warder of New Mexico;
 Sister Louise Wagner, Grand Warder of Oklahoma;
 Brother Leonard Levy, Associate Grand Patron of Louisiana;
 Brother John McInnis, Associate Grand Patron of Oklahoma;
 Brother Hervey Simpson, Grand Sentinel of Oklahoma;

Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in extending a hearty welcome.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Appointive Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions behind Esther's Station.

We welcome you here with Fraternal Friendship, and hope you will find the true spirit of Eastern Star fellowship in our midst. We hope you enjoy our "Symbols of Freedom" Session.

We have asked the songbirds to sing for you,
 And fill all your days with cheer;
 We've asked the sun to shine for you
 Each day throughout the year.

Welcome to each of you. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these distinguished members to the East.

(Appointive Grand Officers of Other Jurisdictions were escorted to the East.)

Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure that I introduce to you:

Sister Barbara Benton, Courtesy Committee of Oklahoma;
 Sister Esther McInnis, Courtesy Committee of Oklahoma;
 Sister Deretha McIntire, Courtesy Committee of Oklahoma;
 Sister Mary McCain, Courtesy Committee of Oklahoma;
 Sister Rita Harquest, Courtesy Committee of Oklahoma;
 Brother Emory Lane, Oklahoma Masonic Magazine Committee of Oklahoma;
 Brother Charles Clark, Arrangements Committee of Oklahoma;
 Brother Burrell Wagner, Grand Escort of Oklahoma;

Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in giving them a hearty welcome.

(These distinguished members were seated in the Grand Chapter room.)

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Grand Representatives serving in other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.

My, what a fine representation we have of this fine group coming from other Grand Jurisdictions. You have a special place in our hearts, for your place of service is the tie that binds one jurisdiction to another. We are overjoyed with the attendance of each of you and hope you will return home feeling that you were received with friendship and hospitality in Texas. Welcome, and we invite you to return to Texas each time you can come our way.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Distinguished Visitors to the East.

(Grand Representatives in other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted to the East.)

Sisters and Brothers, it is a great pleasure for me to introduce to you the Grand Representatives serving in other Grand Jurisdictions:

Sister Geneva Loper, Florida in Arkansas;
 Sister Bernice Gibson, Texas in California;
 Sister Isabel Appley, Texas in Saskatchewan, Canada;
 Sister Lois Palmquist, Texas in Colorado;
 Sister Dorothy Kelly Beghardt, Mississippi in Connecticut;
 Sister Betty Beghardt, Texas in Connecticut;
 Sister Marjorie Jennings, Texas in Delaware;
 Brother B. N. Ray, Texas in Georgia;
 Sister Goldie N. Brian, Texas in Idaho;
 Sister Freeda Hayden, Texas in Indiana;
 Sister Octavia Reynolds, Texas in Maine;
 Sister Margaret Borcherding, South Carolina in Maryland;
 Sister Katherine Koller, Texas in New Jersey;
 Sister Ellen Kirkman, Nova Scotia in Oklahoma;
 Sister Elizabeth Porter, Louisiana in Ontario;
 Sister Sondra Stickney, Texas in South Dakota;
 Sister Elizabeth Bordeaux, Texas in Vermont;
 Brother William Armstrong, Texas in Washington, D. C.;
 Sister Doris Samuelson, Texas in Wyoming;
 Sister Cura Whatley, New Hampshire in Louisiana;
 Sister Irene Fox, Texas in Alabama;
 Sister Rosemary Hugo, Alabama in Idaho; and
 Sister Virginia Lighthammer, Texas in Michigan;

Order of the Eastern Star. Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in according them Grand Honors.

(Grand Honors were accorded, and they were seated in the Grand Chapter Room.)

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

To you Distinguished Grand Representatives, you are those who represent the other Grand Jurisdictions in our own State, and we are proud of each of you. We know that when you attend other Grand Chapter Sessions, you represent our State in a manner pleasing to the membership of Texas.

Though we may not be rich in many ways, it is true,
 We are rich in having Grand Representatives like you.

Thank you for your presence at your own Grand Chapter Session.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Grand Representatives to the East.

(Grand Representatives were escorted to the East.)

Sisters and Brothers, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions serving in Texas:

Sister Alvaretta Matthys, of Alberta;
 Sister Rachel Burnett, of Connecticut;
 Brother Marvin Chandler, of Florida;
 Sister Clara Klein, of Georgia;
 Sister Eloise Ryan, of Idaho;

Sister Letha Crow, of Indiana;
 Sister Claudia Mae Smith, of Illinois;
 Sister Jocie Jones, of Iowa;
 Sister Charlene Faulk, of Kansas;
 Sister Estha Davis, of Louisiana;
 Sister Josephine Miller, of Manitoba;
 Sister Loretta Cammel, of Maryland;
 Sister Lydia Nell Wilson, of Massachusetts;
 Sister Leta Hall, of Michigan;
 Sister Mary Elizabeth Jones, of Minnesota;
 Sister Ann Strobl, of Missouri;
 Sister Pauline Barnett, of Montana;
 Sister Irene Shearer, of Nebraska;
 Sister Annie Connor, of New Brunswick;
 Sister Margaret Pribble, of New Jersey;
 Sister Mary Horton, of New York;
 Sister Jackie Huffhines, of Oklahoma;
 Sister Lela Wilson, of Oregon;
 Sister Ruth Lowry, of Pennsylvania;
 Sister Ethel "Tiny" Walker, of Puerto Rico;
 Sister Bessie Stoeber, of Quebec;
 Sister Cleora Hampton, of Saskatchewan;
 Sister Lena "Babe" Wise, of South Carolina;
 Sister Pauline Callaway, of Utah; and
 Sister Ella Mae Adcock, of Vermont;

Order of the Eastern Star.

Sisters and Brothers, you will assist me in according them Grand Honors.

(Grand Honors were given.)

Grand Conductress: Worthy Grand Matron, we have other appointive officers and committee members of other Grand Jurisdictions who have arrived late and desire to be introduced.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Appointive Officers and Committee Members of other Grand Jurisdictions behind Esther's Station.

We welcome you Committee Members of other Grand Jurisdictions. We appreciate your presence and hope you enjoy the time you spend with us in Texas. Please know that your attendance delights us. Welcome to our Session.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Distinguished Members to the East.

(Committee Members of other Jurisdictions were escorted to the East.)

Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure that I introduce to you:

Sister Edna Ruth Hope, Grand Escort of Oklahoma;
 Sister May Louise Simpson, Grand Escort of Oklahoma;
 Sister Ruby Argo, General Banquet Committee of Oklahoma;
 Brother Al Tindale, Grand Escort and Arrangements Committee of Oklahoma,
 Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in giving them a hearty welcome.

(The Committee Members were seated in the Grand Chapter room.)

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, thank you girls for a beautiful job.

We have been told that we have a distinguished member with us who is not a Grand Officer — Mr. Bernard from Stuttgart, Germany. Mr. Bernard, if you are still with us we want to recognize you. I do not see him, but if he is here, we are delighted.

At this time the Junior Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma will respond for the other Distinguished Guests. Sister Lola Lane.

Mrs. Lola Lane: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers;

There are special days that stand out in everyone's life and tower above the level of ordinary events. Thank you, Sister Doris, Worthy Grand Matron, for giving me one of these special days. It is truly an honor and privilege to have the opportunity to "Thank You" in behalf of your other Distinguished Guests for the warm welcome you have given us.

As you can tell from this audience, all roads lead to this "Symbols of Freedom" Session, bringing many happy and enthusiastic people to the friendly city of Fort Worth. When Oklahoma Grand Officers, and many of our members, came to Texas for the Exchange Friendship Visit, we found that you have much of everything that is wonderful; but the thing that you have the most of is genuine hospitality. Your guests are enjoying that hospitality to the fullest extent. We are also enjoying the beauty, grandeur and pageantry of this evening, and it has truly stirred within our hearts an awareness of the glory and beauty of our Order and Nation.

There are many symbols of freedom — The Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, Liberty Bell, Statue of Liberty, and Old Glory, to name only a few. When we see Old Glory flying proudly on her staff, we lift our spirits and remind ourselves of how fortunate we are to live in "the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

This Bicentennial year gives us an opportunity to renew our interest in all things related to our heritage. It causes us to reflect on where we are, and where we want to be, as we continue this American experience.

Sister Doris and Brother O. D., may this "Symbols of Freedom" Session be one that will bring every accomplishment you have worked for and the happiest of beautiful memories in years to come.

In behalf of all your Distinguished Guests, I wish to express our sincere appreciation for all courtesies extended to us, and present you with this token of our love.

Brother O. D. "sported" a red coat all year, so I gave you the red envelope this time, Sister Doris. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Lola Lane, Junior Past Grand Matron and my dear friend and co-worker, for your lovely response. You and I each had the privilege of attending the other's Installation last year, and just one week ago tonight I attended the Opening Session over which you presided, so you are a very new Junior Past Grand Matron.

It is a pleasure for me to have you with us this evening to give this beautiful Response. Thank you for coming, Lola. May I express my appreciation to you and all other Distinguished Guests present who had a part or participated in this gift presentation.

Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, may I express my appreciation to Sister Lola for this beautiful presentation, and a few weeks ago, when we were in Oklahoma, I revealed a deep secret the people of Texas don't know about. I refrained, as of a few days ago, from telling "Aggie" jokes, because I am an Oklahoma Aggie!

Worthy Grand Matron: At this time I recognize Brother H. E. "Gene" Campbell, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, and ask that you give us your report at this time. Brother Campbell.

Mr. H. E. Campbell: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

It is a pleasure to report that we have representatives of more than 200 Chapters in attendance at this Grand Chapter Session. This constitutes a quorum to open this Grand Chapter and transact business.

Respectfully submitted,
H. E. Campbell, Chairman Credentials Committee

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this partial report of the Credentials Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the partial report of the Credentials Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. I declare the report adopted. Thank you, Brother Campbell, for this report.

Worthy Grand Matron: Due to the necessary absence of some of the members of our Grand Chapter Committees, I have appointed the following to fill the vacancies created:

To serve on the Credentials Committee, to replace Mr. James Parker, I appoint Mrs. Ethel Pratt, of District 2.

To serve on Chapters Under Dispensation Committee, as the Chairman, to replace Mrs. Lorene Harris, I appoint Mr. Jack Friend; and to replace Mr. Pat Murphy, as a member, I appoint his wife, Mrs. Jewell Murphy.

Is Mr. Jack Friend in the East? Mr. Jack Friend will give us the report of the Chapters Under Dispensation Committee at this time.

Mr. Jack Friend: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Other Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers:

First, I would like to thank Mrs. Jewell Murphy and Mrs. Katherine Manning for serving on this committee with me, and we would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for the appointment to this Committee.

The Chapters Under Dispensation Committee met with the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother O. D. Christian, and the representatives from the Chapters Under Dispensation.

The records of Frankston Chapter, U. D., and Gun Barrel City Chapter, U. D., were reviewed and found to be in proper order.

Brother O. D. Christian, Worthy Grand Patron, recommended to the Committee that these two Chapters be granted their Charters. Therefore, we move that Charters be granted to Frankston Chapter, U. D., and Gun Barrel City Chapter U. D., and that their voting privileges be granted immediately.

Jack Friend, Chairman
Jewell Murphy
Katherine Manning

I move the adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Jack. It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the Report of the Chapters Under Dispensation Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of adopting the Report will give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, same sign. The motion carried. The Report is adopted. By this action, the two U. D. Chapters will receive their Charters at a later date and they will have their voting privileges granted for the Grand Chapter Session.

At this time, we will have the Benediction by Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, Past Grand Matron. It is a pleasure to present this beautiful Past Grand Matron of Texas, and a dear friend, to give our Benediction. Sister Molly.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: Will you bow your heads, please?

Our Father, we thank you for the heritage of a free America, for Your Spirit which led our forefathers to establish as the cornerstone of our Nation, a belief in the goodness of life; a faith strong enough to overcome adversity and hardship; a love of God and a belief in the equality of man and his right to live with dignity and freedom.

We acknowledge that our free land is blessed by You only as we lift our vision from its material richness to acknowledge You as its — and our — Creator. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, You have set us free from sin, and our hearts are sacred vessels open to your bounty. With overflowing gratitude, we become servants of righteousness to do Your will, serving you and our fellow man freely, in love and with newness of spirit.

We thank You for our Country's Flag, symbol of National Justice, Honor and Courage, and for all brave men and women, native born and adopted, who support and defend it, whether on an alien battlefield, a baseball field at home to prevent its being burned — or by daily living lives of honesty, integrity, and courage because we believe in our Flag and in the essential goodness of the Country it represents.

As we have been the recipients of the blessings of freedom, help us to accept the responsibility for keeping it alive for our children and grandchildren. Let us not become so concerned with the welfare and security of our life, or our city, or our country, or our state, that we have no concern for the good of the country as a whole. Give us courage to endure and to rise above misfortune. As the Eagle is our National Emblem, so may we mount up with wings like the Eagle, to fresh new life, with eager eyes, and spirits that exult in our freedom — our freedom to love and to be loved. Amen.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call the Monday Night Session from Labor to Rest until 9:00 A.M. Tuesday, and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

(Grand Chapter was Called to Rest at 10:40 P.M.)

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

Musical Selections were furnished by Mrs. Carrie Ruby, Assistant Grand Organist, prior to the Opening of the Session. Promptly at 9:00 A.M., the Grand Marshal, Mrs. Joy Shackelford, escorted Mrs. Patricia Neinast, Past Grand Matron, and Mr. Earl G. Manning, Past Grand Patron, to the East.

Mrs. Patricia Neinast: Good Morning, Sisters and Brothers. It is a joy for Mr. Earl Manning and me to greet you and Call to Order this Tuesday morning "Symbols of Freedom" Session. The beautiful musical selections which you have enjoyed for the past fifteen minutes were rendered by Mrs. Carrie Ruby. May we join together in an applause of appreciation.

We give thanks to our Heavenly Father for watching over and guiding our Grand Officers in sharing their time and talents. Through such service they have made their contributions of the high ideals of character, patriotism, and principles of this great jurisdiction of Stars shine with undiminished luster. With pride and gratitude, I invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room. Sister Grand Marshal, you will invite them in.

("Our Emblems" Drill by the Grand Officers and Personal Pages, directed by the Grand Marshal, was again beautifully performed.)

Mrs. Patricia Neinast: I invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

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

(The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the East.)

Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor and pleasure to introduce to you Sister Doris Easterling, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother O. D. Christian, Worthy Grand Patron, of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join with me in saluting them with Grand Honors.

(Grand Honors were extended.)

Mrs. Patricia Neinast: The Grand Officers will assume their stations.

Brother Earl Manning, you and I have been friends for many years. It was my pleasure to appoint you to the Purposes and Policies Committee during my year as Worthy Grand Matron. These passing years and experience have deepened my love for you and Katherine. I have been pleased and honored to serve in the East with you. I invite you to bring a word of greeting. Brother Manning.

Mr. Earl G. Manning: Thank you, Junior Past Grand Matron, Sister Patricia Neinast.

Sister Neinast, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers:

Surely this morning is an occasion to be very appreciated, and, on seeing the faces of so many wonderful folks here in this auditorium this morning, I would like to say a word to our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother O. D. Christian.

Brother O. D., there is in the deep recesses of my heart the sort of a storybook that covers pictures, thoughts and words. I am sure that is true in the hearts of many of those present this morning. From those things we envision much that is so

good about you. Your professional calling as a Minister of the Master and your service to our Grand Order this year has endeared you to the membership throughout the State of Texas in a manner that shall not soon be forgotten. As I share the East with you and the Worthy Grand Matron, our leaders, and our Beloved Junior Past Grand Matron, Sister Neinast, I desire to thank you and express to you my deep appreciation for what you have meant to us this year, and always.

Past Grand Matron, Sister Neinast, our acquaintance through the years — the many years of service by you — has afforded me much pleasure and satisfaction, and, because of those years, I express deep admiration and affection for you. As I join you in calling this Tuesday Morning Session of the "Symbols of Freedom" Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas to Order, I assure you that it is a very special pleasure, and I am deeply grateful to our Worthy Grand Matron for the privilege she has afforded me.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris, may I say that twenty-five years ago it was my privilege to join in and share with an outstanding and dearly beloved Past Grand Matron in presiding over the Seventieth Session, "The Good Shepherd" Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas in the City of Amarillo, Texas. This morning I have a feeling of deep regret in, and am moved by, her absence. I had so wished that Mrs. Flora Besst Boone, Past Grand Matron, could be in attendance here and participate in the affairs of your Grand Chapter Session, as they unfold.

I am reminded of many significant events in our lives during all your years of service. First, you were serving your Chapter as Worthy Matron Mrs. Boone and I presided over the Grand Chapter. Yes, you were a "Flora Besst Boone Girl"; and this morning I have a very personal feeling of pride, if you please, in which Katherine is happy to share. It reaches back through and spans all those years between our Session and yours. Your dedication, your thoughtfulness, for so many, your service and the exemplary life you have lived in reaching the pinnacle of Leadership, have left an impression upon both our lives that we shall remember with a deep and abiding love.

May I say, too, that I am deeply aware of what our Great Masonic Fraternity has meant to all of us. Without it we COULD NOT have been here today. May I say further, that Heaven has been bountifully good to me and has lengthened the years of my life to the extent that, while our Worthy Grand Matron has been the wonderful leader of this appendant Order, Freemasonry has included me among those few who have received, and will receive, a special recognition from the Grand Lodge of Texas — it has been my privilege to receive a FIFTY YEAR Gold Emblem and Certificate as a Master Mason for Fifty Years, and I just wanted to share with our Worthy Grand Matron, our Worthy Grand Patron and each of you. It has been a wonderful privilege. (APPLAUSE)

Even greater though than these, and I would like for you to know this in particular, Worthy Grand Matron; as the Lord has walked by your side and guided your every step, He has led and guided and cared for Katherine and me all through these years I have mentioned. He has carried us through trials and tribulations, through illness and sorrow, through grief and loneliness, through failure and success, toward a day of happiness when our joys shall have no bounds. I say just a word in passing, Worthy Grand Matron, and my Sisters and Brothers, before the good year of 1976 has expired, your Bicentennial year, if you please, in addition to all the wonderful things that have come your way and ours, and the wonderful things you and our Worthy Grand Patron have done for us, Katherine and I will have celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary. (APPLAUSE)

You, Worthy Grand Matron, our beloved friend, have had and shared in part, many of the good things and experiences that have been ours in our lifetime.

And so, I desire to thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this particular moment, and for the opportunity to express our love for you and the Worthy Grand Patron, and for the privilege of assisting our Distinguished Junior Past Grand Matron, Sister Pat Neinast, in Calling to Order your Tuesday Morning Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Thank you.

Mrs. Patricia Neinast: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, the time has come now, and is upon us, that to preserve the Symbols of Freedom, each of us must exhibit the elements of the Spirit of America; namely, an unyielding demand for truth and justice; an unwavering protest against wrong and injustice; and an unfaltering trust and faith in Almighty God. We must renew our Allegiance to the Constitution and express that Allegiance in an active participation in public affairs, and an unwavering and united assault upon the enemies of Freedom that are seeking to undermine the foundations of Americanism. The ultimate strength of our Nation is to know **HAPPY IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD.** These thoughts you have brought to the membership all year.

Worthy Grand Patron, my sincere congratulations to you and the very best wishes for continued happiness in these closing hours of this year.

Worthy Grand Matron, your beauty of this moment is exceeded, as I look at you, only by the years of our wonderful friendship. Thank you for this pleasure and privilege of Calling this Session to Order.

We never came to you, my Friend,
And went away without
Some new enrichment of the heart,
More faith, and less of doubt;
More courage for the days ahead,
And often in great need,
Coming to you, we went away — comforted indeed.

How can we find in shining words
The glowing phrase that tells
All that your love has meant to us,
All that your friendship spells?
There is no word, no phrase for you
On whom we so depend,
All we can say to you is this —
God Bless you, our Precious Friend.

Worthy Grand Matron, I now present to you your gavel.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Patricia Neinast, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Earl G. Manning, Past Grand Patron, for Calling to Order this Tuesday Morning Session of Grand Chapter's 94th Session.

Sister Pat, you and I served together on the Board of Grand Examiners and became friends through that association; then the two of us served together three years in the Grand Chapter Line, so I am grateful that you are the one to Call to Order this first Morning Session of our Grand Chapter.

Brother Earl G. Manning, Past Grand Patron of my own District 3, you and your beloved Katherine have been my friend for many years, for I served as Worthy Matron during your term as Worthy Grand Patron of Texas. It has been an honor to have you assist Sister Pat in Calling this Session to Order.

Thank you both, very much.

Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to Call this Tuesday Morning Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas from Rest to Labor and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

Grand Warder: Worthy Grand Matron, the doors are secure and there will be no interruption.

(Grand Chapter was proved, the Bible was opened and Grand Chapter was Called from Rest to Labor at 9:35 A.M.)

Worthy Grand Matron: One of our oldest and most beloved Past Grand Matrons is with us this morning to give our Invocation. Sisters and Brothers, I present Sister Viva Huffman, Past Grand Matron, who will give our Invocation. Sister Viva.

Mrs. Viva S. Huffman: Heavenly Father, our Father Supreme, we bow before Thee, Lord of Light, at this morning session.

Our Heavenly Father, Thine is the beauty of this friendly day. As we go into the business of this "Symbols of Freedom" Session, may all that is beautiful remind us of Thee, the Infinite Beauty. May all that is good remind us of Thee, the Source of all Wisdom and Truth.

As we work together at this "Symbols of Freedom" Session, grant unto us open minds and discerning hearts, and make us quick to learn a lesson in everything and from everybody. May we be loyal to our heritage.

Toiling centuries have struggled upward on a stony way
Just to set the Torch of Freedom where it flames aloft today.

Give us courage to go forward, may we understand something of the burden that lies before us and, through Thy great love, may we be faithful to the heritage our forefathers gave to us.

Grant us faith, hope and love, and may we always press onward as we think of Thy Son who steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem so that the "Symbols of Freedom" will live forever.

May Thy loving kindness guide us and, through Thee, may Thy Peace dwell in our hearts today.

May we be ever faithful to our country, to our dear ones, and to our own souls that we may fulfill the high purposes that have been left to us. Amen.

Worthy Grand Matron: Welcome to each of you here this morning. As we come to this "Symbols of Freedom" Session this morning, you view in the East behind me one of the greatest Symbols of our Freedom — that of the STATUE OF LIBERTY. It is our prayer that this great Lady may continue to hold high the Torch of FREEDOM over America in the years to come. We have stressed the word, "Freedom" throughout this year, and it is our prayer that America may continue to "LET FREEDOM RING".

I believe we have distinguished visitors with us today who were not present to be introduced last evening. Will our own Past Grands who were not present for introductions please rise?

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron to the Altar.

Sister Mabel and Brother Harold, how good it is to see each of you here this morning. We regret that you could not be present last evening when we had the pleasure of introducing so many of our beloved Past Grands of Texas, but you honor us with your presence today.

May I extend a very cordial welcome to both of you as you attend your own Grand Chapter Session. We hope you will be with us through the remainder of the Session and that you will enjoy all the activities here.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron to the East.

(The Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron were escorted to the East)

Sisters and Brothers, it is with the greatest of pleasure that I introduce to you Sister Mabel Starke Harle, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Harold C. Todd, Past Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will assist me in giving them Grand Honors.

(Grand Honors were given and they were seated in the Grand Chapter Room)

Worthy Grand Matron: Will Sister Elsie Paladino come to the East? I now recognize Sister Elsie Paladino who will move the adoption of her ESTARL Report.

Mrs. Elsie Paladino: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, may I thank you for the privilege that has been mine to serve with five most cooperative and special people. I now have five beautiful new friends and they will always have a special place in my heart. The experiences we have shared this year will be treasured memories.

It is a distinct honor to present them at this time. I would like for each one to come to the microphone and give their name and district.

Mrs. Wanda Gilmore — District No. 1 — Dallas, Texas
 Mrs. Hazel Jane Wright — District No. 2 — Odessa, Texas
 Mrs. Fannie Gent — District No. 3 — Copperas Cove, Texas
 Mrs. Francine Cartwright — District No. 5 — Schertz, Texas

Sister Opal Ramsey of District No. 4 could not be with us as she is recuperating from surgery. We are sorry she could not attend.

We would especially thank the Chapters for their generous contributions. Your spirit of unselfish giving has made this an outstanding year for the Estarl Program. This committee is grateful to you, the membership, for making it possible to grant 70 Scholarships this year.

We have a past to remember and a future to mold. What better way to mold the future of our Country than by equipping these committed young people for Christian Service? There is no way of knowing how many lives have been touched by your generosity. I know that each of you is proud to have had a part in helping them in this material way. We are firmly convinced that the unique strength of our Country lies in the training of future religious leaders.

The following Chapters gave full Scholarships:

	District No. 1	
Templar No. 374	Mt. Auburn No. 755	Irving No. 777

District No. 2

Perryton No. 161 Kermit No. 845 Plains No. 862 Ysleta No. 991

District No. 3
Graham No. 668

District No. 4

Bethlehem No. 728 Oak Forest No. 1080 Jacques DeMolay No. 1094

District No. 5

San Antonio No. 3 Wimodausis No. 141 Corpus Christi No. 354
Harlandale No. 750 Star No. 782 Schertz No. 911

Special thanks also go to:

Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association of Dallas, 2 full Scholarships;
District 4, Section 10 Study Club, one full Scholarship;
Worthy Grand Matron, Doris Easterling, two full Scholarships from sale of
Music.

Thank you for making this investment in Christian leadership.

The offering at the Estarl Service was \$1,002.00. This makes a total of 70 Scholarships given for the Fall Semester 1976 and Spring of 1977. There were 92 applications to be considered.

Our gratitude to Sister Lemma Voorhies, Welfare Chairman, for her continued efforts in keeping us informed of available Estarl Funds.

The Worship Service on Sunday morning, October 24, was presented with Estarl Recipients participating. Many were present and were presented their awards. Many of these fine young people have duties which they perform in various churches in order to supplement their income while continuing their Religious Education. Our sincere thanks to all who participated and all who assisted with the arrangements for the Sunday morning Worship Service.

The ESTARL Committee met in Arlington on August 6 and after prayerful and earnest consideration the following awards of \$400.00 each were given:

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| 1. Bruce Allen | Howard Payne University |
| 2. Peter C. Anton II | Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology |
| 3. Kenneth Markham Arthur | Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary |
| 4. Barbara Annette Bellus | Perkins School of Theology, SMU |
| 5. Everette E. Boyce, Jr. | Perkins School of Theology, SMU |
| 6. Terry D. Brown | Perkins School of Theology, SMU |
| 7. Pamela Burton | Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary |
| 8. Herbert Wayne Calcote II | Dallas Baptist College |
| 9. Carroll A. Caddell | Perkins School of Theology, SMU |
| 10. Michael Stephen Clay | Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary |
| 11. Steven David Coffman | Texas Wesleyan College |
| 12. Brynda Michelle Cooper | Texas Tech University |
| 13. Darrell R. Cory | Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary |
| 14. Layloni Louise Drake | McMurry College |
| 15. Edward Lee Frankenfield | Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary |
| 16. Richard L. Gaia | Dallas Theological Seminary |
| 17. William B. Gandin | Perkins School of Theology, SMU |
| 18. Henry Arthur Garcia | Bob Jones University |
| 19. Kenneth D. Hildebrand | |
| 20. Lon Jay Gregg | Dallas Theological Seminary |
| 21. Michael Alan House | Perkins School of Theology, SMU |
| 22. Frank Charles Hancock III | Perkins School of Theology, SMU |
| 23. Robert H. Kibbe | Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary |

24. Clevy Kirby	Hardin Simmons University
25. David Wayne Lee	Dallas Baptist College
26. Robert Earl Long	Perkins School of Theology, SMU
27. Steven Leonard Mansen	Texas Christian University
28. Walter Neil Marcum	Perkins School of Theology, SMU
29. Gary Wayne Merrell	Baptist Bible College
30. John R. Miller	Perkins School of Theology, SMU
31. John Mallet, Jr.	Perkins School of Theology, SMU
32. James Withers Moore	Hendrix College
33. Pleasant L. Murphy, Jr.	Episcopal Theological Seminary
34. James Neil Norman	Texas Wesleyan College
35. Carl Rowan Paffard	Independent Baptist College
36. Richard F. Paul	Dallas Baptist College
37. Robert Pearl	Southern Bible College
38. Larry Dean Petton	Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
39. Thomas Allen Pieper	Oklahoma Baptist University
40. Larry O. Pillow	Dallas Seminary
41. Robert Winston Presnall	University of Texas at Arlington
42. Craig Lee Reed	Wayland Baptist College
43. Walter C. Rittle, Jr.	Northwestern Oklahoma State University
44. Kyle Robertson	Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
45. Marvin Kenneth Runte	University of Dubuque Theological Seminary
46. Glen Boyd Smith	Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
47. Douglas Nichols Sholars	Texas Christian University
48. David M. Shelby	Oral Roberts University
49. Donald Gene Smith	Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
50. Eddie L. South	Wayland Baptist College
51. F. Scott Spencer	Baylor University
52. Milo Leslie Steffer II	Phillips University of Enid, Oklahoma
53. Henry R. Suche, Jr.	University of Texas at Dallas
54. James W. Thorp	
55. Larry Don Tinsley	Perkins School of Theology, SMU
56. Karen L. Sherman Tucker	Perkins School of Theology, SMU
57. Fredric Lee Utz	Perkins School of Theology, SMU
58. James Van Rite	Texas Wesleyan College
59. Steven John Wadle	Concordia Theological Seminary
60. James J. Walker	Texas Christian University
61. Jimmy Stanton Weatherly	Wayland Baptist College
62. Robert C. Williford	Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
63. Danna K. Wilson	Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
64. Elroy E. Wisian, Jr.	Ashbury Theological Seminary
65. Richard A. Young	McMurry College
66. Thomas Charles Baber	Alliance School of Theology, Nyock, N. Y.
67. Jerry D. Overton	
68. Dennis Patience	Phillips University
69. William C. Paxton	
70. Bernard P. Ritchen	Emroy University

Fraternally submitted,

Elsie Paladino, Chairman
Wanda Gilmore, District No. 1
Hazel Jane Wright, District No. 2

Fannie Gent, District No. 3
Opal Ramsey, District No. 4
Francine Cartwright, District No. 5

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

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt this Report of the Estarl Committee and the lovely Estarl Worship Service that was given on Sunday morning. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor of adopting this Report will give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same. I declare the Report adopted.

Thank you, Sister Elsie Paladino, General Chairman of Estarl Committee, for this beautiful report and for serving as the General Chairman of the Estarl Committee this year. Your Worship Service Sunday morning was very inspiring, and I have heard many fine comments concerning the Service.

I am grateful for your work, and that of the five fine and capable ladies who served with you. I rejoice because we were able to give the good number of Scholarships. Thank you.

At this time I invite the Worthy Grand Patron to preside.

Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, will you please present your Report?

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

“Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord.” Psalms 33:13

This past year has been an outstanding year in our Nation, and it has been our desire that each member of our Order might have a renewed faith in God as we have recalled the great Heritage given us by our Forefathers. We have tried to impress on the membership of Texas how great is our Nation, and to make each member more aware of the blessings of being an American citizen.

It is with the greatest pleasure that I recall the many blessings that have been mine in serving you, the membership of Texas. Thank you for your confidence and trust placed in me, and please know that only through your cooperation could this report be given.

IN REMEMBRANCE

The Grand Chapter was deeply saddened and is aware of a great loss in the death of two of our beloved Past Grands. We were deeply grieved to learn of the death of Brother Chauncey E. Penix on March 11, 1976, and just four days later our hearts were again saddened to learn of the death of Sister Riva C. Burnett. I was able to attend the funeral service for Brother Penix, along with the Worthy Grand Patron, numerous Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, other Grand Officers and friends. Due to my School Schedule, I was not able to attend the service for Sister Burnett and asked Brother Charles E. Bairfield, Past Grand Patron, to represent the Grand Chapter of Texas. He very graciously complied with this request. I received a letter from him stating that he had informed the family that he was representing the Grand Chapter of Texas and offered his services to them in any way they were needed. I am deeply appreciative to Brother Bairfield for serving in this capacity.

There were also deaths in the Grand Family:

Sister Gladys Pollock, Deputy Grand Matron, District 4, Section 2.
Sister Willie Laura Howington, Member, Purposes and Policies Committee.
Brother J. T. “Jake” Horton, District 3, Chairman, Founders Day Committee.

Perhaps there were others that I failed to learn about; but I am very grateful to Sister Hazel Senters, who assumed the responsibilities of Deputy Grand Matron in District 4, Section 2, to Sister Koreen Logsdon, who became the District 2 member of Purposes and Policy Committee and Cleo Ellison, who assumed the duties of District 3, Chairman, Founders Day Committee.

Many members of the Subordinate Chapters joined these in our Home Above, and we extend our deepest sympathy to each bereaved family. The following message was sent to each one we learned of:

"My grace is sufficient for thee." II Cor. 12:9

My deepest sympathy is extended in the loss of your loved one and my prayers are with you in your hour of sorrow. May God bless you and give you strength.

Fraternally,
Mrs. Doris Easterling
Worthy Grand Matron

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GRAND EXAMINERS

Robert Louis Stevenson said, "So long as we love, we serve."

As a member of the Board of Grand Examiners, you have a great opportunity to serve the membership of your district, and your work in our Schools is of utmost importance. Having served as a Grand Examiner, I am fully aware of your responsibility as you supervise the Examining Rooms during our Eastern Star Schools.

The Deputy Grand Matrons have been instructed to provide for your requirements, and if you need their help in securing members to assist with the examinations, please contact them to let them know your needs. Two Pages will be assigned you in each of the Schools.

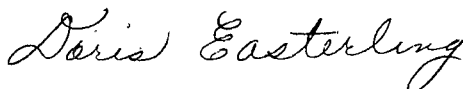
The School Officers will be seated in the East prior to 9:00 A.M. and you will remain there until you complete the rendition of the Secret Work. I suggest that you make your remarks and instructions very brief, in the interest of time.

Please be prepared to give your Partial Report just prior to the closing of the School at 3:30 P.M. Your final report will be read by the School Secretary during the Fraternal Visit. Plan to open the Examining Room by 7:30 P.M. prior to the Fraternal Visit, and if you feel the need of keeping the Examining Room open during the noon hour or the banquet hour, secure competent persons to be in charge.

Suggest that those who assist you exemplify a spirit of kindness at all times, but remind them that Certificates are to be EARNED by the membership, and not GIVEN to them.

Remember, Girls, that my prayers are with each of you as you give the rendition of the Secret Work, and in whatever you do. If I can assist you in any way, I shall be happy to do so.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,



(Mrs.) Doris Easterling
Worthy Grand Matron

INSTRUCTIONS TO DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

It was after much prayerful consideration that you were selected to serve as the District Deputy Grand Matron of your District. Each of you are very dear to me and I look forward to our travels together.

Your place of service is one of the most important in Grand Chapter, and I know each of you will study carefully all the rules and regulations of our Order, so that you may instruct our membership in a commendable way. The success of our Schools depends greatly upon the manner of leadership you provide.

SCHOOL:

You will plan the Itinerary for the Worthy Grand Matron in your District, and will supervise and assist the ten Deputy Grand Matrons in planning their Schools. It will be your duty to arrange the School Schedule, along with the Deputies, and submit your plans to the Worthy Grand Matron for approval. After approval, you will send an Itinerary to your Grand Examiner, each Line Officer of Grand Chapter, each Past Grand, and a copy must be sent to the Grand Secretary before the tenth of the month preceding your School Schedule, in order that it may be printed in the Official Bulletin.

You will work up a complete Itinerary, giving dates of arrival and departure, and the name and address and phone number where each School Officer will stay. Two copies are to be sent the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Examiner, Deputy Grand Matron and District Secretary before we begin Schools in the District. Be sure to show every courtesy to the Worthy Grand Patron and his wife whenever they are able to be in your District.

The Eastern Star School is a closed meeting for instructions and demonstrations. Since it is not a Chapter Meeting, a Charter and Quorum are not required. The School will not be opened in ritualistic form but with one blow of the gavel. School sessions will be 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and 1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons are to be extended a cordial welcome, and Line Officers of Grand Chapter are to be invited to sit in the East, if there is a place for them.

All distinguished members will be introduced as a demonstration during the morning session.

FRATERNAL VISIT:

The Fraternal Visit will be the evening following a School, and a Charter and Quorum are required for each Chapter participating.

An informal supper may be held on the evening before the School, with the banquet prior to the Fraternal Visit. In the larger cities it may be necessary to have the banquet the evening before the School.

It is not necessary to write for a dispensation for the Joint Fraternal Visit, as the Worthy Grand Matron will bring same. Should two or more Chapters wish to have a Joint Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron on another date, it would require a request for dispensation, and it would be a Special Meeting. A Fraternal Visit to only one Chapter could be at a Stated Meeting.

FUNDS:

Soon after Grand Chapter you will receive the appropriation of money for your District, and you will immediately send each Deputy Grand Matron a part of this appropriation. Keep an accurate record of all your expense. The District Deputy Grand Matron and Deputy Grand Matron will receive an allowance of three cents per mile when not traveling with the Worthy Grand Matron in the Grand Chapter car, provided they are on official business.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Always be prompt in answering your correspondence. Keep a file and make a copy of each letter you write. Please do not answer questions unless you can quote the page number in the Constitution or Ritual. If they require an opinion, forward your letter to me for my reply. Ask your Deputies to direct their questions to you, and you may direct them to me if necessary.

REPORTS:

Our Code of Laws pages 96-97 states the duties of the District Deputy Grand Matron. Study this carefully. Mail your monthly reports to me for delivery by the tenth of each month, and send a copy of each report to the Associate Grand Matron. Only business of the Chapters should be included in these reports.

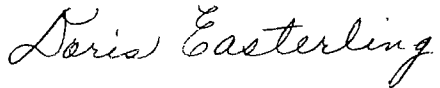
MINUTE BOOK:

Each District Deputy Grand Matron will be furnished a Minute Book by Grand Chapter, in which will be recorded the minutes of each School. You will be in charge of this book during the School Schedule. Within thirty days after your District Schools close you will send this book to the Associate Grand Matron.

CONCLUSION:

May this year of service in our Order afford you some of the greatest pleasures of your life.

Fraternally,



(Mrs.) Doris Easterling
Worthy Grand Matron

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

As you plan, instruct, and Visit,
Give praise when praise is due,
Be thoughtful, kind and courteous
In all you say and do.

As the personal representative of the Worthy Grand Matron in your Section this year, you will find this one of the most rewarding places of service in our Order. While you work with the membership of your Section, you will receive much pleasure and many fond memories. Always be as thoughtful of others as you would want them to be of you.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Immediately after Grand Chapter you will receive your stationery. You are to write each Chapter in your Section, suggesting a date for your Official Visit for the Chapter inspection. Make your visit as soon as possible so the Chapters may receive the Instructions. Use the Directory in your Deputy Book for addresses, and send the letter to the Chapter Secretary.

Keep a copy of each letter you write by making carbon copies of each. Use a typewriter, if possible, for all correspondence. Keep a separate file for each Chapter in your Section, one for the School, one for the Worthy Grand Matron, and one for the District Deputy Grand Matron. Answer all correspondence promptly, but do not answer a question regarding our laws unless you can quote the page number in the Constitution or Ritual.

FUNDS:

Grand Chapter allows three cents per mile for travel when on Official Inspections of the Chapters or other official business transacted under the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron. Soon after Grand Chapter, you will receive a check from your District Deputy Grand Matron for your expenses. Keep an accurate record of your expenses.

REPORTS:

Study the Constitution Page 97-98 concerning your reports. Be sure your reports are correct and send them on time. Make two copies of your monthly "Report of the Deputy Grand Matron" on the first of each month and mail one copy to your District Deputy Grand Matron, keeping one copy for your files. You must make this report whether or not you have made a Chapter Visit. Make three copies of the "Report of Chapter Inspection," mailing two copies to your District Deputy Grand Matron and keeping one copy for your files. Weigh all reports so you will use sufficient postage. Your Annual Report is due on August 1st and any unused appropriations are to be returned along with this report.

CHAPTER INSPECTIONS:

You will make only one Official Visit to a Chapter unless requested to return by the Worthy Grand Matron. Notify the Chapter in advance of your time of arrival and what books, reports, etc., you will need.

You are to inspect the books to see that they are kept properly, but you are NOT to audit the books. Read all Minutes since the last Deputy Grand Matron's Visit and place the date and your signature after the last Minutes that have been approved.

You will be introduced in accordance with Article 281, page 149 of our Constitution, on the night of your Official Visit. Your Instructions are to be given under "Good of the Order."

After a few opening remarks, bring the Greetings from the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, a brief summary of our emblems and theme for the year, then bring the instructions and demonstrations you feel are needed. Give instructions in your own way. (Be very kind in your corrections or criticism and remember that only on the night of your Official Visit are you to correct mistakes that are made.)

Questions that cannot be answered by the Constitution or Ritual are to be referred to the District Deputy Grand Matron, and do not hesitate to tell the members that you do not know an answer but will secure the information for them.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCE:

December 27 and June 24 are sacred days to the Masons and are known as Saint John Days. NO meetings are to be held in Masonic buildings on those dates. Inform the Chapters that only Stated Meetings are to be held during Public School Week (the first week of March), with no program or refreshments.

WELFARE PROGRAM:

At the conclusion of the instructions, give the 4 phases of the Welfare Program and encourage the Chapters to be 100% in their giving.

SCHOOLS AND VISITS:

The District Deputy Grand Matron conducts the Eastern Star School, with the Deputy Grand Matron making all preparations and arrangements. You are the Chairman

and you may appoint a Co-Chairman. This is advisable if the School is in a place other than your home, with the Co-Chairman living in the place the School will be held.

Encourage each Chapter in the Section to participate in the School. Call a meeting of the Worthy Matrons, and Associate Matrons, in a centrally located place, at a time convenient for all. Discuss all plans with them, and forward all plans to the District Deputy Grand Matron, who will send them to the Worthy Grand Matron for approval. This includes all plans for Schools, Fraternal Visits, and Social activities. Use the outlines for the Program and for the Eastern Star School that are in your Deputy Book.

Only Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons will be used as Officers, with Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons being used when necessary. Do not use Line Officers in positions that would require their absence from the School room, as they need the instructions.

Study a previous statement of School expense, which you may secure from your Chapter Secretary, and budget your finances. Keep an itemized expense account to be forwarded to each Chapter, along with your letter of appreciation, following the School.

Should you be unable to secure a Masonic building for your School, another building may be used so long as it is possible to have sufficient secrecy.

Associate Matrons will compose the Invitation Committee, and Junior Past Matrons the Registration Committee. You will name one as Chairman of each Committee. You will select one to serve as School Secretary and you may ask another to assist. Minutes of both the School and Fraternal Visit will be recorded in the Minute Book of the District Deputy Grand Matron by the close of the Fraternal Visit. Worthy Matrons will report their Charters and Quorum to the School Secretary before the Fraternal Visit begins.

If the Fraternal Visit should be on the Stated Meeting night of one of the participating Chapters, the Worthy Grand Matron CANNOT grant permission for the Chapter to miss its meeting. If all requirements are met, the meeting must be held.

RESERVATIONS:

You will make reservations for the School Officers who are the Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Examiner and District Deputy Grand Matron. Confirmations are to be sent to the District Deputy Grand Matron before she begins the School Schedule.

Always include the Worthy Grand Patron and his wife in every plan. If they plan to attend your School, make reservations for them.

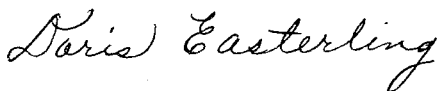
GRAND EXAMINER:

Extend every courtesy to the Grand Examiner and offer your assistance for her needs in the Examining Room. Secure those to assist her, if she asks your help.

CONCLUSION:

My love and prayers are with you as you serve in this capacity, and may God bless your every effort.

Fraternally,



(Mrs.) Doris Easterling
Worthy Grand Matron

Prayer

Our Heavenly Father,

We thank Thee for the privilege of living in America,
where we are blest above all Nations.

Make us mindful of the heritage of Freedom be-
queathed us by those who founded this great Nation.

Inspire us with wisdom, give us a renewed faith in
God, strength of purpose, and the courage of our
Founding Fathers, that we may continue to build a
better America.

Amen.

Dedication

This year of service is lovingly dedicated to our Forefathers who, through prayer and the leadership of God, founded this great Nation;

To all those faithful members who played a part in the Great Heritage of our Order;

and especially

To our beloved Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas.

The History of a Nation is told in the biographies of its great men and women. Our Nation and our Order have become stronger because of the rich heritage of the past.

Doris Easterling

(Mrs.) Doris Easterling
Worthy Grand Matron

*Worthy Grand Matron's
Message*

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

“Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord.”
Psalms 33:13.

We were founded a “Nation Under God” and this faith in God is our heritage and our foundation.

Throughout this year we shall stress a deep appreciation for that heritage given us by our Forefathers. Our greatest desire for this year is that each member of our Order may have a renewed faith in God, a deeper love and respect for our Nation and the great principles for which it stands; and may a greater spirit of Patriotism be instilled in each of our hearts.

As we celebrate the 200th birthday of our great Nation, let us never cease to praise God for the blessings that are ours alone to enjoy, and let us invoke God’s continued blessings on America, the land of the FREE and the home of the brave.

Fraternally,

Doris Easterling

(Mrs.) Doris Easterling
Worthy Grand Matron

Dedication

This year is humbly and lovingly dedicated

To my precious wife, Frances
To our children, Sarah, Jerry, Travis and
their spouses
To our grandchildren

for permitting me to be absent from them as I serve
this great Order:

To my Worthy Grand Matron,
Mrs. Doris Easterling,

for the very distinct honor of serving Grand Chapter
with one who is such a gracious and wonderful lady:

To my home chapter, Dal-Cliff No. 574

for its many kindnesses and courtesies, as they have
been my strong support,

To my employer, First Baptist Church of
Rose Hill in Garland,

who has so willingly agreed to share my services this
year with the Grand Chapter of Texas.

O. D. Christian

(Rev.) O. D. Christian
Worthy Grand Patron

Worthy Grand Patron's Message

My Sisters and Brothers:

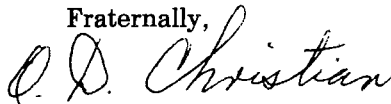
We are told that history repeats itself and for that I'm very grateful. As we approach the two hundredth birthday of America, we can be filled with exceeding gladness for having lived in the "land of the free" and "the home of the brave."

Our Order is not yet that old, however it is replete with historical facts. The virtues taught in the lessons of our Order are significant or they should be, in our daily walk of life.

You realize that time waits for none, but those who assume their stations in this life shall be rewarded in Eternity. Those who neglect their duty in this life will certainly face many indecisions and usually live a very disruptive life.

May this Bi-centennial Year bring a renewed challenge to your life. I feel as I pray, that this is going to be a most rewarding year and one of much joy and happiness among Eastern Star friends throughout the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas.

Fraternally,



(Rev.) O. D. Christian

Worthy Grand Patron

Colors

In keeping with the Bicentennial of our Nation, the colors for the year are

RED — — — —

WHITE — — — —

BLUE — — — —

The **RED** was chosen for the blood of the martyrs which made us a **FREE** Nation, and those who have shed their blood that we might remain **FREE**.

The **WHITE** stands for the Purity of our Patriotic Founders, and their Loyalty to their country.

The **BLUE** reminds us of the Heavens which surround us and our God who watches over us.



Emblems

The Holy Bible and The Flag

Our Holy Bible is an honored guest at all Eastern Star Meetings, and from it we receive the inspiration for all our beautiful teachings. Let us look to it for renewed strength and courage, ever keeping our lives centered around God's Holy Word.

May the God we trust as a Nation
 Throw the light of His peace and grace
 On our Flag with its stripes untarnished
 And its fifty stars in place.

What is it to be an American? It is to be peculiarly endowed with a type of greatness no other country can give you! It is to be young in history but great in the endeavors benefitting mankind! It is the unshed tears that look upon the Flag! It is to be shamefully — deeply in love with every tree, every thistle, every life that makes up this America! It is you and me and the unknown thousands who will salute it as the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave!

It is my Country! And I fall upon my knees in humble gratitude to God for His great gift of this land of mine! God grant that I help to preserve it!

“God of our Fathers, Be with us yet —
Lest we forget, Lest we forget!”

LIBERTY is not a political state, nor a condition of government! It is a feeling of the heart! Like love, it is undefineable! It is the knowing that the individual is truly the handiwork of God and should be free to find God and the meaning of his personal being in his own way! Of knowing that the search for Truth is a personal thing! Of knowing that we are able to serve mankind in our own particular way and in our own particular time! It is knowing that all the beauties of the land are ours! That Time is ours! That our own personal God is ours alone to worship as we please! But — most of all — it is knowing that we can eat and sleep and love at our pace in our own way!

Land of Liberty

Land of Liberty and Love,
A Land of Freedom ever;
A land that is so great and grand,
We'll love our land forever.

We must always do our best,
Working for our nation.
We will keep it number one
In all the earth's creation.

(Song tune to "Yankee Doodle" written by Lydia Ellen Brown, 10 year old granddaughter of the Worthy Grand Matron. This tune won the Grand Prize in Literature for the Theodore Willis Elementary School in The National Cultural Arts Reflection Project for 1974-1975 — "Our Heritage — Our Hopes", sponsored by the Parent Teachers Association.)

Patriotism

Patriotism is not a blind belief! Patriotism, like love, must be nurtured and fed! It is not a dormant emotion.

One can be patriotic about a rock-strewn island, or an acre of nothing! Patriotism is more than that! It is a matter of mind and soul.

It is a feeling for all that goes into our Nation — Blood and race and religion and endeavor — not with lines drawn, but rather with all lines closed in one great defensive barrier against bigotry and hatred and intolerance.

Patriotism is regimented Love and Faith in the goodness of God! Let us Preserve it! Cherish it! Feed it with blood and sweat and tears!

A Patriotic Creed

To serve my country day by day
At any humble post I may;
To honor and respect her flag,
To live the traits of which I brag;
To be an American in deed
As well as in my printed creed.

To stand for truth and honest toil,
To till my little patch of soil,
And keep in mind the debt I owe
To them who died that I might know
My country, prosperous and free,
And passed this heritage to me.

I always must in trouble's hour
Be guided by the men in power;
For God and country I must live,
My best for God and country give;
No act of mine that men may scan
must shame the name American.

To do my best and play my part,
American in mind and heart;
To serve the flag and bravely stand
To guard the glory of my land;
To be American in deed:
God grant me strength to keep this creed!

—Edgar A. Guest

Freedom

Every man of every generation has put a different interpretation on the word Freedom! True, it is not a state of mind easy to interpret. Great philosophers, however, have reasoned that Freedom is the state of being wherein man is able to pursue the meaning of Truth, without fear — either to the body or to the mind.

This belief was the ideal envisioned by the men who framed our Constitution, two hundred years ago. This is the ideal which we should, this year, endeavor to renew and cherish as a part of our American Life. To seek the Truth, to be fearless in the face of adverse criticism, to fight the impossible dream — This is Freedom!

To have spent my whole life in the pursuit of Truth, though I go down in defeat, such defeat would be the only monument that I would need to prove that I had lived and died, a part of my Country forever!

“Oh, beautiful for Patriot Dream —
That sees, beyond the years,
Thine Alabaster cities gleam —
Undimmed by human tears!

America, America,
God shed His Grace on thee —
And crown thy good
With brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!”

Freedom From Want

Our forefathers brought with them the hope for a new nation where all men could be free — a land where every man, woman, and child could truly experience the joy of living.

Here in America they found a fertile land rich in food for the body, a land where every man's time is his own.

In his speech on July 4, 1776, Samuel Adams said, "Within our own borders we possess all the means of sustenance, defense, and commerce; at the same time these advantages are so distributed among the different states of this continent as if nature had in view to proclaim to us — be united among yourselves, and you will want nothing from the rest of the world."

Let us ever be grateful that we enjoy advantages no other nation is privileged to enjoy.

Freedom From Fear

Many people of the world today live in constant FEAR — fear of being persecuted if they speak their thoughts; fear of being oppressed if they attend a particular church or fraternal meeting; and fear that they will not have the necessities for existence.

Thank God, we in America, have the FREEDOM to speak, worship and vote as we please; we live in a land of bounteous provisions, and we have no FEAR of being oppressed by other nations.

This is only one of the Freedoms that we possess — FREEDOM FROM FEAR — but we are blest above all Nations. May we always be aware of this.

Freedom of Speech

Another of our great FREEDOMS is FREEDOM OF SPEECH. One of the primary desires of the Founders of our Nation was to have Freedom of Speech or Freedom of Expression. It was this desire that brought the early colonists to our country. Through the years this has been a beacon to millions of people all over the world, directing them to this land of Free Men.

It is this Freedom to speak as they choose that has caused thousands of native-born and naturalized citizens to freely sacrifice their lives for the privilege of living in a land that affords such a rare opportunity.

As we approach the Bicentennial year, let us never take this blessed Freedom for granted. Let us show our gratitude for this privilege by using every opportunity to express our thanks to God for this Freedom given us by our Founding Fathers, and which continues to this day. Let us daily exhibit our devotion and patriotism to the greatest of all Nations and the Freedom it assures those who reside within its bounds.

Freedom To Worship
As We Please

Of all the blessings that Americans enjoy, none is of greater value than Religious Liberty, the cornerstone of human Freedom.

Our Nation was founded by consecrated men who desired to live in a country where each could worship God in his own way. Few other countries of the world allow the citizens the privilege of worshipping in any manner they choose, such as all citizens of America may do.

The men who framed our Constitution were determined that the new Nation should be one where Religious Liberty was the birthright of all its people, and that great Document grants Freedom of Religion to all the inhabitants of our land.

Let us thank God for a land where we may attend the Church of our choice, and are free to worship in any way we choose.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

1975 — 1976

(To be mailed to each Chapter Secretary immediately following Grand Chapter. Secretary will give it to Worthy Matron, who, upon receipt, will see that these instructions become effective immediately. A second copy will be given the Associate Matron by the Deputy Grand Matron when she makes her Official Visit to the Chapter.)

OPENING

The Worthy Matron may appoint a Committee to prepare the Chapter Room for meetings but it is her responsibility to see that the furniture is properly arranged according to the Ritual. A choice is given in the Ritual for position of the Star Point Chairs, however our Code of Laws P. 153 states that the Star Point Chairs will FACE EAST.

Study carefully the diagram on P. 3 of the Ritual which gives the proper position of the Star Point Emblems on the pedestals. This diagram also gives the EDGE OF THE LABRYINTH and the CIRCLE OF STAR POINT OFFICERS.

Requirements for Opening a Chapter are given on P. 163, Ritual and P. 142, Art. 275, Ch. II, Code of Laws.

1. Charter or Valid Dispensation must be in the Chapter Room.
2. Quorum, which is seven (7) members of the Chapter, including one of the first four (4) Officers.
3. Holy Bible opened at the second Chapter of St. Matthew must be on the Altar.
4. Square and Compasses must be placed on the Holy Bible.
5. Flag of the United States must be present in the Chapter Room and the Pledge of Allegiance must be given at each Chapter Meeting, Ritual P. 43, Code of Laws P. 142. Position of the Flag is in the East, to the right of, and on a level with the Presiding Officer. If the flag is presented it must be retired, just preceding the closing of the Chapter, Const. P. 195. (Your Worthy Grand Matron requests that each Chapter have the Presentation of the Flag in at least one half of their Chapter meetings this year, since we are stressing Patriotism).
6. If there is Balloting or Conferring of the Degrees a BROTHER must be present. This may be a Brother from any Chapter in our Grand Jurisdiction, or any other Grand Jurisdiction using the Ritual prescribed by General Grand Chapter. Exception to this is given in Landmark No. 8, Ritual P. 163.

No business can be transacted until the Chapter is opened in regular form Code of Laws P. 143, Art. 276.

If the Worthy Matron is absent, the Associate Matron will assume her station and perform her duties. Ritual P. 39, Code of Laws P. 143, Art. 259. If

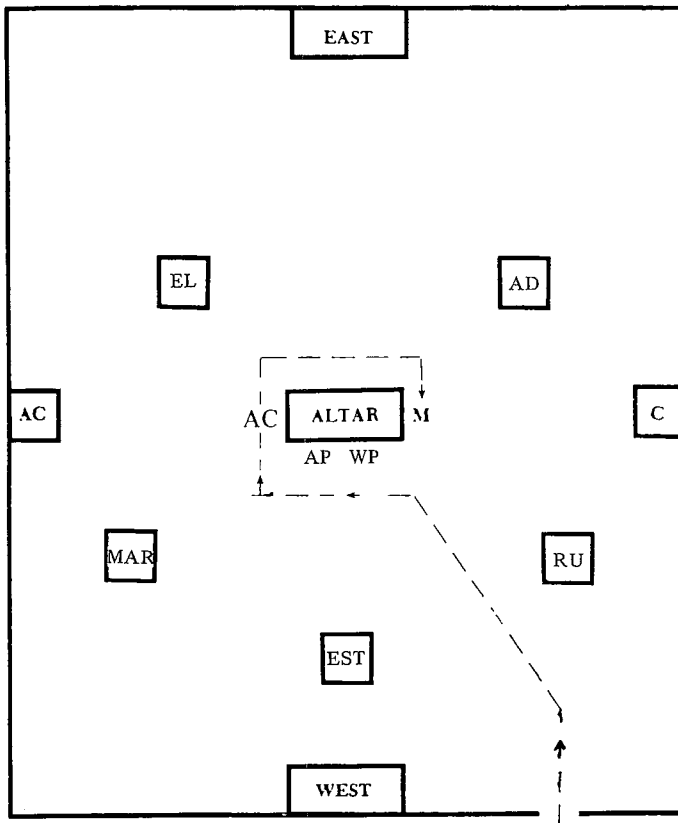
both are absent, the Worthy Patron asks a Past Matron to preside. If no Past Matron is present he may ask ANY SISTER to preside. Code of Laws P. 143, Art. 276.

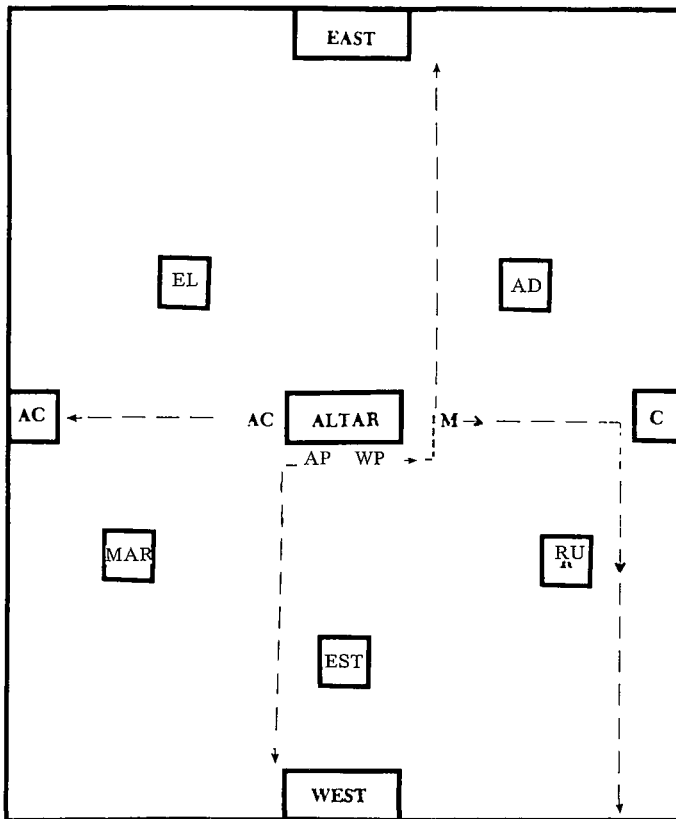
Time for Opening the Chapter is stated in the Chapter By-Laws. When ready for the Opening of the Chapter, all officers except the Worthy Patron, Associate Patron, Associate Conductress and Organist retire. These officers assume their stations in any manner directed by the Worthy Patron, providing the Worthy Patron ascends the dais after the others have assumed their stations. Ritual P. 23.

Prior to the Opening of the Chapter, the Bible and Square and Compasses may be presented, if the Worthy Matron so desires. It is suggested that the Organist merely assume her station, then the Marshal will lead the Worthy Patron, Associate Patron and Associate Conductress into the Chapter Room by entering in the following manner:

- Marshal
- Associate Conductress
- Associate Patron (Carrying Bible)
- Worthy Patron (Carrying Emblems)

See diagram for suggested manner of entrance of these 4 officers:





The Marshal leads the A.C., A.P. and W.P. into the Chapter Room through the Southwest entrance, approaches the Altar by entering the labyrinth between Ruth and Esther. The Marshal observes square corners, goes around the Altar to the South side and stands facing the Altar. The Associate Conductress remains on north side facing the Altar. The Associate Patron, carrying the Bible, stands on the West side facing East, with the Worthy Patron beside him and on his right. When all are in position the Associate Patron places the Bible on the Altar, then the Worthy Patron places the Emblems beside the Bible. All bow, then go to their stations as illustrated in diagram. The Worthy Patron is careful to ascend the dais last, after all others are in their places. The Marshal returns to her position in the Line outside the Chapter Room, to enter with other Officers for the Opening Drill.

The entrance march may be elaborated upon in any manner desired, so long as the officers assume the position outlined in the Ritual P. 24 at the close of the drill. Lines may be formed either INSIDE or OUTSIDE the chairs.

All officers will stand completely INSIDE or completely OUTSIDE the chairs, depending whether the Lines are formed Inside or Outside. If the Lines are formed INSIDE the Chairs, the Conductresses will stand just far enough behind Adah and Electa's stations so that the Conductress may TURN RIGHT behind Adah's station when she is instructed to escort the Worthy Matron to the

East. The 4 officers across the back (Worthy Matron, Associate Matron, Warder and Esther) will be in a straight line across the West, just far enough east so that they may stand on a line in front of Esther's station.

If the Lines are formed OUTSIDE the Chairs, the 4 Officers in the West will be in a straight line behind Esther's station, while the Conductresses will be far enough east so that they are completely in front of Adah and Electa's stations. (It is suggested that the Officers stand about 2 small steps in front of or behind the Star Point stations.)

All Officers will wear their Badges during the Opening Drill, as it is a part of the Opening of the Chapter.

The Worthy Matron is escorted to the East either through the Labryinth or along the North Marching Line, depending on whether the lines are formed Inside or Outside the Chairs. In either instance, the Conductress turns right, marches along the south Marching Line to the West where she approaches the Worthy Matron, who has turned to face her. If the Lines are formed Inside the Chairs, the Worthy Matron must advance a few steps to the West to meet the Conductress. The Conductress bows to the Worthy Matron and offers her right arm. They march across the West to the North marching line and proceed to the East, where the Conductress again bows to the Worthy Matron, and she returns the bow. The Worthy Patron steps behind the dais to assist the Worthy Matron to the East and presents the gavel to her. Our Ritual P. 24 tells us that at the same time the Conductress returns to her former position at the head of the south line. She observes square corners in doing so.

If the Lines are formed Outside, the same procedure is followed, except the Worthy Matron would be escorted through the Labryinth to the East. The Worthy Matron then directs the Officers to assume their stations and sounds the gavel, seating the Chapter. Officers will go to their stations by counter-marching in the East, then each will be seated when arriving at her station.

Pro-tems may be appointed for one meeting ONLY, and should the regular officer enter at any time during the meeting, the pro-tem officer will relinquish the station to the regular officer. Code of Laws, P. 139 and 143, Art. 256.

Whether the Meeting is a Regular or a Called Meeting, the Worthy Matron will declare the Chapter open for the transaction of business. She will then state the purpose, if it is a Called Meeting. Ritual P. 43.

Officers are permitted to relinquish their stations to visitors or other members, except during the Opening or Closing of the Chapter, with permission of the Worthy Matron. Ritual P. 139.

PROVING THE CHAPTER

The Associate Matron has the duty of proving the Chapter and remains standing until this duty is performed. If she can vouch for all present, she will immediately do so and report same to the Worthy Matron, but if unable to vouch for all present she will ask the Conductress and Associate Conductress to assist. Each will begin in the East, on the South and North side of the room, and if a visitor is found for whom no one can vouch, they report to the Associate Matron, who will proceed according to Ritual P. 26 and Code of Laws, P. 152, Art. 305.

Each visitor must present a Receipt for Dues card for the current or preceding year, or a Demit not more than one year old. Each must be countersigned by the visitor. In Examining a Visitor, remember that a Brother must serve on the Examining Committee if the visitor is a Brother. Visitors from New York and New Jersey must give the Examining Committee the eligibility on whom they received the degrees, and if it were through an Uncle, they cannot visit in our Grand Jurisdiction.

ALTAR SERVICES

When directed to Attend at the Altar during the Opening Ceremony, the Conductress leaves her station to the East side of her pedestal, marches west until opposite Esther's station, then enters the Labryinth between Ruth and Esther. She approaches the Altar, makes a slight bow to the Worthy Matron acknowledging her order, then opens the Bible with reverence and solemnity, in accordance with our Ritual P. 41. Soft music may be played during the Opening of the Bible and is very impressive.

All Officers and members face the Altar during Altar Services, and will assume the reverent Attitude (loosely clasped hands) as the Conductress enters the Labryinth in the Opening Ceremony. The Reverent Attitude is held until the Chaplain has offered Prayer and has stepped back into the Circle of Officers. (Circle of Officers will be about 2 steps back of the Edge of the Labryinth, which is an imaginary line between the Star Point stations).

To properly open the Bible the Conductress places her right hand firmly in the center of the front edges and her left hand firmly on the back edge, opposite her right hand. With her right hand she raises the front edges of the Bible to the center of the Altar, while her left hand guides the back of the Bible to the center of the Altar. She then moves her left hand slowly up the front side until it meets the right hand, and opens the Bible with both hands, lowering both sides at the same time. If a marker is used, she removes it then places the Square and Compasses on the open Bible, drawing both hands away to form the Salutation Sign. (Worthy Matron will respond to the Sign, for the Response always is given when the Salutation Sign is made). The Conductress steps back into the circle of Officers and assumes the Reverent Attitude.

In the Opening and Closing ceremonies the Chaplain marches west to a point opposite Esther's station and enters the Labryinth between Esther and Martha. Upon reaching the Altar she will remain standing until the music ceases, then she will kneel and offer prayer. Our Ritual P. 42 says she SHOULD kneel, but not that she MUST. The Chaplain does NOT carry a small Bible in her hands nor does she assume the Reverent Attitude during the march to the Altar for prayers. Her hands hang loosely at her sides. Soft music may be played during the march to the Altar and while the Bible is opened, but not during Prayers. All Officers and members assume the Attitude of Prayer (Reverent Attitude with head bowed) as the Chaplain approaches the Altar, and heads remain bowed until after the Response. The Chaplain, with face toward the Altar, steps back into the Circle of Officers between Esther and Martha. She will remain in the Circle until the Warder reports back to the Worthy Matron that she has informed the Sentinel the Chapter is opened, then both she and the Conductress return to their stations.

FLAG CEREMONY

If the Flag is presented, this is done immediately after the Chaplain and Conductress return to their stations. If the Flag is presented it must be retired just prior to the Closing Ceremony of the Chapter. The Ceremony for Presentation of the Flag is found in the Constitution, P. 191. I am asking each Chapter to have the Flag presented in at least half their Chapter Meetings this year, in keeping with the Bicentennial observance of our Nation. The Pledge of Allegiance must be given in each Chapter meeting, and MAY be followed by the singing of a patriotic song. If the National Anthem is sung, each officer and member will remain with his right hand over the left breast, just as it was during the Pledge to the Flag. If another patriotic ode is sung, all officers and members will remain facing the flag.

Members and visitors are not allowed to enter the Chapter Room until after the Pledge to the Flag and seating of the membership by the Worthy Matron. Ritual P. 43.

INTRODUCTIONS

When instructed to present Grand Officers, the Conductress and Associate Conductress meet in the West and bow to each other. If all distinguished members are on one side, the Conductress offers her LEFT ARM to the Associate Conductress and they will go only so far as is necessary to pick up the distinguished members. After bowing to them, they will escort the distinguished members to the southwest corner of the Chapter Room, then either enter the Labryinth or form a line across the West behind Esther's station, depending on whether persons escorted are entitled to be presented at the Altar. All Present and Past Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons (this includes all General Grand Chapter officers) will be presented at the Altar and their names are to be called by the Conductress. After welcoming them, the Worthy Matron will ask the Conductresses to escort them to the East, where their names are again called by the Worthy Matron and they are then given Grand Honors. The Worthy Matron will call up the Chapter as each group of Grand Officers is being escorted to the East. If there are both Sisters and Brothers in the group, the Conductress will escort the Sisters around the north side of the Altar, through the Labryinth, to the East, while the Associate Conductress escorts the Brothers along the South Side. Conductresses will remain in the East until Grand Honors have been given, then the Worthy Matron will instruct them whether the Distinguished Members will remain in the East or be seated in the Chapter Room. (Order of Introductions may be found in Code of Laws, P. 143, Article 281).

When there are Distinguished Members on both sides of the room, the Conductresses will pick up on their respective sides. Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards will be presented behind Esther's station, with a line formed across the West, the Conductress on the North and the Associate Conductress on the South. Names and titles of this group should be called by the Conductress. After the Worthy Matron has welcomed them, they will be escorted to the East along the North and South marching line. After names and titles of each group are called, the Conductresses step back one step as a courtesy to those being introduced. The term "Sister or Brother" is preferred, however titles such as "Doctor", etc., may be used. In introducing Officers of Grand Chapter, Committees and Grand Representatives, the Conductress may say, "Worthy Matron, it is with pleasure that I present these distinguished MEMBERS." If the number is small and she knows the names and titles, it is always nice to call names and titles. The Worthy Matron MAY welcome this

group in the West, give their names and titles, then have the Conductresses seat them in the Chapter Room. She MAY have them escorted to the East, and if so, it is suggested that names and titles be called only in the East. If she prefers, she MAY ask this group to stand on the sideline and give names and titles, however, since this is a hard-working group, and many of them receive no financial allowance from Grand Chapter, it is nice to have them presented, when possible. It is the Worthy Matron's prerogative to do as she chooses. When a large group is introduced in the West, then seated in the Chapter Room, the Conductress will seat those on the North side and the Associate those on the South Side, making it more convenient for them. They will go only so far as necessary, then bow to the group on their respective sides, return to the West, cross over to their own sides, and await orders from the Worthy Matron. When they have ended their duties, they bow to each other and return to their stations.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Chapters must use the Order of Business prescribed in their Chapter By-Laws, unless suspended by unanimous consent or $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of those present. The Regular Order of Business may not be dispensed with until after the Minutes have been read. Code of Laws P. 145. Suggested Order of Business is given on P. 163 of our Constitution, but this is not compulsory. After the Minutes have been read and approved, they are signed by the **Presiding Officer**.

PETITIONS FOR DEGREES

Petitions for Degrees must be received at a STATED meeting of the Chapter, and must be accompanied by the required fee. They must also contain the signature of the petitioner and two persons who recommend same. It is suggested that members be very careful in recommending persons for membership. An Investigating Committee, consisting of two Sisters and one Brother, is appointed by the Worthy Matron, whose duty it is to see that the petitioner is Eligible, that he meets the Residence requirement, and to check the Qualification and Fitness to become a member. The Brother shall determine the Masonic relationship or Masonic standing. At least 2 members of the Committee shall visit the petitioner, and the Report is given after 4 weeks. No person shall be admitted as a member who is not physically able to receive and impart the work of the Order. Code of Laws, P. 121, Art. 206. The Worthy Grand Matron may, at her discretion, after investigation, waive in writing the physical disqualifications of candidates.

Petitions for Degrees cannot be withdrawn after being presented.

PETITIONS FOR AFFILIATION BY DEMIT AND TRANSFER

Members who affiliate from other Jurisdictions must affiliate by Demit. Those who are members of a Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction may Transfer their membership to another Chapter in this Jurisdiction. Petitions must be presented at Stated Meetings, be accompanied by the \$2.60 fee and be accompanied by the dues card or demit. The petitioner must have visited the Chapter within the preceding twelve months. An Investigating Committee is appointed and it is handled just as petition for Degrees. A rejected petitioner may petition another Chapter immediately, but cannot petition the Chapter who rejected him for 3 months.

BALLOT

Balloting can be held only at a stated meeting and a Brother must occupy the station of the Worthy Patron. Chapters are urged to Ballot at the Altar unless circumstances make it necessary to Pass the Ballot. The Ballot Box is placed to the left of the Bible, and if it is necessary for the Bible to be moved to allow room for the Ballot Box, the Conductress will enter the Labrynth in the usual way, and without giving the Salutation Sign, move the Bible to the Right, making room for the Ballot Box. She will step back out of the Labrynth in the same way she entered, and after the completion of Balloting, she may move the Bible back to the center of the Alter, if the Worthy Matron so desires.

Officers will ballot in the manner instructed on P. 134, Code of Laws. When all have balloted and the Worthy Matron instructs the Associate Conductress to bear the Ballot to the West, the Associate Conductress picks up the Ballot Box, and **backs completely out of the Labrynth.**

CONFERRING DEGREES

Degrees may be conferred at either a Stated Meeting or a Meeting Called for that purpose. All those participating in the Initiatory Ceremony are urged to memorize their work. Remember that the first impressions made on Candidates are permanent and we want them to be good impressions.

The Conductress gives only that portion of the Secret Work which explains how the Bible is held, when she takes the Candidate to the Altar for the Obligation. The Worthy Patron calls up the Chapter for the Prayer and for the Obligation, as he has been given the gavel by the Worthy Matron when she invited him to preside.

Star Points are the only ones permitted to use gestures during the Initiation, and it makes the lectures more meaningful if they are used. Adah will wear the veil and Esther will wear the Crown when the Candidate enters. Electa's sign should be given in one motion. Star Points will remain standing, holding their emblems, until the Conductress and candidate have passed beyond their stations.

The Prayer Circle is the most impressive part of our Initiatory work, therefore each officer should study her place in the Circle. P. 80 Ritual. The Officers assume their places and join hands; then the Conductress and new member countermarch to their place in the Circle. Following the prayer, the Chaplain stands just west of the Altar, and after the Altar Ode has been sung, the Conductress and new member countermarch and return to the East. THEN, the remaining officers step out of the Circle and return to their stations.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers are to be elected in Subordinate Chapters at the last Stated Meeting prior to April 30th. A Special Dispensation is required to elect at a later date.

Only the name of the person and the office for which she is nominated is given and nominations do not require a second. A motion is not necessary to declare the nomination closed. The Presiding Officer will declare nominations closed after allowing sufficient time for nominations. If only one person is nominated, she will be elected by Acclamation, which means to acclaim by voice

(saying "aye"). If more than one is nominated, the Presiding Officer will close the nomination and proceed to elect by ballot. Tellers will be appointed to count the ballots. The Chairman of the Tellers reports the number of votes cast, number necessary to elect and number each candidate received. The result is given by the Presiding Officer. If there are more than two candidates and no one receives a majority of the votes cast, the one receiving the lowest number will be dropped.

INSTALLATION

Officers are to be Installed on June 1, or as soon thereafter as possible. An Open Installation may be held by vote of the Chapter. Permission must be secured from the Masons to hold an Open Installation in a Masonic Building. Open Installation may be held June 1 to June 15, inclusive, without a Special Dispensation, but a later date, or holding same in other than the regular meeting place requires a Special Dispensation.

Study the Diagram of the Labryinth for the proper procedure in Installation.

For Open Installation the following outline should be used:

Presentation of Bible and Emblems (if desired)

Meeting Called to Order by Worthy Patron for purpose of Installation.

Officers enter and assume their stations.

Bible is Opened by Conductress, without ceremony.

(She enters Labryinth from the South in front of Ruth's station, and opens the Bible, placing the Square and Compasses on the Bible, but does NOT give the Salutation Sign) Chapter is called up prior to this.

The Lord's Prayer is repeated in unison.

Worthy Matron declares Chapter Open for Ceremony of Installation with one blow of the gavel.

Pledge of Allegiance.

National Anthem sung in unison.

Chapter is seated and Welcome is extended by Worthy Matron.

Distinguished Guests are escorted to the East. (Grand Honors MAY be given those entitled to receive them, but I suggest they NOT be given in an Open Installation. The Ritual provides that Grand Honors be given the Worthy Matron and Patron, so they must be given to them.

Presentation of Installing Officer by Worthy Matron.

Introduction of Assisting Installing Officers, by Installing Officer.

Recess to prepare for Ceremony of Installation.

(Remember that **ONLY** the Installing Marshal has the privilege of entering the Labryinth during the Recess, and **NO ONE** may walk between the Altar and the East, as our Holy Bible is opened on the Altar. **ONLY** the Installing Marshal and those being Installed are allowed to enter the Labryinth during the Ceremony of Installation — this includes Photographers.)

Outgoing Officers Retire.

Installation of Officers.

(Chaplain will enter the Labryinth in front of Martha's station and retire the same way.)

Conductress closes the Bible.

(She enters in front of Ruth's station and retires the same way.)

Closing Ode sung in unison.

Mizpah Benediction repeated in unison.

Chapter is seated.

Any Program desired may be used at this time. Non-members may participate in the Program at this time or in the Pre-Installation Program.

LATE INSTALLATION

If an Officer is to be installed at a later date, it is not necessary to go through the entire procedure of the Installation. The Installing Marshal would escort the Officer to the Altar for the Obligation, after calling her name and the office which she will hold. The Marshal would then present the Officer to the Installing Officer, who would give the charge and have the Marshal invest her with her badge and conduct her to her station. The Marshal would proclaim the Officer installed.

DRAPING OF THE CHARTER

The Charter is draped for a deceased Chapter member for a period of 30 days. This ceremony should be just prior to the Closing of the Chapter. If you are to drape both the Charter and the Altar at the same meeting, the Charter should be draped first. You may use any ceremony desirable, however the Marshal would place the drape on the Charter and the Chaplain should offer prayer.

DRAPING THE ALTAR

Our Code of Laws, page 152, Article 300 (2) states that the Altar shall be draped for a period of 30 days for deceased installed Grand Officers, who were serving as such at the time of their death, and for deceased Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. An appropriate drape of any color or size may be used, and should be at the station of the Conductress.

When directed to assume positions for Draping the Altar, the Conductress, Associate Conductress (with drape, properly folded), and the Chaplain will rise. The Conductresses will wait until the Chaplain has passed the station of the Associate Conductress, then they step into the Labryinth, with the Conductress

on the south side of the Altar, the Associate Conductress on the north side, and the Chaplain enters in the usual manner. The Bible is reverently lifted by the Chaplain, then the Conductresses place the drape on the Altar. The Bible is reverently replaced and the Chaplain kneels for prayer. The Conductresses assume the Attitude of Prayer. All step slowly back to the edge of the Labryinth at the conclusion, with faces turned toward the Altar, then return to their stations. Should the Square and Compasses become disarranged while the Chaplain holds the Bible the Conductress would rearrange them.

The drape would be removed at the close of the meeting and placed again on the Altar for the next meeting, provided the Chapter meets again within 30 days. If it becomes necessary to drape the Altar again within the 30 days, the Worthy Matron may have tributes or songs, and floral tributes may be placed on the Altar for the deceased member. The Altar would remain draped an additional 30 days.

SECRET WORK

Three copies of the Secret Work are furnished each Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, one for the Worthy Patron, one for the Associate Patron and one for the Conductress. These must always be in charge of one of the first four Officers, and kept under lock and key when not in actual use. Code of Laws, Article 251 (2), P. 136. Although these copies are given the three named officers, they should be available for use of any member who needs them. I suggest the copies be taken to Study Classes, that they may be used by members who desire them. Remember that we must not copy any part of our Secret Work or reproduce it for any purpose. Any violation of this law must be reported to the Worthy Grand Matron, Code of Laws, Art. 251 (4), P. 137.

GRATITUDE

We owe a great debt of gratitude to our Masonic Lodges for allowing many Eastern Star Chapters to use their sacred Lodge Rooms. Always we want to abide by their wishes and obey their rules concerning these buildings. Two days hold special significance for our Masonic Brothers, and are designated as Saints John Days. No meetings are to be held in their buildings on either of these days — December 27th and June 24th. You will need a Special Dispensation to move your place of meeting if your Chapter meetings fall on either of these days. During Public School Week, March 1 through March 5, no Eastern Star Meetings will be held in Masonic Lodge Rooms except Stated Meetings, with no special functions. We will cooperate with their wishes, ever striving to be worthy of their generosity and courtesies to our Order.

Doris Easterling

Mrs. Doris Easterling
Worthy Grand Matron

PROCLAMATIONS

October 18, 1975, the date of my Fraternal Visit in my home Chapter, was proclaimed "DORIS EASTERLING DAY IN CLYDE," by Mayor C. Lee Smith.

November 13, 1975, was proclaimed "DORIS EASTERLING DAY IN SANDERSON."

April 3, 1976, was proclaimed "DORIS EASTERLING DAY IN GRAHAM."

OTHER SPECIAL COURTESIES

November 20, 1975, I was given the Key to the City of Floydada and made an Honorary Citizen.

November 29, 1975, I became an Honorary Citizen of Brownfield.

January 16, 1976, I was given the title of "Honorary Alcalde of La Villita" in San Antonio.

On February 7, 1976, I was given the Key to the City of Beaumont and a Certificate of Recognition from the President of Lamar University in Beaumont.

The City of Dallas gave me the title of "Honorary Deputy Sheriff" and "Honorary Citizen" on March 27, 1976. I received the Key to the City, also.

Honorary Memberships were given me by the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma and the Grand Chapter of Kansas when I attended their Grand Chapter Sessions, and Honorary Membership in Lovington Chapter and in the Yucca Past Matrons' Club were given me during the New Mexico Exchange Visit in Lovington, and the City of Odessa proclaimed the Worthy Grand Matron of New Mexico and of Texas each Honorary Citizens.

April 12-13 were proclaimed "EASTERN STAR DAYS" in Waco, at the time of the Waco School.

For all these Proclamations and Special Courtesies I am indeed grateful.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Dallas #1	Devine #43	Wortham #96
Mizpah #2	Prudence #44	Valley Mills #97
San Antonio #3	Thornton #46	Miami #98
El Paso #4	Quanah #47	Childress #101
Paris #5	Bertram #48	Tennessee Colony #102
Clarendon #6	Adah #49	Claude #104
Tarrant #8	Rotan #52	Canyon City #105
Keystone #9	Angleton #54	Runge #106
San Angelo #10	Colorado #58	Tyler #112
Cedar Bayou #11	Nocona #62	Fredericksburg #113
McAllen #14	Pampa #65	Brownwood #116
Alvin #15	Matador #66	Corsicana #118
Bowie #16	Big Spring #67	Knox City #119
St. Jo #17	Stockdale #69	Grapeland #120
Ruth #20	Itasca #70	Hope #124
Weatherford #21	Beaumont #71	Palacios #125
Rockdale #23	Troy #72	Lipan #127
Kerrville #24	Leander #73	Joshua #131
Roby #25	Brazoria #74	Alpine #132
Abilene #30	Sour Lake #75	Pleasanton #133
Floydada #31	Lubbock #76	Ransford #135
Vashti #32	Gate City #77	Sanderson #136
Tulia #33	Pecos #81	Eldorado #140
Texas #35	Caddo Mills #83	Wimodausis #141
Kenedy #36	Petroha #84	Garden City #143
Plainview #37	Laredo #86	Brenham #144
Smithville #39	Belle Moon #90	Falfurrias #146
Iowa Park #42	Frisco #93	Atlanta #151

Temple #153	Denton #259	Lamesa #363
Sierra Blanca #154	Crosby #261	Cushing #368
Luling #155	Port Arthur #262	Port Lavaca #373
Garland #156	Kirbyville #263	Templar #374
Buffalo #157	Ballinger #266	Hemphill #375
Violet #158	Stamford #269	Johnson City #376
Prairie Hill #159	Santo #270	Jacksonville #377
Winnie #160	Floresville #271	Bay City #380
Perryton #161	Shiner #272	Pittsburg #381
Aransas Pass #162	Brock #274	Lufkin #382
Spur #164	Ranger #275	Fidelity #383
Brady #167	San Marcos #276	Shamrock #384
Rails #169	Rising Star #277	Houston #385
Glen Rose #171	Pearsall #278	Wharton #389
Saltillo #173	Eastland #280	Jacksboro #390
Athens #177	Yoakum #282	Paint Rock #391
Carpenters #183	Regina #283	Richland #392
Bonita #184	Spanish Fort #284	Palestine #395
Tenaha #185	Sealy #285	Timpson #396
Trinity #186	Marlin #286	Sunshine #399
Robert Lee #187	Ozona #287	Wells #400
San Saba #191	Jasper #291	Walnut Springs #401
Garrison #192	Bartlett #293	Gonzales #403
Madisonville #193	Lampasas #295	Hondo #404
R. A. Terrell #194	Uvalde #297	Sabinal #407
Boerne #200	Silsbee #298	Teague #408
Del Rio #204	Oak Cliff #303	Stanton #409
Commerce #208	Austin #304	Hedley #413
Lockhart #210	Mt. Pleasant #305	Humble #415
Border #211	Navasota #309	Sipe Springs #416
Merkel #212	Comanche #310	Hico #419
Orange #214	Franklin #311	Polytechnic #420
Hamilton #215	Hereford #312	Troup #421
Llano #216	Spurger #315	Beeville #422
Taft #218	Round Rock #316	Vernon #424
Grand Prairie #219	Augusta #317	Burnet #425
Velasco #220	Nash #320	Nacogdoches #428
Bryan #222	Olney #321	Rosenberg #429
Newton #224	Summerland #322	Burleson #431
Canadian #227	Columbus #324	Chico #433
Montgomery #228	Kingsville #325	Marble Falls #435
Fort Stockton #230	Grapevine #326	LaVernia #436
Dayton #233	Fairfield #331	Lockney #437
Midlothian #234	Lytle #335	Florence #440
Wichita Falls #237	Jeff Davis #336	Gorman #443
Wellington #238	Bronson #337	Odessa #447
Huntsville #240	Rio Vista #343	London #449
Elgin #241	Marfa #344	Snyder #450
Callahan #242	Bridgeport #346	Bishop #452
Harmony #244	Stinnett #347	Cross Plains #455
Somerville #245	Center #348	Iola #458
Santa Anna #247	Hughes Springs #349	Hamlin #460
Arlington #249	Giddings #350	Cisco #461
Eagle Pass #250	Memphis #351	Woodville #462
Mertzon #251	Sweetwater #352	Center Point #463
Avery #252	Sarah #353	Cleveland #465
Midland #253	Corpus Christi #354	Bangs #467
Indian Creek #255	Dunn #358	Utopia #468
John Gillispie #257	Coleman #360	Travis #472
Houston Heights #258	Strawn #361	Edinburg #473

Avinger #478
 Rockport #479
 Eagle Lake #483
 Seymour #488
 Hylton #494
 Alto #496
 Junction #497
 Springtown #498
 Coahoma #499
 Throckmorton #500
 Paducah #506
 Ferris #508
 Crockett #509
 Hempstead #510
 Van Horn #514
 Sinton #515
 McKinney #518
 Mission #527
 Vega #528
 Granbury #530
 North Zulch #531
 El Campo #535
 Electra #539
 Robstown #540
 Decatur #543
 Forney #557
 Bardwell #560
 Monahans #561
 Happy #562
 Calvert #563
 San Benito #565
 Turkey #569
 Dal-Cliff #574
 Sonora #575
 Linden #576
 Jourdanton #581
 Slaton #585
 Belton #589
 Moran #591
 Lott #594
 Mt. Sylan #595
 Waxahachie #599
 Seadrift #602
 Mertens #604
 Creedmoor #607
 Longview #610
 Bellville #611
 Bexar #616
 Handley #617
 Cuero #618
 Pleaides #620
 League City #621
 Everman #624
 Texas City #626
 Kilgore #630
 Corrigan #631
 Radiant #636
 Texline #640
 Harlingen #641
 Royse City #642
 Bandera #643
 Donna #644
 Loyal #648
 Anahuac #649
 North Side #651
 Brookshire #652
 Dumas #653
 Burkburnett #655
 Alvarado #656
 Breckenridge #659
 Clarksville #662
 Army #664
 Alamo #665
 Graham #668
 Rothwell #669
 Southside #673
 Collinsville #674
 Port Neches #677
 Woodsboro #678
 Fort Worth #681
 LaPorte #683
 North Fort Worth #684
 Farmers Branch #687
 South San Antonio #691
 Edna #692
 DeLeon #693
 Rosebud #694
 Woodland #696
 Seagoville #697
 New Boston #700
 Rose Croix #701
 Arlington Heights #702
 Plano #703
 West Columbia #705
 Magnolia #706
 Southern Star #707
 Whitesboro #708
 Conroe #710
 Pasadena #711
 Faith #713
 East Dallas #715
 Galveston #716
 Bluebonnet #717
 Spearman #721
 Hearne #722
 Livingston #723
 Kountze #724
 O'Donnell #725
 San Juan #726
 Bethlehem #728
 Somerset #730
 Park Place #731
 LaFeria #732
 Albany #733
 Alamo Heights #734
 Areme #736
 Hull #737
 Woodbine #738
 Andral Vann #741
 Littlefield #742
 Tahoka #743
 Grand Falls #744
 Raymondville #748
 Wiergate #749
 Harlandale #750
 Big Lake #752
 Mt. Auburn #755
 Wedgwood #756
 Rob Morris Daylight #759
 Panhandle #760
 Christoval #761
 Fabens #764
 Hillsboro #769
 New Braunfels #771
 Weslaco #772
 A. C. Garrett #774
 Irving #777
 Wrightsboro #778
 Star #782
 Ft. McKavett #783
 Brownfield #785
 Blackwell #786
 Amarillo #787
 Gordon #788
 Darruzett #790
 Muleshoe #792
 Tuscola #793
 Flora #794
 Levelland #797
 Goose Creek #798
 Stephenville #801
 White Deer #802
 Capitol #803
 Sudan #806
 Groesbeck #810
 Borger #811
 Flatonja #813
 Dodson #814
 Rio Hondo #815
 Crane #816
 Prospect Hill #817
 Dimmitt #819
 Crescent #820
 Mabank #821
 Wisteria #823
 Delta #824
 Concho #826
 Grandview #828
 Overton #830
 Iraan #832
 Queen Esther #833
 Riverside #834
 South Side #835
 Ocotillo #837
 Tomball #838
 Morton #841
 Rio Grande City #843
 Kermit #845
 Olton #847
 Freer #848

Andrews #849	Montalba #924	Centerville #1002
Iredell #850	Sundown #926	Shepherd #1003
Holliday #851	Rosewyn #927	Cotulla #1004
Bonham #852	Whitney #930	Gatesville #1005
Goldsmith #854	Blum #931	Lucinda Conner #1006
Seminole #855	Zephyr #932	Covington #1007
Bluebell #856	West University #933	Friendship #1008
Celina #857	Blanco #934	Lake Jackson #1009
Edcouch #859	Lewisville #935	Norman Read #1010
Groom #861	Anton #936	Clute City #1011
Plains #862	Huntington #938	Malakoff #1012
Denver City #863	Whitewright #939	River Oaks #1013
Lindale #864	Farmersville #940	Duncanville #1014
Kaufman #866	Truth #941	Frank W. Lynn #1015
Anson #867	Wheeler #942	Willis #1017
Oso #868	Lancaster #943	Mamie D. Crane #1018
Sunray #869	Alvord #946	Laura B. Hart #1019
Electa #872	Carlton #949	Coolidge #1020
Sweeny #873	Mike H. Thomas #951	Bellaire #1021
Mathis #874	Zavalla #952	Bryson #1022
Love Field #875	Groves #953	Waelder #1023
Mansfield #876	Channelview #954	Dickinson #1024
Abernathy #877	East Houston #955	Pilot Point #1025
Quitaque #878	Ganado #957	College Station #1026
Maud #879	Memorial #958	Sanger #1027
Ropesville #880	Edwin J. Kiest #959	Castleberry #1028
John L. DeGrazier #881	Stratford #960	Highland Park #1029
Imperial #882	Evant #962	Village #1030
Martha #883	Fidelis #963	Hooks #1031
Galena Park #884	Lawn #964	Mt. Houston #1034
Cooper #885	Frost #965	Groveton #1035
Mesquite #887	Star Mountain #966	Loyalty #1036
Vienna Buckner #888	Buna #968	Ingleside #1037
Broaddus #889	Weldon #969	Bridge City #1038
Idalou #890	J. A. Kemp #970	Vickery #1039
Crosbyton #891	Cockrell Hill #971	Richland Hills #1040
Haskell #892	Bullard #972	Fairbanks #1041
DeKalb #894	Hermleigh #974	Millsap #1042
Ector #895	Rose Garden #975	Independence #1044
Boyd #897	Caldwell #976	Deport #1045
Freedom #898	Wylie #977	Dawson #1046
Azle #899	Blue Grove #978	Waller #1047
Silverton #900	LaMarque #979	Bronte #1048
Honey Grove #901	Mary Martha #981	Norma D. Allen #1050
Joaquin #903	Haltom City #982	Dalhart #1051
Edgewood #904	James Ladd Burgess #983	Tascosa #1052
Graford #905	Spring Branch #984	White Settlement #1053
Daingerfield #906	A. E. Shirley #986	Lakeside #1054
Naples #907	Garden Oaks #987	South Park #1056
Dublin #910	Medina #988	Dell City #1057
Schertz #911	Rule #989	North Shore #1058
Bethany #912	Friona #990	Adobe Walls #1059
Poteet #913	Ysleta #991	Greenwood #1060
Vidor #914	Ft. Hancock #992	Eustace #1062
South Houston #915	Munday #993	Deer Park #1063
Blanket #918	Lexington #996	Top O'Texas #1064
Melrose #920	Logos #998	Pearland #1065
Richardson #921	Ridglea #999	Skellytown #1066
Godley #922	Hillcrest #1000	Italy #1067
Vensu #923	Petersburg #1001	Colmesneil #1068

Copperas Cove #1070	Roy Stanley #1086	Alma M. Walker #1101
Cora Posey #1072	Thunderbird #1087	Canyon Lake #1103
Floyd Easterling #1074	Aldine #1088	Valley Hi #1104
Highland Hills #1075	DeSoto #1089	Spring #1105
Winnie-Stowell #1076	Leonard #1091	Zapata #1106
Eastwood #1077	Carlsbad #1092	Sugar Land #1107
Channing #1078	New Caney #1093	Portland #1108
Nederland #1079	Jacques DeMolay #1094	Lake Worth #1109
Oak Forest #1080	Archives #1095	Bells #1110
Almeda #1081	Seabrook #1096	Evadale #1111
University #1082	Burke #1098	Huffman #1112
Lone Star #1083	Hurst #1099	Frankston U. D.
Bogata #1084	Wallace Hughston #1100	Gun Barrel City U. D.
Hitchcock #1085		

I am deeply grateful to each Chapter for affording me this honor and shall treasure my Honorary Membership in your Chapters.

EASTERN STAR SCHOOLS

DISTRICT NO. 2

October 28, Pampa	November 15, El Paso
November 4, Paducah	November 18, Seymour
November 6, Abilene	November 20, Floydada
November 8, Lamesa	November 22, Amarillo
November 13, Monahans	November 29, Brownfield

DISTRICT NO. 5

January 6, Eldorado	January 17, San Antonio
January 8, Del Rio	January 24, San Angelo
January 10, Weslaco	January 27, Bandera
January 13, Corpus Christi	January 29, Port Lavaca
January 15, Poteet	January 31, Austin

DISTRICT NO. 4

February 7, Beaumont	February 17, Bryan
February 10, Colmesneil	February 21, Angleton
February 12, Lufkin	February 24, Edna
February 14, Dayton	February 26, Conroe
February 16, Brenham	February 28, Houston

DISTRICT NO. 1

March 6, Jefferson	March 18, Corsicana
March 9, Gladewater	March 20, Waxahachie
March 11, Lindale	March 23, Paris
March 13, New Boston	March 25, Decatur
March 16, Denison	March 27, Dallas

DISTRICT NO. 3

April 3, Graham	April 15, Llano
April 6, Indian Creek	April 17, Cisco
April 8, Clifton	April 20, Possum Kingdom Lake
April 10, Temple	April 22, Cleburne
April 13, Waco	April 24, Fort Worth

Due to illness, I was forced to return home during the District I School Schedule and I am very grateful to the Grand Examiner, Marjorie Johnson; the District Deputy Grand Matron, Alice O'Neal; and especially grateful to the Worthy Grand Patron, O. D. Christian, who carried on the Schools during my absence.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED WITHOUT FEE

To move place of meeting: Evadale Chapter U. D.

For Fraternal Visits:

DISTRICT NO. 2

Section 1, Pampa	October 28
Section 5, Paducah	November 4
Section 7, Abilene	November 6
Section 8, Lamesa	November 8
Section 9, Monahans	November 13
Section 10, El Paso	November 15
Section 6, Seymour	November 18
Section 3, Floydada	November 20
Section 2, Amarillo	November 22
Section 4, Brownfield	November 29

DISTRICT NO. 5

Section 2, Eldorado	January 6
Section 4, Del Rio	January 8
Section 10, Weslaco	January 10
Section 9, Corpus Christi	January 13
Section 5, Poteet	January 15
Section 7, San Antonio	January 17
Section 1, San Angelo	January 24
Section 3, Bandera	January 27
Section 8, Port Lavaca	January 29
Section 6, Austin	January 31

DISTRICT NO. 4

Section 2, Beaumont	February 7
Section 3, Colmesneil	February 10
Section 1, Lufkin	February 12
Section 4, Dayton	February 14
Section 8, Brenham	February 16
Section 6, Bryan	February 17
Section 10, Angleton	February 21
Section 9, Edna	February 24
Section 7, Conroe	February 26
Section 5, Houston	February 28

DISTRICT NO. 1

Section 8, Jefferson	March 6
Section 10, Gladewater	March 9
Section 7, Lindale	March 11
Section 9, New Boston	March 13
Section 2, Denison	March 16

Section 1, Decatur	March 25
Section 4, Dallas	March 27
Section 5, Seagoville	May 5
Section 3, Commerce	May 14
Section 16, Corsicana	May 28

DISTRICT NO. 3

Section 3, Graham	April 3
Section 5, Indian Creek	April 6
Section 7, Clifton	April 8
Section 8, Temple	April 10
Section 9, Waco	April 13
Section 6, Llano	April 15
Section 4, Cisco	April 17
Section 2, Possum Kingdom Lake	April 20
Section 10, Cleburne	April 22
Section 1, Fort Worth	April 24

- Houston Heights #258 Allowing member to wear gloves during meetings, due to arthritis in hands.
- Runge #106 Waiving Physical Disability for candidate who temporarily cannot speak.
- Alma M. Walker #1101 Moving place of meeting due to Masonic Lodge changing its place of meeting.
- Crane #816 Allowing member to wear gloves to meetings, due to arthritis in hands.
- Daingerfield #906 Holding late Installation due to serious illness and surgery of Worthy Matron-elect.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED

- Tahoka #743 Permission to Install before May 31
- Port Neches Permission to hold Friendship Night
- Granbury #530 Permission to change time of meeting

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS GRANTED WITH FEES

Change Place of Meeting:

Ridglea #999	Prudence #44	Thunderbird #1087
Clyde #308	Thunderbird #1087	Dallas #1
Alpine #132	Bastrop #64	Troy #72
Ridglea #999	Zapata #1106	Dawson #1046
Itasca #70	Creedmoor #607	Lakeside #1054
Alpine #132	Whitney #930	Wallace Hughston #1100
Everman #624	Sam P. Cochran #1097	Adobe Walls #1059
Ridglea #999	Alto #496	Thunderbird #1087
Harlandale #750	Lancaster #943	Roy Stanley #1086

Holding Late Installation:

Trinity #186	Wills Point #366	Maud #879
Dayton #233	Longview #610	Austin #304
Capitol #803	Velasco #220	Hull #737
West #203	Orange #214	Waco #7
Round Rock #316	Sipe Springs #416	Freer #848
Travis #472	Southern Star #707	Prairie Hill #159
Devine #43	E. C. Canon #825	Hico #419

Holding Late Election:

Iredell #850	Nixon #339	Eagle Pass #250
Tuscola #793	Goldsmith #854	Bogata #1084
Lawn #964	Rio Hondo #815	

Holding Late Installation and Changing Place of Meeting:

Ruth #20	Ballinger #266
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Electing a Worthy Patron:

Ranger #275	Ft. McKavett #783	Port Neches #677
Violet #158		

Electing Associate Matron:

Henderson #597	Somerset #730	Earth #870
Tennessee Colony #102	Troy #72	East Dallas #715

Electing Associate Patron:

Bluebonnet #717	Highland Park #1029	Midlothian #234
James Ladd Burgess #983	Wharton #389	Mt. Houston #1034
New Braunfels #771	Grand Falls #744	Broadus #889
Mizpah #2	East Dallas #715	

Electing Secretary:

Jeff Davis #336	North Fort Worth #684	Jeff Davis #336
Dickinson #1024	Giddings #350	Huffman #1112
Italy #1067	Eastwood #1077	Iowa Park #42
Irving #777	Camellia #994	Capitol #803

Electing Treasurer:

Petersburg #1001	Bishop #452	Texline #640
Lott #594	Walter Baldwin #929	Port Arthur #262
Star #782	Rockwall #858	

Electing Conductress:

Alto #496	Rockport #579	Crane #816
Seminole #855	Hempstead #510	Jacques DeMolay #1094
Oak Cliff #303	Glen Rose #171	Seymour #488
Woodbine #738	Melrose #920	

Electing Associate Conductress:

Bexar #616	Odessa #447	Radiant #636
Prospect Hill #817	Belle Moon #90	Eustace #1062
Thunderbird #1087	Rosewyn #927	Electa #872
Vickery #1039	Friona #990	Rusk #79
Marshall #356	Luling #155	Petersburg #1001

Electing Worthy Matron and Associate Matron:

Groom #861

Electing Worthy Patron and Associate Patron:

Haskell #892

Electing Worthy Patron and Conductress:

Zapata #1106

Electing Associate Matron and Associate Patron:

Violet #158	Anton #936	Bexar #616
Sweeny #873	Logos #998	Monahans #561
Kingsville #325	Ralls #169	Clarksville #662

Amendments to By-Laws:

Paris #5	Humble #415	Morton #841
Bowie #16	Polytechnic #420	Electa #872
Roby #25	Bishop #452	Love Field #875
Texas #35	Rosenberg #492	Cooper #855
Prudence #44	Alto #496	Rosewyn #927
Belle Moon #90	Coahoma #499	Carlton #949
Hope #124	El Campo #535	Memorial #958
Alpine #132	Dal-Cliff #574	Edwin J. Kiest #959
Ransford #135	Slaton #585	Fidelis #963
Temple #153	Henderson #597	Buna #968
Ralls #169	Seadrift #602	Garden Oaks #987
Quinlan #170	Bexar #616	Lucinda Conner #1006
Carpenters #183	Bandera #643	River Oaks #1013
Somerville #245	Brookshire #652	Willis #1017
Midland #253	Southside #673	Dickinson #1024
Indian Creek #255	Port Neches #677	Highland Park #1029
John Gillispie #257	Rosebud #694	Groveton #1035
Regina #283	Southern Star #707	Independence #1044
Nash #320	Bethlehem #728	Bronte #1048
Lytle #335	Mt. Auburn #755	Lakeside #1054
Lamesa #363	Hillsboro #769	Floyd Easterling #1074
Wharton #389	Wisteria #823	University #1082
Palestine #395	Gladewater #831	Hitchcock #1085
		De Soto #1089

SPECIAL OCCASIONS**Exchange Visits**

January 2 and 3, 1976, were the dates of the Texas-New Mexico Exchange Visits. The first meeting was held in Lovington, New Mexico on Friday night, January 2, with a Banquet preceding the meeting. Then on Saturday night we had the Texas meeting in Odessa, with the three Chapters of Odessa serving as hosts. A Banquet also preceded the meeting there. Numerous Grand Officers attended both affairs, and all agreed it was a very pleasant and enjoyable time. It served to strengthen the ties of Fraternal Friendship between the two Grand Jurisdictions.

The Texas-Oklahoma Exchange Friendship Visits were held in Edwin J. Kiest Chapter of Dallas on Friday, August 27, 1976, and in Mattie Bruce Chapter of Ardmore, Oklahoma, on Saturday, August 28. This meeting, too, helped strengthen our ties with the Grand Jurisdiction of Oklahoma.

Holy Land Tour

On Monday, July 12, I left the Grand Jurisdiction for a fifteen day tour of the Holy Land, leaving the affairs of Grand Chapter in the capable hands of our Associate Grand Matron, Joyce Roberts. I requested her to serve as the Acting Worthy Grand Matron during my absence and handle any affairs that should require her attention. I offered her the use of the Grand Chapter Car during my absence, but she declined.

During this period of vacation, I was accompanied by my husband, J. B.; the Worthy Grand Patron, O. D. Christian, who served as Tour Director, and his lovely wife, Frances — the Grand Esther; Ellen Turner, Grand Ruth, and her husband; and twenty others. We departed from the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport and flew to Cairo, Egypt, then continued on to Greece, Israel and Rome. It was an interesting and inspiring time for me and I returned home refreshed and ready to resume the responsibilities of my office.

Bicentennial Celebration

The highlight of my year occurred on May 15, when the entire membership of Texas joined in the Bicentennial Celebration in Fort Worth. Many people worked to prepare for this celebration, but Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, who served as the General Chairman, deserves our heartfelt thanks for a job well done. The meeting began with a Service of Praise and Thanksgiving in Will Rogers Auditorium, with a Banquet in Round Up Inn following, and then the conclusion was a Meeting and Program in the Auditorium, with Honorable Jack Hightower, Past Grand Master, the Guest Speaker for the evening. Many who attended have expressed their enjoyment and it was a wonderful and inspiring day for the Worthy Grand Matron. Thanks to all who helped make it a success.

Order of Rainbow for Girls

It was a distinct pleasure to have the Order of Rainbow for Girls participate in my Installation and I treasure the lovely white Bible they presented me.

Another pleasure was mine when I attended the Grand Assembly of Texas in Houston, although the flooding caused the meetings to be discontinued and I was not able to bring Greetings to the group. I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Grand Assembly for every courtesy extended me and to Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Supreme Faith and Supreme Inspector in Texas. I shall always be grateful for the honor bestowed on me in granting me the Grand Cross of Colors. This I shall treasure all my life.

VISITS TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

It was my happy privilege to visit in three other Grand Jurisdictions during this Grand Chapter year. Soon after the Texas Grand Chapter Installation, J. B. and I, accompanied by Joy Shackelford, Grand Marshal, journeyed to Albuquerque, New Mexico to attend the Opening Session of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico. We enjoyed this very much.

The following week I attended the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, accompanied by the Grand Marshal; Violet Lowrey, Grand Warder; and John Efird, Grand Sentinel. We had a very good time in Oklahoma.

In April, following the last Eastern Star School, I traveled to Topeka, Kansas, to attend the Centennial Session of the Grand Chapter of Kansas. The Grand Warder, Grand Marshal, and Dollie Stephens, Deputy Grand Matron, accompanied me there.

Each of these visits in other Grand Jurisdictions was very enjoyable and I am grateful to those who traveled with me.

GAVELS

The Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Esther presented me with two gavels just prior to my Installation, and one of them was used as I presided for the first time. Mr. Edgar Nurenberger of Lytle Chapter presented me with a Gavel at the time of the School in Poteet, and J. B. bought a Gavel for me in the Holy Land. I shall use it as I preside over the Ninety-fourth Session. Each gavel has a special meaning for me.

FLAG

During the Eastern Star School in Cleburne, I was presented an American Flag which has flown over the Capitol by Virginia and Gene Campbell. This was very unexpected, but an honor and pleasure for me.

FRATERNAL COURTESIES REQUESTED BY OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

On December 2, 1975, the Worthy Grand Matron of Utah requested Norman Read Chapter 1010 of Midland to confer the Degrees by Courtesy on Mrs. Cynthia Beth Mitchell for Duveromy Chapter of Utah. This request was complied with by Norman Read Chapter.

October 2, 1975, the Worthy Grand Matron of California requested a Courtesy Investigation on Inez Evans Frances of Hurst, Texas. Hurst Chapter No. 1099 made the Courtesy Investigation.

December 26, 1975, the Worthy Grand Matron of Arkansas requested a Courtesy Investigation on Mrs. Montine Roebuck of Corpus Christi, Texas. Independence Chapter No. 1044 complied with my request for this.

In January, 1976, the Worthy Grand Matron of California requested a Courtesy Investigation on Jimmie Earl Brown and Bobby J. Brown, and Bluebonnet Chapter No. 717 of Dallas met this request.

Courtesy Investigation on Mrs. Bertie P. Taylor was requested by the Worthy Grand Matron of Louisiana and Vidor Chapter complied with this request.

Courtesy Initiation was performed on Mrs. Esther Rover by Colorado Chapter No. 58, for Tularosa Chapter, at the request of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Border Chapter No. 211, of Texarkana, Texas, granted Waiver of Territorial Jurisdiction over James L. Taylor, at the request of the Worthy Grand Matron of Arkansas. This request had been made for Texarkana Chapter, Texarkana, Arkansas.

FRATERNAL COURTESIES REQUESTED BY THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Courtesy Initiations

Wallace Hughston Chapter No. 1100, of El Paso, requested Courtesy Initiation for Mrs. Wanda Joyce Midkiff. I requested this through the Worthy Grand Matron of Kansas, and Abilene Chapter complied with this request.

Amarillo Chapter No. 787 requested Courtesy Initiation for Mrs. Udonna Henville, in order that she might receive the degrees along with her sister, and their Mother could serve as Conductress. This Initiation was held in Chivington Chapter No. 32, LaJunta, Colorado.

Corpus Christi Chapter No. 354 requested that Tallulah Chapter of Louisiana be allowed to do a Courtesy Initiation for the son of the Associate Grand Matron of Louisiana, and his wife. Tallulah Chapter was happy to comply with this request.

Courtesy Investigations

Rothwell Chapter No. 669 requested Courtesy Investigation on a former member, Mrs. Evelyn E. Keast, and this was made by a Chapter in Florida.

Lindale Chapter No. 864 requested Courtesy Investigation on Mrs. Melba Winston and Mr. Harold H. Winston. Courtesy Investigation was arranged by a Chapter in South Dakota.

Uvalde Chapter No. 297 wrote me regarding a pending Courtesy Investigation they had requested several months ago, and I was able to arrange the Investigation on Mrs. Mitchell Coleman by a Chapter in Arkansas.

Mexia Chapter No. 57 requested Courtesy Investigation for Mrs. Margaret Allison. This investigation was made by Martha Washington Chapter in Alexandria, Virginia.

San Marcial Chapter in Albuquerque, New Mexico, complied with my request for a Courtesy Investigation on Betty Jones, for Hermleigh Chapter No. 974.

Amarillo Chapter No. 787 requested Courtesy Investigation on Mrs. Betty Lee, and a Chapter in California complied with my request.

Grand Chapter of Kentucky was contacted requesting Courtesy Investigation on Mrs. Zelma Bradley, for San Antonio Chapter No. 3, and a Chapter in Kentucky complied with this request.

Robstown Chapter No. 540 requested a Courtesy Investigation on Becky Seidenfeld, and Park Hill Chapter of Denver complied.

Courtesy Investigation on Mrs. Eleanor Lang Poe was made by Mizpah Chapter of Orlando, Florida, for Harmony Chapter No. 244, El Paso.

Courtesy Investigation was requested on Mrs. Vesta Lee and a Chapter in Oklahoma arranged the Investigation.

Las Cruces Chapter of New Mexico performed a Courtesy Investigation on Mrs. Betty S. Holt, for Conroe Chapter No. 710.

Stinnett Chapter No. 347 requested Courtesy Investigation on Bea Reimer and San Jose Chapter in California complied with this request.

Courtesy Investigation was made on Mrs. Lillian Sweet Bajgier by a Chapter in St. Petersburg, Florida, for Galveston Chapter No. 716.

Dallas Chapter No. 1 requested Courtesy Investigation on Era P. Rivers and a Chapter in Georgia complied with this request.

Waiver of Territorial Jurisdiction

Wallace Hughston Chapter No. 1100 requested Waiver of Territorial Jurisdiction from New Mexico over Josephine Higgins and Leonard Higgins. This Waiver was granted.

Border Chapter No. 211 requested Waiver of Territorial Jurisdiction over Edna I. Benson, and it was granted by Texarkana Chapter 78, Texarkana, Arkansas.

CHAPTERS CONSTITUTED

Bells No. 1110

Evadale No. 1111

Huffman No. 1112

CHAPTERS INSTITUTED

Gun Barrell City U. D.

IRREGULARITIES, DECISIONS, REPRIMANDS

Several requests were made regarding wearing Pantsuits in Masonic Buildings. Since a former Grand Master ruled they should NOT be worn to meetings in Masonic Buildings, and this ruling was upheld by the Grand Lodge of Texas, I notified each person that we would NOT wear them until such time as this ruling was changed.

A Brother was expelled from his Masonic Lodge for unlawful acts with the government. The Chapter was not notified of his expulsion, yet heard that this had happened. They requested information about how to handle this. Since our law does not provide for a procedure notifying a Chapter of the suspension or expulsion of a Master Mason, I recommended that the Chapter satisfy itself that the Brother had been expelled, then automatically drop his name from the roll. I told them they might be required to wait until dues paying time, to feel assured he was no longer a member in good standing in his Lodge.

A Chapter was notified of the expulsion of a Brother from his Masonic Lodge and asked what they should do. I informed them to report the expulsion at the next Chapter meeting, placing this in the Minutes of the Chapter, then drop his name from their roll as of the date of the notice.

A Chapter initiated a petitioner who had been rejected for the degrees in another Chapter, without waiting the required 12 months. They failed to request a waiver over the petitioner. The petition showed that the person had been rejected in the former Chapter and gave the date of rejection, therefore I ruled there was no intentional misstatement or fraud on the part of the petitioner, and the Investigating Committee was at fault in failing to investigate properly. I suggested they remind future Investigating Committees to be very careful in performing their duties.

An Elective Officer of a Chapter moved to another city and was elected to membership in the Chapter there. I ruled the election null and void and requested the Chapter drop her name from their roll.

A Chapter received request for Waiver of Jurisdiction over one who wished to receive the degrees in another Chapter, but they failed to act on this request during a period of several months. I notified them they must act on the waiver, either granting or refusing it. They complied with my request.

A Chapter had four separate accounts in the Bank, with different officers being allowed to sign checks for each. I notified them they must have all funds handled through the Secretary, with the Treasurer signing checks.

A Worthy Matron wanted to deposit funds for her Project for the year in her own account and write checks on this account. I notified them ALL money must be given the Secretary, who would pay it to the Treasurer, with the Treasurer ONLY writing checks on same.

A Chapter voted to give a Cheer Basket to a family at Christmas, with the Associate Matron having permission to decide to whom it would be given. She reported the name to the Chapter, and later they learned it was to be given a family of another race. Several members were very upset and they asked my opinion. I told

them our law does not restrict the race to whom our benevolence will be given, but suggested it might cause problems in the future. However; I told them the Chapter must make the decision, since we have no law in this regard.

The Warder of a Chapter is very crippled and must use two canes to walk. It is very hard for her to close the Preparation Door in the Opening Ceremony, so I ruled that the Sentinel could close the door in this instance.

A Chapter took a "third" ballot on a petitioner, then the Worthy Matron failed to declare the ballot Clear or Not Clear, but declared it "Null and Void." I instructed the Worthy Matron to declare the Ballot "Not Clear" at the next Chapter meeting and so notify the petitioners. There seemed to be much dissension in the Chapter, and there was discussion regarding the Ballot, so I placed the Chapter on Probation for a period of time. Minutes of the Chapter were mailed me after each Meeting, and it seems that they have resolved their problems. I am happy to report their Probation has been lifted.

A Chapter balloted on petitions for transfer of membership and the ballot was declared "Clear" in the West and in the East. Several members of the Chapter sent written statements to me stating they knew without a doubt the Ballot could not have been Clear. I placed a Reprimand on the first four Officers for failure to recognize the black balls.

A Worthy Matron-elect wished to have a Candlelight Ceremony along with her Installation and sent me a copy of the booklet containing the program. I ruled it illegal as we cannot add to the Ritual.

A lady wished to petition a Chapter as the Step-daughter of a Master Mason. Her Mother had been divorced from the Master Mason for some time, and I ruled her ineligible.

The question was asked if a member of a Texas Chapter, but who resides in another Grand Jurisdiction, could be elected to an office. Since our law states no requirement as to residing in Texas, I ruled her eligible.

The out-going Secretary of a Chapter deposited funds belonging to the Chapter in a bank in another city, then refused to turn these funds over to the new Secretary. I wrote the Sister, instructing her to turn these funds over to the Chapter Secretary IMMEDIATELY and she complied with my instructions.

A motion was made, seconded and carried granting Life Membership in a Chapter; but this was not done according to the Chapter's By-Laws. I ruled the motion would stand as voted by the Chapter, but instructed the Chapter to handle this according to their By-Laws in the future.

A Chapter wished to donate a building to the City to be used for Little League, and asked if they could do so. They stated the Masonic Lodge had no connection with the building, and it was owned by the Chapter itself. I told them it was legal to donate this and very commendable.

I was informed that two members of a Chapter were buying things for the Chapter, without the Chapter's knowledge, then presenting bills for same, also performing other acts contrary to the will of the Chapter. The Chapter voted to have TILE put down on the floor, then at the next meeting, CARPET had been installed. I instructed the Worthy Patron to use his authority to set things straight in the Chapter, as he is to have general supervision over the affairs of the Chapter. Their problems seem to have been solved.

A Secretary refused to allow the Worthy Matron the use of the Chapter books in making her Annual Report for the Chapter, stating that the books must always be

in the possession of the Secretary. I informed her we had no law to this effect and the books belong to the CHAPTER, and instructed her to allow the Worthy Matron to use them.

A Chapter requested permission for their Worthy Matron to wear gloves during Chapter Meetings, while presiding in the East, due to severe circulatory problems. I granted this permission.

A Junior Past Matron and Patron refused to surrender the Chapter's Traveling Jewels, keys to the building, and the Worthy Patron's copy of the Secret Work and Diagram of the Labryinth. I wrote them and instructed them to return all these things to the Chapter at once.

It was reported that an Open Installation had been taped. Since our law forbids the reproduction of the Ritual, I requested the Deputy Grand Matron to secure the tapes and send them to me. When I played the tapes, they contained only the Program which followed the actual Installation Ceremony so I returned them to the Worthy Matron.

I was asked if Great Granddaughters were eligible to membership in our Order, and informed them our Ritual is very specific in all who are eligible. This group is not named and is not eligible.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED

It was a special joy for me to recommend to the Worthy Grand Matrons of other Grand Jurisdictions the names of dedicated and loyal members of the Grand Chapter of Texas who deserve special recognition:

Colorado	Molly Kuns
Virginia	Virginia Campbell
New Jersey	Margaret Pribble
Alberta	Alvaretta Matthys
Pennsylvania	Ruth Lowry
Minnesota	Mary Elizabeth Jones
British Columbia	Billie Horton
Massachusetts	Lydia Nell Wilson
Oregon	Lela Wilson
Missouri	Ann Strobl
Iowa	Jocie Jones
South Dakota	Ellen Justice
Montana	Pauline Barnett
South Carolina	Lena "Babe" Wise
New York	Mary Horton
Vermont	Ella Mae Adcock
Arizona	Bertha Weir

How I appreciate the assistance of Brother J. Victor Jones in representing the Worthy Grand Matron by presenting the Grand Representative Commission to his lovely wife, Jocie. Due to her illness, she was unable to attend the Schools and other functions of the Worthy Grand Matron, and I was unable to travel to Amarillo to give this Commission. Thank you, Victor, for your assistance.

FRATERNAL VISITS

Clyde Chapter No. 308

My first Fraternal Visit was made to my own Chapter, Clyde Chapter No. 308, on Saturday, October 18, 1975. The meeting was preceded by a lovely Banquet.

How grateful I am to my own members who worked so diligently to have everything "just right" for this special evening. I was very proud of each officer and member who participated and want to express my gratitude to my Chapter for making the evening such a special one for me.

Dal-Cliff Chapter No. 574

The second Fraternal Visit was to the Worthy Grand Patron's home Chapter, Dal-Cliff No. 574. A Banquet preceded the Meeting, and a lovely evening was enjoyed by all who attended. I want to express appreciation to Dal-Cliff Chapter for including me when they honored their own distinguished member, Bro. O. D. Christian, Worthy Grand Patron. Their love for him was very apparent, and I am grateful for many courtesies extended me.

Other Fraternal Visits

October 28	Top-O'-Texas #1064	November 11	Lemond #38
	Pampa #65	November 13	Monahans #561
	Spearman #721		Alpine #132
	Canadian #227		Fort Stockton #230
	Adobe Walls #1059		Pecos #81
	Borger #811		Kermit #845
	Stinnett #347		Wink #937
	Perryton #161	November 15	Thunderbird #1087
	Miami #98		Van Horn #514
	Shamrock #384		El Paso #4
October 30	Castleberry #1028		Fabens #764
November 1	Devine #43		Fort Hancock #992
November 4	Paducah #506		Harmony #244
	Childress #101		Ocotillo #837
	Wellington #238		Pleades #620
	Spur #164		Rob Morris #759
	Matador #66		Rose Croix #701
November 6	Abilene #30		Wallace Hughston #1100
	Queen Esther #833		Woodbine #738
	River Oaks #1013		Ysleta #991
	Cora Posey #1072	November 18	Seymour #488
	Haskell #892		Vernon #424
	Anson #867		Holliday #851
	Colorado #58		Blue Grove #978
	Mamie D. Crane #1018		Burkburnett #655
	Sweetwater #352		Electra #539
	Snyder #450		Faith #713
	Merkel #212		Iowa Park #42
November 7	Colorado #58		J. A. Kemp #970
November 8	Lamesa #363	November 20	Floydada #31
	Andrews #849		Muleshoe #792
	Crane #816		Silverton #900
	Goldsmith #854		Hereford #312
	Floyd Easterling #1074		Lockney #437
	Friendship #1008		Petersburg #1001
	Odessa #447		Plainview #37
	Seminole #855		Happy #562
	Big Spring #67		Tulia #33
	Laura B. Hart #1019	November 22	Dalhart #1051
	Stanton #409		Skellytown #1066
	Midland #253		Channing #1078
	Norman Read #1010		Dumas #653
November 10	Bexar #616		Sunray #869

	A. E. Shirley #986		Raymondville #748
	Amarillo #787		Zapata #1106
	Bonita #184	January 12	Oso #868
November 29	Tascosa #1052	January 13	Independence #1044
	O'Donnell #725		Rockport #479
	Littlefield #742		Falfurrias #146
	Denver City #863		Freer #848
	Brownfield #785		Alice #61
	Ralls #169		Kingsville #325
	Levelland #797		Corpus Christi #354
	Lubbock #76		Oso #868
	Slaton #585		Woodsboro #678
December 4	Arlington #249		Aransas Pass #162
	Ridglea #999		Ingleside #1037
	Everman #624		Taft #218
December 5	A. C. Garrett #774		Laredo #86
	Arema #736		Portland #1108
	Cockrell Hill #971	January 15	Poteet #913
	Dallas #1		Jourdanton #581
	Delta #824		Lytle #335
	East Dallas #715		Pleasanton #133
	Fidelity #383		Pearsall #278
	Flora #794		Cotulla #1004
	Hillcrest #1000		Devine #43
	James Ladd Burgess #983	January 17	Adah #49
	John L. De Grazier #881		Alamo #665
	Love Field #875		Alamo Heights #734
	Lucinda Conner #1006		Army #664
	Mike H. Thomas #951		Bethany #912
	Mt. Auburn #755		Bexar #616
	Oak Cliff #303		Harlandale #750
	Roy Stanley #1086		Highland Hills #1075
	Southern Star #707		Logos #998
	Templar #374		Prospect Hill #817
	Vickery #1039		Radiant #636
	Vienna Buckner #888		San Antonio #3
December 29	Lake Worth #1109		Somerset #730
January 3	Odessa #447		South San Antonio #691
	Floyd Easterling #1074		Star #782
	Friendship #1008		Texas #35
January 6	Sonora #575		Valley Hi #1104
	Eldorado #140		Wimodausis #141
	Fort McKavett #783		Schertz #911
January 8	Del Rio #204		Floresville #271
	Uvalde #297	January 19	Gorman #443
	Hondo #404	January 24	Ballinger #266
	Sabinal #407		San Angelo #10
January 10	San Juan #726		Bronte #1048
	Harlingen #641		Robert Lee #187
	Hope #124		Paint Rock #391
	LaFeria #732		Mertzon #251
	Rio Hondo #815		Brady #167
	San Benito #565		Norton #28
	Donna #644		Carlsbad #1092
	Edcouch #859		Christoval #761
	Edinburg #473		Concho #826
	McAllen #14	January 27	Bandera #643
	Mission #527		Medina #988
	Weslaco #772		Blanco #934
	Rio Grande City #843		Johnson City #376

	Fredericksburg #113	Burke #1098
	Boerne #200	Center #348
	Kerrville #24	Nacogdoches #428
	Junction #497	Bronson #337
January 29	Summerland #322	Hemphill #375
	Port Lavaca #373	John Gillespie #275
	Seadrift #602	February 14
	Cuero #618	Dayton #233
	Yoakum #282	Archives #1095
	Yorktown #945	Cedar Bayou #11
	Gonzales #403	Channelview #954
	Kenedy #36	Cleveland #465
	Stockdale #69	Crosby #261
January 31	Violet #158	Deer Park #1063
	Lockhart #210	Galena Park #884
	Luling #155	Goose Creek #798
	Canyon Lake #1103	Huffman #1112
	New Bruanfels #771	Hull #737
	Dripping Springs #860	Humble #415
	San Marcos #276	La Porte #683
	Austin #304	Liberty #634
	Capitol #803	New Caney #1093
	Creedmoor #607	Pasadena #711
	Fidelis #963	Seabrook #1096
	Loyalty #1036	February 16
	Martha #883	Somerville #245
	Travis #472	Brenham #144
February 7	Leander #73	Smithville #39
	Anahuac #649	Caldwell #976
	Beaumont #71	Giddings #350
	Bridge City #1038	Lexington #996
	Buna #968	February 17
	Evadale #1111	Bryan #222
	Groves #953	Madisonville #193
	Jasper #291	Hearne #722
	Kirbyville #263	Centerville #1002
	Kountze #724	College Station #1026
	Lakeside #1054	February 19
	Nederland #1079	South Park #1056
	Orange #214	February 21
	Port Arthur #262	Alvin #15
	Port Neches #677	Angleton #54
	Silsbee #298	Brazoria #74
	Sour Lake #75	Clute City #1011
	South Park #1056	Dickinson #1024
	Spurger #315	Galveston #716
	Vidor #914	Hitchcock #1085
	Warren #638	Lake Jackson #1009
	Winnie Stowell #1076	LaMarque #979
	Wisteria #823	League City #621
	Newton #224	Mizpah #2
February 10	Colmesneil #1068	Pearland #1065
	Corrigan #631	Sweeny #873
	Grapeland #120	Texas City #626
	Crockett #509	Velasco #220
	Huntsville #240	West Columbia #705
	Livingston #723	Edna #692
	Trinity #569	Bay City #380
	Woodville #462	Columbus #324
February 12	Lufkin #382	Eagle Lake #483
		El Campo #535
		Palacios #125
		Sugar Land #1107
		Wharton #389
		February 26
		Mary-Martha #981

	Bellville #611		Grand Saline #290
	Brookshire #652		Ore City #1033
	Conroe #710		Hawkins #908
	Cypress #1102		Van #840
	Hempstead #510		Wills Point #366
	Iola #458		Winnsboro #967
	Montgomery #228	March 11	Lindale #864
	Navasota #309		Jacksonville #377
	Spring #1105		Athens #177
	Tomball #838		Eustace #1062
	Waller #1047		Bullard #972
	Willis #1017		Tyler #112
February 28	Aldine #1088		Gun Barrel City U.D.
	Alma Walker #1101		Mt. Sylvan #595
	Almeda #1081		Rose Garden #975
	Andral Vann #741	March 13	New Boston #700
	Bellaire #1021		Border #211
	Bethlehem #728		De Kalb #394
	Bluebell #856		Hooks #1031
	East Houston #955		Maud #879
	Eastwood #1077		Village #1030
	Fairbanks #1041		Atlanta #151
	Frank W. Lynn #1015		Douglassville #493
	Garden Oaks #987		Linden #576
	Houston #385		Daingerfield #906
	Houston Heights #258		Omaha #997
	Jacques DeMolay #1094		Avery #252
	Magnolia #706		Mt. Pleasant #305
	Melrose #920	March 16	McKinney #518
	Memorial #958		Plano #703
	Mt. Houston #1034		Bonham #852
	Norman D. Allen #1050		Ector #895
	North Shore #1058		Honey Grove #901
	North Side #651		Carpenters #183
	Oak Forest #1080		Leonard #1091
	Park Place #731		Collinsville #674
	Ransford #135		Gate City #77
	Rosewyn #927		Whitesboro #708
	Rothwell #669	March 25	Decatur #543
	South Houston #915		Belle Moon #90
	Spring Branch #984		Denton #259
	Sunshine #399		Lewisville #935
	West University #933		Bowie #16
March 6	Woodland #696		Nocona #62
	Jefferson #627		Saint Jo #17
	Camellia #994		Boyd #397
	Kilgore #630		Bridgeport #346
	Longview #610		Chico #433
	Pine Tree #1090	March 27	A. C. Garrett #774
	Starlight #1016		Arema #736
	Aurora #799		Bluebonnet #717
	Marshall #356		Cockrell Hill #971
	Beckville #273		Dal-Cliff #574
	Carthage #747		Dallas #1
	Henderson #597		Delta #824
	Overton #830		East Dallas #715
March 9	Gladewater #831		Edwin J. Kiest #959
	Big Sandy #865		Electa #872
	Ashland #961		Fidelity #383
	Canton #667		Flora #794

	Highland Park #1029		Goldthwaite #909
	Hillcrest #1000		Lometa #871
	James Ladd Burgess #983		Lampasas #295
	John L. DeGrazier #881		Marble Falls #435
	Love Field #875		San Saba #191
	Loyal #648		Star Mountain #966
	Lucinda Conner #1006	April 17	Clyde #308
	Mike H. Thomas #951		Callahan #242
	Mt. Auburn #755		Cisco #461
	Oak Cliff #303		DeLeon #693
	Roy Stanley #1086		Desdemona #512
	Sam P. Cochran #1097		Eastland #280
	Southern Star #707		Dublin #910
	Templar #374		Moran #591
	Vickery #1039		Ranger #275
	Vienna Buckner #888		Rising Star #277
March 30	Fort Worth #681		
April 3	Graham #668	April 20	Graford #905
	Albany #733		Springtown #498
	Breckenridge #659		Weatherford #21
	Jacksboro #390		Stephenville #801
	Olney #321		Millsap #1042
	Loving #985		Prudence #44
	Throckmorton #500		
April 6	Bangs #467	April 22	Ruth #20
	Blanket #918		Itasca #70
	Brownwood #116		Joshua #131
	Coleman #360		Glen Rose #171
	Cross Plains #455		Rio Vista #343
	Indian Creek #255		Burleson #431
	Santa Anna #247		Alvarado #656
	Zephyr #932		Hillsboro #769
	Comanche #310		Grandview #828
April 8	Regina #283		Godley #922
	Walnut Springs #401		Venus #923
	Gatesville #1005		Whitney #930
	Hamilton #215		Covington #1007
	Carlton #949		
April 10	Vashti #32	April 24	South Side #673
	Troy #72		Arlington #249
	Temple #153		Arlington Heights #70
	Hadassah #188		Azle #899
	Round Rock #316		Castleberry #1028
	Killeen #490		Crescent #820
	Taylor #578		Everman #624
	Belton #589		Fort Worth #681
April 13	Waco #7		Grapevine #326
	Mexia #57		Haltom City #982
	Mart #109		Handley #17
	Marlin #286		Hurst #1099
	McGregor #427		Keystone #9
	McLennan #639		Lake Worth #1109
	Groesbeck #810		Mansfield #876
	E. C. Canon #825		North Fort Worth #684
	Centennial #842		Polytechnic #420
	Walter Baldwin #929		Ridglea #999
	Bellmead #980		Richland Hills #1040
	Coolidge #1020		Riverside #834
April 15	Llano #216		South Hills #835
	Bertram #48		Tarrant #8

	Wedgwood #756		Rockwall #858
	White Settlement #1053	May 10	De Leon #693
May 4	Eastland #280	May 14	Caddo Mills #82
May 7	Ferris #508		Commerce #208
	Midlothian #234		Greenville #189
	Nash #320		Paris #5
	Waxahachie #599		Royse City #642
	Winnie #160	May 25	Cisco #461
	DeSoto #1089	May 28	Palestine #395
	Duncanville #1014		Tennessee Colony #102
	Farmers Branch #687		Fairfield #331
	Garland #156		Teague #408
	Grand Prairie #219		Corsicana #118
	Irving #777		Richland #392
	Mesquite #887		Frankston U. D.
	Richardson #921	July 5	Dublin #910
	Seagoville #697	July 27	Sipe Springs #416
	Forney #557	August 2	Rising Star #277
	Kaufman #866	August 9	Ranger #280
	R. A. Terrell #194		

CORRESPONDENCE

The official correspondence I have received has been a tremendous responsibility, and many personal notes and letters have added joy to my life. I have tried to answer my correspondence as promptly as possible and have considered your problems seriously, always seeking God's leadership in every decision.

How grateful I am to the Secretarial Committee who has been of invaluable assistance to me. To Sisters Allie Mae Lennard, the Secretary-at-Large, and the five District Secretaries — Ruth Baggett, Ruth Hill, Sue Stockton, Cloe Morris and Elizabeth Ripple — please know that I love and appreciate each of you.

GRAND CHAPTER CAR

During the closing moments of the 93rd Grand Chapter Session, I was presented the keys to a 1975 Chrysler Station Wagon by the Board of Grand Trustees. I am very grateful to Grand Chapter for providing such a comfortable and convenient car for my use this year. It was a joy to travel throughout the various Districts, accompanied by the Grand Examiners and the District Deputies, and I have traveled many miles on Grand Chapter duties.

APPRECIATION

My first expression of gratitude goes to Him whose guidance and protection has been with me throughout this year. I am thankful for health, strength, courage and friends who have helped make the way easier for me. This year has brought many joys and pleasant experiences which I will recall during the remainder of my life.

To the Worthy Grand Patron, O. D. Christian:

Our association these past two years has been one of harmony and cooperation. Always you were willing to "go the second mile" to assist the Worthy Grand Matron, and you have been constant in your consideration and courtesies to me. I have sought your wise counsel many times, knowing you would give an impartial answer in any situation. You have been a steadying influence on the entire Grand Chapter of Texas, and I shall ever be grateful that you were the one chosen to serve by my side this year.

Both J. B. and I value the friendship shared with you and Frances, the lovely Grand Esther. May our friendship continue to grow in the years ahead.

To the General Grand Chapter officers:

How proud we are that Texas can claim Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter, as our very own. Your dignity and charm endear you to all of us and I am grateful for your friendship and encouragement these past years. Sister Mildred, I proudly claim you as my friend.

To the Texas appointments in General Grand Chapter, please know that our hearts thrill with pride because you have received recognition for your outstanding work in our Grand Chapter. We are very honored to have a Floor Appointment in General Grand Chapter, and are proud of the place each of you now serve.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas:

The loyal support and encouragement given me by this distinguished group has helped in many ways throughout this year, and I hold each of you in the highest esteem. How proud, yet humble, I shall be to join the ranks of such an outstanding group in a very short time. I shall be grateful to you always for what you have done for me.

To the Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, and the Associate Grand Patron, Mr. Perry Smithwick:

Very soon the two of you will hold the positions now held by the Worthy Grand Patron and me. Your dedication to our Order and the spirit of cooperation exemplified by each of you have helped make this year even better for me. I know Grand Chapter will be in capable hands when you assume its leadership. May your year be one of joy and satisfaction.

To the Grand Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, and the Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Jettie Hinton:

This year has been much easier for me because of your willingness to assist at any time, and you have been most cooperative. I appreciate the fine work each of you is doing for our Order in your respective field of service.

To the Grand Conductress, Mrs. Mary M. Brown, and the Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Rennie Ofton:

May God guide each of you as you travel to the Grand East. I am grateful for the years of service shared with each of you and you have both been a joy to work with this year. Always you were willing to assist and do whatever was required of you.

To the other Elective and Appointive Grand Officers:

No one could have a finer Grand Family than you have been to me. Thanks to each of you for accepting the place of service in our Order. You have been dedicated workers, loyal to your tasks, and never shall I cease to thank you for all that you have done for me. May God bless each of you in the days ahead.

To the Doris's Darlings:

How I have watched each of you with pride as you served in your respective Chapters! You have been very generous to me and I have shared many pleasant moments with "My Girls." I treasure those times shared with you and proudly call you "mine".

To My "Home Chapter" and My "First Chapter":

How pleased I have been with the support from my own Chapter, Clyde Chapter No. 308. Although ours is a small Chapter with only 65 members, it is a Chapter with a big heart, and I have been proud to claim you as my Chapter this year. You have tried to lighten my load, not only this year, but while I have served in the Grand Chapter Line, and I love you, one and all.

I could not overlook Callahan Chapter No. 242, Baird, as I express appreciation, for you were my First Chapter. You were the ones who gave me the privilege of becoming a member of our beloved Order, and I shall be grateful to you always for this.

To My Family:

Words cannot express my thanks to my beloved husband, J. B., for all your support and consideration these past months. I have felt your prayers to strengthen me as I traveled this Grand Jurisdiction, and now I am anxiously looking forward to the time when I come home to stay. I thank God for a loving and dedicated husband!

To my Daughter, Nancy, and her family, and my Son, John, and his wife, Laura, I apologize for the many times I have neglected you because of my duties in the Order. Always you were understanding and I look forward to sharing more time with you in the days ahead. How proud I have been to have you for my Grand Adah this year, Nancy, and few Worthy Grand Matrons have the honor of using their daughters to serve in the "Daughter's Station." I love and appreciate each of you.

To my Mother, may I say that I have felt anxious moments because I could not spend the time with you that I felt you needed these past months, and I hope to make it up to you when my duties have ended. Thanks for your understanding.

CONCLUSION

As I survey the record of this year, I realize that any reward which comes from the year belongs to you, the membership. You are the ones who have accomplished whatever good has been done.

I thank the Lord, and the membership of Texas, for allowing me to serve in this place of leadership, for many blessings have come my way in sharing the year with the wonderful membership of Texas. I have tried to serve my very best, always striving to do whatever was right and what seemed best for our Order. I have asked God's leadership day by day and have tried to uphold the principles of our Order in my daily life.

As I relinquish the office of Worthy Grand Matron, it is with love and gratitude and many fond memories to cherish in my heart forever.

If I should try to make a list
Of the blessings of this year,
I'd find it quite impossible
To have them listed here.
So, as I try to reminisce,
I know, as this year ends,
Most of all I'm grateful for
God's precious gift of Friends.

Fraternal love,

Doris Easterling
Doris Easterling
Worthy Grand Matron

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON

The following Official Acts were performed following the Advance Report made in August:

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

Electing Associate Matron:
South San Antonio #691

Electing Associate Matron and Associate Patron:
Hitchcock #1085

Electing Associate Matron, Associate Patron and Conductress:
Levelland #797

Electing Conductress:
Wallace Hughston #1100 Polytechnic #420 Leonard #1091 Pecos #87

Electing Secretary:
Duncanville #1014 Melrose #920 Burnet #425 Brazoria #74

Electing Treasurer:
Archives #1095 Floyd Easterling #1074

Electing Associate Conductress:
Pearsall #278 Florence #440 New Braunfels #771 Army #664

Electing Associate Patron and Conductress:
Areme #736

Permission to Order One Copy of Secret Work:
Killeen #490

Permission to Order One Copy of Diagram of Labryinth:
Melrose #920 Wharton #389

Permission to Order One Copy of Secret Work and One Copy of Diagram of Labryinth:
Jacksonville #377 Beckville #273

Permission to Order Two Copies of Diagram of Labryinth:
Rob Morris #759

Permission to Order Two Copies Each of Secret Work and Diagram of Labryinth:
Southside #673

Permission to Have Charter Re-traced:
Goose Creek #798

Permission to Initiate Petitioner in Wheel Chair:
Buffalo #157 Flora #794

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

On September 22, 1976, I began my journey to Cleveland, Ohio, to attend the General Grand Chapter, accompanied by my husband, J. B., and the Worthy Grand Patron and his wife. We returned home Friday, October 1, 1976. Due to the absence from our Grand Jurisdiction of the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and

Associate Grand Matron, I notified Brother Perry Smithwick, Associate Grand Patron, that he would serve as the Titular Head of the Order of the Eastern Star in Texas during our absence. It was a pleasure to serve as one of the "Colonial Ladies" during the Session in Cleveland, along with others who had served as Worthy Grand Matron during the Triennium. Several other Texas members served in various places during the Session, and Texas was well represented. I want to express my appreciation to Mrs. Mildred Garlitz for serving as Chairman of Souvenirs and Badges, and to Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus for serving as Chairman for the lovely Brunch when we honored our own Texas General Grand Chapter Officers.

OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

It was my pleasure to attend the Opening Night of Oklahoma Grand Chapter in Guthrie on October 18, 1976, and an added pleasure was mine in giving the Response on behalf of the Welcomes to the Distinguished Guests. I was accompanied by Mr. O. D. Christian, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Joy Shackelford, Grand Marshal; and Mrs. Violet Lowrey, Grand Warder. This was the second time this year that each of us had attended Oklahoma Grand Chapter, as our Session last year was held one week after theirs, and their Session preceded ours this year. Mrs. Ollie Rogers, Grand Chaplain, and Mrs. Frances Christian, Grand Esther, also attended the Session last year.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

Complete Set Approved:

Brock #274

Grapevine #326

Amendments to By-Laws:

San Antonio #3

Iowa Park #42

Devine #42

Perryton #161

Greenville #189

Huntsville #240

Comanche #310

Fairfield #331

Marshall #356

Coleman #360

Beeville #422

Hamlin #460

Robstown #540

Henderson #597

Everman #624

Radiant #636

Royse City #642

Army #664

Woodland #696

West Columbia #705

East Dallas #715

Galveston #716

Bluebonnet #717

Alamo Heights #734

Prospect Hill #817

Glen Rose #821

Bluebell #856

Love Field #875

Martha #883

Wink #937

Huntington #938

Lancaster #943

Rose Garden #975

Spring Branch #984

Frank W. Lynn #1015

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Rankin #176

Beckville #273

Grand Saline #290

Gilmer #355

Wills Point #366

Mineola #454

Cameron #553

Henderson #597

Jefferson #627

Pine Hill #675

Quitman #695

Carthage #747

Aurora #799

Gladewater #831

Van #840

Arp #844

Big Sandy #865

Hawkins #908

Ashland #961

Winnsboro #967

Loving #985

Camellia #994

Hallsville #995

Starlight #1016

Ore City #1033

Pine Tree #1090

Sam P. Cochran #1097

IRREGULARITIES, DECISIONS, REPRIMANDS

I regret that it became necessary to take action regarding Livingston Chapter by arresting its Charter. This was done after much prayer on my part, and after consultation with the Worthy Grand Patron, who concurred with me that this action must be taken.

Earlier, I had placed the first four Officers of the Chapter under "Reprimand" for failure to declare an Unclear Ballot, and failure to carry out my instructions regarding the handling of Protests on Petitions for Affiliation by Transfer. These four officers went before a Notary Public who was NOT a member of the Order and signed a sworn statement to the effect that they had declared the ballot as it actually happened. They placed the Chapter Seal on this document. They violated their Obligation in discussing with a non-member the business transactions of the Chapter, and Landmark No. 7, which tells us the ballot must be kept inviolably secret.

Other members of the Chapter, also, went before a Minister and Deacons of the City, who were non-members, and discussed the actions of the Chapter. They, too, violated the above-mentioned Obligation.

Members and visitors discussed the ballot and the Petitioners in Open Chapter, also violating Landmark No. 7, which tells us the Ballot must be without debate, and our Code of Laws, Page 132, Article 245, which tells us "No discussion of a petitioner shall be allowed in open Chapter."

From reports I received, there was much discord among the members of the Chapter and disturbances at the Chapter meetings.

After prayerful consideration, and much thought and discussion of this situation, with the concurrence of the Worthy Grand Patron, I charged the Chapter with "Willful violation of the laws of Grand Chapter" and arrested their Charter. I charged the Worthy Patron with the responsibility of seeing that the Secretary of the Chapter forwarded all money, jewels, records and all other property of the Chapter to the Grand Secretary, according to our Code of Laws, Page 120, Article 202.

Soon after the above action was taken, I received a telephone call from a lady employed by a Newspaper in Livingston, questioning me as to the reason for my action in removing the Charter of the Chapter. She was not a member of the Order yet she knew the transactions of the Chapter. She would not give me the source of her information, but was very persistent about receiving more information from me in regard to this action. Finally it became necessary for me to hang up the receiver, due to her insistence that I give further facts about this event.

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

It was my privilege to attend the 75th Anniversary of Vashti Chapter in Temple on October 16, 1976. It was an enjoyable evening and I congratulate them on achieving this special anniversary in their Chapter.

FRATERNAL VISITS

September 9 — Callahan #242

September 21 — Strawn #361

October 19 — Desdemona #512

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Easterling, Worthy Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of the report as printed in the Advance Reports and the Supplemental Report as given.

Worthy Grand Patron: We have a motion and it has been duly seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, so many as favor the adoption of the Report of the Worthy Grand Matron, including her Supplemental Report, will make it known by the uplifted hands. Those opposed, by like sign. The motion carried.

Worthy Grand Matron, I return the gavel to you.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. And now we will hear the Report of the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother O. D. Christian.

REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. If you have your copy of the Annual Report, you will find the Report of the Worthy Grand Patron on Page 64 and the ten pages following.

This has been a very busy year and I have traveled several thousand miles in performance of the relegated duties. I have had the privilege of Constituting three (3) Chapters and Instituting one (1) Chapter this year.

I am very pleased to try, in my feeble way, to express gratitude unto the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas for permitting Frances and me to enjoy this past year. We have certainly enjoyed being in your Chapters, homes, schools, and seeing each of you at varying times and places.

Thank you, my dear friends, for every act of kindness, your encouragement and your warm smiles everywhere we went. We feel that you have made this the greatest Eastern Star year in the history of Grand Chapter. I must express my gratitude, also, for the manner in which the Grand Officers have supported the Worthy Grand Matron's program for the year. To all the Past Grands, I should like to take each one of you by the hand and personally say a great big "thank you" for your every assistance throughout the year. Without your wise counsel, I could not have accomplished a thing.

I have endeavored to the best of my ability to serve Grand Chapter in a respectable manner and to assist the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Doris Easterling. I shall herewith pledge my support to the successor to this office and wish for him a greater year than I have had.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION IN DALLAS

On October 9, 1975 the voting delegates of the Grand Chapter of Texas assembled in the Convention Center at Dallas and elected me to the Office of Worthy Grand Patron. Having spent much time in prayer and feeling my unworthiness of the high ideals, I accepted the nomination and determined in my heart to give the best I had to the office.

At 8:00 o'clock in the evening of this momentous day, the "Let Freedom Ring Installation" Session was called to order. A most impressive installation was carried out. This was an evening that I shall never forget.

Now that the year has come to an end, I can look into the past and see many mistakes that I have committed. Please know that they were mistakes of the head and not of the heart. Frances and I want to take this moment to express our special "thanks" unto our Heavenly Father for His watch care and protection over us during the many miles and hours that we travelled this great State. To each of you we are deeply indebted for untold courtesies. It has been a genuine pleasure from installation unto the present moment of time.

FRATERNAL VISIT OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON

On Saturday October 18, 1975, the Grand Esther, Frances, and I attended the Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Doris Easterling, to Clyde Chapter No. 308. This was a most enjoyable evening at the Convention Center in Abilene, Texas.

On the following Saturday, October 25, 1975, the Worthy Grand Matron made a Fraternal Visit to my own Chapter. Dal-Cliff No. 574 was pleased that Mrs. Easterling could place this visit in her busy schedule. It was a beautiful evening and one that will long be remembered by those in attendance. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for taking this time to meet the members of Dal-Cliff Chapter.

OKLAHOMA GRAND CHAPTER INSTALLATION

On Thursday evening, October 23, 1975, the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, several Grand Floor Officers, some Grand Representatives and others from Texas attended the Grand Installation of Oklahoma. I must say that it was a most impressive ceremony. We feel that we made many new friends and renewed old acquaintances. We drove back to Garland after the Installation ceremony.

CONSTITUTING CHAPTERS

On Friday evening, October 24, 1975, I called a meeting for the purpose of Constituting Bells Chapter of Bells, Texas. The following Grand Officers served in this Constituting:

Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Doris Easterling
 Worthy Grand Patron, O. D. Christian
 Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith
 Associate Grand Patron, J. Perry Smithwick
 Grand Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
 Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Linda Durham
 Grand Conductress, Mrs. Marjorie Johnson
 Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Alice O'Neal
 Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Ollie Rogers
 Grand Marshal, Mrs. Joy Shackelford
 Grand Organist, Mrs. Betty Lou Hays
 Grand Adah, Mrs. Nancy Brown
 Grand Ruth, Mrs. Beulah Holiday
 Grand Esther, Mrs. Frances Christian
 Grand Martha, Mrs. Dolly Stephens
 Grand Electa, Mrs. Pauline Poe
 Grand Warder, Mrs. Violet Lowrey
 Grand Sentinel, John Efirid

On Friday evening, October 31, 1975, I called a meeting for the purpose of Constituting Evadale Chapter in Evadale, Texas. The following Grand Officers served in this Constituting:

Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Doris Easterling
 Worthy Grand Patron, O. D. Christian
 Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup
 Associate Grand Patron, Taylor Hood
 Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mable Harle
 Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Jettie Hinton
 Grand Conductress, Mrs. Mary M. Brown
 Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Blanche Robinson
 Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Beulah Holiday
 Grand Marshal, Mrs. Joy Shackelford
 Grand Organist, Mrs. Edna Earl Duke
 Grand Adah, Mrs. Eva Johnson
 Grand Ruth, Mrs. Gladys Pollock
 Grand Esther, Mrs. Frances Christian
 Grand Martha, Mrs. Merle G. Young
 Grand Electa, Mrs. Lula Mae Goss
 Grand Warder, Mrs. Violet Lowrey
 Grand Sentinel, Dale Shackelford

On Monday evening, November 24, 1975, I called a meeting for the purpose of Constituting Huffman Chapter in Huffman, Texas. The following Grand Officers served in this Constituting:

Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Doris Easterling
 Worthy Grand Patron, O. D. Christian
 Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup
 Associate Grand Patron, J. Perry Smithwick
 Grand Secretary, Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus
 Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Williams
 Grand Conductress, Mrs. Mary M. Brown
 Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Rennie Ofton
 Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Ollie Rogers
 Grand Marshal, Mrs. Joy Shackelford
 Grand Organist, Mrs. Sally Matranga
 Grand Adah, Mrs. Blanche Robinson
 Grand Ruth, Mrs. Hazel Carney
 Grand Esther, Mrs. Frances Christian
 Grand Martha, Mrs. Merle G. Young
 Grand Electa, Mrs. Pauline Poe
 Grand Warder, Mrs. Violet Lowrey
 Grand Sentinel, C. C. Poe.

MY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 28, 1975, Frances and I attended the first School of the Worthy Grand Matron at Pampa, Texas. We had a most enjoyable time. In between Pampa and Fort Worth, when the last School was conducted on April 24, 1976, I was able to attend twenty-seven (27) other Schools. That made a total of twenty-nine (29) Schools and just a lot of miles that I considered very profitable. My only regret was that I could not attend every School. I do appreciate the consideration of those people of the First Baptist Church of Rose Hill in Garland. In spite of the busy School schedule, I never failed to fill my Pulpit at every service.

INSTITUTING OF GUN BARREL CITY CHAPTER

Tuesday evening, December 30, 1975, I called a meeting for the purpose of Instituting Gun Barrel City Chapter. The following Grand Officers served in this Ceremony:

Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Doris Easterling
 Worthy Grand Patron, O. D. Christian
 Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Thelma Chandler
 Associate Grand Patron, J. Perry Smithwick
 Grand Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
 Grand Treasurer, Charles H. Allen
 Grand Conductress, Mrs. Marjorie Johnson
 Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Alice O'Neal
 Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Ollie Rogers
 Grand Marshal, Mrs. Joy Shackelford
 Grand Organist, Bob King
 Grand Adah, Mrs. Nancy Brown
 Grand Ruth, Mrs. Ellen Turner
 Grand Esther, Mrs. Frances Christian
 Grand Martha, Mrs. Glenda Hitt
 Grand Electa, Mrs. Pauline Poe
 Grand Warder, Mrs. Violet Lowrey
 Grand Sentinel, John Efirid.

OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS VISITED

I was able to attend the Informal Opening of Arkansas Grand Chapter in early December. Then on January 2, 1976 we attended Lovington, New Mexico in an exchange visit with the New Mexico Grand Jurisdiction. August 28, 1976 we attended an exchange visit with the Oklahoma Grand Jurisdiction in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

To be selected by the members of the following Subordinate Chapters to receive Honorary Memberships is one of the nicest courtesies extended unto me this year. I appreciate the confidence placed in me and the respect conveyed to the office which I have occupied. I trust that my actions will always convey the confidence in return unto each of you.

With much pleasure I acknowledge the following Honorary Memberships.

Lovington Chapter No. 35
 Lovington, New Mexico
 Gun Barrel City Chapter U.D.
 Frankston Chapter U.D.
 Dallas Chapter No. 1
 Mizpah Chapter No. 2
 San Antonio Chapter No. 3
 El Paso Chapter No. 4
 Paris Chapter No. 5
 Clarendon Chapter No. 6
 Waco Chapter No. 7
 Keystone Chapter No. 9
 San Angelo Chapter No. 10
 Cedar Bayou Chapter No. 11
 McAllen Chapter No. 14
 Alvin Chapter No. 15
 Bowie Chapter No. 16
 Saint Jo Chapter No. 17
 Ruth Chapter No. 20
 Weatherford Chapter No. 21
 Rockdale Chapter No. 23
 Kerrville Chapter No. 24
 Roby Chapter No. 25
 Abilene Chapter No. 30
 Vashti Chapter No. 32
 Texas Chapter No. 35
 Kenedy Chapter No. 36
 Smithville Chapter No. 39
 Devine Chapter No. 43
 Prudence Chapter No. 44
 Thornton Chapter No. 46
 Quanah Chapter No. 47
 Bertram Chapter No. 48
 Adah Chapter No. 49
 Rotan Chapter No. 52
 Angleton Chapter No. 54
 Mexia Chapter No. 57
 Colorado Chapter No. 58
 Nocona Chapter No. 62
 Pampa Chapter No. 65
 Matador Chapter No. 66
 Big Spring Chapter No. 67
 Stockdale Chapter No. 69

Itasca Chapter No. 70
 Beaumont Chapter No. 71
 Troy Chapter No. 72
 Leander Chapter No. 73
 Brazoria Chapter No. 74
 Sour Lake Chapter No. 75
 Lubbock Chapter No. 76
 Gate City Chapter No. 77
 Pecos Chapter No. 81
 Caddo Mills Chapter No. 82
 Petrolia Chapter No. 84
 Laredo Chapter No. 86
 Belle Moon Chapter No. 90
 Frisco Chapter No. 93
 Wortham Chapter No. 96
 Valley Mills Chapter No. 97
 Miami Chapter No. 98
 Childress Chapter No. 101
 Tennessee Colony Chapter No. 102
 Claude Chapter No. 104
 Canyon City Chapter No. 105
 Runge Chapter No. 106
 Mart Chapter No. 109
 Tyler Chapter No. 112
 Fredericksburg Chapter No. 113
 Brownwood Chapter No. 116
 Corsicana Chapter No. 118
 Knox City Chapter No. 119
 Grapeland Chapter No. 120
 Hope Chapter No. 124
 Palacios Chapter No. 125
 Lipan Chapter No. 127
 Joshua Chapter No. 131
 Alpine Chapter No. 132
 Pleasanton Chapter No. 133
 Ransford Chapter No. 135
 Sanderson Chapter No. 136
 Eldorado Chapter No. 140
 Wimodausis Chapter No. 141
 Garden City Chapter No. 143
 Brenham Chapter No. 144
 Falfurrias Chapter No. 146
 Temple Chapter No. 153

- Sierra Blanca Chapter No. 154
 Luling Chapter No. 155
 Garland Chapter No. 156
 Buffalo Chapter No. 157
 Violet Chapter No. 158
 Prairie Hill Chapter No. 159
 Winnie Chapter No. 160
 Perryton Chapter No. 161
 Aransas Pass Chapter No. 162
 Spur Chapter No. 164
 Brady Chapter No. 167
 Ralls Chapter No. 169
 Glen Rose Chapter No. 171
 Saltillo Chapter No. 173
 Athens Chapter No. 177
 Carpenters Chapter No. 183
 Bonita Chapter No. 184
 Tenaha Chapter No. 185
 Trinity Chapter No. 186
 Robert Lee Chapter No. 187
 Hadassah Chapter No. 188
 San Saba Chapter No. 191
 Garrison Chapter No. 192
 Madisonville Chapter No. 193
 R. A. Terrell Chapter No. 194
 Boerne Chapter No. 200
 Del Rio Chapter No. 204
 Commerce Chapter No. 208
 Lockhart Chapter No. 210
 Border Chapter No. 211
 Merkel Chapter No. 212
 Orange Chapter No. 214
 Hamilton Chapter No. 215
 Llano Chapter No. 216
 Taft Chapter No. 218
 Grand Prairie Chapter No. 219
 Velasco Chapter No. 220
 Bryan Chapter No. 222
 Newton Chapter No. 224
 Canadian Chapter No. 227
 Montgomery Chapter No. 228
 Fort Stockton Chapter No. 230
 Dayton Chapter No. 233
 Midlothian Chapter No. 234
 Wichita Falls Chapter No. 237
 Wellington Chapter No. 238
 Elgin Chapter No. 241
 Callahan Chapter No. 242
 Harmony Chapter No. 244
 Somerville Chapter No. 245
 Santa Anna Chapter No. 247
 Arlington Chapter No. 249
 Eagle Pass Chapter No. 250
 Midland Chapter No. 253
 Indian Creek Chapter No. 255
 John Gillespie Chapter No. 257
 Houston Heights Chapter No. 258
 Denton Chapter No. 259
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HOLY LAND TOUR

At my suggestion of a trip to the Holy Land, the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Easterling, asked that I plan the tour. With the assistance of Worldwide Christian Tours, Inc., we put together an itinerary of a fifteen (15) day trip. We had hoped to

raise some funds for the Welfare Program; but due to the small number who traveled with us, there just was no profits. However, those that did attend expressed many profits to their own lives. This made the tour worthwhile. I should like at this time to express my deep appreciation for those who did make the tour with us. You were most cooperative and congenial, which made for a delightful tour.

FRATERNAL VISITS OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON

It was a very distinct honor for Frances and me to attend most of the Fraternal Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Doris Easterling. We regret very much at not being able to attend every single one of her visits; however, being pastor of a congregation and just a one man staff I found that I just had to attend to Church activities which conflicted with the Eastern Star schedule. I am deeply appreciative of the understanding of the Worthy Grand Matron in this matter. We had this agreement when I was asked to serve. Thank You, Worthy Grand Matron.

OUR EASTERN STAR HOME

I have nothing but the highest esteem for Mrs. Potsey Sawyer and her most efficient Staff at our Home for our Senior Citizens. On every occasion that I had to visit at the Home, I was treated royally and was made to feel welcome to the premises.

RAINBOW GIRLS OF TEXAS

Frances and I travelled to Houston in June to attend a portion of the Grand Assembly. Due to the weather conditions, however, we only were able to sit in a very brief Session on Tuesday morning. May I express my very profound appreciation unto Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield for her zealous labors with the young girls of the Rainbow. I am amazed at the admiration the young ladies have for Mrs. Whitfield. The Rainbow is a very beautiful Order, and I especially am pleased with the way you perform your duties.

ON BECKONING CALL

It was necessary on a few occasions for the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Doris Easterling, to call and ask if I could accompany her to perform some official duties. I realized, upon taking the oath of office, that perhaps it would be necessary to carry out the wishes of Grand Chapter and to see that its laws are properly obeyed. I feel, however, that in a majority of our problems, if a better understanding of the Laws and Regulations were prevalent among the membership, it would not have been necessary for any action from the Grand Officers.

DAL-CLIFF CHAPTER NO. 574

It is with a heart filled with gratitude that I recognize your untiring support of the office which I have had the opportunity to try and fill. To my own Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron may I say "thank you" for every consideration shown unto me and Frances. To the Past Grands in my own Chapter, may I say, your every encouragement and staunch support have been of tremendous help. To every member of the Chapter I am most grateful for your undying support and I shall long remember this year and its every activity. My special THANKS for the Life Membership.

MY APPRECIATION TO GRAND CHAPTER

It is utterly impossible for me to adequately express my feelings for each one of you. I just can't find the proper adjectives to describe my personal feelings. I do know that I am humbled by your confidence in me. If I have in any way offended one of you, please come and let me ask your forgiveness. It has been my desire to serve in this office for the betterment of all mankind. As I make this final report unto you, I just want to forever be one of the least among the membership of this great and profound Order. Please know, that I shall be indebted unto the membership of Texas for elevating me from the sidelines to the highest office in this Grand Jurisdiction. Thank You!

TO MY FAMILY AND CHURCH

To my dear wife and companion for life, Frances, may I express my appreciation for your loving support and for all these years that you kept me moving toward a goal. During all the battles of life I always knew that you were at my side. To the children and grand children, I appreciate more than you will ever know understanding when I had to be on the road so much this past year. To the entire membership of the First Baptist Church of Rose Hill in Garland, I am so grateful for your being willing to share your pastor with the Order of Eastern Star in Texas for these past few months. I promise you now that I will be more accessible when you call and hopefully better qualified to proclaim His Word. May you continue to receive God's richest blessings because of being willing to share your pastor with others.

Mr. J. B. Easterling

Brother J. B., I must say to you, that I really do appreciate you and your loyal support to our every need. You have been most gracious; and Frances and I have a very warm spot for you and the Worthy Grand Matron. For the times we have spent in your home and the many times that we have broken bread together, I am most grateful. I do appreciate being able to serve our Grand Chapter with your wife as the Worthy Grand Matron.

TO THE GRAND FLOOR OFFICERS

Each of you have been a source of strength for the Worthy Grand Patron. It has been a special blessing for me to have served with each of you this past year. I must admit that the Worthy Grand Matron did a superb job in making her selections for Floor Officers. I am sure that our friendship will continue for years to come. Thank you so very much for sharing this year with the Worthy Grand Matron and me.

TO THE ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON

Brother Perry Smithwick, it is my prayer and sincerest wish that you will enjoy your year in the East as much as I have. I know that the membership of Texas will be to you as they were to me, a great source of strength. May you have a year full of rewarding experiences. As my successor, I hope that you will have as much happiness and that you and Helen will serve with the incoming Worthy Grand Matron as Frances and I did with Sister Doris and Brother J. B.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

As we come to the end of our tenure of office, I am made to realize how fortunate that I was to have such a knowledgeable and proficient Worthy Grand Matron. I never knew that one could be such a perfectionist as you are and still have the love and admiration of the membership. Your most capable leadership speaks for itself and your congeniality kept everyone loving you more and more. It has been my signal honor to have been by your side these past two years. I have never been able to figure-out just why you selected this unworthy one to serve Grand Chapter with you.

I must say that serving Grand Chapter in this capacity was the farthest thing from my mind when I became involved in Eastern Star. Thank you, Mrs. Doris Easterling, Worthy Grand Matron, for being so understanding and patient with Frances and me. I trust that I have not been disappointing to you and your wonderful husband, Brother J. B. Frances and I have a lasting friendship with the Easterlings and will continue to remember you in our prayers. We ask that you remember us as you talk to our Heavenly Father. Your winning smile and a friendly hello has touched the hearts and lives of Eastern Star throughout Texas and even into other States. If I know people, and I feel that I do, then I would want all of Texas to know just how gracious, kind, patient, genial, affable and cordial you really are. Now as we prepare to take the sideline, let's lay the gavel down and be just another member serving our own Subordinate Chapters and Grand Chapter in whatever means we can. I would be neglectful if I did not inform this Grand Chapter Session that we have concurred in whatever decisions had to be made. I must again say to the membership how unbiased and considerate you have been, Worthy Grand Matron. It has been a most pleasant tenure of service.

Respectfully submitted,
O. D. Christian, Worthy Grand Patron

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

And now, may I share with you the Supplemental Report of Activities since the printed portion.

Fraternal Visits

It has been a special joy of mine to attend several Fraternal Visits since we filed our report. On every occasion that we had the pleasure of being in the various Chapters, we felt that our life had been enriched. It was a special joy for me to behold how the members esteemed the Worthy Grand Matron.

Official Duties

I must say again, that I have concurred with every decision that the Worthy Grand Matron made. After several telephone calls, several letters and a visit, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron made a call on Livingston Chapter and felt that, due to conditions within the Chapter, we should lift their Charter. This was a difficult decision to reach, and yet, because of insubordination we had no other alternative. On two other occasions I accompanied the Worthy Grand Matron as she announced to the Chapters her decisions. I must hasten to say, in every circumstance, our Worthy Grand Matron was very lenient but firm in her decisions.

Grand Secretary

In my printed report I failed to express my appreciation to Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard for much assistance. Whenever I called, she would supply me with the answer or see that I got what I needed. She and all the office staff were most cooperative and for that I am very grateful. My supplies were right there when I had a need. Thank you Mrs. Howard and office staff.

Grand Treasurer

To Mrs. Jettie Hinton, you will never know just how much I admire you for your works' sake. You always were ready with the funds and very punctual in sending me the reports. I shall always cherish your friendship. Frances and I have you listed among the top of our friendship list. Thank you, Sister Jettie.

Grand Chapter

I stand here before this August Body of Eastern Stars in awe and amazement. I have stopped several times in the last two years and pinched myself just to see if this was for real. Somehow, I just never could believe this was the real thing. This insignificant and unworthy servant was never able to understand why the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Doris Easterling, should ask him to serve in this capacity. But, since she did ask, and since you saw fit to elect me, may I say with a very grateful heart, "Thank you." I can earnestly say that I have enjoyed my tenure of service.

Frances, the Grand Esther, joins me in expressing thanks for your thoughts, calls, memorials and cards due to the death of our mothers. It has been quite an adjustment to make as we suffered the loss of them both just six days apart. We have bowed to the Will of our Heavenly Father. You, the membership, have been so wonderful to help us bear the burden. Let me say, "Thank you," to the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Doris Easterling, and several of the Floor Officers for attending the memorial services for both our mothers. It came at a time when you were real busy in finalizing your plans for this "Symbols of Freedom" Session. I know you had to make much sacrifice in order to stand by and support the Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Esther. From the depths of our hearts we say, "Thank you."

Grand Esther

My dear and precious companion, once more we will journey together as we go home from this Grand Session to relocate our daily activities. I know that you have enjoyed these signal honors that we have shared. Thank you for being that most considerate, understanding and loyal companion. Many days and nights it became necessary that I be on the road and you had to be on the job or at home. I missed you so very much when you were not there with me. Just let me say I'll keep loving you always.

Fraternally submitted,
O. D. Christian, Worthy Grand Patron

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

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the Report of the Worthy Grand Patron as printed in the Advance Report and the Supplemental Report as read. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of adopting this report will give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same. The Report is adopted.

Worthy Grand Matron: At this time I recognize Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: Worthy Grand Matron, to give the first report, I would like for the Jurisprudence Committee to stand beside me.

I would like to present Mr. Ed Sharpe, of District 1; Mr. Richard T. Porter, of District 3; Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, of District 4; and Mr. Oliver Chamberlin, of District 5.

JURISPRUDENCE REPORT NO. 1

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: To the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. Saddened by the loss of our dear friend, Mr. Chauncey Penix, Past Grand Patron, and feeling the inadequacy of trying to assume Chairmanship of the Jurisprudence Committee after his many years of brilliant and devoted service, we, your Jurisprudence Committee, issue our first report.

As provided by law, the Jurisprudence Committee is to report on unfinished business at this time, left over from the 1975 Session of Grand Chapter. We do not have any unfinished business left over from our last Session of Grand Chapter.

Mr. Ed L. Sharpe
 Mr. Richard T. Porter
 Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus
 Mr. Oliver Chamberlin
 Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

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

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt this Report of the Jurisprudence Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, like sign. I declare the Report adopted.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of Grand Chapter:

Your Jurisprudence Committee, in conformity with the duties imposed upon it by law, recommend the following distribution of annual reports:

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION:

That portion of the Worthy Grand Patron's report with reference to Chapters instituted, together with all other matters pertaining to Chapters Under Dispensation.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS:

That portion of the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's reports dealing with discipline.

TO THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES:

All that portion of the Worthy Grand Matron's and the Worthy Grand Patron's report with reference to their financial statements, also the report of the Grand Secretary; the financial report of the Grand Treasurer, and the auditor's report of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, and all other funds of the Order of the Eastern Star.

TO THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE:

That portion of the Worthy Grand Matron's report dealing with her official acts, questions and answers, resolutions and recommendations, dispensations, waivers of jurisdiction; the official acts of the Worthy Grand Patron as outlined in his report and all other matters that are allotted to this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
 Edwin L. Sharpe
 Richard T. Porter
 Lallah Mae Vollus
 Oliver Chamberlin
 Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that this Report be adopted. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of adopting this report will give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. I declare the report adopted.

Let me express my sincere thanks to the Members of the Jurisprudence Committee, and especially to you, Sister Molly Goodpasture, for serving the remainder of the year as Chairman following the loss by death of our Beloved Chauncey Penix. You have done a wonderful job in serving in this capacity and I am very grateful to you. Always when I sought your wise counsel, you were more than willing to give advice, but not until you had given some thought to the problem. I know the membership appreciates all the work you have done and are doing for us this year. Thank you.

At this time we are going to be favored with a Musical selection from our Grand Choir. We have enjoyed the music already during the Session.

(The Grand Choir sang, "This Land is My Land.")

Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you, Sister Delia Dusek and the Grand Choir for sharing this beautiful number with us this morning.

At this time we are going to have the Report of our Grand Secretary, Sister Agnes Lee Howard.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard: To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Sisters and Brothers, I am pleased to submit for your consideration and approval the 1975-1976 record of my official transactions as your Grand Secretary:

Little by little, the time goes by—
Short if you laugh through it — long if you cry.
Little by little — an hour — a day,
And another year has passed away.

The Grand Chapter Office has been a busy, busy place this past year. As the sands of time sifted through the hour glass, the todays and tomorrows quickly slipped into yesterdays for me. As I look back in retrospect, I am convinced this year, just ending, has been a very unique one.

Since this was the year for the Triennial Session, Credentials have been prepared, Housing information assembled and Per Diem and Mileage bills established and paid. As far as I can determine, it is the first time in the history of the Grand Chapter of Texas that two Proceedings have been compiled in one year. The Proceedings for the "My Cup Runneth Over" (1974) Session and the "Roads to Remember" (1975) Session have been printed and mailed. The observance of the 200th birthday of our Nation proved to be an outstanding highlight. The Bicentennial Celebration of Grand Chapter created much interest and enthusiasm among the membership throughout the year. All Bicentennial funds and payment of all expenses incurred have been handled through the Office of the Grand Secretary. The detailed accounting has provided a "labor of love" for me. Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, Past Grand Matron, served as the General Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee. I commend her and the members of her fine Committee for their devotion to duty.

IN MEMORIAM

Death is not extinguishing the light.
It is putting out the lamp,
Because the dawn has come.

It is with deep sorrow I record the death of two Past Grand Officers. Mr. Chauncey E. Penix, who died on March 11, 1976, served as the Worthy Grand Patron in 1954-1955 with Mrs. Eunice Connell as Worthy Grand Matron. Mrs. Riva C. Burnett, who died on March 15, 1976, served as the Worthy Grand Matron in 1931-1932 with Mr. W. F. Easterling as Worthy Grand Patron. The required Memorials were mailed and emblematic floral tributes were sent.

Those whom we love go out of sight,
But never out of mind.
They are cherished in the hearts
Of those they leave behind.

MEMBERSHIP

The Annual Reports of the Subordinate Chapters for the Year 1975-1976 continue to register the trend of the past fifteen years in the decrease of membership.

Table with membership data for May 31, 1975 and May 31, 1976. Includes categories for Increase (Initiated, Affiliated, Reinstated) and Decrease (Demitted, Expelled, Transferred, Suspended, Died, Demised Chapter's Membership). Total membership on May 31, 1976 is 118,875*.

*128 Members reside in the Eastern Star Home or the Home for Aged Masons (Exempt of Per Capita Tax)

The following Chapter demised:

Archer No. 917 on June 4, 1976

The following Chapters consolidated:

- Crowell No. 916 with Vernon No. 424 on June 11, 1975
Bryson No. 1022 with Jacksboro No. 390 on April 20, 1976
Loving No. 985 with Graham No. 668 on May 6, 1976

ANNUAL REPORTS

In compliance with the Code of laws, Article 261 (6), all Subordinate Chapters filed Annual Reports on date. Even though this achievement was accomplished, more than one thousand letters were written to the Chapters in connection with same.

INSTITUTING AND CONSTITUTING

The following Chapter was instituted during the year:

Gun Barrel City U. D. on December 30, 1975

The following Chapters were granted Charters at the 1975 Session of Grand Chapter and were constituted:

Bells No. 1110 on October 24, 1975

Evadale No. 1111 on October 31, 1975

Huffman No. 1112 on November 24, 1975

GRAND DEMITS

Grand Demits were issued to the following members:

Mrs. Thelma Miller Falls

Harry A. Fenstemaker

Mrs. Lois Haines Heil

L. K. Hyer, Jr.

Mrs. Anna Marie Pritchett

Mrs. Winnie Wiggs Stuart

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS ISSUED BY THE GRAND SECRETARY

Under the Law, a provision is made for the Grand Secretary to issue Special Dispensations. The authorization does not provide the right to refuse dispensations. All requests requiring interpretations of the Law have been promptly referred to the Worthy Grand Matron. The following Special Dispensations, with fee, have been issued from this Office:

TO ELECT A SECRETARY

Mount Pleasant No. 305

Buda No. 453

Liberty No. 634

Big Lake No. 752

Galena Park No. 884

Eustace No. 1062

TO ELECT A TREASURER

Mart No. 109

TO ELECT A CONDUCTRESS

Whitesboro No. 708

TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

El Paso No. 4

Rockport No. 479

Cuero No. 618

TO ELECT A CONDUCTRESS AND ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Dal-Cliff No. 574

Littlefield No. 742

FOR OPEN INSTALLATION AFTER JUNE 15TH

Killeen No. 490

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The following recommendations were made by the Worthy Grand Matron for Grand Representatives in other Grand Jurisdictions:

Alberta	Mrs. Alvaretta Matthys
Arizona	Mrs. Bertha Weir
British Columbia	Mrs. Billie Horton
Colorado	Mrs. Molly Kuns
Iowa	Mrs. Jocie Jones
Massachusetts	Mrs. Lydia Nell Wilson
Minnesota	Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Jones
Missouri	Mrs. Ann Strobl
Montana	Mrs. Pauline Barnett
New Jersey	Mrs. Margaret Pribble
New York	Mrs. Mary Horton
Oregon	Mrs. Lela Wilson
Pennsylvania	Mrs. Ruth Lowry
South Carolina	Mrs. Lena Wise
South Dakota	Mrs. Ellen Justice
Vermont	Mrs. Ella Mae Adcock
Virginia	Mrs. Virginia Campbell

The following have been appointed and their Commissions prepared and mailed with Badges to their respective Jurisdictions:

Arizona	Mrs. Goldie Dickson
British Columbia	Mrs. Kate B. McKinley
Delaware	Mrs. Marjorie Jennings
Florida	Mrs. Floried White
Illinois	Mrs. Mary Dean Bayles
Indiana	Mrs. Freeda Hayden
Kentucky	Mrs. Effie G. Hibbs
Manitoba	Mrs. Kay Hamblin
Massachusetts	Mrs. Viola Bagnaschi
Minnesota	Mrs. Glenn Fisher
Missouri	Mrs. Gladys Calvert
New Brunswick	Mrs. Marjorie Lyon
Nova Scotia	Mrs. Gertrude Watters
Ohio	Mrs. Marjorie Lucas
Ontario	Mr. Harold Cameron
Puerto Rico	Mrs. Marcolina Sanabria
Quebec	Mrs. Christine Hayes
Rhode Island	Mrs. Alice A. Wickersheim
South Carolina	Mrs. Ora Lee B. Gilliam
West Virginia	Mrs. Virginia Frazee

CHARTER WORK

By permission of the Worthy Grand Matron, the following Charter Work was done:

Charter Retraced
 Graford Chapter No. 905

Duplicate Charters
 Bonham Chapter No. 852 and Harlandale Chapter No. 750

Correction of Name on Charter
 Hurst Chapter No. 1099 (without Fee)

LOST COPIES OF SECRET WORK

Ranger Chapter No. 275	1 Copy
Jacksonville Chapter No. 377	1 Copy
Wharton Chapter No. 389	1 Copy
Southside Chapter No. 673	2 Copies
Centennial Chapter No. 842	1 Copy
Dripping Springs Chapter No. 860	1 Copy
Melrose Chapter No. 920	1 Copy
Edwin J. Kiest Chapter No. 959	1 Copy
Deer Park Chapter No. 1063	1 Copy

LOST COPIES OF DIAGRAM OF THE LABYRINTH

Ranger Chapter No. 275	1 Copy
Jacksonville Chapter No. 377	1 Copy
Southside Chapter No. 673	2 Copies
Edwin J. Kiest Chapter No. 959	1 Copy
Deer Park Chapter No. 1063	1 Copy

FIFTY YEAR CERTIFICATES

May the wealth of golden memories
 You've gathered on your way
 Be a source of pride and happiness
 For you, EACH ONE, every day!

Dallas Chapter No. 1

Pain L. Bush
 Mrs. Lillian Butler
 E. W. Gehrke
 Andre Louis Levesque
 Mrs. Louise Turner

Mizpah Chapter No. 2

Miss Pauline Labit

San Antonio Chapter No. 3

Mrs. Jessie Edge
 Mrs. Nina Alice Williams Kinney
 Mrs. Zula D. McCullar
 Mrs. Norma Nunnely
 Miss Harriett Osborne

Paris Chapter No. 5

Mrs. Marieta Caviness

Waco Chapter No. 7

Mrs. Emma Coker
 Mrs. Elsie Dale
 Mrs. Laura Lee Hoyle
 Mrs. Lillian Kendrick
 Mrs. Sara Bozarth Oldham

Tarrant Chapter No. 8

Mrs. Pearl Rothrock

Keystone Chapter No. 9

Mrs. Lillian Curtis

San Angelo Chapter No. 10

Mrs. Ruth Holloway
 Mrs. Juanita D. Howard
 Mrs. Viola Talley

Cedar Bayou Chapter No. 11

Mrs. Alma Moore
 Mrs. Elizabeth Potter

McAllen Chapter No. 14

Carroll B. Shumaker
 Mrs. Velma Smith

Alvin Chapter No. 15

Mrs. Gladys Childs

Kerrville Chapter No. 24

Mrs. Meta Alderdice
 Mrs. Nell Beddingfield
 Mrs. Mineola Downey
 Mrs. Margaret Maxwell

Roby Chapter No. 25

Mrs. Clara Neves

Vashti Chapter No. 32

Mrs. Ruby Hines
 Mrs. Erma Nunnallee

Texas Chapter No. 35

Mrs. Gertie M. Powell

Smithville Chapter No. 39
 Mrs. Thelma Hammerling
 Mrs. Herta McNatt

Iowa Park Chapter No. 42
 Mrs. Odessa Thompson

Adah Chapter No. 49
 Mrs. Pearl Alberthal
 Mrs. Blanche Langley
 Mrs. Pearle Newman
 Mrs. Violet Turner

Rotan Chapter No. 52
 Mrs. Grace Barth

Colorado Chapter No. 58
 Mrs. Sydell Berman
 Mrs. Ida Gregory
 Mrs. Maggie Hamrick

Alice Chapter No. 61
 Mrs. Edith Floyd

Bastrop Chapter No. 64
 Mrs. Clara Breeding

Pampa Chapter No. 65
 Joseph H. Lutz
 Mrs. Hazel Parker

Big Spring Chapter No. 67
 Mrs. Mary J. Hatch
 Mrs. Ruby Smith
 Mrs. Maude Wise

Beaumont Chapter No. 71
 Mrs. Wilma Faulkner
 Mrs. Minnie Hofmann
 Mrs. Rachel L. Johnson
 Mrs. Dorothy Lancaster

Sour Lake Chapter No. 75
 Mrs. Idella Nixon
 Mrs. Frances Hardie Walton

Lubbock Chapter No. 76
 Mrs. Addie Ruth Haney
 Mrs. Artie Lee Hunt
 Mrs. Hinda Jane Nabors
 Mrs. Lee Tipton

Gate City Chapter No. 77
 Mrs. Mamie Steed
 Mrs. Zella Stewart
 Mrs. Daisy Young

Winters Chapter No. 80
 Mrs. Thelma Bell

Pecos Chapter No. 81
 Mrs. Hallie Ford

Tennessee Colony Chapter No. 102
 Mrs. Eula DuPuy
 Mrs. Inez Link
 Nelson Link

Claude Chapter No. 104
 Mrs. Edith Ballard

Tyler Chapter No. 112
 Mrs. Mattie Hazel
 Mrs. Ella Renfro

Fredericksburg Chapter No. 113
 Mrs. Elizabeth Walter
 Mrs. Myrtle Westerfeldt

Brownwood Chapter No. 116
 Mrs. Evelyn Lamkin

Knox City Chapter No. 119
 Mrs. Lillian Park Logan

Joshua Chapter No. 131
 Mrs. Marie Brooks

Pleasanton Chapter No. 113
 Mrs. Harriet Goodwin Dossey

Ransford Chapter No. 135
 Mrs. Inez Lois Drummet
 G. J. Koppel

Wimodausis Chapter No. 141
 Mrs. Ella F. Edgar
 Mrs. Mathilda Merrill

Atlanta Chapter No. 151
 Mrs. Vesta Clements
 Mrs. Hattie Lukins
 Miss Gladys Roberts
 Mrs. Minnie Stuckey

Luling Chapter No. 155
 Mrs. Willie W. Moses
 Mrs. Esther Owen

Garland Chapter No. 156
 Mrs. Emma Grantham

Violet Chapter No. 158
 Mrs. Thelma Fisson
 Mrs. Etta Henry
 Mrs. Eula Holzheuser

Winnie Chapter No. 160
 Mrs. Faye Lipscomb

Spur Chapter No. 164
Mrs. Eula Jopling
Mrs. Nona E. Starcher

Ralls Chapter No. 169
Mrs. Bonnie Dean
J. Edd McLaughlin

Glen Rose Chapter No. 171
Mrs. Willie B. Flippin

Bonita Chapter No. 184
Mrs. Lucile G. Carlton
Mrs. Gladys Morris

Trinity Chapter No. 186
Miss Alma Beall

San Saba Chapter No. 191
Mrs. Pauline Morrison

Boerne Chapter No. 200
Mrs. Frances Z. Parker

Post Chapter No. 206
Mrs. Thelma Clark

Lockhart Chapter No. 210
Mrs. Kate Adlam
Mrs. Mildred Brennan
Mrs. Edna Carter
Mrs. Ada Cronland
Mrs. Marie Deaton
Mrs. Willie Mae Macela
Mrs. Blanche Turner

Border Chapter No. 211
Mrs. Hazel Lumpkin
Mrs. Fannie Taylor
Mrs. Ouida C. Wright

Merkel Chapter No. 212
Mrs. Josephine Burgess

Orange Chapter No. 214
Mrs. Edna Earl Harding

Llano Chapter No. 216
Mrs. Zella Smith Alexander
Mrs. Otilie Franklin
Mrs. Cora Kuykendall

Grand Prairie Chapter No. 219
Mrs. Jane Berley
Mrs. Frances Copeland
Mrs. Blanche Douthitt

Bryan Chapter No. 222
Mrs. Sybil V. Halton

Fort Stockton Chapter No. 230
Mrs. Rhoda Kelley

Dayton Chapter No. 233
Mrs. Lillie Belle Berry

Wichita Falls Chapter No. 237
Miss Josephine Bachman
Miss Mary Byman
Mrs. Georgia Decker
Mrs. Maudie Mae Greer
Mrs. Golda Hansen
I. W. Karrenbrock
Mrs. Mary Pollard
Mrs. Birdie Preslar
Mrs. Mary Sherwood
Mrs. Fannie Snider
Mrs. Pearl Stewart

Elgin Chapter No. 241
Mrs. Bertice Huey
Mrs. Lynn Owen
Mrs. Bess Rankin

Callahan Chapter No. 242
Mrs. Lillie Merrill

Arlington Chapter No. 249
Mrs. Elsie Gray

Mertzon Chapter No. 251
Mrs. Eunice Girvin

Midland Chapter No. 253
Mrs. Luvie Eaves

Indian Creek Chapter No. 255
Mrs. Mabel Posey Byrd

Houston Heights Chapter No. 258
Mrs. Sara Clements
C. W. Grubbs

Denton Chapter No. 259
Mrs. Clara Calmbach
Mrs. Mary Susan Hauer
Mrs. Claudie Lewis

Port Arthur Chapter No. 262
Mrs. Bertha Bandy
Miss Frances Furchner
Mrs. Chloe Belle Holcombe
Mrs. Bertha Miller
Mrs. Olsey Shirley

Kirbyville Chapter No. 263
Mrs. Mable Cahal
Ross R. Cahal
Miss Rose Althea Holmes
Mrs. Ausie Newton

Stamford Chapter No. 269
Mrs. May Jones
Mrs. Mamie Taylor

Yoakum Chapter No. 282

Mrs. Willie Weatherly
Mrs. Julia Wheelless

Sealy Chapter No. 285

B'Lonzo Davis
Mrs. Della Davis
Mrs. Agnes Turner

Jasper Chapter No. 291

Mrs. Opal Bishop
Mrs. Mary Grace Lester
Mrs. Frances Monroe
Mrs. Zoie Wilson

Uvalde Chapter No. 397

Mrs. Elsie Smith

Oak Cliff Chapter No. 303

Mrs. Alpha Caywood
Mrs. Beatrice Ellison
Miss Honorah Bird McNeely
Mrs. Era Rae Randolph
Mrs. Mabel Strange

Hereford Chapter No. 312

Mrs. Dollie Caddell
Mrs. Bessie Hill
Mrs. Virginia Whitsett

Spurger Chapter No. 315

W. A. Sheffield

Columbus Chapter No. 324

Mrs. Leona Bohlmann
Mrs. Emily Loessin
Mrs. Grace Wink

Fairfield Chapter No. 331

J. E. Lott

Lytle Chapter No. 335

F. V. Ford

Nixon Chapter No. 339

Mrs. Ruth Hewell
Miss Lillian Weber
Mrs. Vera Williams

Bridgeport Chapter No. 346

Mrs. Exia Boase
Mrs. Carrie Sampson
Mrs. Birdie Siddons

Stinnett Chapter No. 347

Mrs. Lena Gooden

Center Chapter No. 348

Mrs. Carrie McLendon

Hughes Springs Chapter No. 349

Mrs. George Edna Hooton

Corpus Christi Chapter No. 354

Mrs. Minnie Lee Allen

Lamesa Chapter No. 363

Mrs. Effie Jewel Martin
Mrs. Winnie Faye Shafer

Templar Chapter No. 374

Mrs. Dorris Erva Boden
Mrs. Helen Lanier
Mrs. Helen McCord Norcross
Mrs. Hattie B. Parotte
Mrs. Nell Roach

Hemphill Chapter No. 375

Mrs. Lillian B. Cade

Bay City Chapter No. 380

Mrs. Martha Verser

Pittsburg Chapter No. 381

Mrs. Jewell Yarbrough

Lufkin Chapter No. 382

Mrs. Loucile Henderson
Mrs. Mattie Tracy
Mrs. Flora Belle Wallis

Fidelity Chapter No. 383

Mrs. Maye L. Vernon

Houston Chapter No. 385

Mrs. Maude H. Leftwich

Jacksboro Chapter No. 390

Mrs. Florence Campbell
Mrs. Hazel Larry

Richland Chapter No. 393

Mrs. Eunice Kollman
Mrs. Esther Pool

Palestine Chapter No. 395

William L. Adams
Mrs. Leah Duvall
Mrs. Grace Fairchild
Mrs. Martha George
Mrs. Florence Griffith
Mrs. Bessie Kitcher
Mrs. Novie Stanaland

Sunshine Chapter No. 399

Mrs. Mae Tietze
Mrs. Amy Williams

Wells Chapter No. 400

Mrs. Leona Bowman
Mrs. Minnie Jones

Walnut Springs Chapter No. 401

Mrs. Jean Adams
Mrs. Lillian Carlton
Mrs. Inez Hinton

Hondo Chapter No. 404

Mrs. Erna Martin

Teague Chapter No. 408

Mrs. Lucille Baggett
Mrs. Devotie Banks

Polytechnic Chapter No. 420

Mrs. Belle Clayton
Miss Mattie Bell Keith

Burnet Chapter No. 425

Mrs. Daisy Dickens

Rosenberg Chapter No. 429

Mrs. Polly Price
Mrs. Mary E. Steelman

Burleson Chapter No. 431

Mrs. Gladys Keen
Miss Newta Mae Pearce

Marble Falls Chapter No. 435

Mrs. Lorine Ramsdell

La Vernia Chapter No. 436

Mrs. Enid H. McKean

Odessa Chapter No. 447

Mrs. Florence Jones
Mrs. Edna H. Smith

Mineola Chapter No. 454

Mrs. Clara Bunn
Mrs. Nellie Chapman
Mrs. Mary Fisher
Mrs. Beatrice Lindley

Cisco Chapter No. 461

Dr. D. Ball

Woodville Chapter No. 462

Mrs. Florence Harrington

Center Point Chapter No. 463

Miss Dorothy Rees

Bangs Chapter No. 467

Mrs. Elma Costley
Mrs. Annie Daniel

Edinburg Chapter No. 473

Mrs. Gladys Closner

Avinger Chapter No. 478

Mrs. Florence Felker
Mrs. Jessie Meisenheimer
Mrs. Lessie Russell

Rockport Chapter No. 479

Mrs. Gertrude Allemand
Mrs. Sallie Beetley

Eagle Lake Chapter No. 483

Mrs. Allie Simmons

Alto Chapter No. 496

Mrs. Otha Harrison
Mrs. Gladys McClendon

Junction Chapter No. 497

Mrs. Ray Owens

Throckmorton Chapter No. 500

Mrs. Margaret M. Daws

Paducah Chapter No. 506

Mrs. Ray Wiley Graves

Ferris Chapter No. 508

Miss Bertha Noble

Crockett Chapter No. 509

Mrs. Eva Bynum

Hempstead Chapter No. 510

Dr. M. A. Jones

Sinton Chapter No. 515

Mrs. Willie Birkner
Mrs. Elsie Crabb
Mrs. Mary C. Jones
Mrs. Bertha McClurg
Mrs. Mary Williams
Miss Winnie Lee Wilson

Granbury Chapter No. 530

Mrs. Dora Hancock

El Campo Chapter No. 533

Mrs. Eva Longwood
Mrs. Gernell Morris
John Morris

Electra Chapter No. 539

Mrs. Ruth Collins
Mrs. Annie Crow

Robstown Chapter No. 540

Mrs. Lela Ashton

Forney Chapter No. 557

Mrs. Cleo K. Hinton

Monahans Chapter No. 561
 Mrs. Elsie D. Enoch
 Mrs. Betty Martin

Calvert Chapter No. 563
 Mrs. Lois Anderson
 Mrs. Myrtle Smith

San Benito Chapter No. 565
 Mrs. Mary Elliff
 Mrs. Clara Goolsby
 Mrs. Helen Smith

Dal-Cliff Chapter No. 574
 Mrs. Ercella Herald
 Mrs. Hattie Mae Madsen
 Mrs. Sue L. New

Taylor Chapter No. 578
 Mrs. Edna Camblin
 Mrs. Ruth Morgan
 Mrs. Dorothy Warren

Slaton Chapter No. 585
 Mrs. Amanda Cook
 Mrs. Myrtice Hanna
 Mrs. Alice Mae Stewart

Waxahachie Chapter No. 599
 Mrs. Viola Cash

Handley Chapter No. 617
 Mrs. Lily C. Grafing

Cuero Chapter No. 618
 Mrs. Effie G. Creel

Pleiades Chapter No. 620
 Mrs. Sylvia Ann Brownlie
 Mrs. Carolyn Paul
 Mrs. Elizabeth Bowden Rhode

League City Chapter No. 621
 Mrs. Lillie May Hall

Texas City Chapter No. 626
 Mrs. Julia Anna Moore

Liberty Chapter No. 634
 Mrs. Ora Bussey
 Mrs. Margaret Hightower
 Hugh McManus
 Mrs. Clyde Musgrove
 Miss Charley Smith
 Mrs. Ruth Weckter Wench
 Mrs. Mae Wilson

Radiant Chapter No. 636
 Mrs. Ethel M. Alt
 Mrs. Willie H. Lewis
 Mrs. Frances Myrick

McLennan Chapter No. 639
 Mrs. Zava Lockridge
 Mrs. Opal Plank

Texline Chapter No. 640
 Mrs. Anna Abney
 Mrs. Maggie Hefley

Harlinger Chapter No. 641
 Mrs. Ella Johnson
 Mrs. Theo White

Donna Chapter No. 644
 Mrs. Bessie Reed
 Mrs. Mildred Starlin

Loyal Chapter No. 648
 Mrs. Lillian Mae Brown
 Mrs. Nina Pearl Harris
 Mrs. Gracie Martin
 Mrs. Lena Belle McDonald
 Mrs. Martha Merrifield

Brookshire Chapter No. 652
 Mrs. Alice Nesbitt

Burkburnett Chapter No. 655
 Mrs. Alma Miller
 Mrs. Myrtle Prestidge
 Mrs. Mabel C. Strickland
 Mrs. Morine Yeager

Alvarado Chapter No. 656
 Mrs. Jennie Lee
 Mrs. Ellender Gilmore

Breckenridge Chapter No. 659
 Mrs. Flora Smith

Clarksville Chapter No. 662
 Mrs. Verna Derryberry

Army Chapter No. 664
 Mrs. Lela Hendrickson
 Miss Velma B. Teague

Canton Chapter No. 667
 Mrs. Bertha Taylor

Graham Chapter No. 668
 Mrs. Beatrice Allison
 Mrs. Mollie Brooks
 Mrs. Jennie Belle Bullock
 Mrs. Catherine Duey

Rothwell Chapter No. 669
 Mrs. Jewel Lee

Southside Chapter No. 673
 Mrs. Maude Baumgartner
 Miss Susie Farrow

Collinsville Chapter No. 674

Mrs. Zada Bowling

Port Neches Chapter No. 677

Mrs. Elsie Huval

La Porte Chapter No. 683

Mrs. Lola W. Blake

Mrs. Frances Hammett

North Fort Worth Chapter No. 686

Mrs. Hettie J. Finely

Mrs. Mabel E. Hamilton

Mrs. Annie Mae Lozo

Mrs. Margaret Noonkester

Mrs. Clara Mae Wynne

Austwell Chapter No. 686

Miss Willodine Gisler

Farmers Branch Chapter No. 687

Mrs. Rosa Lively

Edna Chapter No. 692

Mrs. Leta Fenner

Mrs. Ouida Mauritz

Mrs. Myrtle Nagel

Mrs. Addie Maud Watson

De Leon Chapter No. 693

Mrs. Geneva Donohue

Mrs. Mamie D. Smith

Woodland Chapter No. 696

Miss Etheline A. Delcuze

Mrs. Nettie Gladwin

Mrs. Velma Lansford

Mrs. Manilla McBride

Mrs. Elizabeth Parmeson

Rose Croix Chapter No. 701

Mrs. Marion Josephine Moffett

Mrs. Charlotte Troy

Mrs. Eula Grace Walker

Arlington Heights Chapter No. 702

Mrs. Beulah Bowman

Southern Star Chapter No. 707

Nicholas Welsh

Conroe Chapter No. 710

Mrs. Clara Boles

Mrs. Maggie Mae Price

East Dallas Chapter No. 715

Fred J. Davis

Mrs. Ola Davis

Mrs. Mattie Helton

Mrs. Viola Ray

Sulphur Springs Chapter No. 718

Mrs. Norma Bagwell

Mrs. Maurine Day

Mrs. Ida Mae Kitts

Livingston Chapter No. 723

Cary Cochran

Sun Juan Chapter No. 726

Miss Ella Hanson

Mrs. Willeda Murphy

Bethlehem Chapter No. 728

Louis J. Muery

D. H. Ricks

Park Place Chapter No. 731

Mrs. Clyde Ellis

Hull Chapter No. 737

Mrs. Bertha Seal

Woodbine Chapter No. 738

Charles C. Bowers

Mrs. Maude Harvey

Mrs. Nannie C. Koch

Mrs. Lola Lumpkin

Branch K. O'Neal

Carthage Chapter No. 747

Mrs. Emma Brannon

Mrs. Lillian Gist

Harlandale Chapter No. 750

Mrs. Jewel Holden

Mrs. Agnes Moore

Big Lake Chapter No. 752

Mrs. Cora Taylor

Mount Auburn Chapter No. 755

Mrs. Leona Cody

Wedgewood Chapter No. 756

Mrs. Lulu G. Gracy

Mrs. Grace Hansen

Mrs. Alix Willis

Rob Morris Daylight Chapter No. 759

Mrs. Celestine Porter

Mrs. Lula Hughes

Panhandle Chapter No. 760

Mrs. Margaret Grace Bobbitt

Mrs. Dell Held

Mrs. Dena Southwood

Fabens Chapter No. 764

Mrs. Grace Chesser

New Braunfels Chapter No. 771

Miss Edna Mae Cotton
Miss Katherine Cotton
Mrs. Vivian Waldschmidt

Weslaco Chapter No. 772

Mrs. Dessa Emery Carr
Mrs. Pauline Ford

Alexander C. Garrett Chapter No. 774

Claud L. Austin
Mrs. Mildred Austin
Mrs. Nora Carithers
Mrs. Louise Lavender
Mrs. Annie Pearl Richards

Irving Chapter No. 782

Mrs. Dorothea Cameron
Mrs. Lillie Perkins Carroll
Mrs. Jennie M. Hicks
Mrs. Verna Mathews
Mrs. Emma McClain
Mrs. Marguerite Meredith
Miss Ina Perkins
Mrs. Vesta Pfaendler
Mrs. Genevieve Rowe

Blackwell Chapter No. 786

Mrs. Etta Hazlewood

Amarillo Chapter No. 787

Mrs. Gay G. Black
Mrs. Robbie Dyer
Mrs. Myrtie Goddard
J. M. Webb, Jr.

Darrouzett Chapter No. 790

Mrs. Minnie Jenkins

Flora Chapter No. 794

Mrs. Edna Johnson

Goose Creek Chapter No. 798

Mrs. Lettie C. Salter
Mrs. Alice Ann Swain

Borger Chapter No. 811

Mrs. Angie Gidewell
Mrs. Vera Faye McCulley
Mrs. Maud Stevens

Rio Hondo Chapter No. 815

Mrs. Mary Belle Reaves

Prospect Hill Chapter No. 817

Mrs. Elsie Givens

Gladewater Chapter No. 831

Mrs. Elizabeth Payne

Queen Esther Chapter No. 833

Mrs. Selma Bishop
George D. Kiker
Mrs. Della Mae Moore
Mrs. Mary Esther Thompson

Centennial Chapter No. 842

Coleman Dever
Mrs. Ruby Dever
Mrs. Nona Hillyer
Miss Hazel Hooper
Miss Pauline Hooper
Mrs. Mayme Knox
Mrs. Lelia McCoy
Mrs. Nera Stinson
Mrs. Zelma Williams

Bonham Chapter No. 852

Mrs. Nora Ann Little

Bluebell Chapter No. 856

Mrs. Leona Hubbard
Mrs. Annie Roebuck

Edcouch Chapter No. 859

Mrs. Faye C. Doshier

Oso Chapter No. 868

G. B. Murray
Mrs. Odessa Murray

Lometa Chapter No. 871

O. L. Davis

Sweeny Chapter No. 873

Mrs. Beulah Brown
Mrs. Ellen G. Nichols

Bethany Chapter No. 912

Mrs. Emma Mitchell

Venus Chapter No. 923

Mrs. Ruth Henderson

West University Chapter No. 933

Mrs. Pearl L. Knight

Groves Chapter No. 953

Mrs. Fannie Eubanks

Mount Vernon Chapter No. 956

Mrs. Margie Hildreth

Hermleigh Chapter No. 974

Mrs. Eula Farr

Spring Branch Chapter No. 984

Mrs. Elsie Pate
J. L. Pate

A. E. Shirley Chapter No. 986
Mrs. Pauline Baker
Mrs. Maurine Delk

Friona Chapter No. 990
Mrs. Eula Haley

Camellia Chapter No. 994
Mrs. Helen Clark

Logos Chapter No. 998
Mrs. Juanita Miller

Hillcrest Chapter No. 1000
Mrs. Mildred Miller

Friendship Chapter No. 1008
Mrs. Ethel Matthews

Lakeside Chapter No. 1054
Mrs. Lela F. Lewis

Cora Posey Chapter No. 1072
Mrs. Ruth Y. Cox
Mrs. Gertrude Fuller

Deer Park Chapter No. 1063
Mrs. Lela M. Skeen Knight

Thunderbird Chapter No. 1087
Mrs. Dovie Schneider

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sister Jettie Hinton, Grand Treasurer, I greatly appreciate your cooperation. Only the ones who have trod our paths could possibly know the volume of work handled each year by our offices. I commend you for "your constant care to be faithful to your trust and not forfeit the confidence reposed in you by this Grand Chapter".

No roads of SERVICE run to the end
Without a hill or two,
But I haven't minded the hills, my friend.
As I have walked with you.

The following figures include ONLY the actual income from all sources to date. However, since the closing dates for SPECIAL COMMITTEES' Funds differ from the closing dates of per capita dues and other revenues, it would be impossible to have a completed report for the ANNUAL ADVANCE REPORT. There will appear an Auditor's complete Report together with an itemized report listing every entry on the Grand Secretary's books for the year 1975 — 1976 in the next Proceedings.

FUNDS:

General	\$147,328.79
Home	406,959.73
Benevolent	40,556.73
Home Endowment	11,300.00
Home Endowment Interest	101,364.93
Educational Loan	1,068.75
Time and Talent	8,058.52
Founder's Day	13,291.02
International Temple	1,966.50
Welfare:	
Home	\$32,892.60
Home Endowment	37,876.71
ESTARL	25,279.64
Cancer Research	21,411.91
Heart Foundation	255.00
Knight Templar Eye Foundation	10.00
Miscellaneous	31.00
	<u>117,756.86</u>
	\$849,651.83

GRAND CHAPTER SESSION REPORTER

MRS. DORIS EASTERLING
WORTHY GRAND MATRON
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, O.E.S.
P. O. BOX 598
CLYDE, TEXAS 79510



O. D. CHRISTIAN
WORTHY GRAND PATRON
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, O.E.S.
5026 ROSE DRIVE
GARLAND, TEXAS 75041

August 24, 1976

Mrs. Annie Mae Adam
5349 Val Verde
Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Annie May:

In making plans for the coming Grand Chapter Session, and in accordance with our laws, it is my privilege to invite you to serve as the Official Reporter for the 94th Grand Chapter Session. You have been approved by my Committee.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you will be able to serve, and I will give this information to our Grand Secretary, who, in accordance with our Constitution, may engage you to serve in this capacity.

If you feel that you can accept this important place of service in our Grand Chapter, please let Mrs. Maude Arnold, Executive Chairman, know just what your needs will be, such as table, desk, etc.

I look forward to receiving your reply.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Mrs. Doris Easterling
Worthy Grand Matron

cc: Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
Grand Secretary

When Mrs. Adam replied to the Worthy Grand Matron's letter, I received a copy of same from her. I immediately wrote her and requested a Statement for services rendered to be attached to the Original Transcript of the Grand Chapter Session with duplicate copy for the use of the Junior Past Grand Matron upon delivery.

BEQUESTS

- 11-01-75
D. M. Morrow, deceased \$2,500.00
- 02-04-76
Beulah Helen Johnson, deceased 300.00
- 05-14-76
Estate of Jeff W. Sessions
(equally divided between the Grand Chapter of Texas and the
Masonic Home and School of Texas)
- Certificate of Deposit — Del Rio Bank and Trust, Del Rio, Texas
(redeemed on 8/16/76) — ½ Interest 11,000.00
- Savings Account No. 765163 and No. 8008175 (redeemed by Del
Rio Bank and Trust, Del Rio, Texas on 9/30/76) — ½ Interest 2,914.52
- Lot 3, R. C. Robertson Subdivision to the City of Del Rio, Val Verde
County, Texas Sale secured by Real Estate Lien Note of \$11,000.00
with 8% interest being paid in monthly installments (handled by the
Del Rio National Bank, Del Rio, Texas).
- 07-26-76
Mary Inge Gary, deceased 300.00

LEGAL ACTS

The necessary Legal Instruments on the following transactions were executed by the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Doris Easterling, and attested to by the Grand Secretary.

- 11-01-75
Sale of Surface Rights on properties in the Estate of Ella May Graham, Orange
County, Texas for the sum of \$6,044.57.
- 12-01-75
Assignment of Oil & Gas Division Order to Dinero Oil Company, Houston,
Texas, from B. & T. Oil Company, Corpus Christi, Texas on Lease No. 130 (Purl
"A") being the S/40 acres of Lot I, Section 7, Blk. 7, Ross Peters Subdivision
No. 2, Nueces County, Texas.
- 12-01-75
Sale of Mrs. Lena Chick Property, Lot 21, Blk. 7, Turner's Subdivision of Bacon
Hill Addition to City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas to James Carson
Gorman. Down Payment — \$1,013.00. Vender's Lien Note — \$5,000.00 with 8%
interest.
- 02-15-76
Sale of Mrs. Susie A. Martin Property, Lot 2, Blk. 20, Byers & McCart
Addition to City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas to James Carson Gorman.
Vender's Lien Note — \$3,000.00 with 8% interest.
- 03-05-76
Assignment of Mrs. Stella Mae Hart Property to Grand Chapter consisting of
Lot 4, Blk. 142, City of South Houston, Texas. Mrs. Hart left the Eastern Star
Home voluntarily on June 17, 1976 and the property described herein was deeded
back to her.
- 04-15-76
Up-dated Rental Division Order and Assignment to Gulf Oil Corporation on Lease
covering the NE/4 of Section 21, Blk. D, John H. Gibson Survey, Yoakum
County, Texas.

07-14-76

Assignment to the Grand Chapter of Texas, Inc. from Mrs. Cleopatria Stephens a Deed of Trust Note with an approximate balance of \$1,600.00. The original Note was in the amount of \$7,900.00 with 5% interest for the sale of six acres, Edward Stephens Survey, Abstract 754, Wise County, Texas to Billy Fred Johnson, et ux.

This year the Board of Grand Trustees initiated computer processing of accounting of Grand Chapter records on a monthly basis. The system has provided invaluable information at the same time reducing the expense of the ANNUAL Audit. The implementation of the new procedures of coding and meeting dead lines required much detailed work. I am grateful to Mr. Edwin R. Pickett, the Auditor, assigned to the Grand Chapter by Travis & Ramsey, Certified Public Accountants. I greatly appreciate his understanding of the needs of Grand Chapter and his kindness to me.

CONCLUSION

"A House is built of logs and stone,
of ties and posts and piers;
A Home is built of loving deeds
that stand a thousand years."

Our Eastern Star Home is actually the business of each and every member of the Order in Texas. ONLY by a portion of the Per Capita Dues that every member is assessed and the generosity that prompts love gifts "above and beyond the call of duty" is it possible to maintain it. Each time I visit the Home I am rewarded with a deep personal feeling of satisfaction for being privileged to participate in such a worthwhile effort as a member of our great Order.

Mrs. Patsy Sawyer, the Administrator-Superintendent, and her very proficient Staff perform the monumental tasks daily with a cheery and happy attitude. Their concern for others makes them very "special" people. Mrs. Sawyer attended the 1976 Conference of the Masonic Home Executive Association of North America. While there, she was elected a member of the Executive Board of the Association. Congratulations, Mrs. Sawyer, on being the first woman so honored!

A big THANK YOU is due those with whom I work daily. Our days are so crowded and our hours so few; there is so little time and so much to do. You surely have proved the old adage this past year "there is a lot of satisfaction when a challenge is met or when we struggle hard and long to reach a goal we set".

"THANKS" is a little word.
It isn't hard to say;
But it has a SPECIAL meaning,
And I mean it just that way!

Sister Rebecca L. Miles, Grand Secretary Emeritus, your regular visits to our Office never fail to brighten our busy days.

Since we've known you
We've always found
Something hilarious happens
When you're around!

Now that you tell us that you will not be serving the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Association again in the capacity of President, we are saddened. We will surely miss your friendly "chats" with the newsy items and witty remarks in the Bulletin. But remember we like your ways and welcome you to our clan; we invite you to visit us as often as you can.

Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, Mrs. Velda Anderson, in these tension-packed times of inflation and rising costs confronting you on every hand, your duties and responsibilities demand increased efforts to search for ways and means to better guide the finances of the Order in Texas. The membership should be deeply appreciative of the endeavors of you and the other fine members of the Board. I, personally, have a great respect for your wary judgement and discretionary prudence as you conduct the financial affairs of this Grand Chapter.

Chairman of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, Mr. Thurman H. Perry, I have valued the associations through the duties imposed by our Laws with you and the other members of your Board. It has been my pleasure to observe the "labors of love" of such dedicated members of the Order.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, the congeniality of the Grand Family has been much in evidence this year. I have been impressed with your patience and your ability NOT "to count time" but to MAKE "time count". I have deemed it a privilege to serve with the Grand Officers of 1975 — 1976. And

"May your year of service
be a very pleasant one
As you relive the memories
of happy things you've done.
And may you know that all the friends
you've made along the way
Are wishing you much happiness
to bless you every day."

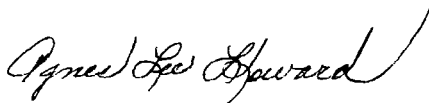
Secretaries of the Subordinate Chapters — you are the GREATEST! Yours truly is a difficult and responsible charge. The many details in the performance of your duty present a constant challenge. I have experienced your deep dedication as the wearers of the "Crossed Pens". As the keepers of the future, I admonish you that —

"If you would reap praise,
YOU must sow the seeds . . .
Gentle words and useful deeds."

To the Members of Grand Chapter: Once more the record is written. I can only report things as they happen. I trust I have merited your confidence during this past year. I am grateful to you for permitting me to serve in such a challenging position with its many interesting facets, duties and responsibilities.

Now as this year turns the corner of time,
As all years do,
I thank you for your love and friendship.
May God bless each of you.

Fraternally submitted,



Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard

**GRAND SECRETARY'S
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

GRAND DEMITS ISSUED

Mrs. Ann Buford
Mrs. Annie Mae Davis
Mrs. Colita Davis
Mrs. Cordie Emerick

Mrs. Lourine Glover
Mrs. Martha Lou Phillips
Mrs. Ida Prince
Harold C. Steele

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Beckville No. 273 1 copy
Jacksonville No. 377 1 copy
Southside No. 673 2 copies

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Rob Morris Daylight No. 759 2 copies
Melrose No. 920 1 copy

SUPPLEMENTAL LIST — 50 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Mizpah No. 2
Mrs. Gladys E. Smith

McAllen No. 14
Mrs. Lula Germane

Big Spring No. 67
Mrs. Pauline Petty

Angleton No. 54
Mrs. Nancy Perry Johnston

Lubbock No. 76
Mrs. Ola Bertram
Mrs. Welma Zachary

Laredo No. 86
Mrs. Arvilla S. Brown

Belle Moon No. 90
Mrs. Olna Oatis Boaz

Canyon City No. 105
Mrs. Lois Prichard
Mrs. Isabell Cousins

Tyler No. 112
Mrs. Dugger Ray

Aransas Pass No. 162
Mrs. Velma Robinson
Mrs. Lena Boman

Orange No. 214
Mrs. Viola Robison

Dayton No. 233
Mrs. Alice Shanks

Richland Springs No. 264
Mrs. Jennie May Gibbons
Mrs. Edna G. Locker
Mr. Grover Locker

Eastland No. 280
Mrs. Lorena Earnest

Spanish Fort No. 284
Mrs. Corinne Brannen

Silsbee No. 298
Mrs. Rosa Davenport
Mrs. Lelia David

Olney No. 321
Mrs. Ollie Mae Goldsmith

Strawn No. 361
Mrs. Mary Roberts

Houston No. 385
Mrs. Minnie Warren

Sunshine No. 399
Mrs. Effie Gould
Mrs. Grace Gould

Humble No. 415
Mrs. Fay Miller Hathaway

Polytechnic No. 420
Mrs. Lily C. Wildman

Troup No. 421
Mrs. Mary Huggins

Rockport No. 479
Mrs. Mable Lee Hare

Junction No. 497

Mrs. Bess Cavaness
Mr. Bob Ragsdale

Throckmorton No. 500

Mrs. Helen Sonnamaker

Dal-Cliff No. 574

Mrs. Beulah Alexander

Belton No. 589

Mrs. Hollie Haggard

Moran No. 591

Mrs. Derah Ward

Liberty No. 634

Mrs. Lona Partain

Texline No. 640

Miss Willie Abney

Royse City No. 642

Mrs. Willie Mae Birdwell

Loyal No. 648

Miss Mary Leland Watkins
Mrs. Virdian Vaughan

Army No. 664

Mrs. Agnes Brown

Ft. Worth No. 681

Mrs. Vivian Grimes
Mrs. Rita Adkerson

No. Ft. Worth No. 684

Mrs. Zanona Papworth

East Dallas No. 715

Mrs. Ida Mae Frost

San Juan No. 726

Mrs. Alice Cartwright
Mrs. Ella Mae Tompkins

Bethlehem No. 728

Mrs. Imogene Hardin

Fabens No. 764

Mrs. Elsie Bills

A. C. Garrett No. 774

Mrs. Lillie Holmes

Irving No. 777

Mrs. Rubye Simmons

Darrouzett No. 790

Mrs. Mamie Altmiller
Mrs. Marie McKeever
Mrs. Gladys S. Phillips
Mrs. Stella Andrick

Wisteria No. 823

Mrs. Rose Denman

Delta No. 824

Mrs. Madell Jester
Mrs. Nell H. McCluskey

Centennial No. 842

Mrs. Essie Lee Clark

Mesquite No. 887

Mrs. Era McDonald

Duncanville No. 1014

Mrs. Iva Leahy

Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard: Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Patron: We have a motion and second to adopt the Grand Secretary's Report. Is there discussion? Hearing none, those who favor the adoption will make it known by the uplifted hand. Those opposed, the same sign. The motion carried.

Thank you, Sister Grand Secretary, for the beautiful job performed in this very important place in Grand Chapter.

It is my happy privilege to call for the Report of the Grand Treasurer, Sister Jettie Hinton.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Mrs. Jettie Hinton: To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

I present for your consideration a summary of cash receipts, disbursements, balance and investments in the funds for the period of July 31, 1975 to July 31, 1976.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Balance July 31, 1975	\$58,531.55	
Received from Grand Secretary	41,082.48	
Investments	\$20,000.00	
Balance July 31, 1976	<u>79,614.03</u>	
	99,614.03	<u>99,614.03</u>

Allocation of funds:

First City National Bank, Houston, Texas, Checking	\$29,614.03
Graham Saving & Loan, Graham, Texas	10,000.00
Big Spring Saving & Loan, Big Spring, Texas	20,000.00
Gibraltar Saving Loan, Houston, Texas	20,000.00

BENEVOLENT FUNDS

Balance July 31, 1975	\$47,979.63	
Received from Grand Secretary	23,000.00	
Disbursements:		
Paid to Home Board	\$39,112.60	
Balance July 31, 1976	<u>31,867.03</u>	
	\$70,979.63	<u>70,979.63</u>

Allocation of funds:

Universal Saving & Loan, Jacinto City, Texas	\$20,000.00
Peoples State Bank, Baytown, Texas, Checking	11,867.03

ENDOWMENT INTEREST FUND

Balance July 31, 1975	\$25,244.43	
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Invest	\$25,000.00	
Print checks	15.68	
Balance July 31, 1976	<u>228.75</u>	
	\$25,244.43	<u>\$25,244.43</u>

Balance in Texas Bank & Trust, Sweetwater, Texas

HOME FUND, NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, DALLAS, TEXAS

Balance July 31, 1975	\$ 6,721.23	
Received from Grand Secretary	200,362.71	
Disbursements:		
Paid to Home Board	\$188,000.00	
Ladies in Home	14,553.00	
Mrs. Westhoff	1,000.00	
Taxes	2,000.00	
Transfer to First Nat'l Bank, Dallas	<u>1,530.94</u>	
	\$207,083.94	<u>\$207,083.94</u>

HOME FUND

Transfer from National Bank of Commerce, Dallas, Texas	1,530.94	
Received from Grand Secretary	326,340.66	
Disbursements:		
Paid to Home Board	\$304,962.19	
Ladies in Home	14,742.00	
Balance July 31, 1976	8,167.41	
	<u>\$327,871.60</u>	<u>\$327,871.60</u>

Balance in checking, First National Bank, Dallas, Texas

GENERAL FUND

Balance July 31, 1975	\$ 9,621.55	
Received from Grand Secretary	175,993.55	
Disbursements:		
Total Vouchers	\$170,796.26	
Balance July 31, 1976	14,818.84	
	<u>\$185,615.10</u>	<u>\$185,615.10</u>

Balance in checking, Citizens National Bank, Baytown, Texas

EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

Balance July 31, 1975	\$16,551.61	
Disbursements:		
Scholarships	\$ 2,300.00	
Balance July 31, 1976	14,251.61	
	<u>\$16,551.61</u>	<u>\$16,551.61</u>

Balance in checking, American National Bank, Austin, Texas

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND

Balance July 31, 1975	\$13,977.44	
Received from Grand Secretary	33,091.54	
Disbursements:		
Scholarships	\$20,600.00	
Bank	1.00	
Balance July 31, 1976	26,467.98	
	<u>\$47,068.98</u>	<u>\$47,068.98</u>

Balance in checking, Citizens National Bank, Waco, Texas

O.E.S. MILEAGE, DALLAS, TEXAS 1975

Received from Grand Secretary	\$13,000.00	
Disbursements:		
Paid to Delegates	\$ 8,538.74	
Refund to Grand Secretary	4,404.94	
Balance in fund July 1976	56.32	
	<u>\$13,000.00</u>	<u>\$13,000.00</u>

Balance in checking, Citizens National Bank, Baytown, Texas

APPRECIATION

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron:

This Grand Chapter year which is nearing its close will remain a memorable one to all of us, not only because of its being in a greater part of our Bicentennial year, but because we have had two of the most able and devoted leaders any Grand Chapter could have. You have both given of yourselves and my sincere wish for both of you is that you will receive the same happiness in the years to come that you have brought to the Eastern Star membership of Texas this year. May God bless you and keep you in the hollow of His Hand.

Grand Secretary:

Sister Agnes Lee, I have a very keen appreciation for the efficiency, understanding and assistance you continuously endeavor to render through your office as Grand Secretary. To you and your Staff for these qualities and the many courtesies extended me, please accept my sincere thanks.

Board of Grand Trustees:

To this fine working group of our Grand Chapter, I thank each of you for your loyalty and consideration of me.

Members of this Grand Jurisdiction:

I acknowledge with gratitude the trust and confidence you have reposed in me and pledge to give of my best at all times to merit your loyal support.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Jettie Hinton
Grand Treasurer

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Patron: We have a motion and second to adopt the report of the Grand Treasurer. Is there discussion? Hearing none, so many as favor the adoption let it be known by the uplifted hand. Any opposition, like sign. There is none. The motion is carried.

Thank you, Sister Jettie, for your faithfulness in performing the duties and for sharing with us this beautiful report.

Sister Delia, do you think the Grand Choir could give us another number now?

(The Grand Choir sang, "Happiness Is the Lord.")

Worthy Grand Patron: That's a marvelous job, to get a group of people from over the State of Texas, upon such short notice — most of them probably did not get here until Sunday, yet they have had time to get together to work and practice. It was my happy privilege for a number of years to sing in the Grand Choir. I appreciate the work they put into it to get it going. Grand Choir Director, thank you for your cooperation.



(The Grand Choir sang, "It's a Grand Old Flag")

Worthy Grand Patron: Again, may I say thank you to the Grand Choir.

While the Committees are coming to give their reports, I have a word I wish to say to Sister Patricia Neinast and Brother Earl Manning.

To Sister Patricia Neinast, how pleased I am that you were selected to open this first full day session of the "Symbols of Freedom" Session. Being just one year ago, our memories are still great of our "Roads to Remember" Session. How pleased I was in trying to assist you then. Now you have returned to assist the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in opening this Tuesday morning session. Thank you, for all of your capable assistance.

To Brother Earl Manning, Past Grand Patron of yesteryear, it is a joy for me to say, "Thanks" to you for assisting the Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Neinast, in this opening, and my heartiest congratulations to you in your accomplishments in the Masonic Fraternities and then to further congratulate you on being privileged to celebrate that "Golden Wedding Anniversary."

May our Heavenly Father bless each of you, is my prayer.

Worthy Grand Matron, I am pleased that you have returned to preside.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron, for presiding while I had to leave the room for a few moments. I had other business to take care of, I apologize to you before the membership here, Worthy Grand Patron, for failing to allow you to express your thanks to Sister Patricia and Brother Earl earlier this morning. I will try to do better next time.

May I make this announcement regarding our safety during this Session. We have had reports that several have had billfolds stolen and we have had a couple of ladies molested out on the street. Let me give you these Safety Hints that are printed in the program and remind you of them.

Sisters and Brothers, be sure that you lock your hotel rooms and car doors; do NOT leave valuables in rooms or cars; hold onto your purses; be careful climbing steep steps; walk in groups or pairs, or ask assistance at the Security Desk in the Outer Lobby.

If you will keep these hints in mind, we hope to have a safer and more successful Grand Chapter Session.

Thank you, Grand Choir, for providing beautiful music this morning. I know the membership enjoyed it and the music always adds a great deal to our Sessions.

Sisters and Brothers, our meeting tonight will honor our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, and we hope each of you will be here. This will be an Open Meeting so if you have friends who are non-members they may attend tonight. We will not be checking dues cards. Again, tomorrow night we will have an Open Meeting, which will include the Welfare Report and the Memorial Service. I know the Memorial Service will be beautiful.

(The Grand Choir sang, "In My Heart There Rings a Melody")

Worthy Grand Matron: I recognize Brother Ed Sharpe, member of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Mr. Ed Sharpe: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Molly Goodpasture, Chairman, asked that I bring this Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 3 to you.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 3

On August 3, 1976, Mesquite Chapter No. 887, of District 1, Section 5, voted unanimously to petition for concurrent jurisdiction with Chapters of District 1, Section 4. 23 Chapters of District 1, Section 4, voted to accept concurrent jurisdiction with Mesquite Chapter No. 887.

Having complied with the Code of Laws, Page 122, Article 207, paragraph 4, we, the Jurisprudence Committee, submit for your approval the following:

That Mesquite Chapter No. 887, of District 1, Section 5, be concurrent with Chapters of District 1, Section 4.

Ed L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

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

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard this report of the Jurisprudence Committee. It has been moved and seconded that we accept the Report. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of adopting the report give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. The report is adopted.

Thank you, Brother Ed Sharpe, for this report.

Sisters and Brothers, I have given the Welfare Chairman the \$500.00 check that was presented to me last evening by Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield from the Order of Rainbow for Girls. This has gone into the Home Endowment Fund and I know the Chairman is going to add it to her report when we hear the Welfare Report tomorrow evening. I am anxious to hear the final report because I think they are going to have an outstanding report for us. I appreciate their work and the money given by the membership this year.

I recognize Brother Oliver Chamberlin, a member of the Jurisprudence Committee, for a report.

Oliver Chamberlin: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. The Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 4 reads as follows:

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 4

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 3 to the Code of Laws, as printed in the 60 day Pamphlet, and find same in the proper form to submit to this Grand Chapter for their action.

Substantially, the reason for the change is that a portion of the previously pertinent section was omitted in the reprinting of the Section, and the amendment is to correct that omission. The law as it now reads:

Article 281, Page 145

Which now reads:

Article 281, INTRODUCTIONS.

- (5) All Officers of Grand Chapter, all Grand Chapter Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron and all Grand Representatives may be presented back of Esther's station together and may be escorted to the East. They shall be welcomed in the following order:
 - (a) District Deputy Grand Matrons.
 - (b) Deputy Grand Matrons.
 - (c) All Grand Chapter Committees. (No rank in committees.)
 - (d) All Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron.
 - (e) Grand Representatives.

Be Amended to read:

Article 281. INTRODUCTIONS.

- (5) All Officers of Grand Chapter, all grand Chapter Committees, all Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron and all Grand Representatives may be presented back of Esther's Station together and may be escorted to the East. They shall be welcomed in the following order:
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 - (e) Grand Representatives.

Richard T. Porter
Ed L. Sharpe
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Lallah Mae Vollus
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

We recommend the adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt this report as read by Brother Oliver Chamberlin. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all who approve the adoption will give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. The motion carried. Thank you, Brother Oliver.

Sisters and Brothers, I hope you appreciated the time we were able to have our Session end last evening. We tried to condense our meeting as much as possible. I was pleased that we were able to be out as early as we were. We have tried to plan our other night meetings so that we will not be too late because I know everyone likes to get out early.

Sister Delia, do you have a song we might all join in singing?

Sisters and Brothers, let us all stand and join in singing "God Bless America", along with the Grand Choir.

I recognize Sister Donna Reed, Chairman of the Museum Committee, for her report.

REPORT OF THE MUSEUM COMMITTEE

Mrs. Donna Reed: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

It is with pleasure that I bring you the report of the Museum Committee for 1975-76 and I proudly present the members of this Committee:

District One — Mrs. Opal Lee Kelly
District Two — Mrs. Lula Durham
District Three — Mrs. Lucille Stith
District Four — Mrs. Earline Woodall
District Five — Mrs. Dorothy Haga

Worthy Grand Matron, we wish to express to you and the Worthy Grand Patron our appreciation for the opportunity of serving on this Committee this year. Each member has been sincere and dedicated in their work this year and I feel that I was privileged to work with these five outstanding Eastern Star members.

Worthy Grand Matron, the Museum Committee met early in the year and decided the first task would be to take an inventory of the items already on hand, trying to determine what were Eastern Star-related items and those that were non-Eastern Star Museum pieces. This was accomplished, and the inventory is attached to this report. The inventory includes items that we received during the year, but it does not include certain items in the Eastern Star Home that are displayed in permanent cabinets in various spots in the Home.

The Committee then began placing all Eastern Star items in the newly furnished Museum Room, leaving non-Eastern Star items in the old Museum room. Items placed on display were labeled so that the membership might know the history of those items.

It was decided that the Committee would try and secure the Grand Chapter Formal Gowns of our Past Grand Matrons, plus any other personal item they might wish to donate to the Museum. The Past Grand Patrons would be asked for any personal items from their year of service to the Grand Chapter. Accordingly, a letter was sent to each Past Grand Matron and Patron asking them to send any items to the Eastern Star Home for future display.

The response from the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons was encouraging, and the Committee purchased several wicker dress forms in order to display these attractive evening gowns. Five dress forms were purchased, the gowns displayed on them and soon the Museum really began to have an exciting look . . . a look of history come to life. As additional gowns were received, they were displayed on attractive gold hangers in several places around the room. Unfortunately, the room itself is not large enough to hold as many dress forms as we would like, but the interest in this phase of our year's work has really been outstanding.

The Committee met again during the Bi-Centennial weekend and continued the work of displaying donated items in the cabinets. We found that there were some photograph panels of our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons that had been made by the Library Research Committee when Pearl Hall was Worthy Grand Matron. We had these portrait panels hung in the hallway into the Museum and labeled each picture with the name and year the person served the Grand Chapter. At your request, Worthy Grand Matron, we began to try and have these photograph panels brought up to date. A letter was sent to all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who served after Mrs. Hall, requesting they send a black and white photograph, taken when they presided over the Grand Chapter, to me. We have received several photographs, but have been unable to complete this project. It is, far

enough along however, that completion by next year's Museum Committee will not be difficult. Five frames will be needed to complete this project, at an approximate cost of \$35.00 per frame, which includes mounting the photographs. Each panel contains 6 photographs, three Past Grand Matrons and three Past Grand Patrons, covering three Grand Chapter years. We have secured the price of \$6.00 each to have 5x7 photographs made, from the pictures sent to us. This will enable us to have all the photograph panels identical. We will need to have 24 photographs made in order to complete the panels through 1976. Hopefully, funds will be available for completion of this project.

The Museum Committee proudly showed the Museum to visitors during the Founders Day weekend. It was evident that the membership of Texas finds our Eastern Star history interesting and much enthusiasm was shown in the items on display in the Museum, with the biggest attraction being the gowns worn by our Past Grand Matrons. At the present time we have gowns belonging to: Hallie Anglin, Robbie Dyer, Flora Besst Boone, Lillian Bernard Parker, Cheeba DeWees, Pauline Smith, Mary Katherine Smith, Mildred Sharpe, Robbie Yates, Aliene Houston and Thelma Joyce Alsop. We also have a page dress from Agnes Lee Howard's year as Worthy Grand Matron. And, we were so pleased when Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, presented us the gown and gloves she wore when she was installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter. She also gave us an ivory billiken gavel. All these have added much beauty to our Museum. On Founders Day, we were given the Past Grand Matron's Jewel of Sister Freda Bernhard by her son Dick and his wife Dorothy. Earlier in the year, Templar Chapter had given the Bible used when Sister Freda Bernhard presided as their first Worthy Matron. All other items given this year are listed in the inventory report, as it would take much too long to name them all.

Worthy Grand Matron, the Committee made several purchases this year, including locks for the floor cabinets to hold jewels, three small brass display stands, lucite card holders, stanchions for "roping off" the gowns, and the Bible of the Penix family of Graham Chapter was restored and is now on display. A total of \$805.43 was spent. These funds were available from Mrs. Patsy Sawyer, Home Administrator from previous year's donations to the Museum. All items were billed to the Eastern Star Museum and were paid for by Mrs. Sawyer.

The Museum Committee wishes to thank Mrs. Sawyer and her capable staff for all the assistance they have given to us. They have been helpful in so many ways and have certainly made our job easier. Many items for the Museum are sent directly to the Home, and Mrs. Sawyer and her staff see to it that they are placed in the Museum until the Committee can inventory the items and display them. We just could not do our job without their help and we do thank them.

Worthy Grand Matron, in closing we wish to say that this has been an exciting and rewarding job. You could not have given us a task that would have been more interesting and challenging . . . or more fun! It has been one of the best years I have ever spent in service to the Grand Chapter and I wish to thank you for giving me this opportunity. We have made a start, and it is our earnest hope that this beautiful Museum will continue to draw interest in our members and obtain many items of great historical interest. The Worthy Grand Patron has given us a copy of his Bicentennial message for the Museum and we hope that some beautiful memento of yours will soon take its place on display for all to see and admire. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for allowing us to serve this Bicentennial year with you.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Donna Reed, Chairman, Eastern Star Museum Committee

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report!

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt this report of the Museum Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. The motion carried.

Thank you, Sister Donna Reed, Chairman of this fine Museum Committee, for the good report, and to the five lovely ladies who assisted you on the committee — thanks for a job well done. How pleased I am to see our dream become a reality as we have the beautiful museum. It is such an interesting showplace of our Eastern Star heritage, and I am grateful for all the work done this year to make it so.

Sisters and Brothers, if you have not visited our Eastern Star Museum, please do so at the first opportunity for you will enjoy it very much.

Sisters and Brothers, let me mention at this time that the Bicentennial Committee had enough funds this year through the sale of the bumper stickers to place a Monument at the Eastern Star Home. This has been erected and yesterday we had a brief dedicatory service there. We wish the entire membership could have witnessed this momentous occasion, and we are pleased to have this lovely monument, which will let those who follow after us know of our interest in our Country and the Bicentennial Celebration. The first time you have the opportunity, please go to the Eastern Star Home and see the beautiful monument that was erected in front of the Home.

We have our Worthy Grand Chaplain, Brother Ray McRoberts, with us, and we would like to give you the opportunity to bring a few words of greetings at this time.

Sisters and Brothers, our Worthy Grand Chaplain, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star — Brother Ray McRoberts, who is a Past Grand Patron of Arizona.

Mr. Ray McRoberts: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

I would like to take this opportunity to say that the people from Texas are so wonderful. I just don't know how we distinguished guests will ever repay you for all you have done — you really touch our hearts. I tell people they should go to Texas, and they will have the most wonderful time they ever have had. The only thing I can say in the way we can repay you is if you would come out to our Grand State of Arizona, we'll let you have some of our sunshine.

This morning I started out of the hotel and I met a lady there. I was talking to her and she said, "Where are you from?" I said, "I'm from Arizona." She introduced me to one of her sisters and she said, "He is from that country where they have all that sunshine, and I don't know why he didn't bring some heat with him." I said, "That is the reason they sent me — the hot air!"

Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed a pleasure to be here and, as Worthy Grand Chaplain, I would like to leave you just a little story — the story of the King and the Jester.

The Jester was performing before the King and his performance was not too good. The King became very dissatisfied with him and he handed him the Scepter and told him to go into the country, never to return until he found a greater fool than he. Finally, in despair, after years he returned to the castle. He was met at the castle by the guard, and said to him, "I have returned to see the King." He was told, "Oh, you must hurry — he is on his deathbed." He rushed to the King's side, and the King opened his feeble eyes and recognized him. He said, "Did you succeed in your search?" The Jester said, "Oh, King, I did not." And the Jester asked the King, "Have you made peace with your God?" The King said, "Who is He?", and slowly the Jester passed the Scepter to the King's hand and said, "Oh, King, I have found a greater fool than I." Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Ray McRoberts, for these inspiring thoughts.

You know, Sisters and Brothers, when I was informed that we would have so many distinguished guests with us for our Session, I became a little frightened. But you know, I have found them to be just like us. They are very fine people and I am grateful that we have so many distinguished guests to visit with us. We are greatly honored to have such a fine number, and to have these from our General Grand Chapter is a distinct honor. We are grateful for their presence.

This afternoon we will have the report of the Superintendent-Administrator of the Eastern Star Home. I am sure we will have a group of ladies from the Home with us, and I believe we have some this morning. Will you please stand so we may give you a hearty welcome.

One of the greatest blessings that I have received this past year is the times I have spent in the Home with these dear little ladies.

There is always a group of ladies who go downstairs and sing from 7:00 to 7:30 A.M., before breakfast, each morning. They call themselves the Choir. Each time I have been there, it has been my privilege to join the Choir and sing with them. Although I don't sing much, I received a great blessing from sharing those moments and I am grateful.

Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Tuesday Morning Session from labor to rest and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

(Grand Chapter was called from labor to rest at 11:30 A.M.)

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

October 26, 1976

Musical Selections were given by Mrs. Viva Peek and Mrs. Glenn Wylie prior to the opening of the Afternoon Session.

The Session opened at 2:00 P.M. with Mrs. Aliene Houston, Past Grand Matron, and Mr. Harold C. Todd, Past Grand Patron, presiding.

Mrs. Aliene Houston: Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers. Isn't this a glorious day to "rejoice and be glad in."

Sisters and Brothers, it is with much pleasure that I join with Brother Harold C. Todd, Past Grand Patron, in Calling to Order this Tuesday afternoon Session of the "Symbols of Freedom" 94th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

Now I realize that there are many still walking around trying to find their places, getting here from luncheons, and so on, but those of us that are here, I am sure, want to thank our musicians for the music they have been providing for our pleasure. Let us tell you, our very talented Musicians, how much we appreciate the beautiful music you have provided for our enjoyment. APPLAUSE.

We already have pleasant memories of Sessions that have preceded this one, and there is much work to be done still. We have high hopes for the remainder of this Session. It is my pleasure to greet you again. The symbols that stand for Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love bind us closer together in a true spirit of deep and abiding devotion to our Order as we meet to conduct the Grand Chapter business.

I now Call to Order the Tuesday Afternoon Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, the "Symbols of Freedom" Session.

Now Sisters and Brothers, I know you are aware of the many hours of hard work that goes into the preparation of much of the beauty that we enjoy and the pageantry that takes place at Grand Chapter. We will enjoy some of it now, as we are privileged to have the "Happy Birthday, America" Drill as presented by the Time and Talent Committee and the Founder's Day Committee, under the direction of our Grand Marshal.

(The Drill was a Circle formation with the ladies in blue dresses forming a huge birthday cake. Men in dark suits formed the frosting for the cake, and the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the top of the cake to form two candles, representing the 200 years of our Nation.)

Now lets tell this group how much we appreciate the fine work they have been doing this year. APPLAUSE.

Sisters and Brothers, a very impressive part of the beauty of this Session is that of our Grand Officers and Personal Pages when they present "Our Emblems Drill" and they will do so now under the direction of the Grand Marshal.

(The Drill was performed by Grand Officers and Personal Pages)

The Grand Officers will enter the Grand Chaper Room.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will conduct the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

(Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the East.)

Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in saluting the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron with Grand Honors.

(Grand Honors were given)

The Grand Officers will assume their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of the Grand Chapter.

Sister Doris and Brother O. D., your hearts must be filled with mixed emotions of joy and satisfaction as you preside and realize the culmination of your years of service in this Grand Jurisdiction. Your good reports reflect your unselfish devotion to our Order. May this Session bring you the full realization of your greatest visions.

As I mentioned before, I am very pleased to share the East with our distinguished Past Grand Patron, Brother Harold C. Todd, with whom I was privileged to serve in 1972 in this very same Convention Center, and I know you anxiously wait to hear from him.

Mr. Harold C. Todd: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, may I thank you for extending to me this privilege of assisting my Worthy Grand Matron in opening this "Symbols of Freedom" Session, our 94th Session of the Grand Chapter. May the Lord walk by your side and the side of your loved ones, as we go down the pathway of life together.

Mrs. Aliene Houston: Thank you, Brother Harold C. Todd, Let's greet him and thank him for being here. APPLAUSE.

Worthy Grand Patron, you have served our Order with sincere devotion to its principles and in a very commendable manner. Our faith in you has been realized in your dedicated service to our Order. We sincerely appreciate the work you have performed and wish the best for you and your family when your duties here are over.

Worthy Grand Matron, from the time you accepted your responsibilities at the "Let Freedom Ring" Installation, you have been mindful of the enriching qualities of our Order. During this Bicentennial Year of our great Nation, you have taken pride in leading the members of this Grand Jurisdiction in affirming once again its enduring strength and abiding purposes at a time when its principles and teachings are so vitally needed. We must adhere to these, not only in words, but in our actions. Now as you preside at this "Symbols of Freedom" Session, the epitome of your many years of service to our Order, I truly hope that it will fulfill your fondest dreams and hold only pleasant memories for you when your duties are completed.

Thank you for the special privilege of Calling this Session to Order.

I now present to you your gavel of authority.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Aliene Houston, Beloved Past Grand Matron of my own District 3, and Brother Harold C. Todd, Past Grand Patron, for Calling to Order this Tuesday Afternoon Session. How well I recall your own Session held here in Fort Worth four years ago, and the lovely manner in which the two of you conducted the Session. It was my privilege to serve as Grand Examiner during your year as the leaders of our Order, and I shared a lovely month traveling in District 3 with the two of you. It pleases me very much for you to have this part in the 94th "Symbols of Freedom" Session.

Brother Harold, I ask that you extend our sincere wishes to Sister Cleta and tell her we miss her here at the Session.

Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

May I express my appreciation to Sister Aliene Houston, Past Grand Matron. I am most pleased that you have, in such an efficient manner, opened this afternoon Session. It was here that you presided for the "Wings of Love" Session, therefore I think it most fitting that you should be asked to open the Tuesday Afternoon Session. Thank you.

Brother Harold Todd, Past Grand Patron, I have admired you very much as you have given of yourself to this Great Order. May I say "Thank you" for assisting your own Worthy Grand Matron in opening the Tuesday afternoon Session. And I, too, want to extend my greetings to Sister Cleta, and assure you that we are remembering her in prayer during these troubled hours.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron: Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Tuesday Afternoon Session from rest to labor and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

(Grand Chapter was called from Rest to Labor at 2:45 P.M.)

Worthy Grand Matron: Our Invocation will be given by Brother Gerald C. Allen, Past Grand Patron, and a very dear friend. He was the Worthy Grand Patron with whom I had the privilege of serving as Deputy Grand Matron. Brother Allen.

Mr. Gerald C. Allen: Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee this day for the many blessings of life.

Our hearts are full of love for Thee. May we share this love with our fellowman. Guide and direct our thoughts and deeds that we may prove worthy of this blessing.

Bless the membership of this Great Order and give strength to those who have accepted the responsibilities of this Grand Chapter.

We ask thy blessings on our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and their Corps of Officers. May Thy guiding hand be over them during this Grand Chapter Session.

Bless and prosper our Beautiful Order. May it be recognized as a symbol of freedom for all mankind.

May the peace of God that passeth all understanding and love of God prevail in every heart that we may magnify the task that is ours and set about the fulfillment of that task with renewed energy. Amen.

Worthy Grand Matron: I now recognize Brother Thurman Perry, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, who will give the report of that Board. Brother Perry.

Mr. Thurman Perry: Worthy Grand Matron, first I want to introduce the other members of the Board — Sister Rachel Jones, Vice-Chairman from District 2; Brother Charles Allen, Secretary from District 1; Brother Taylor Hood, Treasurer from District 4 and Sister Earnesteen Porter, Member from District 3.

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES 1975 — 1976

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star:

We, the members of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, respectfully submit the following report for Fiscal Year 1975-1976.

Following the election of Mrs. Earnesteen Porter, a member of South Hills Chapter No. 835, Fort Worth, as a member of the Board from District No. 3 to succeed the retiring member Mrs. Tommie A. Roach, the Board convened to welcome her.

Mrs. Porter was presented with the orientation file prepared through the past year for the new member. This file contained copies of all minutes of meetings, application forms, a book of rules governing the home and other pertinent information. The Board was organized as follows:

- Mr. Thurman H. Perry, District 5 — Chairman
- Mrs. Rachel Jones, District 2 — Vice-Chairman
- Mr. Chas. H. Allen, District 1 — Secretary
- Mr. Wm. Taylor Hood, District 4 — Treasurer
- Mrs. Earnesteen Porter, District 3 — Member

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Notices of all Board meetings as well as minutes of each meeting have been mailed to the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary and all line officers of Grand Chapter. Several of these officers visited us at various times. We welcome their presence any time for it inspires us and enhances their knowledge of the operation of the Home and the various problems that are encountered.

The first meeting of the Board was held November 8, 1975, with all members present. We also met jointly with the Board of Grand Trustees to discuss certain items pertaining to the transfer of the supervision and maintenance of the Administration Building from the Benevolent Board to the Board of Grand Trustees. It was determined that funds budgeted for the Administration Building in the Benevolent Board Budget for 1975-1976 could not be transferred to the Trustees' Budget. Accordingly, the Benevolent Board retained these funds and has paid for the repairs and maintenance as requested by the Board of Grand Trustees. Funds for this purpose will be included in the Board of Grand Trustees budget for fiscal year 1976-1977.

There have been ten Board meetings since last Grand Chapter. We have met with the Board of Grand Trustees several times and appreciate their cooperation and suggestions.

The Board has acted upon all requests from Chapters for application forms for admittance to the Eastern Star Home and applications for Benevolent Aid as follows:

Number of requests for applications for Admission into Home	20
Number of completed applications returned	10
Number rejected	1
Number ineligible	0
Number withdrawn	5
Number of deaths in the Home	9
Members who withdrew from the Home	1
Members dismissed from the Home	0
New members entering the Home	7
Members presently in the Home	88
Number of requests for application for Benevolent Aid	12
Number of completed applications returned	2
Number approved	2
Total number of Chapters receiving B.A.	27
Total number of members receiving B.A.	34

Our Benevolent Aid Budget was \$35,000.00 and we have not exceeded that amount.

The constant maintenance of the Home Building and general repairs and replacements have been many however they have all been of a minor nature. Mr. Clarence Davenport, our Maintenance Superintendent, keeps a watchful eye over the entire Home complex and performs many preventative maintenance jobs. We feel that the building is in good repair and in an overall good condition — especially so for one fifty-two years old.

We reviewed our insurance coverage on all buildings and their contents. Due to increased building costs it was necessary to increase the amount of coverage on the Home and Hospital so as to meet the 80% co-insurance provision of the insurance laws. The replacement cost of these two buildings is now estimated at \$2,000,000.00.

Our Home Budget for the year was \$584,640.00. We are operating well within this figure and unless there are major repairs or other unexpected expenditures we will refund a minimum of \$50,000.00 to Grand Chapter at the end of the fiscal year.

A big thank you is due Mrs. Patsy Sawyer, our Administrator/Superintendent, and her capable and efficient Staff for their interest in the Home and their efforts to economize in all possible ways.

New living quarters have been provided for the Administrator/Superintendent. It is located on the second floor in the old west wing. It includes a kitchen, dining area and a private entrance which were not previously available. The old living facilities, which included only a living room and two bedrooms, will be used as guest rooms. One room, adjacent to the Worthy Grand Matrons Suite, will be for the use of the Worthy Grand Patron.

We wish to also express our appreciation to Mrs. Mary Steinmetz, General Chairman, Time and Talent Committee, and to Mrs. Ruth Jameson, Chairman, Founders Day Committee, and their members for the many items they have furnished and the work performed in providing entertainment, trips, etc. for the ladies. We feel sure their reports will reflect their accomplishments over the past year.

Also, many Chapters and individual members have contributed to the Home in many ways. This is greatly appreciated by the Benevolent Board and we hope by the general membership. All items or monies thus contributed increases the amount of budget refund that can be made at the end of each year. The increase in cost of wages, utilities, medicines and groceries has doubled our budget over the last five years. Even with the present rate of inflation, the Home budget for 1976-77 shows an increase of only four percent, most of which is for salary and wage increases.

As previously mentioned, we have a fine Home and it is in good repair. However, it will not meet the minimum Life Safety Code Standards. Under date of October 31, 1975 we received a letter from the Chief Architect, Nursing and Convalescent Homes Division, Texas Department of Health Resources, State Health Department, Austin, Texas, advising us that it would be necessary for our Home and Hospital to be inspected again for compliance with the minimum Life Safety Code Standards for Custodial Care Homes. Also, that they would monitor the continuing compliance by annual inspection before each future license renewal. As many of you will recall, our Home first came under the Life Safety Code and was licensed in 1971. At that time it was necessary to license both the Home and Hospital. Immediately after the receipt of the October 31, 1975 letter, the Board began to inquire as to what corrections would be required and their estimated costs. In December, 1975, the local Health Department Architect made an unofficial inspection of the Home. In March 1976, the local architect and an architect from the state office in Austin made another unofficial inspection. At this time it was determined that the renovations to the Home would be extensive and expensive. However, we were advised that with a few minor changes in our Home operating procedures, it would not be necessary to license the Home — in which case no renovations would be required at this time. We were also advised that if we dropped the license we probably could not re-license since we would have to meet new construction standards. After obtaining the above information we began talking to professional and private health care people, private architects and contractors, Health Department officials, Administrator of the Home for Aged Masons (which has never been licensed), Board of Grand Trustees and the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, advising them of the unofficial list of corrections that would be required before we could renew our license and their estimated cost. An official inspection of our Hospital was made on April 29, 1976. The maximum cost of correcting the deficiencies to this building is \$25,000.00. This amount is included in our 1976-1977 budget since it is mandatory that this building be relicensed. An official inspection of the Home was made on May 20, 1976. An unofficial estimate of the cost correcting the deficiencies listed in this report (6 pages containing 21 major items) was \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00. This inspection and cost estimate does not cover new Standards and Laws that will be going into effect within the next few years. By that time, we have good reason to believe that a proposed new state law will require all facilities for three or more nonrelated persons to be licensed. Our best estimate of the additional costs required over the next three to five years is \$300,000.00

to \$350,000.00, for a total cost of \$400,000.00 to \$500,000.00. If we kept our license, at the end of five years and the expenditure of approximately one-half million dollars the Home building still would not meet the Life Safety Code Standards. Accordingly, with this information and after talking to the people previously mentioned, the Board at its August 7, 1976 meeting voted unanimously to not renew the Custodial Care License for the Home building when it expires in November 1976. The only noticeable change that will be required is that no medication can be administered nor can any medical assistance be rendered in the Home. It will be necessary for the ladies to go to the hospital building for these services.

The information relative to the licensing and/or non-licensing of the Home and Hospital and related costs was given to the Board of Grand Trustees at their meeting on August 7, 1976 and to the Purposes and Policies Committee meeting on August 8, 1976.

The Board recommends that in the very near future a committee be appointed to make an in depth study of the revised Life Safety Code Standards, the proposed new State laws and any other problems that would effect the operation of our Home. The committee would also recommend a long range plan of actions that should be taken.

To the members of the Board I wish to extend my thanks for their cooperation, hard work and devotion to the Home and to the Order of the Eastern Star. Our relationship has truly been most cordial.

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation to the Grand Chapter for electing me to serve on this Board. The office entails much time, travel and expense; but these five years of service have been a most rewarding experience.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent District Five on this Board.

Fraternally submitted,

Thurman H. Perry, Chairman
 Rachel Jones, Vice-Chairman
 Chas. H. Allen, Secretary
 Wm. Taylor Hood, Treasurer
 Earnesteen Porter, Member

**PROPOSED BUDGET 1976-1977
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
 GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCE**

HOME FUNDS

Home Salaries/Kitchen/Clerical	\$189,838
Hospital Salaries	94,658
Payroll Taxes	22,000
Group Insurance	3,000
Groceries	65,000
Utilities	32,000
Telephone Home/Hospital	2,750
Repairs & Maint. of Cars, Tractors, Mowers	2,750
Laundry & Dry Cleaning	5,000
Doctors	20,000
Hospitals	3,000
Drugs, Medical Supplies, Hearing Aids, etc.	35,000
Office Supplies & Stamps	1,500
Maintenance Supplies	10,800
Pest Control	850

Yard Maintenance	3,000
Trash Pick-Up (monthly charge)	1,200
Miscellaneous: Equip. rental; parts; labor	2,000

HOME-FUND TOTAL	\$494,346
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BOARD FUNDS

Admin./Supt. Salary	\$10,800
Supvr. L.V.N. Salary	9,000
Dietician Salary (Kit/Supt.)	8,400
Administrator Training	1,000
Total Maintenance, Repairs, Remodel	53,000
Hospital Emergency	3,000
Insurance	15,000
Funeral Expense	4,620
New Equipment and Furnishings	3,000
Board Travel	3,850
Board Supplies	600
Membership Christmas & Easter Fund	1,000
Cemetery Maintenance	400

BOARD FUNDS TOTAL	\$113,670
TOTAL — HOME and BOARD	608,016

Contingency Fund	7,500
Benevolent Aid	35,000
Hospital Renovation (To meet new life Safety Code Requirements)	25,000

TOTAL BUDGET	\$675,516
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Mr. Thurman Perry: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Matron: A motion has been made and seconded that the report of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences be adopted. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor will give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, like sign. The Report is adopted.

Thank you, Brother Thurman Perry. I want to express my appreciation to you, Brother Perry, for serving as Chairman of this important Board, and to the other members who have served so efficiently this past year. You have a tremendous responsibility, and I know the membership would want to join me in expressing our appreciation for the fine job you have done. (APPLAUSE)

I am pleased at this time to recognize Sister Potsy Sawyer, the Superintendent-Administrator of the Eastern Star Home. Sister Potsy, before you begin your report, do you think the Ladies who are here this afternoon from the Home might be able to come to the East and sit with us while you give your report? I would love to have them.

Would the 15 ladies from the Home and Mr. and Mrs. Davenport rise, please? Grand Marshal, will you please escort this group to the East?

(They were escorted to the East and seated during the report. The Grand Organist played and all joined in singing, "Every Day With Jesus" as they were escorted, as that is the song the Choir at the Home sings each morning as they close their period of singing.)

Worthy Grand Matron: May I say one more thing before you begin your report, Sister Patsy? The rocking chairs our Star Points are sitting in were loaned to us by the Eastern Star Home. We thank you, Sister Patsy and the ladies who reside there, for letting us use them. We are happy to have this group from the Home with us. Let's welcome them here today.

SUPERINTENDENT OF O.E.S. HOME REPORT

Mrs. Patsy Sawyer: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, My Sisters and Brothers:

It is with a great deal of pride and pleasure that I bring you the report from your Eastern Star Home for the year 1975-1976.

It has been an exciting year since we celebrated the 200th birthday of our Nation and our Worthy Grand Matron has used a Bicentennial theme this year. One of the most interesting events our ladies attended was the Bicentennial program presented by Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, General Chairman, in Fort Worth. We have been privileged to fly a Bicentennial flag all year which will be displayed in the Museum after this year.

The ladies have had a busy year. They attended the State Fair of Texas in Dallas, the Shrine Circus in Fort Worth, many Chapter meetings and other outstanding programs, all of which they have enjoyed immensely. The entertainment has been outstanding this year for them.

Your donations have been overwhelming. You have brought to the Home preserves, jellies, jams, pickles, honey, cakes, cookies, pies, fruit juices, ice cream, fresh vegetables, watermelons, cantelopes, many other foods and linens, just to mention some. The clothing and personal items you have brought to them saved them many dollars. Thank you for your continued interest in the Home and the ladies.

Our Museum Chairman, Mrs. Donna Reed, and her committee, have worked very hard this year getting things ready for your enjoyment. We are so proud of this project and it has created a lot of interest. It has been a real pleasure working with them this year. You must come see the Museum.

The ladies who have entered the Home this year are:

Mrs. Hixie Davenport, Loyal Chapter No. 648, Dallas, October 29, 1975
 Miss Mabel Bozeman, Walter Baldwin Chapter No. 629, Waco, January 14, 1976
 Miss Lorene Glasscock, Synder Chapter No. 450, January 14, 1976
 Mrs. Mary Wilkerson, Travis Chapter No. 472, Austin, February 10, 1976
 Mrs. Icie Cox, Breckenridge Chapter No. 659, March 1, 1976
 Mrs. Stella Mae Hart, South Houston Chapter No. 915, March 5, 1976
 Mrs. Cleopatria Stephens, Arlington Chapter No. 249, July 14, 1976
 Mrs. Mary Norvelle, Vickery Chapter No. 1039, Dallas, August 24, 1976
 Mrs. Cora Bailey, Lexington Chapter No. 996, October 19, 1976
 Mrs. Emma I. Farlar, Sulphur Springs Chapter No. 718, October 20, 1976

The ladies who have passed away this year are:

Mrs. Ella Stone, Teague Chapter No. 408, October 26, 1975. She celebrated her 100th birthday on March 31st.
 Mrs. Alma Duckett, Lubbock Chapter No. 76, November 6, 1975
 Mrs. Ida Smith, Ganada Chapter No. 957, January 25, 1976
 Mrs. Odessa Turner, Cleveland Chapter No. 465, February 21, 1976
 Mrs. Essie Alexander, A. C. Garrett Chapter No. 774, Dallas, April 4, 1976
 Mrs. Nell Lyerly, Rothwell Chapter No. 669, Houston, June 4, 1976

Miss Birdie Robertson, Kerrville Chapter No. 24, July 1, 1976
Mrs. Jessie Wittman, Boerne Chapter No. 200, July 1, 1976
Mrs. Vera McLeroy, Midland Chapter No. 253, August 11, 1976
Mrs. Frances Jones, Alamo Heights Chapter No. 734, San Antonio, September
12, 1976
Miss Miriam Reding, Ranger Chapter No. 275, October 10, 1976

The only lady to leave the Home this year has been Mrs. Stella Mae Hart, South Houston Chapter No. 915.

At this time we have 90 residents.

Sister Doris Easterling, Worthy Grand Matron, we were pleased to have you on many occasions this year at the Eastern Star Home, and wish to express our appreciation to you for your many expressions of love and kindness to our Ladies. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for bringing your fine husband, Brother J. B., with you on some of these visits. The ladies looked forward to him going along with you and they especially enjoyed him joining them in their daily sing-song at 7:00 in the mornings.

To our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother O. D. Christian, we wish to express our appreciation to you and your lovely, Frances, for your love and attention that everyone received from you on your visits. You helped us in many ways, especially in a spiritual way. It has been a wonderful year working with you and our Worthy Grand Matron.

To Sister Agnes Lee Howard, our Grand Secretary, we want to say you have made our work easier by your experience and knowledge of our beautiful Order. Thank you, Agnes Lee, for all that you do for the Home and the ladies' welfare.

To the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, Brother Thurman Perry, Chairman; Sister Rachel Jones, Vice-Chairman; Brother Charles Allen, Secretary; Brother Taylor Hood, Treasurer; and Sister Earnesteen Porter, Member, we wish to express our appreciation to you for a wonderful year of fine leadership. You have had many big decisions to make this year and all of them have been wisely and efficiently executed. I wish to express to you my appreciation for the new living quarters you have provided for me. Mr. Perry, we have seen many improvements in the operation and appearance of the Home in the five years that you have served on this working, responsible board. Your business experience, your good judgment, your fair and wise decisions have been outstanding. Yours has been a term of many accomplishments and for all of this we want to say a big "Thank you." We will miss you.

To the Time and Talent Committee, Sister Mary Steinmetz, General Chairman, and Sister Ruth Jameson, General Chairman of Founders' Day Committee, we want to commend you for jobs well done. We will reap the benefits from the projects that you have completed for a long time to come. Thank you for all the improvements and useful items you have provided for the ladies this year. It has been a real pleasure knowing and working with you and your committee members.

Sisters and Brothers, I wish to express my appreciation to each of you for your continued interest and love for our beloved members who live in the Eastern Star Home. They depend on you.

Respectfully submitted,
Potsy Sawyer, Administrator-Superintendent Eastern Star Home

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

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that the report of the Administrator-Superintendent of the Eastern Star Home be adopted. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of adopting this report, give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. The report is adopted.

Thank you, Sister Potsy Sawyer, Administrator-Superintendent of our Eastern Star Home, for this fine report. Grand Chapter is very fortunate in having you serve as the Administrator of the Home in Arlington. You are doing a wonderful work there. We are deeply grateful and I know the ladies there have the greatest admiration, love and respect for you. I appreciate the many courtesies you extended the Worthy Grand Matron each time I was a visitor in the Home this past year. Your many acts of kindness and thoughtfulness made it a pleasure to visit there. Truly my life has been blessed by the association with you and the lovely ladies.

I am very pleased to have so many of the ladies with us today, and I give you a special welcome to this Grand Chapter Session. Some of the ladies asked if I would be coming back to the Home after this year ended, and I will be back, although I will not return as the Worthy Grand Matron, as often as possible, for I love you all very much.

I now recognize Mrs. Mary Steinmetz, Chairman of Time and Talent Committee, who will give her report.

TIME AND TALENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Mary Steinmetz: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter Officers, Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, the members of the Time and Talent Committee join me in our sincere thanks to you for giving us the opportunity of serving you and being a part of your Grand Family this year. This has been a most enlightening and gratifying experience for me. We hope our work and efforts have been acceptable and pleasing to you.

I am pleased to introduce those members of this Committee who have given so freely of their time and efforts as Chairman of their respective Districts:

Mrs. Marjorie Moffitt, General Co-Chairman
 Mrs. Margie Stewart, Chairman District I
 Mrs. Betty Phillips, Chairman District II
 Mrs. Dot Baughman, Chairman District III
 Mrs. Frankie Jenness, Chairman District IV
 Mrs. Vinnie Lindsey, Chairman District V

This year 374 Chapters have taken part in the Pink Ladies and Pink Ties program. Four Chapters were 100% in membership — Burnet Chapter No. 425, Teague Chapter No. 408, Throckmorton Chapter No. 500 and Zapata Chapter No. 1106. Total membership to date is 9,421, with 46 of this number being ladies living in the Eastern Star Home.

Service hours reported this year was 1,344,214. The ladies in the Home account for 9,700 of these hours.

A plea for personal items for the use of the ladies of the Home was sent out and the response from the Chapters was most pleasing and heartwarming.

The social calendar consisted of sandwich suppers, salad luncheons, a trip to Dallas to view "The Miracle of the Pentecost", and monthly birthday parties.

A Bicentennial Commemorative Flag was presented to Sister Patsy Sawyer and this flag flies over the Home as a constant reminder of our 200 years of Freedom.

Chapters too far from the Home to visit and serve there sent many hundred personal items for the use of the ladies living in the Home.

Our projects have been many and varied. There is a need for two podiums, a commercial dryer for the hospital and 15 hospital roll-away bed tables.

The Hospital has been our primary project this year — to replace the much-needed bedside stands, dressers and chairs. This has been our goal and our goal has been accomplished.

To the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, our Grand Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, and her staff, to Mrs. Patsy Sawyer, Administrator-Superintendent of the Home and her staff, for their patient understanding and assistance, and to each one who gave so freely of his time and talent on behalf of this committee, my sincere and heartfelt thanks.

Fraternally submitted,
Time and Talent Committee
Mrs. Mary Steinmetz, Chairman

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

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we accept the report of the Time and Talent Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of accepting the report let it be known by the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. The motion carried.

Thank you, Sister Mary Steinmetz, for serving as General Chairman of this Committee and for the fine report. I am grateful for your work as Chairman. When I was selecting the various Chairmen, someone told me you would make a good Chairman, and you have been fine. My thanks to each member of the Committee.

I now recognize Mrs. Ruth Jameson, Chairman of Founder's Day Committee for her report. Sister Ruth.

FOUNDER'S DAY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Ruth Jameson: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the privilege of serving as General Chairman of the Founder's Day Committee. No greater joy could have come to me than to have worked for you and the membership of Texas with this very special wonderful committee.

The heart of each member of this committee is full with appreciation for our Founder, Rob Morris. We are grateful for our beautiful Order thereby making our service to this Grand Chapter of Texas, possible by the services of this committee, which is a memorial to our Founder.

The "Spirit in '76" Fair was held August 7, 1976, at the Eastern Star Home in Arlington, with a large crowd to enjoy the day of festivities. Receipts were \$4,805.07.

As a special project of this Committee, "Spirit of '76" lapel pins were distributed to all Districts and sold under the capable leadership of Mrs. Betty Klonaris, General Co-Chairman. Receipts were \$1,370.00.

The project for the year was an underground sprinkler system with automatic controls to be installed in the front and back yards of the Home in Arlington. This project has been completed at the cost of \$13,960.00.

We express sincere appreciation to the members of all Chapters for their generous support of our Founder's Day Program. We are deeply grateful for contributions from 465 Chapters for a total amount of \$8,553.46.

I wish to thank the members of this committee for their many hours of hard work and excellent cooperation. I extend a very extra special thanks to Mrs. Betty Klonaris, General Co-Chairman, who was always ready and willing to do more than her share. Her friendship has meant much to me. I could not close this report without expressing much love and thanks to the District Chairmen, Mrs. Sarah Coursey of District I; Mrs. Fae Holmes of District II; Mr. Cleo Ellison of District III; Mrs. Kay Keahey of District IV, who had been in a bad accident and is unable to be with us; and Mrs. Mildred Schimming of District V; and all members of the committee.

This committee was saddened in May by the loss of Brother Jake Horton, District III Chairman, and we dedicated our Variety Show to him.

Recap of receipts:

Checks from Chapters	\$8,553.46
"Spirit in '76" Fair	4,805.07
"Spirit in '76" Variety Show	629.50
"Spirit of '76" Lapel Pins	1,370.00
Special Contributions	610.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$15,967.03</u>

Expenses:

Fair, Variety Show, Postage, Pins, Etc.	\$2,173.65
Sprinkler System	13,969.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$16,142.65</u>

Fraternally submitted,
 Founder's Day Committee
 Mrs. Ruth Jameson, Chairman

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

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that this report be adopted. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of adoption, let it be known by the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. The report is adopted.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Ruth Jameson, Chairman, and others who worked on this committee. Each and every one of you has worked hard and I am very grateful for your work in having the Variety Show and the Fair. Both were a tremendous success and I appreciate all you have done on this committee.

PRESENTATION OF FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Now we come to a very special time in our Grand Chapter Session. We have members with us who will receive special recognition, and many of us hope to achieve this same goal some day. We have members who have become 50-year members during the past year.

Grand Marshal, will you please escort our 50-year Members to the East?

(The 50-year members were escorted to the East while the Grand Organist played, "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You.")

It is hard to believe that some of these are 50-year members, and I believe they must have joined our Order before they were 18, don't you?

It is a rare and distinct privilege to recognize those who have attained this honor in the Subordinate Chapters of our Grand Jurisdiction. No recognition we could give would be worthy of those who have attained this milestone in our Order.

I am delighted to have this fine group with us, and I know we have many more throughout the State who could not be present. May I extend my personal congratulations to each of you for your 50 years as members of our Order and may God bless each and every one of you. May you have many, many more fine years as members of our Order. We love and appreciate each of you.

Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to say a few words of congratulations to these distinguished members?

Worthy Grand Patron: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to extend my special greetings to these dear ladies, who have reached this great plateau in our Subordinate Chapters in Texas. How pleased we are that you could come to Fort Worth and be in this particular Session to receive this little bit of recognition for your many, many years of faithful service to the Order of the Eastern Star. Our congratulations to each of you. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron: Now I am going to ask you to come to the microphone and give us your names and Chapters, please.

(The 50-year members present included:)

Mrs. Della Mae Moore, Queen Esther Chapter No. 833, Abilene
 Mrs. Ray Wiley Graves, Paducah Chapter No. 506
 Mrs. Maggie Hamrick, Colorado Chapter No. 58
 Mrs. Maurine Delk, A. E. Shirley Chapter No. 986, Amarillo
 Mrs. George Edna Hooten, Hughes Springs Chapter No. 349
 Mrs. Pauline Baker, A. E. Shirley Chapter No. 986, Amarillo
 Mrs. Ella F. Edgar, Wimodausis Chapter No. 141, San Antonio
 Mrs. Grace Hansen, Wedgwood Chapter No. 756, Fort Worth
 Mrs. Lela M. Skeen Knight, Deer Park Chapter No. 1063
 Miss Alma Beall, Trinity Chapter No. 186
 Mrs. Etta Hazelwood, Blackwell Chapter No. 786
 Mrs. Mae Tietze, Sunshine Chapter No. 399, Houston
 Mrs. Mildred Lewis, Wedgwood Chapter No. 756, Fort Worth
 Mrs. Artie Lee Hunt, Lubbock Chapter No. 76
 Mrs. Lela F. Lewis, Lakeside Chapter No. 1054, Fort Arthur
 Mrs. Rose Denman, Wisteria Chapter No. 823, Beaumont

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, let's show them how proud we are of each of them.

(The 50-year members were given a standing ovation.)

Our Grand Organist is playing our prayer for each of you — "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You."

Worthy Grand Matron: We appreciate the presence of each of you this afternoon and hope to see you here tonight as we come together to honor our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Tuesday afternoon Session from Labor to Rest and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

Our Past Grand Matron who now serves as Grand Secretary, a lovely lady for whom I had the privilege of serving as Deputy Grand Matron, will bring our Benediction. Sisters and Brothers, I present Sister Agnes Lee Howard.

Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard: May we bow our heads.

Father God, in Your graciousness You have loved us so much that You gave Your only Begotten Son. Will You now guide us and lead us until our work here is done. In the name of Your Dear Son I humbly pray, Amen.

(Grand Chapter was called from Labor to Rest at 3:50 P.M.)

TUESDAY NIGHT SESSION

October 26, 1976

Mrs. Lucille Rowland presented Musical Selections prior to the opening of the Session. At 8:30 P.M. the Grand Marshal escorted Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, Past Grand Matron, and Mr. Edwin L. Sharpe, Past Grand Patron, to the East.

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe: Sisters and Brothers, I know you have enjoyed the Musical Selections of Mrs. Lucille Rowland, Would you like to express your appreciation? (APPLAUSE)

She shares her talents — her beautiful talents — with us always in such a gracious manner.

Our Grand Chapter has come to Order. Good evening, Sisters and Brothers. Life affords many courtesies as we travel the highway of human experiences, and tonight we have been especially honored by our very kind and beautiful Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Easterling, in having the opportunity to greet you, our beloved membership, to extend our personal welcome to our many distinguished guests, and to Call to Order this Tuesday Evening Session dedicated to our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mabel Mackereth, and to our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother William E. George, of the General Grand Chapter. Throughout this Bicentennial year our thoughts have been directed toward varied celebrations. Our Worthy Grand Matron has, in her messages to us, encouraged our awareness of this historic year; encouraged our renewing of the principles on which this great country was founded. Then, through the Bicentennial Reflections published monthly in our Eastern Star Bulletin by members of the Bicentennial Committee, we were able to review on the printed page, not only timely articles on our American Heritage, our Flag, developments in our Country these 200 years, but to review again the stamina, the courage, the eloquence, the stout-heartedness — in essence, the patriotism and the strong, strong Faith of our Founding Fathers and our early Presidents. Let us continue to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for those patriots of yesteryear that we may, in freedom, continue to assemble in gatherings such as this, remembering that it is because of God's goodness to us, His care for us and His protection of us that we continue to enjoy our freedom.

It is with a Prayer of Thanksgiving that I Call to Order this Tuesday Evening, "Symbols of Freedom" Session.

Brother Ed Sharpe, Past Grand Patron, I know you would like the opportunity to again greet our membership of Texas.

Mr. Ed Sharpe: Thank you, Past Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

Certainly it affords me a great pleasure to again greet the wonderful membership of this Grand Chapter. We are enjoying the gracious hospitality of the Hostess Chapters and we thank you sincerely for your plans and your endeavors for our comfort and pleasure.

Worthy Grand Matron, Millie and I deeply appreciate your courtesy and kindness in inviting us to open this Tuesday Evening Session of our Grand Chapter. I speak for both of us in our friendship for you and your good husband, and for the Worthy Grand Patron and his beautiful wife, Frances. They are dedicated members of our Chapter.

The remaining hours of your service in these capacities are fast expiring. As the hours go by and the beauties and inspiration of this Session unfold, remember that you are engulfed in the warm fraternal love of this membership and their gratitude to the two of you for your excellent and capable leadership. In many instances, you have gone far beyond the call of duty. You have served diligently. You deserve the continued love and respect of your Sisters and Brothers. We are proud of you both. In the words of the Apostle Paul, Millie and I would say to you both, our beloved Friends, "We thank God upon every remembrance of you."

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe: Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room with their Personal Pages for "Our Emblems" Drill.



("Our Emblems" Drill was performed then the Grand Officers entered the Grand Chapter Room)

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

(The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the East)

Sisters and Brothers, you will join in saluting the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron with Grand Honors.

The Grand Officers will assume their stations.

Grand Marshal, you will present Sister Mabel Mackereth, Most Worthy Grand Matron, escorted by Brother T. L. "Duke" Weaver, Grand Representative of Arkansas in Texas; and Brother William E. George, Most Worthy Grand Patron, escorted by Sister Mary Horton, Grand Representative of New York in Texas, to their places of honor in the East.

Our Honor Guard for these two distinguished guests is being formed by members of the American Heritage Committee — also assisting in this special presentation will be our Grand Choir.

(The Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the East through the special Honor Guard)

Sisters and Brothers, I know that as our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron enter preceded by the Grand Marshal, you will want to greet them with the most hearty Texas welcome ever. (APPLAUSE)

(The Grand Choir sang, "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise")

Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, you are surrounded by a world of friends, expressing their deep love.

Grand Marshal, you will escort Texas' Beloved Sister Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, escorted by Brother Ray McRoberts, Worthy Grand Chaplain of the General Grand Chapter, to the East.

(Mrs. Harris was presented to the East)

Sisters and Brothers, Texas is proud of the recognition given our Grand Chapter by our Most Worthy Grand Matron in the recognition of two of our Past Grand Matrons and two of our Past Grand Patrons now serving in the several capacities in General Grand Chapter.

Grand Marshal, will you present and escort Sister Sally Matranga, Worthy Grand Organist, escorted by her husband, Brother Donald Matranga, to a seat of honor in the East.

Grand Marshal, you will present Brother Herbert L. Arnold, Jurisprudence Committee, escorted by his wife, Sister Maude Arnold; Brother J. Victor Jones, International Temple Committee, escorted by his wife, Sister Jocie Jones; and Sister Ruby Enloe, member of the Ritual Committee, escorted by her husband, Dr. S. J. Enloe, to the East.

In I John 4:4, we read these beautiful words, "Greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world."

A Greek Historian has emphasized to "Pray to God at the beginning of all thy works, so that thou mayest bring them all to a good ending." I call upon Brother J. Victor Jones, General Grand Chapter Committee member, to offer our Invocation.

Mr. J. Victor Jones: Our Heavenly Father, who art the author of all things good, we ask Thy continued blessings upon our Order, our leaders and every member here assembled. We acknowledge our faults, weaknesses and shortcomings, and ask Thy forgiveness that we might be symbols of Thy Divine Love. Direct our every action as we enter upon the second century of our Fraternal existence. We thank Thee for looking favorably upon us the past 100 years. We beg Thy continuing blessings upon each of us, that we might continue Thine forever until our life's end. Amen.

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe: I believe it is the wish of our Worthy Grand that the Labrynth will be cleared; and as the members of the Labrynth Committee are clearing the Labrynth, I wonder if Sister Mattie Henry would come to the East.

Sister Mattie Henry, Fraternal Correspondent, will present her report in tribute to our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. She will be assisted by Sister Joy Shackelford, the Grand Marshal, and Grand Representatives and the Grand Choir, under the direction of Sister Delia Dusek, Grand Choir Director.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT REPORT

Mrs. Mattie Henry: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Other Distinguished Members, My Sisters, Brothers and Friends:

It is an honor and a privilege to serve this Grand Chapter in any capacity, but I consider the privilege of serving as its Fraternal Correspondent a very special one, and one for which I am grateful. I wish to thank the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Easterling, for giving me this lovely appointment. It has offered me a fine opportunity for personal enrichment in the principles and true meaning of our Order because of the world-wide scope offered through review of other Grand Chapter proceedings. To our Grand Secretary, Sister Agnes Lee Howard, thank you for mailing those proceedings to me so promptly.

"Little by little an hour, a day and another year has slipped away." This Bicentennial year in our Nation has been a year of remembering. Looking back to our beginnings — taking stock of ourselves, we have advanced to this present time.

The Order of the Eastern Star, as well as our Country, has a great Heritage. As with most beginnings, it started in the minds of man — a man with a dream and an ideal, with the ability, the character and the greatness to make it become a reality. This was Dr. Rob Morris, our Illustrious Founder, followed by those that have gone before us and have contributed to a heritage of fellowship that cuts all national and international barriers and reaches around the world. Our theme, "In His Hands", is a recognition of God's love and care as He holds each of us — Yes, the "Whole World in His Hands." Welcome to our World.

The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest Fraternal Organization in the world, to which both men and women belong. Its membership numbers nearly three million, of which some 40% are men, and comprises some 14,000 Chapters. It is one of the greatest beneficent organizations in the world — an organization of Christian

concern for the needs of others, dedicated to charity, truth and loving kindness. Millions of dollars are spent each year for charitable and benevolent, as well as educational purposes.

The General Grand Chapter, to which this Grand Chapter belongs, embraces Grand Chapters in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico, and has supervision over some 80 subordinate Chapters around the world. It was organized in 1876 and maintains its headquarters in the International Temple in Washington, D. C.

The beauty of the International Temple is a monument of our high ideals and purposes. Maintained by "Once in a life-time dollar", it contains 54 rooms filled with antiques and priceless treasures from many parts of the world. It houses records of all Chapters around the world. No flag flies over this building because it is International, but there is an illuminated Star representing the Subordinate Chapters, enclosed within a Pentagon, representing Grand Chapter, and surrounded by a Circle, representing General Grand Chapter. The Star within the Pentagon within the Circle is never dimmed. There are 3 other sovereign bodies, the Independent Grand Chapter of New York, which is the oldest, having been organized in 1869. It has jurisdiction over the Chapters in the State of New York and is second only to Texas in having the largest number of Chapters. It displays the Star with the white point up, which right is theirs alone, since it is copyrighted. They use the McCoy Ritual, but they, too, are dedicated to Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness.

New Jersey, one of the original States of the General Grand Chapter, withdrew in 1908, and since that time has operated independently, using a modified Rob Morris Ritual.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, organized in 1904, meets twice a year for a one day Session and has jurisdiction over Chapters in Scotland, England, Ireland, Wales, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

Midway between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, on the border between North Dakota and Manitoba, lies the International Peace Garden, the world's only garden dedicated to Peace. Dedicated in 1943, selected for its natural beauty, it is symbolic of the Peace and Harmony existing between Canada and the United States, totalling 2,300 acres, 888 of which was donated by North Dakota and the balance by the Province of Manitoba. Conducted bus tours, concerts, plays and various entertainments are featured. The Order of the Eastern Star helps to maintain the Garden. The Overlook Shelter is a special project of the North Dakota Grand Chapter. In August of each year there is held a "Peace Across the Border" fellowship with the Canadian Sister Jurisdictions. All of the Grand Chapters support special projects of benefit to mankind.

Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership, ESTARL, is supported by all Grand Jurisdictions under General Grand Chapter; and Educational loans have been made available in most. New York and New Jersey, who do not support our ESTARL, are very high in educational loans.

Cancer, that dreaded disease that strikes so many, has prompted many Grand Jurisdictions to make Cancer Research either its primary project, or one of high priority.

Other projects widely supported are the Heart Fund and Handicapped Children. Almost all Grand Jurisdictions maintain a Home for its members — some more than one — and their support becomes high priority, especially with the rising prices in all areas.

Many are engaged, as we are, in trying to establish Home Endowment for home maintenance. The hope of tomorrow lies in its youth today. Realizing this truth, the wonderful youth have been recognized at all Grand Chapter Sessions, and their activities are supported. I found Jobs Daughters, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and DeMolay in the Informal opening everywhere.

The Bible rests upon the Holy Altar in all Jurisdictions. Worship services precede most Sessions, some of which are conducted by the recipients of ESTARL awards. Awards are often made in these services, and an offering taken for the benefit of ESTARL. All Grand Jurisdictions, likewise, set aside a special time to honor their dead with Memorial Services.

I have collected a library of many volumes, all stories of adventure, travel and of human interest. They are the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions and every one of them was exciting, heart-warming and inspirational, as they presented the fruits of a year's labor and the plans for the year to come. Each Worthy Grand Matron reflected her own personality in her theme, her beautiful decorations, her programs, the interests and projects especially dear to her heart. Reviewing these, I find that much is still "right" with our world. From these proceedings, I learned many items of interest. I would like to tell you more than my time, or your patience, will permit. I learned that one Grand Chapter defeated a Resolution to allow Open Installations, while another voted to allow them; but the most disturbing fact I learned was the loss of membership. Illinois suffered the greatest loss of more than 3,000, while South Carolina enjoyed the greatest gain of 554. Only 11 Grand Chapters reported a gain in membership, all others reported a decrease. The oldest of all the Grand Chapters is Michigan, while the youngest is Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Ohio has the greatest number of members, Mississippi maintains the "Rob Morris Little Red School" as a shrine. Its picture appears on the cover of their Proceedings. It contains items of historic interest and value. Kentucky purchased additional land adjoining the Rob Morris Home shrine, and they feature Rob Morris' Home on the cover of their Proceedings. I read with interest the reviews of other Fraternal Correspondents, and sent greetings to all of them around the world.

The Order of the Eastern Star indeed reaches out and encircles our World. Our lovely Grand Marshal, Sister Joy Shackelford, has directed this beautiful formation with the assistance of the beautiful red, white and blue — our Assistant Grand Warders, Grand Pages, and ladies on the Founder's Day Committee. They now portray in living color, our great big, beautiful, wonderful world. Representing 58 other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas are our Grand Representatives, three of whom are Brothers. We recognize them as Ambassadors of Goodwill, as they reach out and extend Fraternal love and friendship to bring our Grand Jurisdictions closer together. Many of them were able to attend Grand Chapter in the states they represent. Not all of them could be present this evening, but many of them are, and it gives me much pleasure to welcome them as a part of our World. So you will know, they are going to supply the vital lines of latitude and longitude for our world. It gives me great pleasure now to present to you these Grand Representatives:

From the Grand Chapter of Alberta in Texas, Mrs. Alvaretta Matthys;
 Arkansas, Mr. T. L. "Duke" Weaver
 District of Columbia, Mrs. Leona Huffhines;
 Georgia, Mrs. Clara Klein;
 Illinois, Mrs. Claudia Mae Smith;
 Indiana, Mrs. Letha Crow;
 Iowa, Mrs. Jocie Jones;
 Kansas, Mrs. Charlene Faulk;

Kentucky, Mrs. Elise Hammack;
 Louisiana, Mrs. Estha Davis;
 Maine, Mrs. Marie Harcum;
 Manitoba, Mrs. Josephine Miller;
 Massachusetts, Mrs. Lydia Nell Wilson;
 Michigan, Mrs. Leta Hall;
 Minnesota, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Jones;
 Missouri, Mrs. Ann Strobl;
 Montana, Mrs. Pauline Barnett;
 Nevada, Mrs. Lovena Grigg;
 New Brunswick, Mrs. Annie Conner;
 New Jersey, Mrs. Margaret Pribble;
 New York, Mrs. Mary Horton;
 Oklahoma, Mrs. Jackie Huffhines;
 Pennsylvania, Mrs. Ruth Lowry;
 Puerto Rico, Mrs. Ethel "Tiny" Walker
 Quebec, Mrs. Bessie Stoever;
 Saskatchewan, Mrs. Cleora Hampton;
 Scotland, Mrs. Iva Jennings;
 South Carolina, Mrs. Lena "Babe" Wise;
 South Dakota, Mrs. Ellen Justice;
 Utah, Mrs. Pauline Callaway;
 Vermont, Mrs. Ella Mae Adcock;
 Virginia, Mrs. Virginia Campbell;
 Wyoming, Mrs. Elizabeth Long.

The General Grand Chapter has just concluded its Triennium Assembly in Cleveland, Ohio, celebrating its Centennial year. Mrs. Mabel L. Mackereth, a Past Grand Matron of Ontario, Canada, was installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. William E. George, a Past Grand Patron of Arkansas, as Most Worthy Grand Patron. They are here this evening, and it is our privilege and extreme pleasure to honor them.

Sister Mabel L. Mackereth and Brother William E. George, welcome to Texas.

We're glad you came to Texas,
 You have set our hearts aglow;
 And we can see already,
 That you're really nice to know.
 May we share this warmth and friendship,
 And sharing, make it grow.
 Please take a little bit of Texas
 With you everywhere you go.

You have honored us with your presence and we have reserved the place of honor in the center of our world just for you.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, will you accompany our Honored Guests, and our Grand Marshal will escort you to the place of honor "In the center of our World."

(When all were in place the Grand Choir sang, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands.")

We have on the floor a beautiful formation. It represents the world and the latitude of the outreach of the Order of the Eastern Star. We have placed our Honored Guests in the center of our World with our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. However, whether we be in the center or on the outer fringes that One whose Star we follow holds us all in His care. He holds the whole world in His hands. Thank you, Grand Choir, for this rendition.



Sister Mabel Mackereth and Brother William E. George, as you leave Texas and travel around the world in the interest of our great Order, we pray you will ever be in His protecting and loving care — that you will be in His hands every step of the way. It is a great big, beautiful, wonderful world we live in and only because our Heavenly Father, who created it, now holds it all — even you and me — in His Hands.

The Grand Marshal will escort you back to the East.

I sincerely appreciate the assistance of our lovely Grand Marshal, and those who participated in the drill; the Grand Representatives; the Grand Choir, who sang so beautifully; the Grand Organist who accompanied them; and all who had a part. To Sister Doris Easterling, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for allowing me to serve as Fraternal Correspondent, this Bicentennial year. Many happy memories will be mine for having had this opportunity. It has been my pleasure to present this portion of the Fraternal Correspondent's Report this evening, and a more detailed report will appear in the Proceedings. Thank you for your courteous attention. (APPLAUSE)

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe: Thank you, Sister Mattie Henry. That was a beautiful, a most impressive, as well as informative report. Our Labrynth Committee will have our Labrynth set up in a moment, and we will continue with our program.

Our Grand Officers will assume their stations.

Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron both desire to speak words of greetings to these two whom we honor, our Most Worthy Grand Matron and our Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, Mrs. Mildred Sharpe.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

To Sister Mabel L. Mackereth, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and William E. George, Most Worthy Grand Patron, may I say, "We salute you tonight as the reigning leaders of our Order around the world. You have made our world shine brighter by your presence in Texas. You honor us with your presence and it is a distinct privilege tonight to pay our tribute of love to you. As you leave our Grand Jurisdiction and continue on your journey to other places,

These are the blessings we are wishing for you,
 Good health and happiness all your life through;
 The pleasure of doing the work you like best,
 Hours of leisure for play and for rest;
 Pride in the things you've accomplished thus far,
 Wisdom to know what your goals really are;
 Patience when problems arrive at your door,
 Belief that still happier years are in store;
 The blessings of friends who will make your days bright,
 A strong sense of humor to keep your heart light;
 Always the knowledge that God up above
 Is caring for you with His Infinite Love.

God bless you, Sister Mabel L. Mackereth and Brother William E. George, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, we have thoroughly enjoyed being in this assembly tonight. It has been a most inspiring evening, one that I will cherish forever. It has been my pleasure to travel on five continents of the world. I have toured many countries, but I have never found a more enjoyable place than I have here in the Convention Center tonight. Just to be able to sit and listen to these revered leaders of our Great Order has brought special thrills to my soul.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mabel Mackereth, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Bill George, may I wish for you a continuing success during your Triennium. May your every desire for the betterment of humanity be fulfilled. May your trials be minimal and your blessings and joys be maximum.

It will always be my prayer that God will guide and protect the both of you as you travel throughout the world during your Triennium. God Bless You.

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe: Sisters and Brothers, on several occasions we have had the honor of this fine lady's presence in our Grand Chapter Session. She is no stranger to us. Many of you will recall the beautiful tribute in poem to the Flag of the United States at our Houston Session in 1974. Just a few weeks ago she was elevated to the high office of Most Worthy Grand Matron. She has signally honored the Grand Chapter of Texas in the recognition of two of our Past Grand Matrons and two of our Past Grand Patrons and for this recognition, Most Worthy Grand Matron, we are extremely proud.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, in these next few months and in the coming three years, you will be greeted by many, you will receive many honors in the States, Provinces and in our Eastern Star World. None could be more sincere, none could be with deeper dedication, none could be with more gratitude and love for you and your service than that which we in Texas extend to you at this "Symbols of Freedom" Session. May the bright Star of His unchanging love guide you through all of life's journeys and guard your safety. Our membership of Texas eagerly awaits your message.

Sisters and Brothers, Sister Mabel Mackereth, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter.

Mrs. Mabel L. Mackereth: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron of this great State of Texas; our Most Worthy Grand Patron; Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris; All other Distinguished Guests; Members of the State of Texas, and other Guests:

Such a delightful evening it has been. Such a delightful surprise, and I do not want to forget to say "Thanks" to those who have participated in that lovely formation, and the Choir for that rendition, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." Thank you so very much, it was just lovely of you. I know Bill will thank you again, but I wanted to say it before I got too far afield, and I did not have it down on my notes, because I did not know we were going to have them.

You know, I come from Canada. I come from the Province of Ontario, and the City of Toronto. You know up in Canada, if you have been reading your newspapers about Canada recently, you will find that we are having quite a controversy about the French language. And that just reminds me that when I was visiting in the United States, as a matter of fact, and someone welcomed me, and I replied that it was so nice of you to welcome me here, you know they said, "Why, she speaks English." So I didn't want that to happen again, and I don't ever want it to happen to me. I do speak French, but it is because I wanted to and not because I had to. And there is a difference. And this is left in abeyance now, it is what our government wants, but the people don't want, and as I say, it is up in abeyance, I don't know for how long. If you hear anything more about speaking French in Canada, then you just take it for what it is worth. We are not going to do it unless we want to. Right. (APPLAUSE)

You know so many "First things" have happened to me since I arrived here. At the airport on Saturday, I expected only one or two people to meet me, which I probably did expect, but when I got off the plane there were the Knights Templar; they had drawn swords and they looked so elegant. I like the word because that is exactly what they looked like — ELEGANT — in their uniforms and white plumes, and they had their drawn swords and it was the very first time that I have ever walked through a Guard of Honor such as that. So thank you, Texas, for that. It was lovely. And then, too, the first time a Session has ever been dedicated in my honor. Thank you for that.

I mentioned last night and to your Worthy Grand Matron, the lovely lady that is presiding, Sister Doris Easterling, "No matter how many times I see you, I will always say "Thank you'."

General Grand Chapter will be 100 years old the 16th of next month. And I am very proud to say that I am the very first native-born Canadian to ever preside — the very first. Now I didn't get it by myself, my own country couldn't give it to me, because we are a minority group as far as Eastern Star is concerned; however, it was with the help of the members of the United States, and I will always be grateful. So, as I have said before, I did not get it by my own country's votes, but then again, one never gets all of one's own people's votes. I would like to say maybe I got 99%. I do thank the voters of the United States for letting me have this very lovely office. I will always be grateful.

Now my country, as you know, is Canada, the second largest country in the whole world, land area. It is next to the USSR. We also have the greatest quantity of fresh water on the continent. We have 55 Chapters in the Toronto District, 10, 11 and 19. We elect our District Deputies, each District has the privilege of electing their own. Now it is a cosmopolitan city of almost two and one-half million people — it is a large city. We have subways, we have some of the finest hotels in the world there. It is not just a "Little Place." Toronto, Ontario, Canada, is a very fine city, and I am inviting you now to come to our Assembly in Toronto, October 19th Through 26th of 1979. You have three years in which to save. (APPLAUSE)

I tell you one other thing, too. Texas is a very large State, we know that, and I have heard a lot of people say, and you probably have, too, that you are the most — well, we have something in our city — that is the tallest single structure in the whole wide world. Now, it's the CN Tower and it was just opened this spring, and it is 1800 feet tall. Now, I am going to ask you something, you Texans, don't you go and build one 1801 feet tall, now will you? (APPLAUSE) Just you let me have that. Thank you.

As I mentioned, I am a very new Most Worthy Grand Matron, I don't know if I will be any different from Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons, I probably won't be any better, but I will do my best to be as good, I can assure you. The honors here, that I have the privilege of placing, you know them, so I will not name them again, but these were "my own choice", please know that. They were my very own choice; but I did ask the approval of your esteemed member, Sister Mildred Haney Harris, and she said that they were just fine, and she congratulated me on the choice; so, I do hope that you are happy with these appointees in your great State of Texas. (APPLAUSE)

You know people say to me, it must take a long time to be a Most Worthy Grand Matron. Well, it does. It takes many, many years. And I guess when I am through I will have devoted as many if not more than some because I was a Committee member for Ruth Jones for 3 years; and for Sister Juanita Killian I was a Floor Appointment, Worthy Grand Warder, and that took another 3 years; from there I was elected to the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees for 6 years, of which I was Chairman for 3 years; so now you have 12 years, right. Then from there I was elected to the North Chair, that gives me 15 years; then the South, 18 years; 21 for the West; so I am really starting on my 22nd year, that's a long time. (APPLAUSE)

But you know, it does take work, too, and if you realize that the only place that you find success before work is in the dictionary, right.

I am going to tell you an experience, some of my very close friends have heard me talk about this before, but I can't tell you about my travels, because I have not been traveling that much. But this did happen when I was elected in 1967, and naturally my people from Ontario and from all of Canada were most elated, and they had sort of a get-together in the lobby of the hotel, in Washington, and when I went in they were all waiting for me with flags floating around and what have you. It was very nice and I was in the circle; and all of a sudden the circle parted and this gentleman came down, and he had an entourage following him, and he came right up to me, and bowing to the people on the side who had broken the circle for him, and he was bowing, and then he came to me and I wouldn't move, because it was my party. So he said, "Oh, this must be for you, Madam." I said, "Yes, it is," and he said, "Well, what for?" I said, "I have just been elected to a very high office in the Order of the Eastern Star." So we chatted a few minutes and he said, "Well, I offer my congratulations," and I thought that was very nice. I said, "And who are you?" Guess — he was the King of Jordan. (APPLAUSE) That is true, I don't think I would have been so abrupt with him had I known what the situation was going to be.

Now I am going to ask you a question, "Are you happy to be a member of the Eastern Star?" (APPLAUSE)

Well, I am, and we must learn to cherish this heritage. After all, it was given to each one of us by someone near and dear to us. Our father, our husband, our son, our brother, etc., and we should be very humble and very grateful. Let us talk about it.

The Order of the Eastern Star, for many, many years — I believe it was — it is — a fantasy — has been called a "Secret Organization." That is not so; what is secret about an organization that will give three million dollars in three years to Cancer Research? What organization is a secret that will give millions and millions of dollars

since 1952 to ESTARL? So talk about the Order of the Eastern Star, let your friends know just what we do. I will admit that our signs are secret and we don't talk about those, but we do talk about what we can do, and what we have done and what we plan to do for the future. So please talk about it. I just heard the Fraternal Correspondent, and, of course, I knew this before, tell the loss of membership, and I wonder why. But many years ago there were not as many associations and activities as there are today and members did come into the Order of the Eastern Star. Unless you know and talk to your friends about it, they are not going to want to join; therefore, I admonish you to talk about this very fine organization to which you are truly privileged to belong. I leave that with you for thought.

Now I do not know whether or not you are 100% in the International Temple. I have appointed J. Victor Jones on that particular Committee, and I really would like to have Texas 100% by 1979. We are not 100% up in Canada, either, but all but three jurisdictions are and they will be by 1979. (APPLAUSE)

Now, I have been very facetious, but these things I wanted to talk to you about. You know, if you are in a Chapter before a demit is read, I am talking about "before", we are not supposed to discuss a demit when it is presented, but if you happen to hear of someone taking a demit, then find out why. Many a member could we save if we just took the trouble. Don't be nonchalant about it and say it doesn't matter whether they belong, it does matter. So take time, and if you get a new member, don't just let them come into the Order and then wonder what it is all about. Talk to them, be sure they are coming to the next meeting, get them interested in committees. There are so many things you can do, if you just stop to think; and even if you have to go 10 or 15 miles out of your way to go pick someone up who has no other way of getting to your Chapter, make a special effort to pool your cars and take them to Chapter. You will be well rewarded. You can never pay back to the Eastern Star what it has done for you down through the years. Now I do not know what your dues are in your Subordinate Chapters here, we have them running anything from \$12. to \$20. a year up where I come from. I don't know what you pay. But just for instance, now you are meeting for 10 months a year, nearly all our Chapters meet twice a month, and if you are only paying \$10. a year for your dues, it is only 50c a night, when you go. Now that is not all it costs you, because you do take gifts and you do take things to buy back; however, just think for one moment of the friends you make, the nice associations; the nice opportunities that come to you of belonging to this Great Order. Think about these things.

Now as my last remarks that I am going to make to you, it is something that I have read, and I am going to leave it with you.

While looking for the meaning of a word in the dictionary a short time ago I came across a word I thought would be an interesting title to speak on. The meaning read, "One's moral sense of right and wrong." Maybe some of you have guessed the word, it is something we all have, or should have, and it is something you are born with — the word "CONSCIENCE". Do you have one? Do you know what it is? Do you think it is a little green man that sits on our shoulder and whispers in our ear? What does he whisper? First of all, let us hope everyone has a conscience. Sometimes we wonder, as we hear or read of strange things that people do or say, whether they have a conscience or not.

We can only hope they have, because it could possibly help them to do or say what is right instead of wrong. Secondly, your conscience is an inner thought. You might think this is a real living person inside, telling you right from wrong; in a way, it is. It can make you feel sad, guilty, happy or content with the way you have been living or thinking.

Let me share with you a story I heard about a boy and his father. They were very poor and didn't have any pennies to spare. The boy had never been to church before, and his father thought it would be nice if they went to the Christmas service. The church was very dimly lit, only a few candles gave any light. It was a beautiful service and the boy was thrilled.

On his way home, however, he asked his father, "Father, wasn't it nice when they passed the plate around with all the money in it? I could hardly see, but I was able to get 75c. How much did you get?"

Well, after his father explained to his son that it was for giving, not taking, "Someone inside" must have told him he should take it back, because that afternoon he went back to the Church and returned the 75c.

If you think it is a little man that sits on your shoulder and whispers what you should or should not do, he can be green, pink, blue, or purple, so long as you have one, and he tells you right from wrong.

Last of all, and most important, when you hear it, "LISTEN and OBEY."

Now, I have just one or two more thank yous, and I do not want to take too much time.

Sally Matranga, you have been very precious since I have been here in looking after my needs, and I do appreciate it.

Mary Horton, also, who is the Grand Representative from the State of Texas to New York, thank you, also, for your kind attention.

Everybody has been kind, but these are people that I am just going to single out for a moment.

Now in our Suite, and I am in 984 — right across the hall from me in 983 there are Louise Wells, Shorty Renegar, Jean McLaughlin — I believe they are on the Hostess Committee; well, then there is Lorene Fusheever, Ruth Rogers and Pearl Jones; and they all belong to Haltom City 982. They are right across the hall from me, so one night they said, "Anytime you would like a cup of coffee, you just knock on our door." And of course, you know you don't often do a thing like that, but we Canadians do; and so I have Sister Evelynne Little, Worthy Grand Marshal, and Betty Yull, our Heart Foundation Member, and so it was that Betty decided she wanted a cup of coffee, and she went over and knocked on the door. Well, they made fresh coffee for us and said, "Come on in a minute." Now this was last night and we had already been to one party, so we went over, and you know they were playing a little game, and you do a number — so, of course, we participated. They said, "What number would you like?" and I said, "I will have 7, please." They finally got around to everybody in the room and everyone chose a number. Now there were just these people and we three, and I chose number 7 — guess who won. I did! And we just had so much fun, and I wanted to publicly thank these girls, because they have been so very gracious to us. I don't know if they are in the room or not. Are any of the girls I mentioned in the room? Don't be afraid to stand up. O yes. (APPLAUSE) Well it's nice to tell the nice things that are done for you and we appreciated it.

Now many people have said to me, "You're the Most Worthy Grand Matron?" I said, "Yes." They said, "Well, I am just another Worthy Matron." I met another person in the elevator and he said, "I'm just a Warder." There's no such person as "Just a Worthy Matron" or "Just a Warder". Everybody has a place in the Order of the Eastern Star. The Warder has the same recognition as the Marshal, or any of the Star Points, or the Chaplain — they are all equal. Please remember that. Please remember, too, that you're not "Just a Worthy Matron" — you're "THE" Worthy

Matron, and say it just like that. If you were not there and the Warder and Star Points were not there, there would be no need for a Worthy Matron — no need for a Subordinate Chapter; and if we did not have the Subordinate Chapters, there would be no need for our Grand Chapters; and without the Grand Chapters no need for the General Grand Chapter. So please remember that a brand new initiate should have just as much recognition as I, the Most Worthy Grand Matron. I want you to always remember that and don't worry about my title. I am just Mabel. Thank you so very much. (APPLAUSE)

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe: Thank you, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and thank you, too, for that personal invitation to attend the Triennium in Toronto.

Texas has been equally honored by our Most Worthy Grand Matron in the appointment of the Worthy Grand Organist of General Grand Chapter. We recall, with love in our hearts, the "Harp of Happiness" Session presided over by a lovable lady — one who always sees the sunshine and the happy side of life. I am pleased to present Mrs. Sally Matranga for Musical Selections.

(Mrs. Matranga rendered on the piano "Deux Chansons Sans Paroles" composed by J. Dubez.)

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe: Sisters and Brothers, just as the Most Worthy Grand Matron is no stranger to us, neither is the Most Worthy Grand Patron. In many of our Grand Chapter Sessions we have enjoyed the pleasantries shared with this fine Brother. His dedication, too, is beyond description. It has been said that "Whoever is open, loyal, true; of humane and affable demeanor; honorable himself and in his judgment of others; faithful to his word as to law; and faithful to God and man . . . such a man is a true gentleman." With pleasure I present the Most Worthy Grand Patron of General Grand Chapter, Brother William E. George.

Mr. William E. George: Worthy Grand Matron; Worthy Grand Patron; Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mabel; Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mildred; General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members; Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas; all other Distinguished Guests; my Sisters and Brothers, all:

What a joy it is for me to be in Grand Chapter of Texas again and at this particular time, when not only our Most Worthy Grand Matron is making her Official Visit to your great State, but also to be here at this particular Session when the theme is so very appropriate. As we close our Bicentennial year, it is good to take another look at the emblems which represent our Freedom.

We know that you have been enjoying Sister Mabel Mackereth, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, for we, too, have enjoyed being with her in Alabama and in Missouri, and will enjoy the next three years. We know you enjoy her sense of humor, not only this, but her dedication to her responsibilities in the General Grand Chapter.

Then, too, each time we are privileged to be with your Sister Mildred Harris, it is just an inspiration that gives us a little boost; so, Sister Mildred, thank you for being that same kind, gentle person always, who receives us warmly in Texas and other Jurisdictions, and for what you have given to us and to our beautiful Order.

Then when we can come to Texas and be a part of the Jurisdiction which Sister Mabel honored in giving four appointments, Sister Sally, Sister Ruby, Brother Victor and Brother Herbert, it is a joy again to be with them. We know that they will represent Texas in a beautiful way as they travel over our great land and will represent the General Grand Chapter in a beautiful way, also. It has been my pleasure to have the Joneses as my host and hostess and they have been most generous with their time since I have been in Texas, and I say, "Thank you, Joneses, for being my host and hostess."

We are particularly glad to be here and to have so many of our General Grand Chapter Family, our Right Worthy Grand Conductress, our Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, Our Worthy Grand Chaplain, our Worthy Grand Marshal, and our other Committee Members. It is not often that we get to see them, but it is always a joy and we wish for them three happy years as they serve our General Grand Chapter.

This has been a beautiful Session and we would congratulate not only Sister Doris and Brother O. D., but each of you who have had a share in providing for us this Session. The many hours you have spent planning and executing these plans is another indication of your devotion to our Order.

Sister Doris and Brother O. D., may I express to you my personal appreciation for your dedication of this Session to Sister Mabel and to me last evening. Truly, you have made us feel humble, and yet with a sense of pride, in being recognized by your very thoughtful acts. We are grateful to you for this courtesy.

And Brother O. D., I want to do something right here. I hope you will forgive me, I try to make all of our Worthy Grand Patrons an honorary Razorback. I know you can't wear this when you are around in Texas when Arkansas and Texas are playing, but you can wear it when you are not playing Texas.

(He presented the Worthy Grand Patron a Razorback Tie-tac)

And I would like to add my appreciation to that of Sister Mabel for the formations you have created last evening and tonight. Last night when the Matrons and Patrons formed the beautiful Maple Leaf on the floor, a great tribute to a great Lady. I was particularly pleased when the Arkansas banner was waved out in front of me. Thank you, Matrons and Patrons, for this formation; and again, tonight as this group formed a beautiful "indication" of our Order.

Texas has given to us very, very freely of their leaders who are still giving of their talent. We miss some of those with whom we served in the past — those who have been called to their Eternal Home — but we share in joy with those who are now leading our Order in Texas.

Sister Mabel has given me an assignment which was not on my list; that of briefly discussing two of the projects which she has selected for the Triennium. They are Cancer and International Temple — ESTARL you know about. She has chosen two others, the Heart Foundation, and the Chairman of that Committee is with us tonight — Sister Edith Maddex, a Past Grand Matron of Alabama. Sister Edith, will you stand up so that they may see you. Thank you, Sister Edith. Then we have another committee to be called the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children. We have Brother Charles Harpool, a Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma and Sister Betty Yull, a Past Grand Matron of Ontario. I thought we had another, Sister Marjorie Johnson, but she is not here. She is a Past Grand Matron of Montana.

Now there are two projects in which we are particularly interested. We realize that every jurisdiction cannot accept the projects fully, because you have your responsibilities here at home but certainly the Heart project is deserving of any attention you can give to it; and may I say, that the money you raise in Texas for the project can come back to you, but we would like for this to be sent to our Right Worthy Grand Secretary in Washington for recording, so that you may receive credit; but it will come back if you request it — otherwise, it will go to the National Office.

Now the Hospital for Crippled Children, we need not explain too much of this to you, for you are blessed with two of the units of the Shriners Hospitals in Texas. You have the 40 bed hospital in Houston, and you have the 30 bed unit — which is the Burns Unit — in Galveston. Now the money that is raised from these two pro-

jects will be sent to the National Office of Shriners Hospitals, and they do not spend the capital. The treatment centers operate only on the interest from the endowment. Our costs are up tremendously — you all know that. Our income for treatment centers is down greatly. I know you will help us when you can, and when you can it will be for a very worthwhile project. We have enjoyed the remarks of our distinguished Masons, especially those of Brother John Bean, the Past Grand Master and Superintendent of the Masonic Home. Very timely remarks were made last night, and Sister Mabel reiterated that tonight. Thank you for bringing that great leader to us.

I am leaving Texas with many fond memories, of course, because we have been blessed with food, flowers, and courtesies on every hand. It made us feel very close to Texas. Even though I am a neighbor, these things are only accents to a beautifully filled book.

I express my appreciation to Sister Doris and Brother O. D. again for using the Arkansas Flag that was presented last night. This is my own personal flag that travels with me and, when I return in three years, it will become the property of my Chapter back in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Then on the dais here last night was a beautiful gavel. This was given to me 25 years ago. This, too, is a traveling gavel, going with me around the world, and also I have the signatures in my traveling Bible. These mementos from these two leaders are cherished mementos for me.

Yesterday afternoon, I am not sure whether it was the Hospitality Committee or the Executive Committee that gave me a beautiful "Pet Rock", and would you believe there is a "Hand-painted razorback" on it — there is!

Again, let me say to you, from a very humble heart, that you have warmed the heart of this Most Worthy Grand Patron and have given me enthusiasm and interest to keep going. I hope in the years ahead that we inspire and encourage the leaders so that our Order may continue to grow. And you notice there is marked "Address" in the book; you notice, also, I don't make addresses — I just talk; but now, I am going to quote a recitation, if I can, that I think is very timely. Our Worthy Grand Organist will be accompanying me. At the close of the recitation, I am going to ask you to join us in the chorus of the song that she will be playing.

"I AM THE NATION"

I was born on July 4, 1776. The Declaration of Independence is my birth certificate . . . The bloodlines of the world run in my veins, for I have offered FREEDOM to the oppressed. I am many things and many people.

I am over 200 million living souls and the ghosts of millions who have lived and died for me. I am NATHAN HALE, and PAUL REVERE. I stood at Lexington and fired the shot heard around the world. I am WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON, and PATRICK HENRY. I am JOHN PAUL JONES, the GREEN MOUNTAIN BOYS, and DAVEY CROCKETT. I am LEE, GRANT, and ABE LINCOLN.

I remember the ALAMO, the MAINE, and PEARL HARBOR. When FREEDOM called, I answered and stayed until it was over, "OVER THERE". I left my heroic dead on FLANDERS FIELD, on the ROCKS OF CORREGIDOR, on the bleak slopes of KOREA, and in the steaming jungles of VIET NAM.

I am the BROOKLYN BRIDGE; I am the great wheat fields of KANSAS; and the granite hills of VERMONT. I am the coal fields of the VIRGINIAS and PENNSYLVANIA. I am the great fertile lands of the west, the GOLDEN GATE and the GRAND CANYON. I am INDEPENDENCE HALL, the MONITOR and the MERRIMAC.

I am BIG. I sprawl from the ATLANTIC to the PACIFIC, and my arms reach out to embrace ALASKA and HAWAII. Three million square miles, throbbing with industry. I am over five million FARMS. I am FOREST, FIELD, MOUNTAINS and DESERT. I am quiet, serene villages, and CITIES that never sleep.

You can look at me and see BEN FRANKLIN walking down the streets of PHILADELPHIA, with a bread loaf under his arm. You can see BETSY ROSS with her needle. You can see the lights of CHRISTMAS and hear the haunting strains of "AULD LANG SYNE," when the calendar turns.

I am BABE RUTH and the WORLD SERIES. I am over 13,000 SCHOOLS and COLLEGES, and over 230,000 CHURCHES, where my people can worship GOD as they think best. I am the BALLOT in a box. I am the roar of a crowd in a STADIUM, and the voices of a CHOIR in a CATHEDRAL. I am an editorial in a NEWSPAPER and a letter to a CONGRESSMAN.

I am ELI WHITNEY and STEPHEN FOSTER. I am THOMAS EDISON, ALBERT EINSTEIN and BILLY GRAHAM. I am HORACE GREELY, WILL ROGERS, and the WRIGHT BROTHERS: GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER, DANIEL WEBSTER and JONAS SALK.

I am LONGFELLOW, HARRIET BEECHER STOWE, WALT WHITMAN and THOMAS PAINE.

Yes . . . I am THE NATION . . . And these are the things that I am.

I was conceived in FREEDOM, and, God willing, in FREEDOM I will spend the rest of my days.

May I always have the courage and fortitude and the integrity to keep myself unshackled, to remain a CITADEL of FREEDOM and a BEACON of HOPE to a TROUBLED and CHAOTIC WORLD.

This is my wish, my HOPE and my PRAYER in this year of 1976, two hundred years after I was born.

(The audience joined in singing "America, the Beautiful.") .

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe: Thank you, Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris has been presented to this membership in many beautiful ways with appropriate words bespeaking the lovely lady that she is. You, our Texas membership, know her. We, the Texas membership, love and respect her. Sister Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, our Distinguished Members from the General Grand Chapter, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Sisters and Brothers, all:

I would say to you, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, that the hearts of this great State are overflowing tonight with joy, with appreciation, and a great love. We are reminded as they have spoken so beautifully to us, what a privilege it is that we have seen HIS STAR IN THE EAST, and we know and we believe that He holds the whole wide World in His Hands; and so it is our belief that He is directing and guiding these two fine leaders around the world as they tell of the value, the beauty, and all that it means "To have seen HIS STAR IN THE EAST." To know what it means to take that binding obligation which

teaches us to respect and to love our Brother and our Sister and then to be a part of this vast membership, is truly a great blessing, and we thank you, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, for coming to Texas — for giving us the great privilege of hearing you, of knowing you better, and of following you in our thoughts and our dreams as you travel our Father's world. Thank you and Bless you. (APPLAUSE)

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe: Sisters and Brothers, I am told that the next two reports will be very brief and I know you will want to remain with us and listen and give your attention now to a charming, vivacious lady who has served our Grand Chapter in many capacities — Sister Kathy Johnston, who will present the report of the Grand Historian. Sister Kathy, do you need the Labryinth removed?

(The Labryinth is cleared.)

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

Mrs. Kathy Johnston: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Members, and those who are our guests:

I am pleased to present the Report of the Grand Historian. Those who will assist me are Mrs. Cherie Pierce, soloist with the Sanctuary Choir of Northway Baptist Church in Dallas, accompanied by Mrs. Cheryl Murff.

(A formation of a TORCH was executed under the direction of Mrs. Joy Shackelford, Grand Marshal, with the Floor Officers, Personal Pages, and Assistant Grand Sentinels participating. The men formed the TORCH and the ladies formed the FLAME.)

There have probably been more Bicentennial events, projects and other assorted celebrations underway during the past year than there were rounds of ammunition fired in the entire Revolutionary War.

It seems at every turn of the road, we have been invited to a parade, a festival, an exhibit or a dedication. The word, "Bicentennial" now seems to grate on the ears — right up there with various other assorted words and phrases. But, human nature being what it is, if every Bicentennial project in the nation had instantaneously evaporated into oblivion you can be sure that the letters columns of our newspapers would have teamed with moans and groans. "What's wrong with us?, people would have asked, "Where's our celebrative spirit?"

I agree — where is our celebrative spirit? — in this great State? We celebrate all the time — every day — every year. In this Grand Chapter, we celebrate all the time — every day, every year — mainly, because we have something to celebrate — we have something to shout about — in a nostalgic sort of way — and we've been doing it for many, many years.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED — BUT BASICS HAVEN'T!

Through these many years, we have enjoyed "Friendship" and "Service" Sessions; the "Texas Centennial" Session; we have dedicated the International Temple in Washington; we have erected and now maintain an Eastern Star Home in Arlington; we have lived in a "House of Faith in the Garden of Love" in order that we may have "Peace in Our Father's World." We have had wars — and "Victory", "Peace" and "Freedom" are ours. "Sharing" together, we have enjoyed the "Tie That Binds."

The "Charter Oak" Session made each of us a "Good Shepherd" and added a "Jewel" to our crown. An "Open Road" gave us the opportunity to accomplish a "Mission" to which we had been challenged.

Good works, loving and caring have combined to provide a "Symphony" of hearts and minds.

A "Diamond Reflection" Session heard "Around the World" led us to a "Sunshine Crusade" and the "Sundial" led our footsteps to follow a "Pathway of Inspiration."

We are taught that there is a "Gateway to Eternal Life" beyond which there is "Resplendant Light" and only by "Building a Pinnacle of Life" are our dreams and hopes accomplished for good through His grace.

(Solo, "Amazing Grace", was sung by Mrs. Cherie Pierce, accompanied by Mrs. Cheryl Murff.)

In this season of "Autumn Enchantment" we are able to spread "Glad Tidings" to many. We are experiencing the "Beauty and the Glory" and "His Art of Creation".

Our Grand Chapter pathway has glowed and filled our hearts with "Lights from Many Lamps"; our "Harp of Happiness" Session afforded us much joy and happiness; our doors have been opened wide with "Keys to Faith, Kindness and Humility"; we have lingered "Under the Shadow of His Wings"; we have performed a "Drama of Excellence" during the finale of which each of us has said, "My Cup Runneth Over."

As we have traveled these various "Roads to Remember" we have been reminiscing with those who have given of self, given of time, given of love — and to you, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, we say —

We love you, not only for what you are, but for what we are when we are with you.

We love you, not only for what you have made of yourself, but for what you are making of us.

We love you for ignoring the possibilities of the fool in us and for laying firm hold on the possibilities for good.

We love you for closing your eyes to the discords and for adding to the music in us by worshipful listening.

We love you because you are helping us to make of the lumber of our lives, not a tavern, but a temple, and out of the words of our every day not a reproach but a song.

We love you because you have done more than any creed to make us happy.

You have done it without a rod, without a touch, without a sign. You have done it merely by being yourself.

And to whom do we owe it all?

(Solo, "To God Be the Glory" by Mrs. Cherie Pierce)

From the beginning, His Word, His cross, have been our "Symbols of Freedom" and are our torch for the future. For what would be the present and the future without the torch of guidance and direction of the past.

In assembling the past, the present and the future, we are ever mindful that His Grace, His Guiding Hand, His All-Seeing Eye are ever upon us — have been from the beginning — will be forevermore.

(Solo, "Statue of Liberty" was rendered by Mrs. Cherie Pierce, accompanied by Mrs. Cheryl Murff.)

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe: Thank you, Kathy Johnston, for this most impressive presentation and also for the beautiful tribute to the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, and may we say a special thanks to those who assisted in the formation, to the beautiful young lady and her accompanist, for their special contributions to your program. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

And now, Sisters and Brothers, I am pleased to present Sister Lucile Dunaway, Chairman of the International Temple Committee, who will present her Report.

INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Lucile Dunaway: Thank you, Past Grand Matron. In the interest of time I would like to make this announcement before I give my Report. Will all the Chapter Representatives of 100% Chapters meet our Grand Marshal in the West? Thank you, Grand Organist, we will go ahead with our report.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Other Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is a pleasure to present to you my report for the International Temple Fund. I wish to express my deep gratitude to our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Easterling, for the honor and privilege of serving as a member of her Grand Family. It has been a most rewarding and pleasant year and will be one of my happiest memories.

I want you in Grand Chapter to know that due to the constant and diligent efforts of our Grand Secretary, Sister Agnes Lee Howard, and her co-workers, and the wonderful cooperation of our Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Sister Virginia M. Jones, Texas Grand Chapter is NOW in balance with the General Grand Chapter in the International Temple Fund.

My sincere thanks and gratitude to Sister Agnes Lee, for the prompt and efficient assistance she has given me this entire year.

Tonight we are honored by the presence of Mrs. Mabel Mackereth, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mr. William E. George, Most Worthy Grand Patron, and Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron. It is an added pleasure to have them here on International Temple night and to extend to our Most Worthy Grand Matron the courtesy of presenting the 100% certificates to the 9 Chapters who have, this year, attained this goal. Also, it is our honor to welcome our own Past Grand Patron, Mr. J. Victor Jones, who is serving on the International Temple Committee for General Grand Chapter. All members of Texas Grand Chapter join me in expressing appreciation for the presence of all General Grand Chapter Officers.

INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE REPORT 1975-1976

Chapters 100% in October, 1975	400
Chapters 100% for the year 1975-1976	<u>9</u>
Total 100% Chapters	409
Number of Contributions made during this year	72
Amount Received as Memorials	\$140.50
(Contributed by Texas Chapters and by Mr. C. A. Holmes)	

Contribution for Birthday of Mrs. Viva Huffman (her 92nd)	10.00
Amount Received for Bonds	391.25
TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED (To 10-23-76)	\$2,263.50
Letters Written	115

The old slides of the Temple have been replaced with 3 new sets and, after receiving one set on March first, it was my joy to assist several Chapters in this State in showing the film of our magnificent Temple to the delight of all who saw them. My thanks to all Chapters for the interest they have taken in the International Temple. I, too, am looking forward to the day when Texas Grand Chapter will be 100% in the International Temple.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, will you please help present these Certificates as the names of the Chapters and representatives are called?

Arlington No. 249 -- Mrs. Frances Quade, Past Matron;
 Jasper No. 291, Mrs. Linda Jean Waver, Worthy Matron;
 Mission No. 527, Mrs. Wanda Williams, Representative;
 Burkburnett No. 655, Mrs. Ruby Hamilton, Worthy Matron;
 Rio Hondo No. 815, Mrs. Naomi Hatch, Worthy Matron;
 Hooks No. 1031, Mrs. Barbara Guthrie, Representative;
 Mount Houston No. 1034, Miss Mary Mills, Past Matron;
 Cypress No. 1102, Mrs. Ellen Herring, Representative;
 Portland No. 1108, Mrs. Mary Davenport, Worthy Matron.

Thank you, Most Worthy Grand Matron, or may I take you literally, Thank you, Sister Mabel. (APPLAUSE)

(Worthy Matrons and Patrons of 100% Chapters formed a beautiful Cross on the floor of the Grand Chapter Room)

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe: Thank you, Lucile Dunaway. I know how pleased these representatives of these Chapters were to receive their Certificates from our Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Sisters and Brothers, shadows of the evening steal across the sky. Let us turn our thoughts to Him whose Star we follow as Sister Ruby Enloe, Member, Ritual Committee, General Grand Chapter, gives our Benediction.

Mrs. Ruby Enloe: Will you bow your heads?

Oh great and all-wise Father, we come to the end of another Symbols of Freedom Session with hearts that have been deeply touched by what we have heard here this evening. Help us. O God, to be truly humble and grateful for the many blessings of freedom we do enjoy in our Nation. Let us remember that our bodies may be chained but our hearts and minds can never be; therefore, let us face each day with strong courage and with deep appreciation for our beautiful blessings.

We give thanks, O Lord, for the lives of our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Mabel Mackereth and Brother William George, and for their tremendous contribution to our Order and to our World. Above all, we are grateful for the beautiful life of Sister Mildred Harris, and the honor she has brought to our State, our Nation, and to our Order.

We would not forget to ask Thy blessing upon our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, and their Grand Officers. Go with us now to our various places of rest and continue to bless our members everywhere as you have in the past. We humbly ask these things in the name of the One whose Star we follow. Amen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

October 27, 1976

Musical Selections were presented by Mrs. Carrie Ruby prior to the Opening of the Session.

The Grand Marshal, Mrs. Joy Shackelford, escorted Mrs. Lois Burnett, Past Grand Matron, and Mr. Charles Bairfield, Past Grand Patron, to the East.

Mrs. Lois Burnett: Brother Charles E. Bairfield, Past Grand Patron, joins me in Calling the Wednesday Morning Session of the "Symbols of Freedom" Session to Order. It is with pleasure that I now call this Wednesday Morning Session to Order.

Grand Marshal, you will invite the Grand Officers and Personal Pages to enter and assist them in their "Our Emblems" Drill.

(The Drill was performed by Grand Officers and Personal Pages.)

Grand Marshal, you will present the Champions of Freedom Committee and the Sojourners Committee for their "Fraternal Ties" Drill.

(This Drill was the formation of a Circle, then a Star, then a Star within a Pentagon, then the Square and Compasses with the letter "G" in the center; and finally, another Circle.)



Grand Marshal, you will now invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

(The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the East.)

Sisters and Brothers, let us all join together in expressing our delight for the warm, cheery smiles of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron this morning. (APPLAUSE) Perhaps they each enjoyed a good, full night's rest, OR, maybe they are aware they are over the half-way mark!

Brother Bairfield, I know you would like to address the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Brother Bairfield.

Mr. Charles E. Bairfield: Sister Lois Burnett, Past Grand Matron; Sister Doris Easterling, Worthy Grand Matron; Brother O. D. Christian, Worthy Grand Patron; Most Worthy Grand Matron; other Distinguished Guests; My Sisters and Brothers:

Sister Lois Burnett, my Worthy Grand Matron, I am reminded that it was just 20 years ago that you and I presided over the Seventy-Fourth Session, The Symphony Session, right here in Fort Worth, though the setting was in the Will Rogers Coliseum. That was an unusual and rewarding experience for me. One is tempted to reminisce, but it would likely be boring to our audience this morning, so suffice it to say that it is a pleasure to again be in the East with you. I might also remark that Sister Lois, along with the other Past Grands of Fort Worth and the wonderful membership of the Host Chapters, always give us a very fine Grand Chapter Session. They have everything under control except the weather; but I am sure with Texas confidence they are working on that, and will take care of it.

To our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Easterling, we wish to say "Thanks" for the privilege and to congratulate you on a very successful year. We trust that it has been pleasing to you and that your fondest dreams have been realized. We hope that you will continue to serve our Grand Chapter by sharing with us the knowledge and experience you have gained this year. We have the further wish that your patriotic theme in the "Symbols of Freedom" Session may stir in us greater pride in our great and wonderful Country, and thankfulness to our Founding Fathers, and to Almighty God for our Freedom.

To our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother O. D. Christian, we wish to express "Thanks" for serving our Order. We regret that we have not had the opportunity to be more closely associated with you and to know you better. We have had lawyers, doctors, ranchers, educators, business men in various enterprises as Worthy Grand Patron, but, so far as I know, you are the first Minister of the Gospel to serve our Grand Chapter in that capacity. We are reminded of the story of the Minister on an airliner that flew into a violent thunderstorm and soon was swaying and bumping around the sky. One nervous lady happened to be sitting next to the clergyman, and turned to him for comfort. "Can't you do something?" she demanded forcefully. "I'm sorry, Madam," said the Reverend gently, "I'm in sales, not management." We feel that to have a clergyman as Worthy Grand Patron has been a selling point for the Order of the Eastern Star.

In this Bicentennial year, we should be mindful that our Christian Heritage has been a heritage that has made America a Heaven for the common man — the greatest protector of our Freedom.

One who has received his 50-year Masonic Service Award almost 3 years ago, cannot expect, but can hope, for several more Grand Chapters. I wish to say to the membership that you are the ones who make our Order a responsible body. Our leaders formulate policies and institute programs and projects, but you make them go. I love each of you and am thankful that I have been privileged to be a member among you. May you continue to enjoy peace, prosperity and freedom and make the next 200 years more glorious than the past.

Mrs. Lois Burnett: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, this has been an outstanding and meaningful year for the Grand Chapter of Texas, as well as for our entire Nation. Your theme has been one of soul-searching and inspiration,

causing us to be mindful of our heritage. These things have caused us to realize more that life is not meant for us to stalk about in this world and just gaze at the sun, the moon and the stars. You have awakened us to recognize more fully that Liberty and Freedom is the opportunity and privilege of being masters over our own time and actions, so long as it coincides with the laws and love of God. May this our "America the Beautiful" always be a land of the free and the home of the brave! May it be a government OF ALL the people, FOR ALL the people and be for eternal justice toward ALL MANKIND; this the two of you have encouraged and inspired us to do, in the service you have given to the Grand Chapter of Texas. Someone once said, "What I gave, I still have; what I spent, I have no more; and what I kept is lost forever." The service each of you gave this past year will ever be yours to keep the rest of your lives. May the Good Lord bless and keep you always!

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you again most sincerely for this courtesy. I now return to you your gavel.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Lois Burnett, one of our Distinguished and Beloved Past Grand Matrons of District 3, my home District, and Brother Charles E. Bairfield, Past Grand Patron, for Calling to Order this Wednesday Morning Session of the "Symbols of Freedom" Session.

Sister Lois, you are one whom I have watched with admiration and respect for many years, and I feel highly honored to have you Call to Order this Session. Brother Charles, you and your lovely wife, Thelma, have been friends of mine for a number of years, and I am delighted that you could share in opening this Session. My thanks to each of you.

Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to Call this Wednesday Morning Session from Rest to Labor and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

(Grand Chapter was Called from Rest to Labor.)

Worthy Grand Matron: Our Invocation this morning will be given by one of our most beloved Past Grand Matrons of District 2, who now resides in District 3, and is a very dear friend of mine — Sister Lillian Parker.

Mrs. Lillian Barnard Parker: Our Father in Heaven, we lift up our hearts to Thee for all Thy goodness toward us. Thank Thee for the sure foundation of Faith, which is in Jesus Christ. We also thank Thee for the foundation of Freedom which our forefathers declared and achieved for us in this good land.

We ask Thy special blessing upon our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, who have stressed Faith and Freedom during their term of office.

Equip us all, dear Lord, with the perseverance and dependability that will make us good workmen, and the humility that will keep us from pride and conceit by a constant awareness of Thy presence.

Lead us now, O God, to do everything according to Thy Will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Worthy Grand Matron: Good morning to each of you, Sisters and Brothers. It is good to see such a large number here for this early part of our Session.

Will those who are scheduled to give their reports please come to the East? Also the Fraternal Correspondent, the Grand Historian and the International Temple Chairman, please come to the East.

, I recognize Sister Mattie Henry, Fraternal Correspondent.

ADOPTION OF FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT REPORT

Mrs. Mattie Henry: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of the Report of the Fraternal Correspondent as presented last evening, as well as that part which will be in the Proceedings.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the Report of the Fraternal Correspondent as presented last evening, and as it will be printed in the Proceedings. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of adoption will give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. The motion carried.

Sister Mattie, before you leave the East, may I express my sincere appreciation to you, a member of my own Chapter. How proud we were of you last evening as you presented this beautiful Report. It was outstanding. I feel sure the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron appreciated being included in your Report, and I know it was an honor for you to have that opportunity. I am grateful that you have served in this capacity and appreciate your devotion and dedication to the Order. Thank you, very much. Also, thank you for filling in this morning as our Grand Esther, since Sister Frances was required to be away this morning. Sisters and Brothers, let's show Sister Mattie how much we enjoyed her Report. (APPLAUSE)

May I also thank each Grand Representative who participated last evening, and to you, Sister Joy Shackelford, Grand Marshal, my thanks for the beautiful job you did in getting the formation on the floor. It was a beautiful formation, as all the others have been.

I recognize Sister Kathy Johnston, Grand Historian.

ADOPTION OF GRAND HISTORIAN REPORT

Mrs. Kathy Johnston: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron;

Mine has been a delightful and revealing experience, while serving as your Grand Historian. Reading has been a joy for me as I have viewed the accomplishments of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction. I would like to thank the lady floor officers and the personal pages who assisted last evening, as well as the gentlemen who had a part in the formation.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, here you are at the "Symbols of Freedom" Session, with more beautiful history to be recorded. No words can express the love I feel for the two of you. I am pleased and I am proud to call both of you "Friend."

Roses are red and violets are blue;
How lucky can Grand Chapter be for having the two of you?

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the Report of the Grand Historian as presented last evening.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the Report of the Grand Historian as presented last evening. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of adoption, give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. The report is adopted.

Thank you, Sister Kathy Johnston, for the beautiful and impressive Report of the Grand Historian. I know each one enjoyed it very much and I appreciate the work you did in preparing and giving it to us.

I recognize Sister Lucile Dunaway, International Temple Chairman.

ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Lucile Dunaway: Worthy Grand Matron, thank you again for this opportunity of service. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the Report of the International Temple Committee as presented last evening, as well as the list of Chapters that will be in the Proceedings.

Worthy Grand Matron: We have a motion and second that we adopt the Report of the International Temple Chairman. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of adoption give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. The Report is adopted.

Thank you, Sister Lucile Dunaway, for serving on this Committee and for the good report last evening. We are pleased to know that we have 9 more Chapters 100% in International Temple and hope in the near future all Chapters will become 100%.

I recognize Mr. John D. Isenhower, Chairman of Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. John D. Isenhower: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers:

I would first like to express my appreciation to the Worthy Grand Matron for the distinguished honor we have had in serving during this year. I would like to introduce, at this time, the members of the Committee. Sister Mamie Berryman and Sister Lois Bell. Sister Lois Bell will read the report of the Committee.

Mrs. Lois Bell: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, My Sisters and Brothers:

- A. We find that the actions of the Worthy Grand Matron as to Livingston Chapter No. 723, have been appropriate, and we concur therein.
- B. We recommend:
 1. That the Charter of Livingston Chapter No. 723 remain suspended the full period of time from August 17, 1976, to January 1, 1977.
 2. That the Charter of Livingston Chapter No. 723 be thereafter provisionally revived under the following terms of probation:
 - a. The Chapter shall be under supervised probation until the next annual Session of Grand Chapter.
 - b. A copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Chapter shall be transmitted promptly after each meeting to: (1) Worthy Grand Matron, and to (2) the Grievances and Appeals Committee.
 - c. A designated special representative of the Worthy Grand Matron shall attend each meeting of the Chapter and monitor the entire proceedings.
 - d. Any violation by the Chapter, its officers or its members, of the laws of the Grand Chapter reported by the said special representative of the Worthy Grand Matron, shall be cause for immediate and permanent lifting of the Charter of Livingston Chapter No. 723 by order of the Worthy Grand Matron.

- e. This probation shall be reviewed at the next Annual Session of Grand Chapter by the Grievances and Appeals Committee to determine whether its terms have been fulfilled.
 - f. Therefore, the Grievances and Appeals Committee shall report its recommendation to the Annual Session of Grand Chapter for final action.
- C. We further recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed by Grand Chapter to mail a copy of this report to each member of Livingston Chapter No. 723.

Respectfully submitted,
 John D. Isenhower, Chairman
 Lois Bell
 Mamie Berryman

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

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that this report be adopted. Is there any discussion?

Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron: I recognize the Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Patron: Members of this Grand Chapter Assembly, I stand here this morning to speak in opposition to the recommendation presented by the Grievances and Appeals Committee. By record, this Chapter has been on Probation twice in recent years, and when a Chapter and its officers refuse to accept an Order of the Worthy Grand Matron, to me this is complete insubordination. You have factions within this Chapter, and each of those are wanting the Charter returned, but what hope do we have that the matter has been resolved. I feel these recommendations are only going to bring more trouble. The first statement in the report that they felt that the Worthy Grand Matron performed her duties and upheld her in her decisions. The Charter was arrested — not suspended. Therefore, I would hope the members of this Assembly will deny these recommendations, and uphold the Worthy Grand Matron in arresting the Charter of Livingston Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron: Is there further discussion? Hearing none, we will proceed to vote on this recommendation. All in favor of accepting this recommendation give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. I declare the Report not accepted.

I recognize Brother J. B. Easterling, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. J. B. Easterling: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

First I would like to introduce those who have served with me on this Committee throughout the year — Sister Vivian Cole and Sister Blanche Wilson — and I express to them, here in front of this Grand Chapter Body, my appreciation for their services, especially since we have been here in this Session. Thank you, ladies. My Report is very brief, but I have a few remarks I want to say, off the record, because I have kept my Report brief where the Grand Secretary and Board of Grand Trustees can cut down on the printing cost for the Proceedings; but I do have a few things I want to talk to you about this morning. I would like to address my remarks to any-

body who is a Secretary of a Subordinate Chapter, or anyone who ever expects to be a Secretary; anyone who is a member of a Subordinate Chapter and has any idea of submitting a proposed amendment to change their By-Laws. We have about 140 proposals submitted this year, and I would dare to say at least 100 of them required correspondence back to the Secretary of the Chapter. Some of them, a second correspondence, and some a third was required. Before you submit a proposed amendment, if you will just open your Constitution to page 146 and 147 and read Articles 291 and 292, this will be eliminated. Somebody asked me the other day if I would like to have this job again and I said, "You bet I would and I will accept it again the same year that Doris Easterling serves again as Worthy Grand Matron of Texas." (APPLAUSE) I admonish anyone who submits an amendment to please read your Constitution.

And now I will read you our report.

Six complete sets of By-Laws were approved:

Paris No. 5	Brock No. 274
Adah No. 49	Gun Barrel City U.D.
Llano No. 216	Frankston U. D.

One hundred thirty-five (135) Amendments approved:

San Antonio No. 3	Wharton No. 389	West Columbia No. 705
Bowie No. 16	Palestine No. 395	Southern Star No. 707
Roby No. 25	Palestine No. 395	East Dallas No. 715
Texas No. 35	Humble No. 415	Galveston No. 716
Texas No. 35	Humble No. 415	Bluebonnet No. 717
Iowa Park No. 42	Humble No. 415	Bluebonnet No. 717
Devine No. 43	Polytechnic No. 420	Bluebonnet No. 717
Prudence No. 44	Beeville No. 422	Bluebonnet No. 717
Prudence No. 44	Burleson No. 431	Bluebonnet No. 717
Prudence No. 44	Burleson No. 431	Bluebonnet No. 717
Belle Moon No. 90	Bishop No. 452	Bluebonnet No. 717
Hope No. 124	Hamlin No. 460	Bluebonnet No. 717
Alpine No. 132	Rosenberg No. 492	Bethlehem No. 728
Ransford No. 135	Alto No. 496	Alamo Heights No. 734
Temple No. 153	Coahoma No. 499	Areme No. 736
Perryton No. 161	El Campo No. 535	Mt. Auburn No. 755
Ralls No. 169	Robstown No. 540	Hillsboro No. 769
Quinlan No. 170	Dal-Cliff No. 574	Prospect Hill No. 817
Glen Rose No. 171	Slaton No. 585	Wisteria No. 823
Carpenters No. 183	Henderson No. 597	Gladewater No. 831
Greenville No. 189	Henderson No. 597	Morton No. 841
Huntsville No. 240	Seadrift No. 602	Bluebell No. 856
Somerville No. 245	Bexar No. 616	Dripping Springs No. 860
Midland No. 253	Everman No. 624	Electa No. 872
Indian Creek No. 255	Radiant No. 636	Love Field No. 875
Indian Creek No. 255	Royse City No. 642	Love Field No. 875
John Gillispie No. 257	Bandera No. 643	Martha No. 883
Regina No. 283	Brookshire No. 652	Cooper No. 885
Comanche No. 310	Army No. 664	Azle No. 899
Nash No. 320	Alamo No. 665	Azle No. 899
Grapevine No. 326	Southside No. 673	Azle No. 899
Fairfield No. 331	Southside No. 673	Azle No. 899
Lytle No. 335	Port Neches No. 677	Rosewyn No. 927
Marshall No. 356	Rosebud No. 694	Wink No. 937
Coleman No. 360	Woodland No. 696	Huntington No. 938
Coleman No. 360	Woodland No. 696	Lancaster No. 943
Lamesa No. 363	West Columbia No. 705	Carlton No. 949

A letter of appeal to all members of Texas was sent out through the Official Bulletin, asking each Chapter and you, as individual members, to give a sacrificial gift to the Home Endowment Fund, that we might be able to maintain a haven from want for those in need of a home, as long as there is a need and time. An Endowed Home, "A haven and freedom from want", is certainly a wish all members hold in their hearts for the Grand Chapter of Texas. Each member of this Committee was asked to contact each Chapter in their respective districts, that the membership of Texas would be made aware of our great need.

On December 13, 1975, I met with the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences and received their approval of placing a tree of "HOPE" in the foyer of our Eastern Star Home, along with an appeal to give.

In talking with Mr. C. L. Pribble, Vice Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, a list of questions was given him, and, in turn, he presented these to the Board and information was published in the Official Bulletin that each member would have a working knowledge of the needs of this Committee. As you may remember, as of October 31, 1975, 40% of the original estimated amount had been raised. Due to our inflationary economy, this total has now been dropped to 16.5% of the amount.

As of today, for this Grand Chapter year, we have received \$39,951.08 through our Welfare Program. Through the Tree of Hope placed in the Home, we received \$119.86. Sisters and Brothers, 75% of this money came from the pocket books of the ladies who live in the Home. They put their dollars in. This has been taken from the Tree of Hope. I would like to urge each of you to go back out in the foyer today and give to our Tree of Hope. The Worthy Grand Matron gave us permission to ask and almost beg. You may wish to make a contribution in the name of a loved one, as a Memorial, or just as an individual. Either way, your gift will live on long after you are gone.

Remember your money can never be spent, only the interest that is earned on your gift. Please give and continue to give to HOME ENDOWMENT.

Let us remember what our Bible teaches on indifference to the needs of others. In James 2:15,16 we read: "If a brother or sister be naked and in lack of daily food, and one of you say unto them, go in peace, be ye warmed and filled; and yet ye give them not the things needful to the body; what doth it profit?"

This Committee wishes to thank the Board of Grand Trustees and the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, along with the Grand Secretary, for assisting us in reaching our membership with our plan. Most of all, our appreciation goes to you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this opportunity of service.

Respectfully submitted,
Polly Dugger, Chairman

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

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that this Report be adopted as read. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of adoption give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. Opposed, the same sign. The Report is adopted.

Thank you, Sister Pauline Dugger, for serving as Chairman of this important Committee and for the encouragement your Committee has given the membership toward endowing our Home for the future. Each member of the Committee has served well and I am grateful.

I now recognize Mrs. Cacy Fidler, Chairman of Educational Fund Committee.

EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Cacy Fidler: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

It is with pleasure that I introduce the senior member of this Committee, Mrs. Edith Alford. Mrs. Morean Cook, member, could not be with us. I wish to thank the Grand Secretary and Mrs. Claribel Kendall for their assistance.

In order that Grand Chapter may be informed of the money belonging to this fund, I submit the following report:

Beginning November, 1975, the Bank Balance was \$14,251.61.

Our Loans are:		Principal	Interest	Paid	Balance
Martha A. Anderson	8-15-72	675.00	20.25	0	695.00
Nadine Cherry	9-6-73	550.00	?	600.00	0
Diana Seiffert	5-5-73	500.00	15.00	0	515.00
Larry Shoemaker	8-27-73	675.00	20.25	270.25	425.75
Cynthia Ann White	9-(73-74)	2025.00	60.75	60.75	2025.00
Susan Gail White	11-(71-74)	1675.00	50.75	1827.25	0
Anita Narramore	9-5-76	500.00	15.00	0	515.00
Bertha Richardson		675.00	20.25	0	695.25
					4871.00
Total Receipts for this year are:					
	Interest paid			131.25	
	Principal Paid			2425.00	
	Gifts:				
	Mr. & Mrs. J. C. White			25.00	
	Nadine Cherry			50.00	
				2631.25	

We hope to give one Scholarship this year of 425.00
 Board of Grand Trustees invested in Austin Savings & Loan 10,000.00
 Bank Balance Oct. 31, 1976 should be 6,457.86

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for letting me serve you in this capacity. It has been a pleasure and I hope a satisfaction to you.

I move the adoption of this report.

Cacy Fidler, Chairman
 Edith Alford
 Morean Cook

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that this report be adopted. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of adoption, let it be known by the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. Opposed, the same sign. The Report is adopted.

Sisters and Brothers, I know you are tired of Report after Report, so we have a treat in store for you now. Mrs. Mary North, who is singing in the Grand Choir, will sing a solo, "Somebody Bigger Than You and I", and Mrs. Evelyn Hopkins will give it in Sign Language. Evelyn, will you please come to the East? Rosemary Swetman is at the Piano.

(Mrs. North sang and Mrs. Hopkins gave the song in Sign Language.)

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you for this beautiful rendition.

I now recognize Mrs. Ethel Schnelle, Chairman of Sojourners Committee.

SOJOURNERS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Ethel Schnelle: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

What a pleasure it has been for me to have been the Chairman of the Sojourners Committee this year. Truly, I can say that I have derived much pleasure and satisfaction from this lovely appointment.

I would like to present my able assistants — first, my Co-Chairman, Sister Florence Rife; Peggy Alexander, Chairman of District 1; Brother Earl Chafin, Chairman of District 2; Sister Lois Corley, Chairman of District 3; Brother Elward Hicks, Chairman of District 4; and Sister Ruth Johnson, Chairman of District 5. These are the ones who have truly done the work and made my job an easier one.

I would like to recognize those Chapters who have been outstanding in their Categories. As you know, we divided the Chapters into six categories, according to membership. 479 Chapters participated with a grand total of 879,480 points reported.

Winners this year are as follows:

0-75 members — London No. 449

76-150 members — Anson No. 867

151-225 members — Cora Posey No. 1072

226-300 members — Prospect Hill No. 817

301-375 members — South San Antonio No. 691

over 375 members — Faith No. 713

Would either the Worthy Matron or Chapter Representative of these Chapters meet me at the Grand Secretary's desk in the East and I will present you with your certificates.

Again, I want to thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, and all who have helped to make this program of visiting such a success. Happy "Sojourning" to all of you.

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

Ethel Schnelle, Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that this report be adopted. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of adoption, give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. Opposed, like sign. The report is adopted.

Thank you, Sister Ethel Schnelle, for this fine report. My, how it thrills my heart to know that so many people have been visiting this past year, because this makes a fine relationship between Chapters in our Grand Jurisdiction. I am grateful to you, Ethel, and members of your Committee, for encouraging visitation among the membership of Texas. Thank you very much.

I recognize Brother Paul Ofton, Chairman of Champions of Freedom Committee.

CHAMPIONS OF FREEDOM COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Paul Ofton: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

I would like to present my Co-Chairmen who are with me this morning. Brother Wallace Henry, General Co-Chairman, Brother Carlos Worley of District 4 and Brother Alton Fischer of District 5.

The Champions of Freedom Committee has been afforded the opportunity to perform a dual job for our membership this year. Not only were the committee members an integral part of your fine plans for our Nation's Bicentennial Celebration, they also were privileged to proclaim the important story of the influence Masonry has played in our Nation's history, in our cities and communities, and in the lives of our Fraternal Family. The Heart of a Mason beats in tune with humanity and the opportunity to speak of the early days of our Nation, the present days in which the principles of man and our Fraternal Order struggle to maintain order, and the future which belongs to the man who accepts the challenge.

From the reports submitted, many thousand miles were traveled, many Chapters were visited, including DeMolay Chapters and Rainbow Assemblies, Masonic Lodges, and interesting speeches were prepared. One of our members went to the trouble of getting a Bicentennial costume which he wore when he spoke. Our committee members were indeed enthusiastic and, you may rest assured, your Masonic program was carried on in an outstanding manner by members of this committee. My General Co-Chairman, Wallace Henry, has been an outstanding member of "Our Team." Thank you for giving me such fine District Chairmen — Jack Crump, Clarence Snell, John Grisham, Carlos Worley and Alton Fischer. They have made the program run much more smoothly through their dedication to the purpose you wanted us to accomplish this year. Thank you for the courtesy extended me in appointing me to this committee — it has been a special privilege for me to serve you, Grand Chapter and our Order.

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

Paul Ofton, Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that this report be adopted. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of adoption give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. Opposed, like sign. The report is adopted.

Thank you, Brother Paul Ofton, for serving as General Chairman of the Champions of Freedom Committee this year. You have done an outstanding job in making the membership aware of the part Masons played in the Heritage of America and your committee has been a very special one to me. I am grateful for the fine leadership provided by you, along with your Co-Chairman, Brother Wallace Henry, from my own Chapter, and the 5 district chairmen. We appreciate this good report.

Is Sister Edith Maddex with us this morning? She has asked that she might bring a few words to us regarding the Heart Foundation Committee on which she is serving in General Grand Chapter, and I know you are anxious to hear her report.

Sister Edith, we are grateful for your presence in our Session and I now recognize you.

HEART FOUNDATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Edith Maddex: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

It's difficult to know the phrases and all the things to say,
My appreciation to express to each and everyone today.

Your hospitality has been outstanding. In fact, I felt so at home that one time I caught myself voting with you.

Life has no greater gift than the opportunity for service. There are numerous worthwhile causes but none more important than the "Heart Foundation." As many of you are already aware, heart disease is the number one killer. It also kills more people than all other diseases combined. Great strides have been attained in this field to which some in this Assembly can attest, through their personal experience. Yet there is an ever-growing demand for research and special equipment. That everyone can be identified in their interest and contribution to the "Heart Foundation" project, we have selected jewelry which symbolizes that we care, a heart within a heart.

All contributions to this special project in each Grand Jurisdiction will be forwarded to the General Grand Chapter for recording, by the Grand Secretary, then it will be returned to that Jurisdiction to be used for the Heart Project of their choice. All Grand Jurisdictions achieving 100% by giving \$1.00 per member will be given special recognition at our 1979 Triennium. For all that you have already done and for all your future efforts to attain the goals set before us, my heartfelt gratitude. Memorial gifts honor an individual by helping others and, in many cases, will make life possible because of the funds available to meet the needs. May I urge each one of you to consider these lasting memorials.

"We may carve with marble, it will perish;
We may work in brass, time will efface it;
We may build temples, they will crumble and fall;
But that service rendered humanity, lives throughout eternity."

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother O. D., a special "Thank you" for your many courtesies and kindnesses that you have so graciously extended to me.

"Have a part; Wear a heart."

Thank you.

Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you, Mrs. Maddex, for sharing with us this morning this report on your Committee of General Grand Chapter. Let us give her a great big Texas "Thank you." (APPLAUSE)

I recognize the Secretary at Large, Sister Allie Mae Lennard, for her report.

SECRETARY AT LARGE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Allie Mae Lennard: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers:

It is a joy to introduce to you these capable and efficient secretaries who have served with me this year:

Miss Ruth Baggett, District 1
Miss Ruth Hill, District 2
Mrs. Sue Stockton, District 3
Mrs. Cloe Morris, District 4
Mrs. Elizabeth Ripple, District 5

To be a good Secretary, when she applies herself to her assignments, finds that she needs a working knowledge of many areas to perform the different duties she is expected to accomplish. These district secretaries are well qualified and have performed their assignments in a fine and efficient manner.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for selecting these girls to work with me this year. You could not have selected a finer group. I speak for them and express appreciation for every courtesy extended to them at the Schools and on other occasions. They join me in saying "Thank you" for the honor given us and the wonderful opportunity of service this year.

To try to present a statistical report would not only be boring, but would place this position of service into the computer language, so I will merely say that our year has been one where the personal touch of the Boss and Secretary has not been sacrificed to our automated mechanical age.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the sweet example you set before us. We have looked to you with admiration. Your nobility of character, your unselfishness and your desire to serve in a broad understanding and gracious way, has won for you the esteem and respect of the membership of Texas.

Worthy Grand Patron, to you and your lovely wife, Frances, we wish to thank you for your helpful understanding and kindness to each of us on the Secretarial Committee. It has been an added joy to share this year's experiences with you.

Fraternally submitted,
Allie Mae Lennard, Secretary at Large

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Patron: We have a Motion and second that we adopt this report. Is there discussion? Hearing none, those in favor of accepting the Report make it known by the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. Any opposition, by like sign. The Motion is carried.

Let's give her a big hand for this good report. (APPLAUSE)

Worthy Grand Matron: To the Secretarial Committee, you have done a wonderful job for your Worthy Grand Matron this year. There is no way I could express my appreciation, but please know that I am sincerely grateful for your assistance and it has been invaluable.

To Sister Maddex, although I had to leave the Grand Chapter Room, and I did not hear your report, I appreciate your message to the membership of Texas and we are so grateful for your presence in Texas.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present Brother Hal Burnett at the Altar.

Brother Hal, what a privilege it is for me to welcome you this morning to this Grand Chapter Session. You are one who has been very special to me for many years, even if you do kid me about being a Baptist! You know when I traveled with him and Sister Thelma as their District Deputy, he told Baptist jokes and kidded me about being one, but I still love him. We honor you because we know you have brought much honor to Texas, not only as Worthy Grand Patron, but as a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and other Masonic bodies. We are truly honored by your presence today.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort Brother Hal Burnett to the East.

(Brother Burnett was escorted to the East.)

Sisters and Brothers, I proudly introduce to you Brother Hal Burnett, Past Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will assist me in giving him Grand Honors.

(Grand Honors were given, and he was seated in the Grand Chapter room.

I recognize Sister Donna Reed, Chairman of the Museum Committee, so she may introduce the members of her Committee who were not present when she gave her report yesterday.

Mrs. Donna Reed: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I am very happy to present the members of the Museum Committee who are present:

Mrs. Opal Lee Kelly, District 1 member
 Mrs. Lucille Stith, District 3 member
 Mrs. Earline Woodall, District 4 member
 Mrs. Dorothy Haga, District 5 member.

Mrs. Lula Durham of District 2 is not with us. They have worked very hard and we hope you will go to the Museum and see how they have worked and will appreciate the beautiful history we have tried to prepare for you. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, may I remind you that tonight we will have another Open Meeting, so if you have friends or family members who wish to attend they may do so. We will have the Welfare Report and I am excited about hearing their report because I believe it will be the best Grand Chapter has ever had. Then we will have the Memorial Service and I am sure you will receive a blessing from attending it.

Sister Delia, may we all join in singing "You're a Grand Old Flag."

(The membership joined the Grand Choir in singing the song.)

Sister Carol Strizek, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, we would love to have words of greetings from you. We are so honored with your presence. Sisters and Brothers, I present Sister Carol Strizek, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Carol Strizek: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is indeed good to be with you, and it warms one's heart and makes one feel grateful that we could come together to review the principles of Eastern Star — to review these things, and to think about them — and to have them enrich our lives. I do bring you greetings from the Grand Chapter of Washington, the "Evergreen State." I thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for providing this nice weather which is so typical of my own home. (APPLAUSE) I do thank Sister Mildred Garlitz for all that she and her Committee have done to make our days here so comfortable — so pleasant. Really nothing has been left undone, and I have enjoyed every minute I have been here.

It was a great honor to be here with our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, and I say with a heart full of joy, that it is such a pleasure to serve in the General Grand Chapter with these two fine, capable leaders. It is an experience that has blessed my life, just as everyone's life is blessed, because of our membership in Eastern Star; nothing that we do can ever surpass that — to be a member of a Chapter — to me and to each of you, I am sure, is something that we thank our Heavenly Father for every day of our lives. It is a great pleasure, as I have said, to be with you, I do give my best wishes to those in the West, who will soon be taking over the leadership of Eastern Star in this marvelous State, and I congratulate highly, Sister Doris and her Worthy Grand Patron, for all they have accomplished during this past year, and for all they accomplished while they were working toward this Station. I congratulate you, the members of the Grand chapter of Texas, for your fine work in your projects, and all that you do for the good of the Order of the Eastern Star. My grateful thanks! (APPLAUSE)

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Carol Strizek, Right Worthy Grand Conductress of General Grand Chapter. You have honored us with your presence and we appreciate your beautiful words this morning.

I recognize Brother Oliver Chamberlin.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 5

Mr. Oliver Chamberlin: Worthy Grand Matron, I present Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 5.

To the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star:

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, approve the Official Acts of the Worthy Grand Matron, as reported on pages 52, 53, 54 and 55 of the Annual Advance Report and her Supplemental Report. In connection with Decision 4, page 53, "Irregularities and Decisions", your Jurisprudence Committee feels that the Worthy Grand Matron might have pointed out also that the first opportunity to avoid error was with the Secretary receiving an ineligible petition.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Lallah Mae Vollus
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this Report No. 5.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 5 be adopted as read. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of adoption, give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. Opposed, like sign. The motion carried.

I recognize Brother Richard T. Porter.

Richard T. Porter: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of Grand Chapter:

Just a little bit ago the action was taken on the Report of the Grievances and Appeals Committee regarding the matter of Livingston Chapter No. 723. You rejected the report of the Grievances and Appeals Committee by your vote. This Committee has brought the question to your Jurisprudence Committee for clarification, and I would like to read to you Article 24 of the Code of Laws. This is referring to the duties of the Worthy Grand Matron.

"With the concurrence of the Worthy Grand Patron, she may suspend the Worthy Matron, the Worthy Patron, or any other officer from the office in a subordinate chartered Chapter or may arrest the Charter of a Chapter; but in all cases where an officer is suspended or disciplined, or the Charter arrested, she shall report in detail to the Grand Chapter the reason for such action. Such suspensions or arrests shall not extend beyond her term of office unless the Grand Chapter shall so direct."

Sisters and Brothers, it is certainly not clear to your Jurisprudence Committee your intentions in this matter. We, therefore, feel that it should be properly clarified and that this Grand Chapter take action in accordance with your wishes. In just a few moments I am going to move that we will reconsider the Report of the Grievances and Appeals Committee, explaining to you that if you do not wish to fully suspend the Charter of Livingston Chapter permanently, then you should vote to reconsider

the Report of the Grievances and Appeals Committee. If you reject the motion which I am about to make of reconsideration, then I will probably move that you permanently suspend the Charter of Livingston Chapter — So that you will know what you are voting on and what action this Grand Chapter is taking. Is there any question about this? I would like to make the Motion that the Report of the Grievances and Appeals Committee, as rejected, be reconsidered.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I have the Motion and second. Is there any discussion?

Mr. Richard T. Porter: Worthy Grand Matron, if I may I would like to reread the Report of the Grievances and Appeals Committee so that you will know what you are going to reconsider, if you care to do so. It reads as follows:

(Mr. Porter reread the Report as given earlier)

Again, Sisters and Brothers, the motion that I have made to reconsider — if it is your intention to permanently suspend the Charter of Livingston Chapter, then you should vote against my motion to reconsider. If you do not want to permanently suspend their Charter, then vote for reconsideration.

Mr. O. D. Christian: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron: I recognize the Worthy Grand Patron

Mr. O. D. Christian: I am reading from our Constitution, Article 167, on page 106, paragraph 6, Undebatable Motions . . . “A motion to reconsider must be proposed by someone who voted on the prevailing side, and on the day on which the vote was taken, or on the next succeeding day.”

Worthy Grand Matron: Is there further discussion?

Mr. Richard T. Porter: Worthy Grand Patron, I was present and voted and I would like to make (he paused) I cannot make the motion?

Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, mine was a point of order.

Worthy Grand Matron: We have a motion before the house and a second.

Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling: Worthy Grand Matron, I understood that that was not legal, because the one making the motion was not on the prevailing side. I am Mary Ella Schoverling, and I move that we reconsider.

Worthy Grand Matron: Is there a second? The motion has been made and seconded that we reconsider the Report of the Grievances and Appeals Committee as presented. Is there further discussion?

Mr. J. B. Easterling: Worthy Grand Matron, I would just like a clarification on this. If this body votes as it did awhile ago to reject this last motion as they rejected the first motion, will this be final that they will not receive their Charter back at all?

Worthy Grand Matron: I understand it will not.

Mr. J. B. Easterling: What will be the result if this Grand Chapter votes to reconsider, or if they vote not to reconsider — what will be the results if they vote not to reconsider?

Mr. Richard T. Porter: As I understand this, if this body votes to not reconsider, then someone will have to make the motion that the Charter will be suspended permanently. Then, either way, you are going to have to have two votes.

Mr. O. D. Christian: Worthy Grand Matron, at this point I am going to offer a motion to table the motion to reconsider.

Mr. J. B. Easterling: Worthy Grand Matron, I would second the motion.

Worthy Grand Matron: All in favor of accepting the Motion to table the former motion will give the usual sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. The motion carried.

Mr. O. D. Christian: I understood you to say it did carry. Worthy Grand Matron, I, at this time, would offer a motion that this Grand Chapter Session suspend the Charter of Livingston Chapter No. 723 permanently.

Worthy Grand Matron: The motion has been made and seconded that the Charter of Livingston Chapter No. 723 be permanently arrested by this Grand Chapter. Is there any discussion?

Mr. Richard T. Porter: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron: I recognize Brother Richard T. Porter.

Mr. Richard T. Porter: I emphasized, Sisters and Brothers, that I speak as an individual, and not in behalf of your Jurisprudence Committee. I would like to appear before you in opposition to the Motion to Suspend the Charter of Livingston Chapter. I submit to you that this has been considered prayerfully, carefully by your Grievances and Appeals Committee, and I think they have worked out what would appear to be an appropriate solution. You have the situation of 149 members in which we seem to have about 8 or 10 "trouble makers." If you permanently suspend the Charter of Livingston Chapter, you are going to lose quite a number of our Sisters and Brothers who may never go on for a Grand Demit or to take part in another Chapter. I think that the solution which you have, of course, failed to reconsider would have been the best one; but if you vote to go along with the motion of Brother O. D. Christian to permanently suspend their Charter, they will be permanently lost to us. I think it is wrong — I do not think it is the right thing to do, and I do not think it is the Christian thing to do. I therefore, recommend to you that you reject the motion to suspend the Charter of Livingston Chapter and we will find some other solution.

Mr. J. B. Easterling: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron: I recognize Brother J. B. Easterling.

Mr. J. B. Easterling: I submit to you the fact that this Grievances and Appeals Committee gave no greater consideration, and certainly it is my doubt that they gave far less prayer than the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron did before they arrived at this decision; (APPLAUSE) and I personally take exception to the fact that the Past Grand Patron indicated that perhaps the act of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron was an unchristian act. This act was in accordance with the Laws of Grand Chapter and to uphold the Laws of the Grand Chapter of Texas which they swore they would do one year ago when they were installed in the positions they now hold. (APPLAUSE) Now, I realize that I am not an orator like some who have been at this microphone before me and the one behind me standing in line to come up here, but I submit to you that the Worthy Grand Matron is, or should be, the titular head of the Grand Chapter of Texas, and that she is the one who interprets the Law. She has the power to interpret the law and the others can only bring recommendations; and she has interpreted the law after much prayer and in concurrence with the Worthy Grand Patron, and I ask that you permanently suspend this Charter in the interest of the membership of Texas.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Worthy Grand Matron, I also speak to you as an individual — not as a member of the Jurisprudence Committee — and I want to say, first, that I agree with most of the things that Brother J. B. has said to you. I uphold the Worthy Grand Matron in her action. I live just an hour and a half or two hours from this Chapter. I was out of the country when this problem developed.

My Sisters and Brothers, the situation does not rest with an entire Chapter — it rests with the “feuding of about 8 members.” Both factions have come to me and I have told them that I could only advise them in accordance with the law, that their right and their privilege was that of appeal to Grand Chapter, which must be done through the Grievances and Appeals Committee. Livingston is a growing area. There is a beautiful lake there. Executives from firms in Houston, as they retire, are moving from the City. Livingston has potential — I am speaking now of the area — of being one of the greatest growing points of Eastern Star in our area. There are many members in this Chapter who know nothing of what has been going on. I grant you that that is their fault, but each of us have members in our Chapter who do not attend all the time. We have but to look at the records of the Chapter to see the small attendance. My thoughts are for the good of the Order. I feel that the recommendation which was made to you put some very strict and stringent ties on these people. It has been pointed out to you that they have been under probation many times, but as a child — you may scold a child many times, but not until you take the “paddle” and really let him feel, does he recognize the reprimand. This is the first time their Charter has been lifted, and I feel that they should be given an opportunity under strict supervisory attention, to prove themselves once more. We are a fraternal organization and I believe in going the second mile to see if we cannot bring back disobedience into obedience. Because of these feelings, I urge you to vote against the motion that was presented.

Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

Mr. O. D. Christian: Worthy Grand Matron, as most of you know in this Chapter room this morning, the Worthy Grand Matron and I have both been down to talk with the Committee on this matter. We want it resolved correctly. We do not want to be offensive to anybody. I told the Committee I would not oppose whatever they brought to the floor, but had they come in the proper manner I would not have made the motion awhile ago to Table, and I would not have made the motion to arrest their Charter permanently. But since they didn't come back in the proper manner, and since these have spoken against my motion, I feel that you should hear from the Worthy Grand Patron. I told this Committee that I have tried to be a Christian all my life — that is my profession — and that I would turn the other cheek. My personal opinion is that Grand Chapter has already gone that second mile, and beyond. (APPLAUSE) We are having problems throughout the State of Texas in the Subordinate Chapters and it would take a great length of time to enumerate them, simply because we have not stood firm on our Constitution, Rules and Regulations. (APPLAUSE) If we have these laws, let's abide by them ourselves and let's enforce them. I stood in that Labrynth a year ago and pledged myself to see that the Laws and Regulations of this Grand Chapter would be obeyed. (APPLAUSE) It is my earnest conviction that if you go along with the Report of the Grievances and Appeals Committee, a year hence, you will be doing again what we have done today. The only alternative — someone has sent a question up here to me — “What's going to happen to those good loyal members of that Chapter?” My friends, they have a right to membership. They can receive a Grand Demit and go into another Chapter in their area. (APPLAUSE) There's a possibility of, in future years, another Chapter, but this is beside the point. That is not relative to the Motion. We are concerned about — “Has this Chapter disobeyed our Laws to the extent that we should deprive them of a Charter?” It is my conviction that they have. (APPLAUSE)

Worthy Grand Matron: I recognize the Brother. Will you come to the East so you can be heard?

Mr. Sam Cook: Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, other Distinguished Visitors, My Sisters and Brothers:

As a Past Patron of a Subordinate Chapter, having served a wonderful year, having attended several, or many, Grand Chapters, I wish, on behalf of the Chapter in Question, to speak as an individual — strictly concerned from having a Mother and a Sister belonging to the Chapter. They are unable to speak in their behalf to you, Sisters and Brothers, and present their problems, their feelings, their attitudes, and their hopes. I, as an individual, belong to another Chapter and I am able to express what I see, what I hear and what I know. On behalf of our Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron, I sincerely commend you for upholding the Law of our Order. There are members of that Chapter who are becoming, or are in the neighborhood of being 50-year members. There are members there that are old and unable to travel any distance, who, as they have recommended, could and should and probably will join somewhere else, take a Demit, etc. But my Sisters and Brothers, this Chapter in question is 53 years old. They have a history. They have a part in our system. They are people of our own, and why condemn them for doing wrong. Punish them, yes, but do not condemn the Chapter of that age. I am speaking in behalf of the Chapter and our Order that they might preserve their Charter and continue on as a Chapter of 50 years or better. Thank you.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: Worthy Grand Matron, I do not understand what our Worthy Grand Patron meant when he said we did not present it in a proper manner because we thought we did. If we did not, we are terribly sorry.

I would like to speak in behalf of a Chapter. I would like for you to consider for a moment if it were your Chapter and 8 or 10 people disobeyed the law — if everybody should be punished or the 8 or 10 people. I say if the 8 or 10 people disobeyed the law they need to have charges against them and have them suspended. (APPLAUSE) But let's don't penalize the entire Chapter because of the actions of a few. (APPLAUSE)

Very few of us here but know of a few people in your Chapter you think you would be better without. Very few of our Grand Chapters but feel there might be a few we would be better without, but we shouldn't kill an entire Chapter because of a few.

I urge you to temper mercy with justice. We are a benevolent organization. We tried to put strings on them and restrictions and go even beyond what our Worthy Grand Matron has imposed on them, and her actions last until Grand Chapter and we upheld them. The Jurisprudence Committee has just reported we upheld all of her official acts and decisions and questions, but now I believe we should be charitable enough not to kick out an entire Chapter because there are a few who should be kicked out. So I urge you to vote against the motion made by our Worthy Grand Patron. (APPLAUSE)

Worthy Grand Matron: I recognize the Brother in the North.

Mr. Norman D. Karrer: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Norman D. Karrer, Worthy Patron of Bastrop Chapter No. 64. I spent 20 years of my life in the service of my Country in the U. S. Navy, so that we can have justice under the Law. I firmly believe our Grand Chapter is making a mistake to deprive the individuals in that Chapter of enjoying their Chapter as I am enjoying my Chapter because some members of that Chapter broke Grand Chapter's Laws. I firmly believe in justice and I want to see justice done. I hope Grand Chapter will discipline the Chapter in question, but I hope they will consider the right of each individual in the Chapter and I speak in opposition to the motion.

Worthy Grand Matron: Is there further discussion? Are you ready for the question? The motion was made that the Charter of Livingston Chapter be permanently arrested, and I have a second. All in favor, give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, like sign. I declare the motion defeated.

Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to Call this Grand Chapter Session from Labor to Rest until 2:00 P.M. and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

Our Benediction will be given by Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling, Past Grand Matron of District 4.

Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling: Gracious and loving Heavenly Father, we lift our hearts to Thee in praise and gratitude. We are mindful that all of the good things of life come from Thy loving hands. We are grateful for the joy and privilege of belonging to an Order founded upon Thy eternal truths.

We would express our gratitude for the dedicated leadership of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. May the fruits of their harvest bring them joy and satisfaction. May their deeds of love and kindness live on in our hearts. Bless them and continue to guide them.

Be very near to each of our members. May the noble virtues of this great Order be emulated in their every word and deed. Only then can we be worthy of being members of the Eastern Star. In the name of our Blessed Lord, we humbly pray. Amen.

(The Morning Session was closed at 11:45 A.M.)



WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

October 27, 1976

Prior to the Opening of the Session, Musical Selections were presented by Mrs. Mary Alice Alberts.

The Grand Marshal escorted Mrs. Amy Goebel, Past Grand Matron, and Dr. James Goettee, Past Grand Patron, to the East.

Mrs. Amy Goebel: I now call to order this Wednesday Afternoon Session of the "Symbols of Freedom Session" — the 94th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

I am pleased and honored to share this happy occasion with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Dr. James H. Goettee. I extend to each of you a warm greeting and a sincere welcome to this afternoon session. I now present Mrs. Doris Efird for the Report of the Deputy Grand Matrons and District Deputy Grand Matrons.

(The District Deputy Grand Matrons, Deputy Grand Matrons, and Grand Examiners introduced report with formation and song. They entered the Grand Chapter from the West in two lines, beginning with the Deputies in District I, with even numbers on one side and odd numbers on the other, following by District 2, 3, 4, and 5, and formed a Bell. The Grand Examiners followed and formed the hanging part of the Clapper, and the District Deputies formed the Clapper of the Bell. Each carried a small bell (which was concealed at this time). After the formation was made, the narration began:)

Mrs. Doris Efird: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. The beautiful bell outlined before you and symbolic of freedom, symbolizes also the dedicated work performed during this Bicentennial year by the five District Deputies, the 50 Deputies, and the six Grand Examiners of Texas, for in spirit, in dedication and in actuality during this year, they have, Let Freedom Ring! (here a banner with the words "Let Freedom Ring" was unfurled on the floor beneath the bell by the District Deputies, Mrs. Imogene Benton, Mrs. Blanche Robinson, and Mrs. Daisy Forester).

The Bell, of course, became a symbol of freedom because of the Grand Old Liberty Bell, which 200 years ago announced to the world in clear unwavering tones our intentions to be free. Today that bell of freedom is manifest in each of us, and it is through us that freedom, if it rings, must ring. (Here all the bells rang together in a sustaining ring). One bell alone is weak (one bell rang faintly), but together the message of freedom rings loud and clear, (sustained ringing of the bells). These dedicated ladies have been ringing the bells of freedom.

Worthy Grand Matron, and Worthy Grand Patron, will you join us in the formation on the floor now to complete our Bells of Freedom: (The Worthy Grand Matron was escorted by the narrator, Mrs. Doris Efird, DDGM of District 3, and the Worthy Grand Patron was escorted by Mrs. Alice O'Neal, DDGM of District 1, to their places in the Clapper of the Bell. When the formation was completed the Grand Choir sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic". At the conclusion of the song, the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and the five District Deputies returned to the East. The formation remained on the floor until the report of the District Deputies was completed). Where Freedom rings, there truth may dwell, and where truth dwells, there you will find Wisdom (ringing of bells); Courage (ringing of the bells); Faith (ringing of the bells), and the will for Peace (ringing of the bells).



REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT I

Mrs. Alice O'Neal: The Bells of Wisdom ring out willingness to recognize Truth and to apply it in our day to day living. It has been my privilege to serve with ten Deputy Grand Matrons who showed Wisdom and understanding as they planned their schools of instructions, and made official visits to the chapters. I would like to present these very special and efficient Deputy Grand Matrons:

- Mrs. Elois Norton — Section 1 — "Let the Freedom Bell Ring" School, Decatur, March 25.
- Mrs. Dollie Stephens — Section 2 — "Words of Wisdom" School, Denison, March 16
- Mrs. Bonnie Fay Davis — Section 3 — "Stars and Stripes" School, Paris, March 23
- Mrs. Betty Lou Hays — Section 4 — "Torch of Freedom" School, Dallas, March 27
- Mrs. Jean Venable — Section 5 — "Gingerbread" School, Waxachachie, March 20
- Mrs. Gladys Donoho — Section 6 — "Crown of Freedom" School, Corsicana, March 18
- Mrs. Glenda Hitt — Section 7 — "Spirit of '76" School, Lindale, March 11
- Mrs. Mary K. Lester — Section 8 — "A Past to Remember — A Future to Hold" School, Jefferson, March 6
- Mrs. Jessie Freeman — Section 9 — "Our Heritage — Our Hope" School, New Boston, March 13
- Mrs. Dorotha Willis — Section 10 — "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" School, Gladewater, March 9

I am sorry the Deputies from Section 7 and Section 10 are not present.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for selecting these lovely ladies to serve with me. They have been most efficient in their duties. I shall always be grateful for the privilege of serving with them, because of their wonderful spirit of cooperation, and the love and kindness shown me and the membership. I cherish their friendship.

Chapters Assigned	174
Chapters Demised or Consolidated	—0—
Chapters Instituted, Gun Barrel	—1—
Chapters Inspected	175
Chapters Not Inspected	—0—
Schools Conducted	10

Schools Attended Officially	20
Schools Attended Unofficially	37
Letters Written	1,926
Miles Traveled	19,451
Expenses:	
Mileage	\$ 583.53
Hotels and Meals	73.82
Postage	277.40
Telegrams and Telephone	175.43
Other Expense	89.82
Total Expenses for Year	1,200.00
Money Received	1,200.00
Money Refunded	—0—
Balance on Hand	—0—

To the membership of District 1 we are grateful for your support and splendid cooperation in the Schools of Instruction. We thank you for the Honorary Membership Certificates, gifts of love, and gracious hospitality. You have made this a very happy year for me. Many pleasant memories will be mine because of your thoughtfulness.

To Sister Ruth Baggett, District Secretary, you were an inspiration because of your efficiency and words of encouragement. We were delighted when you could attend one of our schools.

To Sister Marjorie Johnson, Grand Examiner, your many acts of thoughtfulness and kindness will not soon be forgotten. As we traveled through District 1, I became more keenly aware of your high ideals, unselfishness, and devotion to our Order. The love and friendship we shared will always be a pleasant memory. Worthy Grand Patron, how happy we were that you could attend all the schools in your very own district. We feel it has been a special privilege to serve as the District Deputy Grand Matron in the Worthy Grand Patron's district. Thank you for all the help and encouragement you gave me. I shall always remember the pleasant association with you and your charming wife, Frances, who was always so thoughtful of me. We appreciate the Christian leadership you have given our Order and my life has been enriched by knowing you.

Worthy Grand Matron, this has been an extremely pleasant and happy year for me because of my close association with you. You have been a most gracious, kind, and understanding leader whose Christian influence has inspired me to strive for a better life. It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I express my appreciation for the privilege of serving in this office. It was made even more special because it is the Bicentennial year and since you have stressed Patriotism we are more aware of what a great country we live in with its moral and religious heritage. I shall treasure your friendship and many precious memories.

/s/ Alice O'Neal
 District Deputy Grand Matron
 District 1

DISTRICT 2

Mrs. Imogene Benton: The Bells of Courage ring out strength for facing truth at all times and places where truth is challenged.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

It is with pleasure that I present the report of District 2. I am appreciative of the ten lovely Deputy Grand Matrons who have so graciously represented our Worthy Grand Matron, and who are responsible for making the first school schedule successful. It is now a privilege to present them to Grand Chapter:

Section 1 — Mrs. Leona Willis of Pampa. "This Is My Country" School was October 28th, with 209 attending.

Section 2 — Mrs. Kay Law of Dalhart. "Our Panhandle Heritage" School was November 22nd in Amarillo with 228 attending.

Section 3 — Mrs. Roberta Russell of Floydada. "Let Freedom Ring" School was November 20th with 170 attending.

Section 4 — Mrs. Hazel 'Johnnie' Crutcher of O'Donnell. "Symbols of Freedom" School was November 29th in Brownfield with 262 attending.

Section 5 — Mrs. Patricia Brooks of Paducah. "Our Roots Grow Deep" School was November 4th with 106 attending.

Section 6 — Mrs. Billie Martin of Seymour. "A Salute to Independence and Freedom" School was November 18th with 185 attending.

Section 7 — Mrs. Sara Crowder of Abilene. "Stars From Heaven" School was November 6th with 289 attending.

Section 8 — Mrs. Lona Bradley of Lamesa. "The Stars and Stripes of Independence" School was November 8th with 257 attending.

Section 9 — Mrs. Shirley Spence of Sanderson. "Our American Heritage" School was November 13th in Monahans with 152 attending.

Section 10 — Mrs. Jeanne Gish of El Paso. "Freedom's Holy Light" School was November 15th with 313 attending.

To the membership of District 2, the Deputy Grand Matrons join me in saying thank you in a very special way for your gracious hospitality, your splendid cooperation and your many acts of loving kindness. We acknowledge with deep appreciation the many Honorary Membership Certificates given to us. These are priceless and will always be our treasures. It is a distinct honor to be included among the members of a Chapter.

Meaningful is our Welfare Program and appreciation is expressed to Mrs. Beulah Speer, District 2 Welfare Chairman, who assisted in conducting many of our Welfare Programs in our schools.

A heartfelt thank you to our Past Grands in District 2 for your faithful attendance in our schools and for your many acts of kindness along the way. Likewise, to the Grand Officers in District 2 who went beyond the call of duty in working in and attending these schools.

Our traveling companion was our delightful and efficient Grand Examiner of District 2, Mrs. Dorothy Vernon. Sister Dorothy, we want to say a special thank you for your kindness at all times. The many happy hours spent traveling with our Worthy Grand Matron, and the work we have shared through the years will always be the sweetest memories.

Worthy Grand Patron, we express our appreciation to you for your many sacrifices in your busy schedule to attend four of our schools in District 2. Your presence, and that of your charming wife, Frances, was always a joy and inspiration. We are grateful for the strength of your outstanding Christian leadership, and to your church for sharing you with Grand Chapter. We realize the depth of your dedication to serve both when we recall that you drove all night following our schools to function in "The First Baptist Church" of Rose Hill in Garland on Sunday.

Worthy Grand Matron, the Deputies join me in saying thank you for the privilege of serving in these very special places — the nicest appointments in Grand Chapter. Our lives have been enriched by having this close association with you and for you. Your kindness and thoughtfulness of others made my traveling a part of your long journey with you a real pleasure. You have given generously of your

strength in your devotion to our beautiful Order, and you are surely the Fairest Among Thousands. I shall always love and cherish your friendship and the memory of this year's service with you.

The condensed summary of this year's work will be included in the Grand Chapter Proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,
Imogene Benton
District Deputy Grand Matron
District 2

CONDENSED SUMMARY OF DISTRICT 2

Chapters Assigned	161
Chapters Demised	—0—
Chapters Instituted	—0—
Chapters Inspected	161
Chapters Not Inspected	—0—
Schools Conducted	10
Schools Attended Officially	20
Schools Attended Unofficially	24
Letters Written	1,597
Miles Traveled	22,947.3
Expenses Incurred:	
Mileage	\$ 688.42
Hotels and Meals	128.10
Postage	175.43
Telegrams and Telephone	128.65
Other Expenses, Printing, etc.	38.14
Total Expense for Year	1,158.77
Money Received	1,200.00
Money Refunded	41.23
Balance on Hand	None

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON'S REPORT

DISTRICT 3

Mrs. Doris Efirid: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

The Bells of Faith ring out the power of truth based on a promise and a willingness to believe in truth. The 10 capable and efficient Deputies who form the hanging part of our bell's clapper now, had this same Faith in the power as they planned and executed the ten schools of District 3. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for selecting these particular ladies to serve as Deputy Grand Matrons. No finer group can be found and they have become very dear to me this year as we have endeavored to LET FREEDOM RING throughout District 3. I present them to you now:

Mrs. Zena Wilson — Section 1, "The Golden Door" School, Ft. Worth, April 24
Mrs. Etta Laney — Section 2, "Spirit of '76" School, P. K., April 20
Mrs. Ima Lee Hawkins — Section 3, "Reflections of Victory" School, Graham, April 3
Mrs. Oma Lou McWhorter — Section 4, "Faith of our Fathers" School, Cisco, April 17
Mrs. Mary Call — Section 5, "America the Beautiful" School, Brownwood, April 6
Mrs. Joyce Boynton — Section 6, "Reflections of Freedom" School, Llano, April 15
Mrs. Dorothy O'Neal — Section 7, "Freedom & Friendship" School, Clifton, April 8

Mrs. Natalie Kennedy — Section 8, "Land of Liberty" School, Temple, April 10
 Mrs. Greta Watson — Section 9, "The Great American Way" School, Waco, April 13
 Mrs. Lucille Poland — Section 10, "Symbols of Freedom" School, Cleburne, April 22

These lovely ladies join me, Worthy Grand Matron, in expressing to you our sincere pleasure in serving you and the membership of District 3 in this capacity. There are no words to fashion the feelings of our heart so please know that we feel very humble and grateful as we say "thank you" for the faith and confidence you placed in us in giving us this high honor and responsibility.

Sister Viola Edwards, Grand Examiner of District 3: It has been a pleasure to share this year of service with you. We had many good times during our school schedule and the efficient manner in which you conducted our Examining Rooms is to be commended. Thank you for the many courtesies to us and the membership. Sister Sue Stockton, our District 3 Secretary: Thank you for assisting us when needed. While you did not travel with us on schedule, you were always willing to help in any way.

Worthy Grand Patron, to you who attended many of our schools in our District, you were a great source of strength and encouragement to us, and we say thank you for your support. To you and Sister Frances also, it has been a joy to know and share many happy experiences with you two fine people.

To the membership of my District 3: You are the very finest in the State of Texas. Your generous support and words of encouragement to us will long be remembered. We appreciate your every courtesy to us while we were in your section. The Honorary Memberships in your chapters, together with the fellowship we enjoyed with you, are treasures tenderly cherished.

I will give you now the statistics of my report:

Chapters Assigned at beginning of year	129
Chapters Consolidated	3
Chapters Presently Assigned	126
Chapters Inspected	129
Schools Conducted	10
Schools Attended Officially	19
Schools Attended Unofficially	49
Letters Written	1,722
Miles Traveled Officially	11,454
Mileage Expense	\$ 311.07
Hotels and Meals	40.00
Postage Expense	278.47
Telegraph and Telephone	245.89
Other Expense	44.48
Total Expense for the Year	892.39
Money Received	1,200.00
Money Refunded	280.09
Balance on Hand	—0—

Worthy Grand Matron, in closing let me say this year will long hold many fond memories for me. Among those are the privilege of conducting our schools during the prettiest part of the year, April; of traveling down the highway between schools and being so aware of the great heritage which is ours in living in beautiful America, of admiring God's handiwork in the Texas Bluebonnets, the Indian Paint Brushes, the Black-eyed Susans, and the Wild Verbena, as you silently hummed a favorite little tune. Together we wondered what new experiences would be in store for us at the next school. Always, they were so different and beautiful.

Thank you for giving Wedgwood Chapter No. 756 and me this lovely appointment as District Deputy Grand Matron of District 3.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Doris M. Efir
DDGM, District 3

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON

DISTRICT NO. 4

Mrs. Blanche Robison: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers: It is an honor and pleasure to have the opportunity to present the report of District 4.

First, I would like to introduce the Deputy Grand Matrons of this district.

Section 1 — Mrs. Violet Gibson of Lufkin. The "Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness" School was February 12 with 206 attending.

Section 2 — Was Saddened when the Death Angel came March 13th for the Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Gladys Pollock. The unexpired term was filled by the Co-Chairman of the School, Mrs. Hazel Senters of Beaumont. The "Precious Memories" School was February 7 with 566 attending.

Section 3 — Mrs. Bernice Ogden of Colmesneil. The "Harvest of Knowledge" School was February 10 with 186 attending.

Section 4 — Mrs. Hazel Carney of Dayton. The "Star's — Four Freedoms" School was February 14 with 396 attending.

Section 5 — Mrs. Alberta Mann of Houston. "The Golden Rule" School was February 28 with 871 attending.

Section 6 — Mrs. Lula Mae Goss of Bryan. The "Garden of Love" School was February 17 with 185 attending.

Section 7 — Mrs. Naomi Johnson of Conroe. The "Declaration of Liberty" School was February 26 with 190 attending.

Section 8 — Mrs. Dalia Mae Junek of Snook. The "Faith in America" School was held at Brenham February 16 with 169 attending.

Section 9 — Mrs. Rachel Cherry of Edna. The "Liberty Bell" School was February 24 with 184 attending.

Section 10 — Mrs. Allie Mae Dodson of Sweeny. The "Reflections of Our Heritage" School was held in Angleton February 21 with 343 attending.

The two new chapters constituted during this past year in District 4 were: Evadale Chapter No. 1111 in Section 2, and Huffman Chapter No. 1112 in Section 4. The respective Deputies and I considered it an honor to have had the opportunity to serve a station on those occasions.

Worthy Grand Matron, your ten wonderful Deputies of District 4 join me in expressing deep appreciation for the opportunity of serving you and Grand Chapter this year. We have been inspired by your sincerity, enthusiasm, and great knowledge of the work of the Order.

Sister Doris, my life has been greatly enriched and blessed this year as I have served as your District Deputy Grand Matron of District 4. I shall ever cherish the memory of this year's work with you.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother O. D., our many thanks to you and your lovely wife, Frances, for your friendship. The joy and inspiration you brought to seven of our schools, were greatly appreciated and will always be a year of good memories.

Mrs. Cloe Morris, the Worthy Grand Matron's faithful Secretary in District 4, thank you for your cheerful attitude and willing assistance.

To our Grand Examiner, Mrs. Lena Maye Cook, I express my gratitude for your kindness and thoughtfulness at all times. You were a delightful traveling companion and a dear friend.

To the 162 chapters in District 4, I am indebted to you for all your gracious hospitality and many acts of kindness. I appreciate the manner in which you received our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, and we thank you for the many Honorary Membership Certificates presented to us and trust that we shall always prove worthy of this treasured honor. As we celebrated the 200th birthday of our great nation, let us never cease to praise God for the blessings that are ours alone to enjoy, and let us invoke God's continued blessings on America, the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.

Worthy Grand Matron, a detailed report for District 4 is attached.

Fraternally submitted,
 Mrs. Blanche Robinson
 District Deputy Grand Matron
 District 4

DETAILED REPORT DISTRICT 4, 1975-1976

Chapters Assigned	162
Chapters Demised	—0—
Chapters Instituted	—0—
Chapters Inspected	162
Schools Conducted	10
Schools Attended Officially	10
Schools Attended Unofficially	61
Letters Written	1,680
Miles Traveled	11,485
Mileage Expense	\$ 344.55
Hotel and Meals	188.57
Postage	245.24
Telegrams.— Telephone	199.20
Other Expense	118.02
Total Expense for Year	\$1,095.59
Money Received	1,200.00
Money Refunded	104.41
Balance on Hand	—0—

/s/ Blanche Robinson, DDGM.

**REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON
 DISTRICT NO. 5**

Mrs. Daisy Forester: The Bells of Peace ring out the will to reason through truth and to use compassion in judgement.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sister and Brothers:

It is with pride and pleasure that I present the report of District 5. I am most appreciative of the ten lovely and capable Deputy Grand Matrons selected by our Worthy Grand Matron to serve with me this year. It is with great admiration and much love in my heart that I present to you these Deputies whose talents and dedicated efforts have made this report possible:

- Section 1 — Mrs. Margaret Simpson; "Our Freedom and Service in Action" School January 24 in San Angelo with 275 attending.
- Section 2 — Mrs. Alma Corbell; "Bicentennial Festivities" School January 6 in Eldorado with 73 attending.
- Section 3 — Mrs. Louise Leibold; "Wings of Freedom" School, January 27 in Bandera with 225 attending.
- Section 4 — Mrs. Pauline Sims; "Freedom Bell" School, January 8 in Del Rio with 100 attending.
- Section 5 — Mrs. Helen Opperman; "Our Precious Freedom" School, January 15 in Poteet with 189 attending.
- Section 6 — Mrs. Athene Weaver; "Spirit of Freedom" School, January 31 in Austin with 521 attending.
- Section 7 — Dr. Effie Mae Davis; "Patriot's Pride" School, January 17 in San Antonio with 662 attending.
- Section 8 — Mrs. Vera Nell Helms; "Floral Pathway" School, January 29 in Port Lavaca with 208 attending.
- Section 9 — Mrs. Frances McGahey; "Spirit of '76" School, January 13 in Corpus Christi with 270 attending.
- Section 10 — Mrs. Jean Clark; "Stars and Stripes Forever" School, January 10 in Weslaco with 282 attending.

The following is a summary of our year's work:

Chapters Assigned	137
Chapters Inspected	137
Chapters Consolidated	1
Schools Conducted	10
Schools Attended Officially	10
Schools Attended Unofficially	32
Letters Written	2,244
Miles Traveled	16,189
Mileage Expense	\$ 467.67
Hotel and Meals	209.76
Postage	280.77
Telegrams and Telephone	113.44
Other Expense	150.36
Total Expense	1,222.00
Money Received	1,200.00
Money Refunded	—0—
Balance	—0—

Worthy Grand Matron, it has been an honor and a privilege to have served as District Deputy Grand Matron of District 5. Thank you for this honor. The ten Deputies join me in expressing our appreciation for the privilege of serving with you this year. You have been a great inspiration to us. You have truly exemplified the principles of our Order with your loving kindness, sincerity, and understanding. We feel that our lives have been greatly enriched because of our close association with you, and your sincere friendship.

Worthy Grand Patron, you have always been an inspiration to us. Although you were unable to attend all of our schools, we were so pleased when you could attend. We deeply appreciate you and your lovely wife, Sister Frances, for the Christian character you exemplify and your unselfish desire to serve our beautiful Order.

To our lovely Grand Examiner, Sister Maurine Jackson, I love and appreciate you for your many words of encouragement, your kindness and thoughtfulness at all times. The many miles traveled together with our gracious Worthy Grand Matron will always be a cherished memory for me. You are indeed a true and dear friend. To the membership of District 5, the Deputies join me in saying "thank you" in a

very special way for your gracious hospitality, your splendid cooperation in the schools, and the many acts of loving kindness. We acknowledge with pride and appreciation the Honorary Memberships given to us. No greater honor or finer gesture of friendship can be extended to anyone than to be included among the membership of a chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you again for a wonderful year, and for leading us in a deeper appreciation and love for our Nation, and for the great principles for which it stands.

Fraternally submitted,
/s/ Mrs. Daisy Forester
District Deputy Grand Matron
District 5

Worthy Grand Matron this completes the reports of the District Deputies.

Mrs. Doris Efird: I would like to acknowledge with appreciation the Deputy of District 3, Section 1, Sister Zena Wilson, for making our "Let Freedom Ring" banner today, and to Mrs. Delia Dusek and the Grand Choir for providing our music. Also, Mr. Clyde Schrell, a co-worker, who assisted in the formation of our Bell.

Now Worthy Grand Matron, as the peal of our Bells of Freedom ring out the close of our report, may each of us be ever mindful of the courage, wisdom and faith of our forefathers, and resolve with hope in our hearts, to pursue that will for peace that "Passeth All Understanding."

Mrs. Amy Goebel: Sisters and Brothers, I know that you feel as I do. It is always inspiring to hear these wonderful reports from our District Deputies and to learn of the fine work they have done throughout the State. Will you join with me in expressing our gratitude to these fine members. (APPLAUSE) During this 200th year anniversary of our nation, which officially came to an end on July 4, 1976, many opportunities were given to each of us to relive the deeds of our nation's founders, and to review the sacrifices of the manifold pioneers following them. And down the line of advancing years the ideals of our founding fathers were put to test, when the necessity arose to confirm the rights of mankind. In spite of all the problems our forefathers had to overcome, America will continue its efforts to promote basic freedoms to the rest of the world and to safeguard the rights of all mankind. The "Bells of Freedom Formation" is symbolic of all the freedoms we enjoy, and was beautifully and efficiently directed by our Grand Marshal, Sister Joy Shackelford.

Grand Marshal, you will now invite the Floor Officers and their Personal Pages to enter and perform their beautiful "Our Emblems" drill. This will be directed by the Grand Marshal. (The Grand Officers and Personal Pages performed the "Our Emblems" drill).

Grand Marshal, you will invite the Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room. (The Grand Officers entered the Grand Chapter room).

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

Sisters and Brothers, it is with special pride and pleasure that I present our lovely Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Easterling, and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother O. D. Christian. You will join with me in saluting them with Grand Honors. (Grand Honors were given).

Worthy Grand Matron, I have watched with pride and admiration as you have served in the office of Worthy Grand Matron of this great state. You have experienced the joy and satisfaction, as well as the beauty, that comes from leadership in the

service to the membership of Texas. You have been assisted by a capable and dedicated Christian and together, you have both excelled in leadership. The touch of His hand through you, as our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, has been felt by the membership. You both are to be commended for your love, your courage, your sympathetic understanding of others, and for your dedication and your loyalty. The first step in the art of friendship is to be a friend; then making friends takes care of itself. You have exemplified all those fine qualities, and surely you both must feel a glow of satisfaction, which could only come after the achievement of a difficult task that demanded your best, and a harmonious relationship with others.

I now present our distinguished Past Grand Patron, Dr. James H. Goettee, who I am sure has some remarks for you at this time.

Dr. James H. Goettee: Thank you Sister Amy Goebel.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is a pleasure to greet you, our Beloved Members, this Wednesday afternoon at the "Symbols of Freedom" Session of our Grand Chapter.

I wish to express thanks and appreciation to the Worthy Grand Matron for having invited me to share the East at this session with my own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Amy Goebel. I consider this a signal honor for which I am deeply grateful.

I congratulate you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, on the fine way you have conducted the business of our Grand Chapter this year. You can well be proud of your many successful accomplishments for the good of our beautiful Order.

Mrs. Amy Goebel: Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the special courtesy that you have extended to me in permitting me to call this afternoon session to Order with Dr. James H. Goettee. And, now it is with much love and great personal pride in all your accomplishments that I now present to you your gavel so that you may continue this inspiring session.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Amy Goebel, a beloved Past Grand Matron of my own District 3, and a dear friend, and Dr. James H. Goettee, for calling to Order this Wednesday afternoon session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Sister Amy, our friendship has been of long standing with you and your fine husband, Lud, and you are one whom I have loved and admired for many years. It has been an honor to have you call this session to Order. Dr. Goettee, you and your lovely Edna are very special friends of mine, and I am quite pleased that you could assist your own Worthy Grand Matron in calling to Order this session. My thanks to each of you.

Sister Grand Warder.

Grand Warder: Worthy Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Matron: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Wednesday afternoon session from Rest to Labor and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

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

Worthy Grand Matron: It is well. Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar.

The Bible was opened.

I have asked Sister Aliene Houston, Past Grand Matron of my own District, to lead us in our Invocation.

Mrs. Aliene Houston: Almighty and Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, and from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, we pause now, in the midst of the business session of this Grand Chapter, for Jesus, and each one in this room offers themselves up to You for Your perfection. Lord Jesus, we ask that You calm our hearts and our minds, just as You calmed the sea. Fill us now with Thy Holy Spirit and, Lord, help us to be mindful that whatever comes to us, moment by moment, Your grace is sufficient and Your strength is made perfect in our weakness. We ask forgiveness of our many sins; and Lord, we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

CALLED FROM REST TO LABOR

Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Wednesday afternoon session of the Grand Chapter of Texas duly called from rest to labor. Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

Sisters and Brothers we are going to deviate from our printed program just a little bit. We have a group here that is ready to report, and one of their group is not feeling well; and, at this time, I am going to ask that we have the presentation of the Distinguished Guests Committee.

REPORT OF THE DISTINGUISHED GUESTS COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron: Grand Marshal, will you escort this Distinguished Guests Committee to the East.

The Committee Members were escorted to the East to give their report. Sisters and Brothers, aren't they pretty in their red and white pinafores? I now recognize Mrs. Mildred Garlitz who has served as the Chairman of this very important, and very hard working committee; and we will hear a report from her of the work this Committee has done. Sister Mildred.

Mrs. Mildred Garlitz: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, our Distinguished Guests, our very dear friends now, Sisters and Brothers: First, I would like to present those who have helped so willingly and beautifully on this Committee. Clarice Stovall was my Co-Chairman, and the others that served were: Miss Margaret Bradford; Mrs. Anne Harcrow; Mrs. Flora B. Hearrell; Mrs. Jean McLaughlin; Mrs. Lulu Nell McReynolds; Mrs. Madeline McNeiley; Mrs. Marie Gibson; Mrs. Martha Meissner; Mrs. Grace Chambers; Mrs. Hattie Renegar; Mrs. Louise Wells and Mrs. Gertrude Webb.

One of our members, Mrs. Anne Harcrow, underwent major surgery two weeks and one day ago; but, even in spite of all that, she hand-crocheted a pair of pot lifters for 103 of our Distinguished Guests. She said, "Had I known, I would have crocheted more for you." We have had fun. It has been a pleasure. Each of the girls, we called ourselves the "Pinafore Girls"; and I think the reason the Eastern Stars work so well is, because they are "eternal girls." But we have had fun. The Distinguished Guests, those who come from out of state, have appreciated, seemingly, what we were able to do for them; and these women have walked miles, they have called, they have delivered, they have escorted, they have furnished things from safety pins to bandaids. We have been able to help them in many ways. We were pleased to welcome the visitors from 25 states, 2 Canadian Provinces, Germany, and the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. They were from Arizona to Maine, and Florida to Washington. We were honored by the presence of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, our Most Worthy Grand Patron, and five of the installed General Grand

Chapter Officers from other Grand Jurisdictions; seven General Grand Chapter Committee members; two Worthy Grand Matrons; two Worthy Grand Patrons; four Past Grand Matrons; three Past Grand Patrons; 28 other Grand Officers; 21 Grand Representatives, and 40 other visitors, with a total of 112.

We appreciate the opportunity of serving, Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you for such a joyous group to work with, and because of this work, three of the "Pinafore Girls" have been invited to be special guests at the General Grand Chapter in Toronto; so they will still be working three years from now. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Mildred Garlitz, beloved Past Grand Matron of my own District 3, for the many, many hours you have spent in serving as the Chairman of the Distinguished Guests Committee. I know you have had a lot of help from those assisting you, but your devoted and capable leadership has prompted this good report. I am very grateful to you and this fine committee.

Sisters and Brothers, I think they are very attractive in these red and white pinafores, and when Sister Mildred told me they had come up with this idea, I heartily agreed, and I think it has made this committee very outstanding during our session. (APPLAUSE)

We thank you for this good report; and while you are here, Sister Mildred Garlitz, may I also thank you for serving as Chairman of my Souvenirs and Badges Committee at the General Grand Chapter. You also did a tremendous job there, working with both of these activities at the same time for a number of weeks; and I know you were so busy you hardly knew what to do, but I appreciate it more than you will ever know. Thank you, so much.

We hope our Distinguished Guests who have visited with us have felt warmly received in Texas. This was our main idea in having this fine group working on this Distinguished Guests Committee. (APPLAUSE)

I now recognize Sister Doris Efird, who will move the adoption of her report as presented earlier — that is, the report of the Deputies and District Deputies.

Mrs. Doris Efird: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the report of the Deputies and District Deputy Grand Matrons as presented earlier this afternoon.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that this beautiful report by the Deputy Grand Matrons and District Deputy Grand Matrons be accepted as given this afternoon. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor of accepting this report give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. The report is adopted.

Thank you, Sister Doris, for your part in presenting this beautiful report. To each of these five girls with whom I had the privilege of spending a lovely month traveling in Texas, please know that each one of you has become very special in my life, and I have spent five of the most beautiful months anyone could spend because the five of you were so thoughtful and kind to your Worthy Grand Matron. I love each and every one of you very much. Thank you.

We will now have the report of the Grand Examiners, Sister Viola Edwards, Chairman.

BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS REPORT

Mrs. Viola Edwards: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers:

The members of the Board of Grand Exainers have been pleased to ring the Freedom Bell for you at your fifty schools this year. Each of the Grand Examiners will give her individual report.

It is my pleasure to present Mrs. Marjorie Johnson, Grand Examiner of District No. 1.

Mrs. Marjorie Johnson: Thank you, Madam Chairman.

Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Doris Easterling; Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. O. D. Christian; Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mabel L. Mackereth; Most Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. William E. George; Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris; Most Distinguished General Grand Chapter Officers; Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, My Sisters and Brothers:

How grateful I was to have the opportunity of serving as the Grand Examiner of District 1 in the Bicentennial year, and to know no freedom of fear in assembling with others of my brothers and sisters. To have the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Easterling, and her husband in District 1 brought sheer delight, and always there will linger my love, admiration, and respect for these two very fine Christians. Worthy Grand Matron, God bless you and your family throughout time immemorial.

Special joy was forever present because our own District 1 member, Rev. O. D. Christian, served as Worthy Grand Patron, and to have him, his dear wife and our Grand Esther, along the school schedule with us brought added blessings and a "melody of love."

To our most efficient District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Alice O'Neal, forever shall I be grateful for your friendship, which found greater depths of understanding, as we walked through the valley in the loss of loved ones precious to us as we traveled on the school schedule.

To the ten lovely Deputy Grand Matrons, and our District Secretary, Sister Ruth Baggett, thank you for your kindness and "going that extra mile in service for others."

And to the membership of District 1, you become more precious as the years go by, for I continue to find that your every deed is that of thoughtfulness, and your love encircles my life and makes the position of Grand Examiner of District 1 a most pleasurable one.

1651 A Certificates and 42 B Certificates were issued in District 1 during 1975-76, for a grand total of 1693.

God bless you, one and all, and my wish for you is that the spirit of patriotism will continue to persist as you continue in diligent service for the furtherance of the work of our beautiful Order.

Fraternal love,
/s/ Marjorie Johnson
Grand Examiner, District 1
1975-1976

I am now pleased to recognize Sister Dorothy Vernon, Grand Examiner of District 2.

Mrs. Dorothy Vernon: Thank you, Sister Marjorie.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

I have appreciated very much the privilege of serving again as Grand Examiner of District 2, and enjoyed so much the honor of working with our many members. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for according me this honor.

The membership of District 2 has endeared itself to me throughout the past years, and your assistance in the Examining Rooms has made the following report possible:

"A" Certificates Issued	1,297
"B" Certificates Issued	60
Total Certificates Issued	1,357

It was a joy to share this year of service with my precious friend, Sister Imogene Benton, District Deputy Grand Matron. I shall love and remember the lovely ladies who served as Deputy Grand Matrons, and our Secretary-at-Large, and District Secretary, for their kindness and thoughtfulness to me.

Worthy Grand Patron, Bro. O. D. Christian, and our Grand Esther, Sister Frances, I appreciate your high ideals, your devotion to our Order, and your wonderful friendship. Thank you for sharing a portion of your lives with me.

Bro. J. B. Easterling, husband and helpmate of our Worthy Grand Matron, I want to thank you for sharing her with us. Also, my greatest appreciation for your kindness, helpfulness, and friendship.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Easterling, I wish to express my deepest gratitude for your interest, encouragement, and understanding. I was especially happy to join my hand with yours as we traveled the many miles in District 2, and as each school filled us with exceeding gladness for having the privilege of living in the "land of the free" and "the home of the brave."

Respectfully submitted,
 /s/ Dorothy Vernon
 Grand Examiner, District 2

**CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY
 DISTRICT 2
 1975-1976**

Section	"A"	"B"	Total
Section 1	130	5	135
Section 2	151	3	154
Section 3	116	4	120
Section 4	127	7	134
Section 5	56	1	57
Section 6	116	12	128
Section 7	195	6	201
Section 8	168	4	172
Section 9	67	4	71
Section 10	171	14	185
Totals	1297	60	1357

Now, it is with pleasure that I present Sister Viola Edwards, Grand Examiner of District 3.

Mrs. Viola Edwards: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

Once again I am privileged to greet you as a member of the Board of Grand Examiners. I wish to express my gratitude to each of you for these wonderful years of service to our beloved Order.

To our gracious, kind and understanding, Worthy Grand Matron, there are no words adequate to thank you for this beautiful year dedicated to the Bicentennial of our Nation. The program you set before us gave us many opportunities to learn more of the history of our Nation and our forefathers. Thank you for being a wonderful traveling companion. I shall always remember with much pleasure the time we spent together while on the school schedule.

To our very dedicated and inspiring Worthy Grand Patron and his sweet wife, Frances, it was great to have you with us in many of our District 3 schools. Thank you for all you have done this year for our beautiful Order.

To the members of the Board of Grand Examiners, I shall remember at every turning of the road these years of service shared with you. I can truly say it has been the greatest experience of my life. May God bless and keep you ever close to Him.

To our District Deputy Grand Matron, thank you for being my friend. It was good to travel with you. With your efficient manner and knowledge of the rules and regulations of our Order, you made my work so much easier.

To the ten Deputy Grand Matrons, and the District Secretary, thank you for every hour you spent in preparation for your school. All the schools were well planned and executed. We are well aware of the time it takes to accomplish a successful school.

I proudly present the following report of the Grand Examiner, District No. 3 for the Grand Chapter year 1975-76:

Schools Held	10
A Certificates	1,286
B Certificates	35
Total Certificates Issued	1,321

At this time I present Sister Lena Maye Cook, the Grand Examiner of District 4.

Mrs. Lena Maye Cook: Thank you, Sister Viola Edwards.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

“Let Freedom Ring with Love and Kindness”

I am deeply indebted to the membership of District 4 for the many acts of love and kind deeds shown to me throughout the past year. My service to Grand Chapter and to the fine District 4 as your Grand Examiner was filled with much love for your Faith in me. Thank you my Sisters and Brothers all. Worthy Grand Matron, my sweet friend, Sister Doris Easterling, this year has been very special to me, and your love and kindness contributed greatly to its success. There is no material value to be placed on your true and deep expressions of friendship, but you know how very much they mean to me. I admire you greatly for your outstanding leadership and I enjoyed traveling with you.

Worthy Grand Patron, Bro. O. D. Christian, another great privilege for me this year was getting to know you and your lovely sweet wife, Frances, our Grand Esther. You have been a perfect Worthy Grand Patron for our Worthy Grand Matron, and I am sure the membership of District 4 joins me in expressing appreciation for your courtesies to her as you so capably served with her.

To my District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Blanche Robinson, mere words of appreciation can never tell you what a joy it has been to serve with you this year, but please know that I will always have many, many pleasant memories of our times together. You have been a good District Deputy and I love you. To all the lovely Deputies, I offer heartfelt thanks for your many manifestations of love. You are a very special group to me.

Sister Cloe Morris, our District Secretary, please know my special love is with you.

I express my deep and abiding love to the membership of District 4 for the many courtesies extended to my office, and in turn, to me. I appreciate especially all of the assistance rendered in the examining rooms — a special note of thanks to all. Please know, members, I am proud to be serving you in this district and I thank you for this special privilege.

We issued a total of 2122 Certificates; 2024 "A" Certificates and 98 "B" Certificates.

Again thank you so much for this very special year.

Sincerely and fraternally,
/s/ Lena Maye Cook
Grand Examiner, District 4

**CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY
DISTRICT 4
1975-1976**

Section	"A"	"B"	Total
Section 1	104	4	108
Section 2	314	18	332
Section 3	116	2	118
Section 4	268	21	289
Section 5	621	23	644
Section 6	100	5	105
Section 7	139	4	143
Section 8	46	7	53
Section 9	116	8	124
Section 10	200	6	206
TOTALS	2024	98	2122

It is with pleasure that I present Sister Maurine Jackson, Grand Examiner of District 5.

Mrs. Maurine Jackson: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

In the words of the apostle Paul, you remember the words of Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35) I know this statement is true, but at the same time during this Grand Chapter year I have been the recipient of so many blessings, so many more than I deserved, by the cooperation, love and understanding hearts of so many of you. You have been kind in so many ways.

I am very appreciative of the honors bestowed upon me in serving as Grand Examiner of District 5, and am pleased to report that there was a total of 1,534 Certificates of Proficiency issued during the ten beautiful schools in District 5; 1,477 of which were "A" Certificates and 57 "B" Certificates. This lovely and gracious Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Easterling, and this gentle Worthy Grand

Patron, Bro. O. D. Christian have endeared themselves to the membership to our District, by their high standards and outstanding abilities. However, no one could hold them higher than I, because I think they are great!

To our District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Daisy Forester, and our District 5 Secretary, Sister Elizabeth Ripple, my sincere love and thanks to both of you two wonderful people, for the sweet association we have shared I shall always treasure.

To the ten lovely Deputy Grand Matrons, how very much I appreciate and love each of you, and thank you for the many kindnesses and courtesies shown me. And to the membership of District 5, I cannot find the adequate words to express my appreciation to you, the memory of your many acts of kindness shown me shall ever linger in my heart. You know, memory is that precious gift whereby we weave together the yesterdays of life. I appreciate the memory of the value of your worth as Eastern Stars. For so many of you have left riches of love, appreciation, understanding and devotion with me. With a heart full of gratitude, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and members ALL, I thank you. Treasures of this year, I shall fold deep in my book of memories. I am truly the one that has been blessed!

With fraternal love,
 /s/ Maurine Jackson
 Board of Grand Examiners, District 5

Mrs. Viola Edwards: The Final Report of the Five Grand Examiners is as Follows:

DISTRICT	SCHOOLS HELD	"A" CERTIFICATES	"B" CERTIFICATES	TOTAL
Dist. 1	10	1,651	42	1,693
Dist. 2	10	1,297	60	1,357
Dist. 3	10	1,286	35	1,321
Dist. 4	10	2,024	98	2,122
Dist. 5	10	1,477	57	1,534
	50	7,735	292	8,027

We would like to leave this thought with you. "Patriotism is the sum of three cardinal virtues: Faith, Hope and Charity. Faith in the principles of our government; Hope in the future of our country; Charity toward all and malice toward none."

With fraternal love,
 /s/ Viola Edwards
 Grand Examiner, District 3

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the report of the Grand Examiners.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Grand Examiners as presented. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of accepting this report will give the regular voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. The report is adopted.

Thank you Sister Viola Edwards, Chairman of the Board of Grand Examiners, Sister Maurine, Sister Lena Maye, Sister Dorothy and Sister Marjorie. Each of you girls has had a very important part in my life this past year, because each of you were such fine traveling companions, who helped lighten the load of your Worthy Grand Matron, along with the five lovely District Deputy Grand Matrons with whom I also traveled. Thank you for this good report. (APPLAUSE)

I now recognize Sister Joyce Roberts, the Associate Grand Matron.

Mrs. Joyce Roberts: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, our beloved Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, my Sisters and Brothers: By the grace of God, and with His will, I will be installed into the highest office

this Grand Chapter can give to anyone in Texas, and with it I inherit all of the problems that have been left from the year before. So I am going to ask this Grand Chapter to help me in this. It is in regard to the matter of Livingston Chapter No. 723. No affirmative action has been taken by this Grand Chapter, and I would respectfully ask that the matter be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for study and further recommendation as to disciplinary matters, and their report be given at this Grand Chapter.

Thank you. I move the adoption of this motion, Worthy Grand Matron.

Mr. Perry Smithwick: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

Worthy Grand Matron: You have heard this motion and second. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of accepting this motion as read, will vote by the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. The motion carried. It will be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for recommendation as to disciplinary action regarding Livingston Chapter No. 723.

The Worthy Grand Patron would like to make an announcement.

Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, so many have asked me during the noon hour, and since the noon hour, about Sister Frances, our Grand Esther. She is at the bedside of her Father today, who is to have surgery and I have not heard a word.

Worthy Grand Matron: We know this is a very hard day for our Worthy Grand Patron, because Frances is with her Father who was to have surgery this morning at 9:00 o'clock. We have heard no report, so let's all keep them in our prayers. I now recognize the Jurisprudence Committee.

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Richard T. Porter: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and members of the Grand Chapter: This is Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 6.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 6

We, your Jurisprudence Committee have examined Amendment No. 1 to the Code of Laws, as printed in the 60 day Pamphlet, and find same in the proper form to submit to this Grand Chapter for their action.

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Chapter No. 10, Section 162-B (Page 103)

Which now reads:

The Registration Committee shall register all persons attending Grand Chapter, and from each person who is a member in this jurisdiction collect a registration fee of Three dollars (\$3.00)

Be amended to read:

The Registration Committee shall register all persons attending Grand Chapter, and from each person who is a member in this jurisdiction collect a registration fee of Five dollars (\$5.00)

Lallah Mae Vollus
Richard T. Porter
Ed Sharpe
Oliver Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Matron: You have heard the report and I have a second. Is there any discussion? All in favor of accepting this report as stated by the Jurisprudence Committee will give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed the same sign.

Let's see — it is undecided — let's take this vote again. I cannot tell exactly.

Mr. J. Victor Jones: Worthy Grand Matron, did you say you were going to take the vote again? May I address the question?

Worthy Grand Matron: Yes.

Mr. J. Victor Jones: Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to speak to the question concerning the increase of Registration fee from \$3.00 to \$5.00. Now, my Sisters and Brothers, to review what has been done; if you will recall, last year at the Dallas session, the resolution was presented to raise the allocation of \$15,000 for the annual session to \$20,000 for the annual session. You approved this resolution; therefore, we must have some way of taking care of the additional \$5,000 which is already allocated and which is being used at this particular Grand Chapter Session. In the interest of our Grand Chapter economy, in the interest of the funds of the Grand Chapter, in which each of you are vitally — or should be vitally — concerned, I urge you to support this registration fee of \$5.00.

Worthy Grand Matron: Is there any further discussion? Then we will vote. I believe I will ask that the membership rise. Worthy Grand Patron will you assist me? All in favor of accepting this resolution as presented, will please rise. Thank you, you may be seated. Those opposed, will you please stand?

Worthy Grand Patron, do you concur that the motion carried. The motion carried.

You know, if we are going to spend our money, we have to have somewhere to get the money to spend, don't we?

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I bring to you, Jurisprudence Report No. 7.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 7

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 2 to the Code of Laws, as printed in the 60 day Pamphlet, and find same in the proper form to submit to this Grand Chapter for their action.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

Chapter No. 4, E., Article 70. Salary (Page 65)

Which now reads:

The Grand Secretary shall receive as full compensation for her services, Seven Thousand seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$7,750.00) per year.

Be Amended to read:

The Grand Secretary shall receive as full compensation for her services, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per year.

/s/ Ed L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus

Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report, which puts it before the Grand Chapter for discussion.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that this report be adopted. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of accepting this report will give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. I could not tell — so I will ask that we take this vote again. Sisters and Brothers, if you are in favor of this motion as stated, please let it be known by the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. The motion is carried.

Do you have further reports from the Jurisprudence Committee?

Is our Board of Grand Trustees ready to report. I recognize the Board of Grand Trustees.

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES' REPORT

REPORT NO. 1

Mrs. Velda Anderson: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star:

We, the Board of Grand Trustees, herewith submit a brief report of our work for the year 1975-1976. After the election of Mrs. Elizabeth Williams of Sugarland, Texas, to succeed Mr. James B. Starnes, who was retiring from the Board, the Board was reorganized as follows:

Mrs. Velda Anderson	Chairman
Mr. C. L. Pribble	Vice Chairman
Mr. Paul Fitch	Secretary
Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	Member
Mrs. Elizabeth Williams	Member

Mrs. Velda Anderson, Chairman of the Board, presented the keys to the new Grand Chapter car to Mrs. Doris Easterling, Worthy Grand Matron, together with a letter authorizing her the use of the Grand Chapter car to visit other Grand Jurisdictions.

The Board has held eight meetings this year.

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES EXPENSE 1974-1975

October 31, 1974	\$ 98.44
November 15, 1974, check from Grand Secretary deposited	1,800.00
	\$1,898.44
November 23, 1974, Dist. 1, Velda Anderson	
Invoice No. 110	
Board Expense	\$ 7.50
Postage	2.40
Xerox Copies	1.00
	\$ 10.90
Paid by Check No. 110, November 23, 1974	\$ 10.90

November 23, 1974, Dist. 4, James B. Starnes

Invoice No. 111

Board Expense	\$ 26.50
Meals	3.50
Telephone	8.30
Lodging	2.00

Paid by Check No. 111, November 23, 1974	\$ 40.30
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November 23, 1974, Dist. 2, Paul B. Fitch

Invoice No. 112

Lodging	\$ 14.70
Meals	7.50
Mileage	63.60

Paid by Check No. 112, November 23, 1974	\$ 85.80
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November 23, 1974, Dist. 5, Louise Armstrong

Invoice No. 113

Travel Expense	\$ 28.37
Meals	15.75
Lodging	2.00

Paid by Check No. 113, November 23, 1974	\$ 46.12
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November 23, 1974, Dist. 3, C. L. Pribble

Invoice No. 114

Board Meeting, Mileage and Meals	\$ 7.50
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Paid by Check No. 114, November 23, 1974.	
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January 18, 1975, Dist. 3, C. L. Pribble

Invoice No. 115

Board Meeting, Mileage and Meals	\$ 7.50
Phone Calls	
12-5-74 to 817-549-3317	1.40
12-5-74 to 214-363-7378	1.69
12-6-74 to 713-453-6551	1.54

Paid by Check No. 115, January 18, 1975	\$ 12.13
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January 18, 1975, Dist. 2, Paul B. Fitch

Invoice No. 116

Lodging	\$ 12.76
Food	6.50
Mileage	63.20

Paid by Check No. 116, January 18, 1975	\$ 82.42
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January 18, 1975, Dist. 4, James B. Starnes

Invoice No. 117

Mileage to Board Meeting	\$ 26.50
Meals	4.50
Telephone	2.70

Paid by Check No. 117, January 18, 1975	\$ 33.70
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January 18, 1975, District 1, Velda Anderson

Invoice No. 118

Board Meeting, Meals & Travel	\$ 7.50
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Paid by Check No. 118, January 18, 1975	
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March 15, 1975, Dist. 4, James B. Starnes	
Invoice No. 119	
Board Expense Travel, Meals and Lodging	\$ 57.15
Paid by Check No. 119, March 15, 1975	
March 15, 1975, Dist. 1, Velda Anderson	
Invoice No. 120	
Board Meeting	\$ 7.50
Trip to Palestine, Lieily Property, 255 miles	12.75
Paid by Check No. 120, March 15, 1975	\$ 20.25
March 15, 1975, Dist. 2, Paul B. Fitch	
Invoice No. 121	
Lodging	\$ 10.40
Miles 1264	63.20
Meals	7.50
Paid by Check No. 121, March 15, 1975	\$ 81.14
March 15, 1975, Dist. 5, Louise Armstrong	
Invoice No. 122	
Travel, 420 Miles	\$ 21.00
Lodging	4.00
Meals	17.85
Paid by Check No. 122, March 15, 1975	\$ 42.85
March 15, 1975, Dist. 3, C. L. Pribble	
Invoice No. 123	
Board Meeting Mileage and Meals	\$ 7.50
Two Trips to Newton Property, Brownwood, 480 Mi.	24.00
Paid by Check No. 123, March 15, 1975	\$ 31.50
August 2, 1975, Grand Chapter of Texas	
Invoice No. 124	
Refund from 1973-1974 Budget	\$ 98.44
Paid by Check No. 124, August 2, 1975	
August 2, 1975, Dist. 1, Velda Anderson	
Invoice No. 125	
Board Meeting	\$ 7.50
Telephone Calls	4.93
Meeting Adolphus Hotel	1.00
Paid by Check No. 125, August 2, 1975	\$ 13.43
August 2, 1975, Dist. 5, Louise Armstrong	
Invoice No. 126	
Board Meeting Travel 420 Miles	\$ 21.00
Lodging	21.08
Meals	15.88
Paid by Check No. 126, August 2, 1975	\$ 57.96
August 2, 1975, Dist. 4, James B. Starnes	
Invoice No. 127	
Travel, Lodging, Telephone	\$ 94.80
Paid by Check No. 127, August 2, 1975	

August 2, 1975, Dist. 2, Paul B. Fitch

Invoice No. 128

Travel to Dallas 6-29-75 at request of the Worthy Grand Matron ...	\$ 113.00
Lodging	33.00
Meals	9.00
Mileage	64.00
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Paid by Check No. 128, August 2, 1975\$ 219.60

August 2, 1975, Dist. 3, C. L. Pribble

Invoice No. 129

Board Meeting Miles and Meals	\$ 7.50
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Paid by Check No. 129, August 2, 1975

October 16, 1975, Dist. 1, Velda Anderson

Invoice No. 130

Telephone Calls

8-1-75 Benbrook 817-249-1173	\$ 4.8
8-11-75 Houston 713-453-6551	5.27
8-12-75 Houston 713-453-6551	3.49
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Paid by Check No. 130, October 16, 1975\$ 9.24

Dist. 1	\$ 61.32
Dist. 2	468.96
Dist. 3	58.63
Dist. 4	225.95
Dist. 5	146.93
Total	<hr/> \$961.79

Sub-total	\$ 961.79
Refund	98.44
Total Oct. 31, 1975	<hr/> \$1,060.23
Bal. Oct. 31, 1975	888.21

C. L. Pribble, Sec.
Board of Grand Trustees

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star:

Five years ago I was elected to the Board of Grand Trustees from District 1. Thank you for giving me the opportunity of service. It has been a most rewarding experience and I trust my service was acceptable to the membership. Each year we have worked long and hard to keep abreast of the times, but inflation has taken its toll.

My sincere thanks to Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, and most efficient, for her untiring efforts and help. Also, Mrs. Jettie Hinton, Grand Treasurer, for her friendship.

The association with each Grand Matron and Grand Patron has been most pleasant. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for your cooperation and kindness.

To the members of the Board of Grand Trustees, I shall miss our close association and fellowship that has prevailed at all our meetings. Thank you for your cooperation in all matters of business and may God bless you in all of your efforts to carry on the business of the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally,
/s/ Velda Anderson, Chairman
Board of Grand Trustees 1975-1976

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

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we accept this report of the Board of Grand Trustees. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of accepting this report, will give the usual voting sign. All opposed, the same sign. The report is adopted.

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

REPORT NO. 4

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star:

We, the Board of Grand Trustees propose the following budget for the Contingencies:

Worthy Grand Matron	\$ 1,500.00
Home Fund Contingency	7,500.00
Board of Grand Trustees	10,000.00
Total	\$19,000.00

Respectfully submitted,
 /s/ Velda Anderson, Chairman
 C. L. Pribble, Vice Chairman
 Paul Fitch, Secretary
 Louise W. Armstrong, Member
 Elizabeth Williams, Member

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 4.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt this report. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor will give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. The report is accepted.

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

REPORT NO. 5

Mrs. Louise Armstrong: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star:

In compliance to Chapter 5, A., Article 81, No. 1, We, the Board of Grand Trustees, wish to give the following report on the audit of the books of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and the Treasurer and Secretary of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1975:

Respectfully submitted,
 /s/ Velda Anderson, Chairman
 C. L. Pribble, Vice Chairman
 Paul Fitch, Secretary
 Louise W. Armstrong, Member
 Elizabeth Williams, Member

(Report attached)

(A breakdown was given at Grand Chapter, the complete report follows)

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

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND EQUITY
YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1974-1975**

ASSETS

	Schedule Number	Total All Funds		General	Fund
		1975	1974	1975	1974
Cash on Deposit	2 & 3	\$ 521,502	\$ 942,114	\$ 75,490	\$ 225,147
Investments	4 & 5	2,131,911	1,665,161	205,000	170,000
Other		47,812	(7,935)	75,351	(42,166)
Total Assets		<u>\$2,701,225</u>	<u>\$2,599,340</u>	<u>\$ 355,841</u>	<u>\$ 352,981</u>

FUND EQUITY

Balance -- Beginning		\$2,599,340	\$2,237,508	\$ 352,981	\$ 345,754
Receipts					
Dues		\$ 320,719	\$ 320,858	\$ 123,351	\$ 123,406
Interest	3 & 5	145,791	132,892	20,224	16,242
Supply Sales		44,936	34,965	44,936	34,965
Bulletin		19,311	20,245	19,311	20,245
Registration Fees		14,607	16,221	14,607	16,221
Estates & Trusts		---	2,000	---	---
Gifts & Donations		170,403	373,634	---	391
Oil Sales		4,784	3,775	---	---
Dividends & Rents		6,923	3,139	---	---
Transfers		---	---	---	---
Pensions		154,561	140,123	---	---
Property Sales		21,731	11,300	---	280
Other		886	1,949	1,150	1,949
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 904,652</u>	<u>\$1,061,101</u>	<u>\$ 223,589</u>	<u>\$ 213,699</u>
Expenditures					
Grand Chapter	7	\$ 220,951	\$ 206,472	\$ 220,951	\$ 206,472
Home					
Board of Directors	8	66,235	55,120	---	---
Superintendent	8	389,788	338,871	---	---
Expansion		---	---	---	---
Allowances --					
Home Members	8	28,863	21,380	---	---
Other	8	1,330	1,326	---	---
Chapter Benevolences	11	29,050	26,350	---	---
Special & Other	9	66,780	49,750	---	---
Total Expenditures		<u>\$ 802,997</u>	<u>699,269</u>	<u>\$ 220,951</u>	<u>\$ 206,472</u>
Net Increase (Decrease)		<u>\$ 101,655</u>	<u>\$ 361,832</u>	<u>\$ 2,628</u>	<u>\$ 7,227</u>
Total Fund Equity		<u>\$2,700,995</u>	<u>\$2,599,340</u>	<u>\$ 355,609</u>	<u>\$ 352,981</u>

Schedule 1

Home Fund		Endowment Fund		Benevolent Fund		Educational Fund F.V. Ward Fund Special Funds	
1975	1974	1975	1974	1975	1974	1975	1974
\$146,238	\$298,820	\$ 153,130	\$ 232,040	\$ 35,117	\$ 54,056	\$111,527	\$132,051
308,441	213,691	1,461,470	1,156,470	130,000	90,000	27,000	35,000
(6,070)	(28,491)	(8,165)	90,973	1,552	18,111	(14,856)	(46,362)
<u>\$448,609</u>	<u>\$484,020</u>	<u>\$1,606,435</u>	<u>\$1,479,483</u>	<u>\$166,669</u>	<u>\$162,167</u>	<u>\$123,671</u>	<u>\$120,689</u>
<u>\$484,020</u>	<u>\$455,708</u>	<u>\$1,479,483</u>	<u>\$1,172,481</u>	<u>\$162,167</u>	<u>\$155,713</u>	<u>\$120,689</u>	<u>\$107,852</u>
\$172,697	\$172,770	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 24,671	\$ 24,682	\$ ---	\$ ---
23,028	20,213	89,000	84,143	8,882	8,122	4,657	4,172
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70,495	93,825	34,818	221,003	---	---	65,090	58,415
4,784	3,775	---	---	---	---	---	---
3,772	1,283	3,151	1,856	---	---	---	---
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154,561	140,523	---	---	---	---	---	---
21,731	11,020	---	---	---	---	---	---
(263)	---	---	---	(1)	---	---	---
<u>\$450,805</u>	<u>\$445,009</u>	<u>\$ 126,969</u>	<u>\$ 307,002</u>	<u>\$ 33,552</u>	<u>\$ 32,804</u>	<u>\$ 69,747</u>	<u>\$ 62,587</u>
\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---
66,235	55,120	---	---	---	---	---	---
389,788	338,871	---	---	---	---	---	---
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28,863	21,380	---	---	---	---	---	---
1,330	1,326	---	---	---	---	---	---
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<u>\$486,216</u>	<u>\$416,697</u>	<u>\$ 16</u>	<u>\$ ---</u>	<u>\$ 29,050</u>	<u>\$ 26,350</u>	<u>\$ 66,764</u>	<u>\$ 49,750</u>
<u>\$(35,411)</u>	<u>\$ 28,312</u>	<u>\$ 126,953</u>	<u>\$ 307,002</u>	<u>\$ 4,502</u>	<u>\$ 6,454</u>	<u>\$ 2,983</u>	<u>\$ 12,837</u>
<u>\$448,609</u>	<u>\$484,020</u>	<u>\$1,606,436</u>	<u>\$1,479,483</u>	<u>\$166,669</u>	<u>\$162,167</u>	<u>\$123,672</u>	<u>\$120,689</u>

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we accept this report of the Board of the Grand Trustees. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor of accepting the report will give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed the same sign. The motion is adopted.

Mr. C. L. Pribble: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star:

We, the Board of Grand Trustees, having received the proposed budget of the General Fund for the year 1976-1977, as submitted by the Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, and having carefully considered the same we are pleased to present the following for your approval. If you will look in your little report that you received, you will find a proposed budget for the General Fund. After a great deal of work, a lot of labor and consideration, we propose the following:

PROPOSED BUDGET 1976-1977
GENERAL FUND

GRAND OFFICERS

Worthy Grand Matron's Expense Fund	\$ 3,000.00
Worthy Grand Patron's Expense Fund	1,500.00
Associate Grand Matron's Expense Fund	1,250.00
Associate Grand Patron's Expense Fund	250.00
Grand Conductress' Expense Fund	150.00
Associate Grand Conductress' Expense Fund	150.00
Worthy Grand Matron's Secretarial Fund	500.00
Worthy Grand Matron's Automobile Expense Fund	3,600.00
Worthy Grand Matron's Automobile Fund	2,345.00
Past Grand Matron's Jewel	500.00
Past Grand Patron's Jewel	<u>300.00</u>

\$ 13,545.00

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Board of Grand Trustees Expense Fund	1,500.00
Board of Grand Examiners Expense Fund	600.00
District Deputy and Deputy Grand Matron's Expense Fund	5,000.00
By-Laws Committee's Expense Fund	100.00
Welfare Committee's Expense Fund	600.00
ESTARL Committee's Expense Fund	<u>100.00</u>

\$ 7,900.00

GRAND CHAPTER

Grand Chapter Session (\$750.00 Installation Included — so earmarked)	20,000.00
Entertainment at Grand Chapter for visiting Grand Officers to Texas	1,000.00
Entertainment at General Grand Chapter of Texas' General Grand Officers	<u>750.00</u>

\$ 21,750.00

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Grand Secretary's Salary	10,000.00
Office Salaries	25,000.00
Office Expense	11,000.00
Office Building Maintenance	4,509.50
Payroll Taxes	1,600.00
Equipment	<u>1,000.00</u>

\$ 53,109.50

GRAND TREASURER'S OFFICE

Grand Treasurer's Salary	3,900.00
Grand Treasurer's Expense	<u>400.00</u>

\$ 4,300.00

PRINTING AND EDITING

Roster	\$ 16,000.00
Proceedings	17,000.00
Annual Printing	39,225.00
Associate Grand Matron's Books/Supplies	1,900.00
Editing of Proceedings	<u>100.00</u>

\$ 74,225.00

MILEAGE

Mileage	<u>14,000.00</u>
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14,000.00

LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL

Audit and Accounting Services (CPA) 5,500.00
 Legal 500.00

6,000.00

MEMORIALS

Grand Chapter 150.00

150.00

OTHER**Fidelity Bonds**

Worthy Grand Matron
 Grand Secretary
 Grand Treasurer 200.00
 Board of Grand Trustee's Contingency Fund 10,000.00
 Worthy Grand Matron's Contingency Fund 1,500.00

11,700.00

TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES**\$206,679.50**

Now, I would like to make a few remarks, if I may, concerning this Budget. We have a total of \$294,000 in the General Fund invested in interest bearing money — that is the principal. On this money, the interest paid this last year toward supporting this Budget was \$17,266.74. We made \$13,722 on supplies sold to the Subordinate Chapters, and so forth. We had \$123,000 from the Per Capita tax — this is from affiliations and so forth. The registration of \$14,607, bringing a total to \$168,595.74. When you subtract that from your \$206,679.00 you get a **minus** \$37,684.

Now I know that you balance and check your budget by what you take in and what you put out. A number of times and we do have our read out and our monthly reports in the Eastern Star Office and the Home on a data processing tabulation run where we get a monthly report of all the accounts. Some of these will show, maybe, that we have a certain amount for the month — well, here for instance, we have \$10,000 here for the Executive Committee that does not show we have paid out — we have \$13,000 for our mileage that does not show that it has been paid out — it has been paid out. It has been issued by us and the Grand Secretary, but it has not reached its destination or been distributed or returned back; therefore, the checks and balance at one certain moment may not seem to be correct — but it is.

We are going to have to face facts on the beginning of deficit money. We only have one alternative, as I see it at this time, and that is to dip into our principal and pay off whatever amount we have as a deficit for this one year. Grand Chapter needs to take a real good look at the situation. Do you really want what you want? Do you really want to pay for it? I think you ought to think about it. If we are going to ride, we have to pay the fare. So this is something you need to think about, coming up on your budget. Something has to be done.

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

Worthy Grand Matron: You have heard this report of the Board of Grand Trustees. I have a second. Is there any discussion?

Mrs. Merle Young: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Merle Young, a Past Matron of South Park Chapter No. 1056. May I ask Brother Pribble a question as to what this report shows the distribution of investments that our Grand Chapter had in the various institutions of \$10,000. I happen to work with finances, and I am fully aware that the greater the investment, the better the return, and I would like to know at what rate of return you are getting on your \$10,000 investments in the various savings and loan associations.

Mr. C. L. Pribble: We are getting various amounts of interest — it depends on where we invest — what we can buy, and so forth. Some of our short term money — thirty days and so forth, where we have a turnover — for instance, on our Per Capita tax, this is not invested because we are going to use it tomorrow. There's going to be approximately \$80,000 distributed out. This usually brings about 5% — whatever the prevailing rate is; but we have money out in Grand Chapter that runs from 3% to 8.75% — it depends on the length and who it is with and everything. We try to get the best interest we can get for the time of the money. I, for one, am against long term investments — I do not feel that they are good — I do say about 6 years, I think, is sufficient. We don't exactly stick to that — if we can get something at 8½% for 8 years or 10 years, we take it — especially if it is Endowment money; but we do not try to get the best interest and I think that the Auditor will tell you that we have a better interest rate on our money than most anyone for the amount of money that we have invested. Does that answer your question?

Worthy Grand Matron: I recognize Brother Richard Porter.

Mr. Richard T. Porter: Worthy Grand Matron, the budget as presented by the Trustees represents a deficit budget in the amount of approximately \$38,000. I, for one, cannot vote for a budget under deficit financing, and I trust that many of you cannot also. There is an alternative, and I know that there is a proposal to be made and many of us have signed it, and it concerns a special assessment; so, I, therefore, move that the budget as presented, the action thereon be tabled until after a resolution can be presented by Mrs. Frances Herrin, concerning a special assessment and action taken thereon.

Worthy Grand Matron: We have a motion to table the proposed budget, and there is a second. All in favor of tabling this motion will give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the uplifted hand. We have tabled it.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: If you have your Constitutions handy, Article 181, Laws, How Made, Amended or Repealed; and in substance it says that it must be prescribed form and filed with the Grand Secretary at least 60 days before the Annual Session of Grand Chapter, but then there's one back under here — "In case of Emergency, however, proposals, for such new laws or amendment or repeal of existing laws, may be presented during Tuesday and Wednesday daily sessions of any Annual Session of Grand Chapter, after consent has been granted therefore by a majority vote of the members present and voting at that time." Worthy Grand Matron, I move we be allowed to present Emergency Legislation.

This has to be voted by a majority of the members present.

Mr. J. Victor Jones: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded. Is there any further discussion? If not, all in favor will give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed the same sign. The motion carried. I recognize Sister Frances Herrin.

EMERGENCY LEGISLATION

Mrs. Frances Herrin: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, My Sisters and Brothers — I have the report of the Emergency Legislation to read to you:

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Be it resolved that due to the deficit of approximately \$38,000.00 reflected in the Report of the Board of Grand Trustees, we the undersigned propose a Special Assessment of 50c per member as reflected by the membership role of May 31, 1976. Said assessment to be paid with the Annual Reports of the Subordinate Chapters.

EMERGENCY LEGISLATION

/s/

Lois Burnett
 Nancy Bailey
 H. L. Arnold
 Cynthia May Watts
 Patricia Neinast
 Thelma Chandler
 James H. Goettee
 Lillian B. Parker
 Katherine Harbour
 C. A. "Bill" Holmes
 Sally Matranga
 Mary Ella Schoverling
 J. Victor Jones
 Aliene Houston
 Amy Goebel

Eunice Connell
 Mildred Sharpe
 Ruby Enloe
 J. T. Sanders
 Paul Huffhines
 Agnes Lee Howard
 Molly Goodpasture
 Lallah Mae Vollus
 Richard T. Porter
 Ed L. Sharpe
 Viva S. Huffman
 Mary Katherine Smith
 Mabel S. Harle
 Robbie Yates
 Frances Key Herrin, Chairman
 October 27, 1976
 4:20 P.M.
 /s/ Frances Key Herrin

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that this Special Report — Supplemental Report — be adopted.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that this report be adopted. Is there any discussion? If not, Sisters and Brothers, all in favor of accepting this report will give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. The motion has carried.

Mr. C. L. Pribble: I would like to make one other statement in relationship to this. We have made every effort to cut expenses on this printing and so forth, and I would like to pay credit where credit is due, to the Junior Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Patricia Neinast. She cut many pages from the Proceedings to save us hundreds of dollars; and we appreciate it. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron: I now recognize Mr. Paul Fitch, Member of the Board of Grand Trustees.

REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES

REPORT NO. 2

Mr. Paul Fitch: This Report is No. 2 of the Board of Grand Trustees.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star:

We, the Board of Grand Trustees, are pleased to present for your approval the proposed Budget of the Board of Directors, Grand Chapter Benevolences for the year 1976-1977.

Respectfully submitted,
 /s/ Velda Anderson, Chairman
 C. L. Pribble, Vice Chairman
 Paul Fitch, Secretary
 Louise W. Armstrong, Member
 Elizabeth Williams, Member

Proposed Budget Attached
 Board of Directors
 Grand Chapter Benevolences

BOARD OF DIRECTORS — O.E.S. GRAND BENEVOLENCES
PROPOSED BUDGET
1976-1977

HOME FUNDS

Home Salaries/Kitchen/Clerical	\$139,838
Hospital Salaries	94,658
Payroll Taxes	22,000
Group Insurance	3,000
Groceries	65,000
Utilities	32,000
Telephone Home/Hospital	2,750
Repairs & Maint. of Cars, Tractors, Mowers	2,750
Laundry & Dry Cleaning	5,000
Doctors	20,000
Hospitals	3,000
Drugs, Medical Supplies, Hearing Aids, etc.	35,000
Office Supplies and Stamps	1,500
Maintenance Supplies	10,800
Pest Control	850
Yard Maintenances	3,000
Trash Pick-up (Monthly Charge)	1,200
Miscellaneous: Equip. Rental; Parts; Labor	2,000
HOME FUND TOTAL	\$494,346

BOARD FUNDS

Admin/Supt. Salary	\$ 10,000
Supvr. L.V.N. Salary	9,000
Dietician Salary (Kit/Supv)	8,400
Administrator Training	1,000
Total Maintenance, Repairs, Remodel	53,000
Hospital Emergency	3,000
Insurance	15,000
Funeral Expense	4,620
New Equipment and Furnishings	3,000
Board Travel	3,850
Board Supplies	600
Membership Christmas & Easter Fund	1,000
Cemetery Maintenance	400
BOARD FUNDS TOTAL	\$113,670
TOTAL — HOME AND BOARD	608,016

Contingency Fund	7,500
Benevolent Aid	35,000
Hospital Renovation (To meet new life safety code requirements)	25,000
TOTAL BUDGET	\$675,516

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

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt this report of the Board of Grand Trustees. Is there any discussion?

Mr. C. L. Pribble: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to do some discussing of the Benevolent Board Budget. Do you all have your proposed Benevolent Board Budget for 1976-1977? If you will look at the first two items on home salaries, hospital salaries, and then on down under Home Fund, you will see a total maintenance repair and remodel — \$53,000. It is in your advance report on page 98. The amount of money appropriated in 1975-1976 for repairs and replacement

was \$55,555. Of that amount there was \$7,427 used, for an excess of \$43,128. These are Auditor's figures, they are not mine. Now, the hospital salaries or the clerical salaries there was \$284,496 appropriated — \$220,678 used for a surplus of \$61,818. In the payroll tax the actual amount appropriate was \$22,000 and the amount used was \$15,825, making a total excess of \$114,122. Now I bring this up for one reason. I have here a bank balance run for the year 1975-1976. The monthly average on the balance per month on the bank balance was \$86,821. In the Superintendent's home, the average bank balance was \$16,226, making a total of \$103,047. The actual amount required — the minimum amount — balance needed was \$28,047. Now this money is laying over there in the bank in a non-interest bearing account, because the Board of Benevolences cannot collect a dime interest from anyone, nor can they sell anything. We lost approximately \$6600 of Home Funds money in interest because this money was drawing no interest. I, being on the conservative side, don't agree with this. I think this money should be invested. It only takes a short time to get it — all they have to do is ask for it, if they need it. We give them their money on a monthly allotment — if they need it they can get it. They have, to my knowledge, never run short of money since we have been on a monthly basis, and I would like to see \$100,000 cut from this budget, and it would still leave them \$14,000 for wage raises, and so forth, and still within the budget. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron: Is there any further discussion? I recognize Brother Thurman Perry, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences.

Let me thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for staying with us this afternoon as we take care of this important business of your Grand Chapter. I think the membership has stayed in well to attend to this business. You know we just thought there wasn't going to be much legislation come up, didn't we?

Mr. Thurman Perry: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers: As to the reduction in the budget for the Home, we realized when it was made out that it was a little more possibly than we would need. We had to turn back a little money last year. I explained that to you in my report yesterday. Certain gifts, donations and so forth that come in helped reduce the amount required for the budget. If those items are not given one year and we go to cutting our budget down we may end up not having enough money to pay our grocery bill or our medical bill. Brother Pribble mentioned specifically on salaries to the Home and to the Hospital. We realize this is high, but we have taken into consideration the proposed increase in the Minimum Federal Wage Laws, as discussed at the last session of Congress. I don't know if it was completely defeated, or if they didn't have time to complete action on it; however, we feel sure that the minimum standard is going to be raised from \$2.30 to a minimum \$2.60, and possibly \$3.00, an hour next year; so we have to provide for that. The payroll tax surplus or overage, of course, is based on the amount of salaries that you pay. The \$53,000 that we have is for total maintenance, repairs, remodeling, and so forth — in last years budget it was broken down a little more to painting, which, I think was nine or ten thousand dollars; home renovation, hospital renovation — it has been lumped together there this year. I mentioned in my report yesterday that we had been lucky this past year and only had some minor repairs; however, just this week the motor on our large chilling unit of the air conditioning unit went out. It is going to have to be rewound and that is an expense of a minimum of \$2000. We have to have money available to take care of that. I remember a few years ago we spent fifteen, twenty or twenty five thousand dollars replacing sewer lines, hot water lines, galvanized lines that were leaking all over the place, and you need money available for these emergency contingencies. The building is, I said yesterday, 52 years old and you can expect problems to arise at any time. We know some of them will be minor, but some of them will be of a major nature. This past year, I mentioned in my report yesterday, that you approved, that we had or would return a minimum of \$50,000, and now that figure is already up to \$70,000, but, as Mr. Pribble mentioned, we do get our money on a monthly basis. After a few months if we accumulate too much, we tell the Grand Secretary to withhold a monthly allotment, or to reduce it \$15,000

— reduce it \$20,000. Right now we have in our bank account just slightly over \$20,000. If we don't get money from the Grand Secretary from the Grand Chapter by November 1st, we won't have enough money to give the Administrator her monthly allowance. This budget is, I guess you would call it, a maximum budget. You could cut it down to the bone, but you would never know from day to day if you would have money to take care of an emergency.

In presenting this budget to the Board of Grand Trustees on, I believe it was, September 10, we brought this to their attention, and as mentioned, ordinarily we divide our budget by 1/12 and that is what the Grand Secretary gives us each month. We proposed and agreed with the Board of Grand Trustees that instead of getting the full 1/12 each month and having reimbursements to the Board, that on a non-systematic basis — if our bank balance got more than it should — they could withhold, I forget the figure, I believe it was \$5,000 a month. They could hold that and invest it for any emergency that might come up. So, Sisters and Brothers, in order to insure the happiness, the welfare, the safety and security of the ladies at the Home, and to operate it in a manner, in which, I think is the intent of Grand Chapter, I would recommend that we adopt the budget as submitted in this annual report. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron: Is there further discussion?

Mrs. Louise Armstrong: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Louise Armstrong, a Past Matron of Travis Chapter No. 472, Austin. I do not belong to the Benevolent Board, but my heart is with the members of the Board. We are organized for charitable and benevolent purposes. The little ladies in our Home should be foremost in our minds in every regard, and in every need, and if we need to cut expenses, let's do away with some of the fanfare in our Grand Chapter sessions. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron: Is there other discussion? Brother Herbert.

Mr. Herbert Arnold: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, My Sisters and Brothers: I wholeheartedly concur with Sister Louise Armstrong. I served on your Benevolent Board, and I know the problems that arise with the Benevolent Board in making up a budget. You never know when a little lady is going to get sick and have to be taken to the hospital and a \$2,000 hospital bill incurred — and that can happen several times a month, or you may run several months and it will never happen; but believe you me, I hope that this Grand Chapter, and I know that this Grand Chapter, is going to take care of those little ladies in the Home. If we never make a nickel off of invested money that they have in the budget, be sure that you never overdraw that amount. When I was on the Board, we did overdraw the account several times, and it is embarrassing to have to go back to the bank and personally guarantee payment for the Eastern Star Home. Let's keep plenty of money to take care of the little ladies in the Home — what we are organized to do — the main purpose of our Order is benevolence. Let's have plenty of money to do that if we never do any more in Grand Chapter. Thank you. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron: Are you ready for the question? You have heard the report — there is a motion and second that it be adopted.

Mrs. Louise Peterson: Worthy Grand Matron, I am in the West. My name is Louise Peterson, a Past Matron of Waller Chapter No. 1047. I would like to question whether or not we have a quorum present for this vote.

Worthy Grand Matron: Would all the voting delegates please rise so that we may see how many we have. We have well over the required number. We need the chapter representatives, however, to see how many we have, would those who are chapter representatives, please rise. I believe we still have the quorum to proceed.

As I said, we have the motion and second that we accept this report. All in favor will give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. The report is accepted.

I believe we will go into the closing at this time, and we will continue these other reports tomorrow during our election.

I believe they say there is one other thing. Sisters and Brothers stay with us just a moment, we may need you for a count.

Mr. Richard T. Porter: Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to move the removal off the table and consideration thereof for the General Budget. That is a motion that is ready to be adopted. I move that it be taken from the table and considered at this time.

Worthy Grand Matron: The motion has been made and seconded that this motion to Table be removed from the Table. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor will give the usual voting sign; all opposed, like sign. The motion carried.

We will now vote, Sisters and Brothers, on whether to adopt the General Budget. We have had the motion and second that it be adopted. All those in favor of accepting the General Budget as it was presented, will give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. The motion carried.

Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Wednesday afternoon session of the Grand Chapter of Texas from Labor to Rest until 9:00 A.M. Thursday morning.

Mr. Paul Huffhines, a Past Grand Patron of District 3, my own district, and a very fine gentleman, will bring our benediction.

Mr. Paul Huffhines: Will you please bow your heads?

Our most gracious Father, we pause now to thank you for giving each of us strength for this day, and for blessing all our leaders for the wisdom they need to conduct the business of this Grand Chapter. Father, we thank you for taking care of the needs of the least of us and your loving care about even the smallest detail of our life. We humbly pray for the peace of your benediction on this session. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

The Bible was closed and Grand Chapter was called from Labor to Rest.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SESSION October 27, 1976

Musical Selections were presented by Mrs. Lucille Rowland prior to the Opening of the Session.

(The setting for the Evening Session was changed to the Statue of Iwo Jima, in which the American Marines are re-establishing Old Glory on the hill. The Iwo Jima Statue lifted up man's LOVE OF FREEDOM gained through the "Blood Bath" of war. To its left, suspended from the Heavens, was the large "BETHLEHEM STAR." From the star, a pale blue tulle streamer reached down to the Earth, representing "GOD'S LOVE OF MAN" in the gift of His Son. To the right was an illuminated CROSS representing "CHRIST'S SACRIFICIAL LOVE THROUGH DEATH UPON THE CROSS")

The Grand Marshal escorted Mrs. Thelma Chandler, Past Grand Matron, and Mr. Hal Burnett, Past Grand Patron, to the East to call the meeting to Order.

(The "Our Emblems" Drill was presented by the Grand Officers and Personal Pages).

Mrs. Thelma Chandler: Sister Grand Conductress, you will present the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

(The Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the East)

Sister Grand Marshal, you will present Mrs. Mary Katherine Smith and her escort, her husband, to the East.

(Mrs. Mary Katherine Smith and her escort were escorted to the East.)

I would like to say that for this 94th Session of Grand Chapter, my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Hal Burnett, will assist me in the opening — and so, now, together we will call to Order this 94th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

Sisters and Brothers, we have a very distinguished guest who is with us this evening, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, and we would like to have her presented in the East, but she has chosen to remain with the Past Grands to my left. Sister Mabel, will you please rise. Spotlight for our Most Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause)

May I say, Sisters and Brothers, we are real honored with her presence and pleased that our trails have crossed. God grant that we may meet at many other campfires. We hope your stay has been so pleasant, Sister Mabel, that sunrise will find you unwilling to leave us. We regret that Brother George, our Most Worthy Grand Patron, is not with us.

Sisters and Brothers, let's once again give Sister Mabel Grand Honors. (Grand Honors were given)

Texas is so proud of their Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mildred Haney Harris. Sister Mildred Haney Harris is seated to my right in the East. Will you please give her Grand Honors. (Grand Honors were given)

May I say to Sister Mildred, we are very happy to have her with us, and I feel sure that you have convinced the world that Texas is big — Texas is better than most parts of the Universe. But, seriously you have brought much honor to Texas. We adore you for all you have accomplished for our Order. Tonight we offer our highest praise of one who has led us to see the Star in the East. Thank you.

Brother Hal, I know many of your friends are here. We missed you the first day or so; so, would you have a good word for us? We have been waiting to hear from you. Brother Hal always brings us words of wisdom; we think that you have been one of our greatest, and you and Rachel will always be near and dear to my heart. I give you Brother Hal Burnett (Applause)

Mr. Hal Burnett: Sister Thelma McReynolds, I think we are going to call you "Chandler" right now, but to me, when I served with her, that was her name, but now it is Sister Thelma Chandler. A man whom we greatly admire is Brother Chandler.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers of General Grand Chapter, Grand Officers, present and past, and really most of all, my Sisters and Brothers. (Singing) "Have I told you lately that I love you? Well, darling, I'm telling you now." (Applause)

This also includes Baptist, if any are present.

What a privilege it has been through the years — something over a million miles that we have traveled from chapter to chapter, from lodge to lodge — Rachel and I — in this great state. There is no money that would buy the love that we hold for the Masons of Texas. When I say Masons, I mean all of the bodies, Eastern Star, women and men, boys and girls. This evening as we listened to those fine young people; and certainly we cannot say now that our young people are going to the 'dogs', for certainly that was a beautiful rendition — a thrill and an inspiration for all of those who love their Eastern Star, and who love America.

As I listened to those boys and girls this evening, I thanked God for creation, and I thanked God that Masonry and America was founded upon those same principles; and it brought to me again the Trinity of Creation, Masonry, and America. Sister Doris, you have been a wonderful Grand Matron, and when I say that I reach back some 12 or 14 years ago when she was District Deputy Grand Matron for Thelma. I knew at that time that certainly she would inspire each and everyone of us, should she ever reach the pinnacle of Worthy Grand Matron. This year you have carried the banner of Creation, Masonry, and America, high; and inspired us by your teachings and your leadership; and tonight we want to thank you for this privilege, and thank you for this session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Thank you. (Applause)

No greater privilege has ever reached any individual man than the privilege that was mine to serve with Sister Thelma. As she went from place to place she left inspiration and teaching that were worthy of the Order of the Eastern Star, and that each and every member of the Order of the Eastern Star should receive. It was my privilege, Rachel and I, to be in 48 of her schools; and as we traveled this state together, a great love was sealed between Sister Thelma and me, and tonight, Sister Thelma, may I say again, that no greater privilege could be afforded me than to stand here by your side while you opened this Grand Chapter Session. May God in His Infinite love be ever reaching out to guide each and everyone, and especially guide this Past Grand Matron. To me she will always be "My Worthy Grand Matron." Thank you, Sister Thelma.

Mrs. Thelma Chandler: Sisters and Brothers, I just thought this evening as we were coming to the auditorium, how much we should realize as we follow the light of His Star in the East — there was Calvary and the Tomb, and it is only a trustful faith that will direct us beyond the shadow of the Cross, where we are able to receive the precious gift — His gift of Eternal Life. It is a gift offered to all mankind, even to you and to me; and as we all know the real heart of any organization is service, and only by our service can we really accomplish anything.

It was in the year 1962 and 1963 that I was privileged to serve with one of the greatest Masons in our Grand Chapter; and tonight, as we are standing in the East, it is with much pride that we together sponsored our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Easterling, to serve as one of our District Deputy Grand Matrons. Her choice of Brother O. D. Christian, who happens to be a Past Patron of my Subordinate Chapter, was fine. It warms my heart, and Hal and I are especially proud of each of you. Thanks Sister Doris, for inviting Brother Hal and myself to open this Wednesday night session. We are justly proud of you, and you have done a magnificent job for this State. I told you at the time, I selected you for your efficient work, all by myself, and you have never disappointed me in any way. Tonight I call this session to Order, and I am very proud to have been a part of it.

And Brother O. D., I know that Brother Hal has some very interesting words for you. He is a Brother, in your own ranks.

Mr. Hal Burnett: Brother O. D., it is with privilege that I also acknowledge you as Worthy Grand Patron, for the privilege of appearing here with Sister Thelma. Your services have been outstanding, and on behalf of those who are here with you

tonight, and of Masons of Texas, may we congratulate you on your fine work. (Applause)

Mrs. Thelma Chandler: Sisters and Brothers, we have only to remember God's greatest promise — a panorama of the world with all its beauty, grandeur and magnificence — it does not compare with the things God has promised of those that Love Him. God has given us a golden gift — Memory — and the memories we carry from this particular session will live long — so the happy times and the ties of love and the special joys that we share together here will be given by our Beloved Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Katherine Smith, in our Invocation to Thee. Sister Mary Katherine.

INVOCATION

Mrs. Mary Katherine Smith: Our gracious Heavenly Father, as the shades of night descend, we are comforted and assured by the thought of Your Divine Presence, guiding and directing the affairs of our Nation, and our Symbols of Freedom Session. We would request Thy special blessing upon our Beloved Most Worthy Grand Matron and all of the distinguished guests who are within our Grand Jurisdiction. We ask Thy blessing upon our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron, and their corps of officers throughout the deliberations of this Grand Chapter Session. We recognize Thy power, and Thy Glory and Thy majesty in all the Earth, and that You are among all conditions and all circumstances of life. We pray for our beautiful Order, that true nobility of manhood and of womanhood may be manifested in the lives of all our members, as they are reminded again of the sacred obligation which they assumed at the Altar. We are grateful for the cherished ties that unite our Fraternities, the Great Ancient and Accepted Freemasonry, and the beautiful relationship of the dearest of ties that bind us heart to heart. And now, as the shades fall upon us, the night descends and it moves onward and upward, we would say: To Thine be the honor and the glory forever and forever. Amen.

Mrs. Thelma Chandler: Thank you, Sister Mary Katherine Smith. You have caused our burdens to take flight, and the tears in our eyes to be dried by the Hands of our Loving Father.

We come to the Welfare work and the report.

The Welfare Committee of this Grand Jurisdiction is one of the most rewarding committees in our Order. I am pleased to introduce to you Mrs. Lemma Voorhies, the Chairman, who will give this year's report. I understand it is a very "glowing report." Sisters and Brothers, I give you the Chairman.

WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Lemma Voorhies: Thank you, Sister Thelma Chandler. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mabel L. Mackereth, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mildred Haney Harris, other Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers: In order for all to see our Welfare Drill, we are going to present first those Worthy Matrons and Junior Past Matrons who have contributed, in their chapters, 100% or more, this Grand Chapter year.

Sister Grand Marshal, we are ready for the drill, please.

(Welfare Drill was presented and a beautiful Cross was executed)

Please look upon the Cross that has been formed in this beautiful drill by those chapter representatives that have given 100% or more this year. The Cross symbolizes Christ's death and resurrection and reminds us of our opportunity of Freedom from our Sins. Worthy Grand Matron, we chose the formation of the Cross in this

drill to further reflect the beautiful Christian influence you have had on our lives. We love and appreciate you and your wonderful leadership. Membership, hasn't this been a beautiful drill? Thank you, and may we show the Grand Marshal, Sister Joy Shackelford, the Grand Organist, Brother Bob King, of my own Star Chapter, the Grand Choir, and all these people in this drill how much we have appreciated it. (Applause)



Sister Grand Marshal, you will please seat them.

Sister Doris, when I served as District Welfare Committee member of District 5, and you served as my General Chairman, little did I realize that about 10 years later, I would be serving as your General Welfare Chairman. I am just not real sure, sometimes, especially this year, when I have worked so hard and have been so tired, whether this was an appointment or "punishment of love", but with all the cooperation, the friendship, and the encouragement from the membership, and especially the Secretaries, I know, Sister Doris, that it was an appointment of "love", and thank you for it.

Worthy Grand Matron at the last Grand Chapter Session when you dedicated your Welfare Program for the year 1975-1976, "The Four Freedoms" — the "Symbols of Hope", we felt in this Symbols of Freedom Session, the BELLS OF FREEDOM would properly depict the welfare work this year.

You were very wise, Worthy Grand Matron, in your choice of those chosen to serve with me on this important committee. You gave me five fine, most dedicated, motivated, cooperative, hard working and loving ladies to serve as the District Chairmen. They have given freely of their knowledge, time and patience. Although postage advanced to \$.13 this year, the small amount allowed for expenses did not keep them from mailing all memorial cards, receipts, correspondence, etc., at their own additional expense. It is with great pleasure that I introduce these lovely ladies to you. Sister Mary E. Stewart, District 1; Sister Beulah Speer, District 2; Sister Mary Edwards, District 3; Sister Corine Clayton, District 4 and Sister Dovie Davidson, District 5.

Thank you, dear ones, and I only wish each of your husbands could be introduced with you for all their help, patience and loyalty this year. We send them our special thanks and appreciation.

I have invited my committee members to help in the presentation of our "Bells of Freedom." Sister Mary E. Stewart, District 1, will present our O.E.S. Home Bell of Freedom.

Mrs. Mary E. Stewart: Thank you, Sister Lemma. Worthy Grand Matron, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to you for this nice appointment this year. It has been a rewarding experience to serve on this committee, and I thank you for the opportunity that you have afforded me.

At the heart of every successful organization is service. The need for compassion and service was never greater than today. We can no longer draw a circle around ourselves, and our next of kin and shut out the rest of the world. When we recognize that fact and assume our responsibilities with sacrifice, vision, courage and enthusiasm, then service becomes not a burden but a bounty, not a drudgery, but a delight, not a job, but a joy.

We have heard it said that "Charity begins at Home." This saying is true in our Order, for our charity should begin at our Eastern Star Home in Arlington. With this thought in mind our Worthy Grand Matron selected the Home as the first phase of her "Four Freedoms Welfare Program" for this year — FREEDOM FROM WANT.

The Eastern Star Home at Arlington is a Landmark of Fraternal Love. It is here we lend a helping hand to some of our members who have reached the evening of life and have found comfort and FREEDOM FROM WANT within its shelter. To the rank and file of our membership, to the great Citizenry of our State, our Home at Arlington stands first and foremost as the Great Philanthropy of our Order. It is the HEART of the Grand Chapter of Texas — it is the source of pride to each member of our Order — it is a Monument of Devotion.

As you well know the cost of operation, maintaining and repairing the Home is increasing along with everything else. This is strictly our own project and is supported wholeheartedly by the members of the Eastern Star. Let us resolve to maintain the Home in good repair, so that we can assure comfort and "FREEDOM FROM WANT" for the dear little ladies who reside there.

I wish to congratulate the membership of District 1, who have responded so generously to the Welfare Program this year. I have enjoyed working with the Chapter Secretaries. It has been a rewarding experience working with this committee. I am proud to report that District 1 gave a total of \$27,754.39 to the Worthy Grand Matron's Welfare Program this year, with 110-100% Chapters; 2-200% Chapters, (Fidelity #383 and Eustace #1062); one 300% Chapter (Templar #374) and one 900% Chapter (Deport #1045) for a total of 110.

This is a fine record and one to be proud of, but we must not stop here. We must continue each year with our generous support of the Welfare Programs. I would like to leave this thought with you.

"Go share with a Sister or Brother Thy bread,
For giving is living, the Angel said;
And must I be giving again and again?"
My peevish and pitiless answer ran.
"Oh no", said the Angel, piercing me through,
"Just give till the Master stops giving to you."

Mrs. Lemma Voorhies: Thank you, Sister Mary E. Stewart. Sister Mary E. Edwards, District 3, will present our HOME ENDOWMENT FUND "Bells of Freedom."

Mrs. Mary Edwards: I am happy to share some thoughts with you about Home Endowment; first, a portion of our Worthy Grand Matron's Welfare Program. FREEDOM FROM WANT — Home Endowment: "In the realm of endowment we have a great opportunity to help build a strong tomorrow for our Eastern Star Home. Endowing the Home with our material gifts now, will better enable us to provide for the needs of our Home, making it possible for it to have, Freedom From Want." "Let us Endow our Home for the future."

Home Endowment has come a long way, since a crusade was launched to increase the endowment, to provide for the future of the Home. I do not know just when interest was revived in Home Endowment, however, an amendment to the Code of Laws was adopted in October, 1970, to add "Endowment Fund Committee." Much has been done to increase the Endowment Fund, from which, only the interest is used to meet any necessary expenses and the "Fund" remains invested to keep our Home "Free From Want."

Since this year has been reminiscent of Historical things, I did look into the History of the Grand Chapter of Texas, a little bit, and I think as far back as 1900 the members expressed a desire to build an Eastern Star Home. In 1912 the Board of Grand Trustees introduced a resolution for the Grand Chapter to declare its intentions to build and maintain an independent Eastern Star Home, and that before we establish such a Home, we should add to the present Charity Fund until a permanent Endowment Fund of \$100,000.00 is accumulated, etc. In 1926, the Grand Trustees reported the Home had been opened in April, 1925, and \$100,000.00 was in the Endowment Fund.

Somewhere along the way it seems we strayed away from this very worthwhile project and hopefully now that we are back on the track, we will follow through and see our Home permanently endowed.

Contributions for this fund are voluntarily given, in the amount, manner and at the time, we each desire to do so, however, due to the rapid escalation in costs of operating the Home and for proper maintenance it would seem, the sooner we have it permanently endowed the better it will be for many of us in the Sunset years of our lives.

I want to thank the members in District 3 for helping to make our Welfare Work successful, contributing a total of \$17,463.65. I am happy to report 82 Chapters are 100% or more out of the 129 Chapters in District 3. Section 4 was the only Section with every Chapter 100%, and I am proud to say this is my home Section as well, and also the home Section of Mrs. Doris Easterling, Worthy Grand Matron.

Mrs. Lemma Voorhies: Thank you, Sister Mary Edwards.

Sister Corine Clayton, will Ring our ESTARL "Bells of Freedom." Sister Corine is our District 4 member.

Mrs. Corine Clayton: Worthy Grand Matron, may I take this moment to express my deep appreciation to you for allowing me the privilege to serve Grand Chapter this year as the District 4 member of the Welfare Committee. I know your heart has been thrilled, as has mine, by the overwhelming response the membership has made to this outstanding beneficent purpose of our Order.

We believe our ESTARL program to be "An Investment in Tomorrow." Just as this Nation was founded on the "Belief in Religious Freedom" by our Forefathers, who with their bare hands and sturdy determination, claimed it from an antagonistic

wilderness to establish this freedom — so — we of the Order of the Eastern Star should do no less than join hands with them to insure that this Nation remains a God directed Nation. We do this through our ESTARL Program by investing in our dedicated youth — helping to pave the road so they may continue in their studies in Religious Education.

It has been my joy to work with the fine Secretaries of the various Chapters, and to realize that they — along with their Worthy Matrons and others of their Chapters realize that “Blessed Assurance” can be more than a song.

Of the 162 dedicated Chapters in District 4 — 158 have worked towards the 100% goal. We appreciate all that they have contributed and we know that this has been given with love. Of these, 132 have attained the 100% mark. Six have gone on to 200%, one to 300%, one to 500% and one to 600%. The overall goal given to the “FOUR FREEDOMS” of the Welfare Program by District 4 is the grand total of \$33,302.40.

Mrs. Lemma Voorhies: Thank you, Sister Corine Clayton.

Sister Dovie Davidson of District 5 will present our Cancer Research Bell. My home district.

Mrs. Dovie Davidson: Master of Ceremonies, Sister Lemma, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

I am thankful for the opportunity of being on the program here this evening, and I would like to share with you a few brief facts on Cancer Research. Most of us in this assembly have had our lives touched in one way or another by the dreaded disease, Cancer.

With the aid of maps and health records, instead of test tubes and microscopes, a group of scientists are providing new insight into many unanswered questions about Cancer. They seek the subtle clues that hide behind known patterns of Cancer, by finding and understanding known patterns of Cancer occurrence throughout the world, they strive to provide essential clues to the cause and prevention of Cancer.

I think one of the things people do not really understand, is that not everyone has the same chance of getting Cancer. From one decade to another, explains Doctors, the patterns of Cancer occurrence change, and they try to understand these changing patterns in population.

If a certain kind of Cancer persists in a certain place, there may be highly specific peculiarities about the environment, the people, the work they do, or their cultural habits, these are very significant clues to know. For example, if you know that un-boiled river water will make you sick, or that people who smoke cigarettes have a higher chance of getting lung Cancer, then you do not have to know specifically what in the river water or the cigarette causes the problem in order to avoid them and improve your health. Of course, knowing what to avoid and what action to take is not always that simple when you are dealing with a large, complex disease like Cancer.

Unlike more common diseases such as Measles and Mumps, that only require a week or two to develop, it is known the time between cause and appearance of Cancers are the result of combinations of factors such as age, inheritance, and environmental hazards, to name a few. Thus, scientists, acting as medical detectives, using computers, medical histories, and a variety of assorted clues, attempt to piece together a constantly changing puzzle. The complexities are obvious.

My year as Chairman of the Welfare Committee of District 5 has been a most rewarding one, because of the cooperation which I have received from all of our Chap-

ters. Your generosity in contributing to all causes of the Welfare Program of the Grand Chapter of Texas in this our Bicentennial year is profoundly appreciated. I thank you.

Mrs. Lemma Voorhies: Thank you, Sister Dovie Davidson, and District 5 contributed \$25,538.56 with 102 Chapters 100% or more.

The FREEDOM OF SPEECH BELL will be presented by Sister Beulah Speer, of District 2.

Mrs. Beulah Speer: Life has given me many pleasures in service, but none more challenging or rewarding than this year. For this sacred trust and the deep spiritual satisfaction it afforded me, my sincere gratitude to you Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Easterling, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother O. D. Christian.

To the members of District 2 . . . knowing that nothing is more beautiful than man's faithful adherence to his obligations and duty to humanity gave a total of \$22,048.20 and 104 were 100% or more . . . My Sincere appreciation to each of you. To my Chairman, Sister Lemma Voorhies, I feel that working together this year has developed our acquaintance into a lasting friendship, and I thank you for asking me to speak on behalf of District Two on "FREEDOM OF SPEECH", one of our Worthy Grand Matron's projects.

Our country has reached its 200th birthday, and we have all been enjoying the festivities. This is also a time to do some serious reflections. Our thoughts naturally turn to those illustrious men of long ago — our Founding Fathers. What noble ideals were theirs. What visions, as they planned a nation dedicated to human freedoms under God: A Nation where the foundations were righteousness and honesty. They envisioned a society in which mutual respect and brotherhood would be united with strength and permanency. This was their vision. However, no matter how glorious their vision, how painstaking their efforts at setting up the Constitution and Bill of Rights, just writing the words and phrases which spell out how a system of government is supposed to work will not necessarily make it function, much less function well. Chief Justice Charles Hughes wrote, "We have in this country but one security. You may think the Constitution is your security — it is nothing but a piece of paper. You may think that the statutes are your security — they are nothing but words in a book . . . you may think that elaborate mechanisms of government are your security — they are nothing at all. Unless you have sound and uncorrupted public opinion to give life to your Constitution, to give vitality to your statutes, and to make efficient your government machinery, you have nothing. For Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women. When it dies there, no Constitution, no law, no court can save it." There is deep concern among all serious-minded Americans today. We see in our Nation much that falls short of the ideals of our forefathers. We all recognize that our leaders, public officials, and our government are not perfect. Our aim should be to do our part to make our system of government work, and if possible improve it.

Our efforts will be like a small stone tossed into a small pond. The ripples may start small, but they will eventually reach all the way to the far shore. How many of us have the integrity to speak out against evil and corruption in our community, instead of just bemoaning their existence on higher levels? How many of us become actively involved in fighting crime instead of just talking about how you can't walk the streets safely anymore? How many of us really know what is being taught to our children in school? Have you even taken the time to seriously examine one of your children's textbooks? How many of us serve on juries when called upon to do so? Or, do we ask to be excused and then complain later if we don't have a well qualified jury in a case that concerns us?

We were guaranteed Freedom of Speech 200 years ago. How many of us exercise this right by informing ourselves on current issues, expressing our thoughts in connection with them to our elected representatives, and then following up by finding

out how our representatives voted on the issues? The situation America faces today has no place for those who doubt God or America, who have nothing but fear in their hearts, and who have nothing but complaints on their lips.

We have more than enough telling us what is wrong in our country. What we need is more people doing something about our problems. We need men and women of conviction and resolution who can see all that is wrong and yet not lose sight of all that is right. Our Nation is still one that glorifies the work of the individual. When we compare the American way of life with its freedoms and opportunities for each of us to develop to our fullest potential, then we can take a just pride in the fact that we live in the United States of America. It is time that we put aside congratulating ourselves on what our forefathers did and start thinking about what we can do. It is time that all of us begin to make ourselves felt at the ballot box, in the pulpit, in the classroom, in our public appearances, and on the news media. It is time to act. Each of us might well do some soul searching and say to ourselves, "I may not be EVERYBODY, and I may not be able to do EVERYTHING, but I am SOMEBODY, and I can do SOMETHING."

Mrs. Lemma Voorhies: Thank you, Sister Beulah Speer, and thank you girls for ringing these "Bells of Freedom."

I trust each of you have felt a sense of joy and pride in having a part in Welfare projects this year. Only those very few chapters who have not contributed to the Grand Chapter projects know the reason, but we appreciate their kind thoughts. I sincerely thank each person and chapter for their gifts, and those chapters that contributed, even though they did not give the \$1.00 per chapter member, their money was just acceptable for the causes designated. Special honor is due District 3, Section 4, the Worthy Grand Matron's home section for each chapter being 100% at their school in Cisco. We thank the many Past Matrons and Past Patrons associations and clubs, study clubs, and others that have so generously contributed. We also express our appreciation to Sister Elsie Paladino, General Chairman ESTARL and Sister Pauline "Polly" Dugger, Chairman Endowment Fund Committee and their committee members for the kindness and cooperation we have had with them this year. Thank you, Sister Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, for your help and suggestions. I cannot let this year close without thanking all for the many, many memorials given in memory of my dear Silas; I surely miss him and needed his help. And to my own STAR Chapter No. 782, for their help, encouragement, kindness, and gifts of over \$2500.00 this Grand Chapter year to our Bells of Freedom projects, which I believe to be an all time record high for chapter contributions. The record of every chapter's contributions to each project will be filed and printed in the proceedings of this Grand Chapter Session.

To save time we did not read the names of the 100% or more chapters, but we trust you have looked at the FREEDOM BELL charts, which have been on display all week, listing the 530 chapter names. Neither will I read the statistical report attached, other than the totals. I hope no 100% chapter was left off; if so, it was an error of pen and not intentional. However, I wish to give special recognition to the 34 chapters that have given the "over and above:"

200%		300%			
Wimodausis	141	Ysleta	991	Corpus Christi	354
Fidelity	383	Lexington	996	Templar	374
Cleveland	465	Shepherd	1003	Vernon	424
Rockport	479	Lake Jackson	1009	DeLeon	693
Woodland	696	Adobe Walls	1059	Willis	1017
Big Lake	752	Eustace	1062	Independence	1044
Mulshoe	792	Floyd Easterling	1074	Valley Hi	1104
Levelland	797	Oak Forest	1080		
Schertz	911				

Sisters and Brothers, we have been honored by the presence of Distinguished General Grand Chapter Officers since the beginning of our Session, for which we are very grateful. We have had the privilege of hearing our Most Worthy Grand Matron, our Most Worthy Grand Patron, and the Right Worthy Grand Conductress. I had hoped that we might have our Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress bring us greetings this afternoon, but we had so much business that we had to take care of; so, at this time, I am going to call upon Sister Josephine Ruhsam, the Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, to come and extend to us her words of greeting. She will be leaving in the morning. Sister Josephine.

Mrs. Josephine Ruhsam: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Guests, My Sisters and Brothers:

First of all, Sister Doris, I would like to congratulate you and your officers on such a wonderful Grand Chapter Session. You are a beautiful and most efficient presiding officer, and I can see why you are so loved in the Grand Chapter of Texas. Also, I would sincerely like to thank you for appointing as my host and hostess, Sister Martha and Brother J. T. Sanders, who were so kind to me when I was here before; and, above all, I think I speak for all the General Grand Chapter Officers, the Committee Members that are here, our appreciation to you in dedicating this Session to our Most Worthy Grand Matron and our Most Worthy Grand Patron. I think it was a wonderful thing to do, and we are most grateful to you. I bring you greetings from my home State of Minnesota, the Northern Star State. I hope some of you will come and visit us. We meet in May, the second Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of May, and we will be looking forward to seeing you there. I would like to wish the incoming officers the very best, and when I was listening to the report just given, the wonderful ESTARL Service on Sunday, I couldn't help but think of the words of our Founder in 1850, when he said if the Order will serve humanity, and have a purpose in the world, it will live; and so, when we do these deeds of kindness and charity we are serving a purpose in the world, and our Order will live. I must leave in the morning, and I can't help but think of a prayer that I clipped from a Masonic Magazine quite recently, well not so recently either, because I have been referring to it, and I am sure this is what happens to all of the presiding officers in the Grand Chapter of Texas. You have a tremendous job. "Do not pray for easy tasks, pray to be stronger men and women; do not pray for tasks equal to your powers; pray for powers equal to tasks;" thank you again, and May the Good Lord watch between me and Thee while we are absent one from the other.

Mrs. Thelma Chandler: Sisters and Brothers, it is always fitting and proper that we pause or at least take the time and look back over the year that has just passed since we last honored those who have been elevated to the ranks of the Grand Chapter above. We now pause in Remembrance of our Departed Sisters and Brothers. Mrs. Ollie Rogers, our Beloved Grand Chaplain, will pay our Tribute of Respect. Sister Ollie Rogers.

THE BETHLEHEM STAR MEMORIAL

Mrs. Ollie Rogers: Grand Marshal, you will escort to the East those participating in the Memorial Program: (The program participants were escorted to the East)

Sisters and Brothers we have come to this sacred hour of precious memories, when we pay loving and heartfelt tribute to those who have so faithfully served our Order, and to other loved ones who have answered the Master's call.

As we begin this "Bethlehem Star Memorial Service", I invite you to listen closely to the words of the hymns found on the back of your programs. They will give the message that I hope will bring peace and comfort and inspiration to your hearts. Now as we quiet our hearts and minds in a spirit of reverence, may we listen to these words in music and song by the Grand Choir.

(The Grand Choir sang, "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Sweet, Sweet Spirit.")

Mrs. Ollie Rogers: In our thoughts, as we travel down the corridors of time, we will remember from the scriptures in our Holy Bible how the Prophets of old prophesied of the coming of a King who would be the Saviour of the World. Those who followed and believed looked forward with great HOPE and FAITH.

In Gal. 4:4 we read, "When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son." And, so it was almost 2000 years ago a bright Star appeared in the Heavens, in the East, the scriptures tell us, proclaiming the birth of their long awaited King, the Saviour of the world. The appearance of the Star was the fulfillment of their HOPE.

The Star of Bethlehem first shone against a dark night, and the Prince of Peace came to an earth torn by war and racial hatred. Yet the darkness of nineteen centuries ago could not master that LIGHT. Nor can the hardships provoked by evil forces today extinguish the HOPE and FAITH and LOVE kindled by the Divine, Its radiance will glow as a beacon to guide mankind in the way of Justice and Peace. May the LIGHT illumine your hearts tonight bringing you peace, comfort, and hope in this hour of remembrance.

The LIGHT of the Bethlehem Star, with all that it encompasses, is the inspiration for this Bethlehem Star Memorial Service.

Through the ages, years have come and gone, and now we behold the ONE who said, "I am the LIGHT of the world; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the LIGHT of LIFE."

Surely this story reveals to us that God, our Heavenly Father, has provided our salvation and eternal life through the gift of His only begotten Son. It is an old, old story. But, it is the sweetest story ever told. It is the story of a song, a song the angels sang on that glorious night, and it is the STORY OF A STAR.

(Mr. Jerry D. Christian and the Grand Choir rendered beautifully, "Star in the East")

Proudly and lovingly, I present our Worthy Grand Matron for her Memorial Message.

Mrs. Doris Easterling: Tonight we come in loving memory as we linger in the golder afterglow left by our dear ones who have been guided from this earth into the Master's presence. Our hearts are saddened as we recall the many beloved members who have passed beyond the sunset, yet, we have assurance that they have entered into their life beyond, abundant with joys and happiness evermore. How fortunate are we who are left behind, because they touched our lives with beauty and kindness. Our Heavenly Father has permitted us to know them and to love them during their brief sojourn on earth, and we praise Him for this privilege. Their devotion to the precepts of our Order has made their lives an inspiration to us.

Tonight we pause and give thanks that we were permitted to walk with them for awhile.

This Star of Bethlehem Memorial Service is lovingly dedicated to the memory of two of our most beloved former leaders of the Order in Texas — Mrs. Riva C. Burnett, Worthy Grand Matron 1932-1933, and Mr. Chauncey Penix, Worthy Grand Patron, 1954-1955.

We will now have the presentation of the Bible by Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, Past Grand Matron, and the Square and Compasses by Mr. Paul Huffhines, Past Grand Patron.

(The Bible was presented by Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, Past Grand Matron, and the Square and Compasses by Mr. Paul Huffhines, Past Grand Patron)

Sister Grand Conductress, you will open the Holy Bible.

(The Bible was opened by Mrs. Mary Brown, Grand Conductress)

Sisters Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, and Grand Chaplain, you will drape the Altar in memory of our dear members who have gone to their Heavenly Home this past year.

(The Altar was draped in memory of departed Sisters and Brothers)

The Chaplain will offer prayer.

Mrs. Ollie Rogers: Heavenly Father as we stand in the presence of Thy Holy Word, with bowed heads and hearts attuned to Thee, we feel Thy presence near to each one in this place. Dear Father, put Thy comforting arm of love around all sorrow, and may they know the peace that passeth all understanding.

Heavenly Father, how we do thank You, and praise Your name, for Thy great love toward us manifested in the gift of Thine only begotten Son, providing for our eternal salvation that we may dwell in that home not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Dear God, we thank you for this ONE who gave us a blessed promise when He said "Because I live, ye shall live also." Dear Lord, in our belief and faith, we now claim this promise and rest in assurance of a life beyond the grave, where our loved ones, gone before, are waiting to welcome us to our Eternal Home. Bless the families and loved ones of those whom Thou hast called to be with Thee. May all that is said and done here this evening bring honor and glory to your Holy Name. And, now, in the name that is above every name — "Comfort ye, comfort ye, Thy people in this place, oh Lord, we pray." In Jesus blessed Name — Amen.

Worthy Grand Matron: We will now have the report of the Grand Chaplain, Sister Ollie.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

Mrs. Ollie Rogers: The year that is drawing to a close has been one of the greatest of my life. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I am so deeply grateful to you for giving me the opportunity to share this year with you, and the membership of Texas, as your Grand Chaplain. I shall treasure the memory of this year the rest of my life. I have felt most humble in the face of the duties of this office, yet through prayer I have sought the help of the Lord throughout the year, and without His guidance I might have faltered many times.

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father that He has spared the members of our Grand family, although, four of these officers have lost their Mother during the year.

One by one our loved ones pass from earthly life to their Heavenly Home.

Throughout this year Texas has lost one Past Grand Matron, one Past Grand Patron, and 2202 members of the Subordinate Chapters of Texas.

In our General Grand Chapter, we have been saddened by the loss of two Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and one Past Most Worthy Grand Patron; Worthy Grand Ruth and one committee member.

During the year it has been my duty, in the name of Grand Chapter to send 86 sympathy cards to other Grand Jurisdictions that have lost members. Of this number, 49 were Past Grand Matrons, and 28 were Past Grand Patrons, the Grand Marshal of Delaware, and Associate Grand Matron of Manitoba.

I have personally sent many sympathy cards and get well cards to members when I knew of their sorrow and illness. I visited members in hospitals and attended a number of funerals.

I served in my capacity as Grand Chaplain at the Constituting of two chapters; Bells and Huffman and the Instituting of Gun Barrel City Chapter. I have, as you know, written the "Spirit Lifters" column in the Bulletin. I pray that it may have been a "Spirit Lifter" for you sometime in your daily life.

To Sister Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, I am most grateful for the way she presented the "Spirit Lifters" column in the Bulletin, and for her gracious help on every occasion.

To those of you who have given encouragement along the way, or have had any part in my work this year, God bless you, friends of mine.

To my Sisters and Brothers, one and all, who have lost loved ones during this year, I pray that the music, the songs and the messages of this Memorial Service may lighten your sorrow and brighten your days in the future.

Tribute to our General Grand Chapter Officers will be given by our lovely and gracious Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris.

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

The General Grand Chapter has been greatly saddened during this year by the loss of two Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons, and one Past Worthy Grand Patron, as our Heavenly Father has called these fine leaders and dear friends to a morning of a beautiful and lasting sunrise where clouds do not mar the glory of Eternal Day. I served closely with Sister Florence Plummer for many years as I was her Right Worthy Grand Conductress in the General Grand Chapter, and I know her great strength of purpose and her beautiful faith in our Heavenly Father.

On the afternoon of November 23, 1975, Sister Florence A. Plummer, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, was summoned by her loving Father to her Eternal Home.

The Eastern Star world is saddened by her passing, but strengthened in the knowledge of her abiding faith in Eternal Life.

Sister Plummer received her first General Grand Chapter appointment in 1940 from Sister Effie Easton. She was appointed to serve on the International Temple Committee. In 1943 she was elected Right Worthy Grand Trustee and served until 1946. In 1947 she was appointed Worthy Grand Sentinel by Sister Eva Holland Hamilton, and in 1949 she was elected to the General Grand Chapter line as Right Worthy Grand Conductress. In 1955 she was elected and installed Most Worthy Grand Matron at the assembly in Washington, D. C., and served in this capacity until her own assembly in 1958.

Let us follow her example
 Our earthly lives through.
 So that like her, when our
 summons comes,
 We may leave a record of useful
 unselfish life,
 And with an earnest hope of a
 blissful immortality.

The Eastern Star world was saddened on March 19, 1976 when the news came that Sister Mildred K. Schanbacher, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, had been called to her Eternal Home. She served as Worthy Grand Matron of Ontario in 1917-1918. Our sister was elected Right Worthy Grand Trustee when General Grand Chapter met in Toronto in 1925. She was elected Right Worthy Grand Conductress in Denver in 1928, and due to the passing of the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron she was installed in that office on May 13, 1930. She was elected and installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron in 1931 and completed her full term in 1934 at her assembly in Tampa.

Services for Sister Schanbacher at the Southall-Clire Funeral Home in Burlington with Reverend William Province, Past Grand Patron of Ontario, officiating.

Interment was in New York.

Early in the morning of November 9, 1975, our beloved Brother Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter was called from his earthly life to his Heavenly Home. He had been in the Ohio Valley Medical Center in Wheeling, West Virginia just two days prior to his passing. Our Brother was very active in Masonry and Masonic Affiliated organizations. Brother Cramblet's Eastern Star life began when he became a member of Bethany Chapter No. 64 of Bethany, West Virginia, on September 8, 1921. He served as Worthy Patron for 19 years and as Associate Patron for 7 years. He was elected and installed as Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Jurisdiction of Virginia in 1944-1945. He was appointed Worthy Grand Sentinel of General Grand Chapter by Sister Olga Phillips in 1946, which appointment terminated with Sister Phillip's death in 1947. He was appointed as a member of the Cancer Research Committee of the General Grand Chapter by Sister Eva Holland Hamilton in 1947 and served in that capacity until 1949 when he was elected Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron. In 1952, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he was elected and installed as Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter and served until 1955. He and his wife, Mildred, received their 50 year membership pins on September 9, 1971.

A noble and courageous man in all his ways
 Of sterling worth and kindly traits,
 Our Lord needed such as he
 And called him to Eternity.

"There's a bridge that lies between
 The earthly world we know so well
 And a peaceful, perfect dwelling place
 Of which the scriptures tell . . .
 There, our loved ones live forever
 And what comfort it will mean
 To know our thoughts and prayers have built,
 The bridge that lies between."

TRIBUTE TO GRAND OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Mrs. Ollie Rogers: Tribute to Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions will be given by our Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Frances Key Herrin.

Mrs. Frances Key Herrin: In this sacred hour, we pause to pay tribute to our friends, Sisters and Brothers, of other Grand Jurisdictions. We do not say goodbye, but farewell until we meet again.

Jesus said to His disciples, "Let not your hearts be troubled, believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you, and when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and take you to myself; that where I am you may be also."

With these words of assurance, we know that our Fraternal family has found peace and rest in their Heavenly Home. Some of those who have joined God's Heavenly family were personal friends, and their life among us will be sorely missed. We cannot mourn, for we know God's love encompasses them, and they wait there on that Heavenly shore to welcome us into God's kingdom. In their memory we ask that we as members of this great Order may ever be mindful of our responsibilities to our Sisters and Brothers, and to all of God's children throughout the world.

In our hearts let us His memory keep,
So that life's sweet harvest we may reap.
For no matter what happens in this world of fear,
We have faith that Christ will reappear.

TRIBUTE TO PAST GRAND MATRON OF TEXAS

Grand Chaplain: Tribute to our own Past Grand Matron will be given by Mrs. Robbie Yates, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Robbie Yates:

"There's an open gate at the end of the road,
Through which each must go alone
And therein a light we cannot see, our Father claims His own.
Beyond the gate each loved one finds happiness and rest,
And there is comfort in the thought,
That a loving God knows best."

In the passing of Sister Riva Burnett, Texas Grand Chapter has lost a loyal member. She pioneered the way for our footsteps to tread, and sweet are the memories of her life. She will be remembered for her strength of character, integrity of purpose, kindnesses and her good deeds will be felt for many years to come by those who knew her and loved her.

As pleasant memories become vivid, let us desire to continue her good works and to improve our lives by the rich heritage which is ours. We humbly bow in submission to God's Will, and we honor our loved one whose exemplification of Christian character challenges us to higher ideals. Our prayers unite for the memory of our loved one; may we believe and trust in God's own perfect way. Sister Riva Burnett was a resident of Miami, Texas. She was initiated into Miami Chapter No. 98 on June 10, 1919. She served willingly as Worthy Matron of Miami Chapter for three terms of office; in 1922, 1932 and 1933. Her sterling qualities of leadership attracted the membership of the Grand Chapter and she served as Associate Grand Conductress in 1929-1930. After progressing to the succeeding stations she was elected to the highest office within the gift of the membership of Grand Chapter, serving

with distinction as Worthy Grand Matron in 1932-1933. She presided over the Fifty-First Session with Brother W. F. Easterling as the Worthy Grand Patron in Amarillo on October 23, 1933.

The main emphasis of her administration was placed on improving the General Fund. Due to her keen insight and dedicated efforts she managed to make a noticeable reduction of expenditures during her year as Worthy Grand Matron.

As a Past Grand Matron she was always found ready and willing to give of her talents and service when called upon. She was a lovely, gracious, noble, Christian character, ever thoughtful of others with whom she came in contact. She was always considerate of her fellow man, and never infringing upon the life of anyone.

Mrs. Burnett was a great believer in truth and followed implicitly that admonition that truth is eternal and unchanging. She would say, "Seek ye to know that which is true and having found it hide it close in thine heart and make it thine own, and all these others, Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love shall be added to it." She was truly one of the "Fairest among thousands altogether lovely."

No doubt many of you will remember her by her humorous sayings in her talks at Eastern Star meetings which we all enjoyed.

It was my privilege to be closely associated with Sister Riva.

"Just knowing her made the day
A little bit more cheery.
Just knowing her chased the clouds away
When skies were turning dreary.
Just knowing her made life more bright
And hours a heap more sunny
Just knowing her was a real delight
And worth a mount of money."

And so it is with our departed Sister. The moving finger of the Great Architect of the Universe has written her mortal achievements in glittering letters that cannot be cancelled or erased, and her unselfish record for service to her friends, her Chapter and her Creator, stands as an enduring monument and will live in the memory of her relatives, her church, her friends, and the Order of the Eastern Star. She was truly a great lady.

As we close the Tribute we are reminded that at the Memorial Session of her Grand Chapter the stage was arranged as an Autumn scene in late afternoon. The Sun gradually sank below the Western horizon, the twilight deepened, the chime of vesper bells was heard in the distance and the evening star appeared in the sky. The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Riva Burnett, then read Tennyson's Poem, "Crossing The Bar."

At the Memorial Service, which included a Tribute to her Worthy Grand Patron, Brother William Floyd Easterling, Judge M. A. Childers, Past Grand Patron, who is now deceased, also read this same poem.

May I, as my final words in this Tribute to the memory of our departed Past Grand Matron, read that poem again:

"Sunset and evening Star
And one clear call for me
And may there be no moaning of the Bar
When I put out to Sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep
 Too full for sound or foam
 When that which drew from out the boundless deep
 Turns again Home.

Twilight and Evening Bell
 And after that the dark
 And may there be no sadness of farewell
 When I embark.

For though from out the Borne of Time and Place
 The flood may bear me far
 I hope to see my Pilot face to face
 When I have crossed the Bar."

TRIBUTE TO PAST GRAND PATRON OF TEXAS

Mrs. Ollie Rogers: Tribute to our Past Grand Patron will be given by Mrs. Eunice Connell, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Eunice Connell: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Job 1:21

Chauncey E. Penix was born into a Christian and fraternal home on July 23, 1903, in Big Spring Texas. He graduated from high school there in 1920. The greatest joy of his life was his wife, Mildred, whom he married December 23, 1925. Theirs was truly Fifty Golden years as they lived, prayed and worked together. They shared their home with friends and loved ones.

On March 11, 1976, God's finger touched him and he slept. Chauncey Penix did not fear death, although it meant separation, for a while, from loved ones and friends, he believed it to be the most beautiful adventure in life. Memorial Services were held on March 12, 1976, from his beloved First Baptist Church. Both his Faith and his works were recognized by his church. He served it faithfully and loyally as a Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, and in many other creative areas.

Professionally, Chauncey was held in high regard for his integrity, his compassion and love for people. "Service" was his motto. Only God knows of his helping hand.

He was a very prominent Attorney and a very outstanding leader in many organizations in his home city of Graham in Young County.

Chauncey was loyal to his country. He volunteered in World War II, and was commissioned a First Lieutenant. He served with the Eighth Air Force in the European Theatre. He was discharged at the end of the war as a Lieutenant Colonel.

His Fraternal achievements were many and extensive. He was a Past Master of Young County Lodge No. 485. He served as Deputy Grand Master in 1933. He was a member of the York Rite and Scottish Rite Bodies, K.C.C.H., Maskat Shrine and Recipient of the Red Cross of Constantine. Chauncey received special recognition from the late King George VI for his Masonic Leadership in England.

Chauncey had a deep appreciation for his rich heritage in the Order of the Eastern Star. His Mother and Father served as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Chauncey served in many offices, including Jurisprudence Committees; Titles, Deeds and Property Committee; Finance and Credential Committee. It was my very honor and privilege to have him serve as my Worthy Grand Patron in 1954-1955. In 1961-1964 he was recognized in General Grand Chapter.

Chauncey had a great desire to give — giving freely of his time and his talents; to share — many young people received college education through his generosity, and a commitment to contribute to life in a meaningful way so that future generations could enjoy the fruits of his labor. Perhaps the manner in which countless number of his friends, whose lives he touched, will emulate him, will be his highest applause and his greatest tribute. It is consoling to know that good men live in thankful memories.

So, to this great leader — for his wisdom, his skill, his compassion, and Christian leadership, we pay love’s tribute.

How well he fell asleep
Like some proud river, widening toward the sea;
Calmly and grandly, silently and deep,
Life joined eternity.

(Samuel T. Coleridge)

Mrs. Ollie Rogers: I present our Worthy Grand Patron for his Memorial Message.

The Cross (Eternal Life) Rev. O. D. Christian, Worthy Grand Patron

MEMORIAL MESSAGE

Worthy Grand Patron: In this Symbols of Freedom Session and on this Bethlehem Star Memorial, the real Symbols of Freedom to all mankind are displayed. From high over the eastern sky of Bethlehem, this emblem appeared years ago; and from that emblem is this — our Blessed Saviour trod the Judean hills, and I hear Him speak these words:

“Father, the hour is come. Glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee. Thou hast given power over all flesh, that He should give Eternal Life to as many as Thou hast given Him, and this is Life Eternal, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.”

“And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say a place for the skull, they gave him vinegar to drink, mingled with gall; and when he had tasted it, he would not drink, and they crucified Him.”

John 17:1-5

The Cross upon which Jesus suffered, bled and died is a very touching scene that to me is a Symbol of Eternal Life to the Christian. I stood recently at the foot of Golgotha and lifted my eyes so that I could visualize Him who died for me. I understand and know that the Cross was absolutely necessary; for the scripture teaches, “without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin.” (Heb. 9:22) I am especially pleased that my Saviour went to Calvary. He there atoned for my sins and by that atonement I have the assurance of Eternal Life. As one stands between Golgotha and the gate of the Old City where he can view the “Place of the Skulls”; you may turn to the left or rather to the West a short distance and find another symbol of the cross; for from Golgotha, His body broken, He was taken to be placed in a tomb. After leaving Golgotha that day they took the stroll through the garden to the tomb; and stepping inside that tomb there could be found no body. For you see, He who died on Calvary, was buried, yet He rose, and from that resurrection He lives; and you ask me how I know he lives, and I will answer you — “He Lives Within My Heart, and because He lives, you and I may be privileged to live also.”

Mrs. Ollie Rogers: Proudly I present Mr. Jerry D. Christian, son of our Worthy Grand Patron and of our Grand Esther, who will sing “Because He Lives; he will be accompanied by Mrs. Lucille Rowland of Dal-Cliff Chapter in Dallas.

SOLO: “Because He Lives” Mr. Jerry D. Christian

Mrs. Ollie Rogers: In the Grand Chapter of Texas 2,202 of our Subordinate Chapter Members have been called to their Heavenly Home. Tribute to these members will be given by Mrs. Mable Stark Harle, Past Grand Matron.

TRIBUTE TO MEMBERS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

Mrs. Mable Stark Harle: "The Lord Giveth and the Lord Taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

In this hour of sweet remembrance, we pay tribute to the members of subordinate chapters who departed this life to join the throngs in God's Garden of Eternal Life we pause to commemorate the virtue of those members who have journeyed toward the horizon of life and there, 'midst the radiance of a Glorious Sunset, have drifted into the shadows to rise again in the transition of Eternal Life. It is not ours to understand the Divine Plan of the Almighty God, but believing in immortality, we rejoice in the hope that we shall meet again in that Celestial Home above, not made with hands but Eternal in the Heavens.

Our departed members faithfully carried the lessons and principles we have learned, to the members in their own chapters. They have made our principles felt in their 'midst. Their belief in our lessons has been the "Tie that Binds" our beautiful Order together so that we may have peace among all mankind. Although the links of our Golden Chain has been broken in death, the light they have spread will remain with the living.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the families of all departed Sisters and Brothers. May the memory of these loved ones and the accomplishments they achieved for the Good of the Order comfort each of you.

Our Dear Ones have only passed into the Sunset's glow,
 Leaving precious memories that nothing can take away.
 Somewhere back of the Sunset,
 Their loveliness never dies
 They live in a Land of Glory
 'Mid the Blue and Gold of the Skies
 And we who have known and loved them,
 Whose passing has brought sad tears,
 Will cherish their memory always
 To brighten the passing years.

Mrs. Ollie Rogers: Grand Marshal, you will invite to the Grand East, those representing the Armed Services of the United States.

It is my honor to present these Service Men:

Sergeant Edward D. Davis, United States Army, whose hometown is Fort Worth, Texas.

Aerographers' Mate First Class, Jerry D. Taylor, United States Navy, whose hometown is Bedford, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant, Neal Davis, United States Marines, whose home is Burleson, Texas.

Airman First Class, Artie Vasques, United States Air Force, whose hometown is Brownsville, Texas.

Technical Sergeant, Gayle Brown, United States Air Force, who will pay tribute to our Service Men who have given their lives in the service of our Country.

Technical Sergeant, Gary L. Morgan, United States Air Force of Abilene, Texas.

We appreciate these Service Men coming to share this moment with us as we pay tribute to our Service Men who have given their lives in the Service of our Country. I present Technical Sergeant, Gayle Brown, of the United States Air Force; Sergeant Brown is the husband of Grand Adah, and the son-in-law of the Worthy Grand Matron. Technical Sergeant Gayle Brown will pay tribute to the Service Men.

T/SGT. Gayle Brown: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Eastern Star Members, My Sisters, Brothers and Friends:

It is an honor for me to stand before you tonight during this time of remembering. As a member of the Armed Forces of this great Nation I could never find the words to adequately pay tribute to my fallen comrades, those thousands, who unselfishly gave their lives so that each of us may be allowed to live out our dreams, our Hope of Peace throughout God's land, as we pursue Life, Liberty and Happiness. There are probably few here tonight that have not known the pain of losing a loved one who was serving in the Armed Forces, one who made this supreme sacrifice. It is to this sacrifice, that I offer this small tribute to these gallant men who by their deeds will never be forgotten. The history of our great land begins in the heart of man. We are a lucky people to live in this the greatest country in all God's creation, a land where our liberty is often taken for granted. Yet liberty is the one thing you cannot have unless you are willing to give it to others. The heritage that shines brightest, and about which we are most proud is our Beloved Freedom and Love of Liberty.

The spirit of Patrick Henry, who saw only two alternatives — Liberty or Death, lives in the hearts of millions of Americans. Multitudes of men have lived and died to protect and preserve and promote Freedom. In this the Bicentennial year we have each heard countless songs, slogans, speeches, concerning our heritage, our Liberty. I ask you tonight, did you really listen to the slogans, the songs, the speeches? Did you soon forget them without stopping to truly recognize the tremendous amount of hardships, the sufferings, and the heartaches our Nation's gallant forefathers went through to begin to make our Nation's dream possible? 200 years ago, our forefathers fought a war to secure individual liberty and representative government for the colonists, a heritage which has since had a profound influence throughout the entire world. As Texans, our immediate thoughts turn to the Alamo. How can you begin to describe the devotion to the call of duty, the belief of Freedom, that these gallant men made while facing the oncoming Mexican Army. Low on ammunition and equipment, outnumbered, these men, these heroes of our heritage, fought to the very end — each giving his life for his Country.

This beautiful scene behind us here in the East stands as a reminder of one of the most famous battles of World War II. A reminder of the desire of our comrades in arms, in helping other people less fortunate than us, by helping to put an end to aggression. During the Battle of Iwo Jima the Marines suffered 20,000 casualties not counting the 4,500 killed. In the Battle of Okinawa, the 10th Army suffered 39,000 casualties with the loss of 7,300 killed. In Vietnam we suffered a total of 50,000 killed. The list of battle fields goes on and on while at the same time the total number of military losses masses.

What is Courage? Webster defines Courage as Bravery, Fearlessness. Why do men display such Courage? In God's word, taken from John 15:13, we read "That greater love has no man than this, a man lay down his life for his friends." Today we are facing similar battles, only the places have changed. These men standing here with me represent the major branches of the Armed Forces who have dreams of never having to fire another round in anger, yet who stand ready to carry out the orders of our countries leaders as we fight aggression wherever it may be. One of these men here tonight has been a friend of mine for the past nine years. We served together. This man could speak words of profound gratitude tonight; you see while flying a mission over North Vietnam during the eleven day war of 1973, he was shot down with his crew and was captured. He served some three and a half months as a Prisoner of War. He has seen the very things our fallen comrades gave their lives to prevent, communist aggression, communist rule. I am proud to know the man, I

am proud also that he has continued in the service of his Country as a Professional Soldier. Someone has to carry on the job of standing up against aggression. Also, most importantly someone has to help our Nation preserve the memory of the Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen who died so that we may have Freedom, these fallen comrades who loved enough to make the supreme sacrifice, all to make this great Nation's hope for tomorrow more possible. As I stand before you tonight I can truthfully say that each time I hear our National Anthem, I cannot help but feel cold chills inside me. In these words our Nation's entire heritage, it's inspiration is reflected. May I ask you tonight to listen more closely to the words of our song, to the words of our pledge, and to each take a greater role in insuring that the dream for which these gallant men died will never die. Let me share this poem as a closing thought. "Peace is our goal, our lofty aim. It was our single hope to claim. And some have fallen, Glory draped. Paid full measure for Freedoms sake. We ask for them, your pledge, your vow. You'll keep in trust this peace somehow. That each of you in sober thought. Holds high this peace so dearly bought. And that you will guard with love, esprit, This blessed land of liberty."

Mrs. Ollie Rogers: Following the singing of "My Country 'Tis of Thee", Airman First Class, Artie Vasquez will play TAPS for us. I now invite the membership to join the Grand Choir in singing the first and last verse of "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE Grand Choir and Membership

(TAPS were played by Airman First Class, Artie Vasquez, and the Service Men stood at attention facing the Cross, and at the conclusion of TAPS the Service Men retired from the room.)

Mrs. Ollie Rogers: "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." Did you ever stand in awe, and wonder why He should love us so?

SOLO: "How Great Thou Art." Mr. Jerry D. Christian

Mrs. Ollie Rogers: "Oh Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy Name in all the earth."

Star of the East, Beam on bright Star, sweet Bethlehem Star!

Our Past Grand Patron, Mr. Ed L. Sharpe will give our Benediction, and the Grand Choir will sing "Amen."

Mr. Ed L. Sharpe: May we bow our heads in prayer.

Eternal and loving God, we come together in Fraternal love to ask your special blessings upon all Sisters and Brothers of our Fraternal World whose loved ones have passed beyond earthly portals to that land beyond the Sunset. We have Your blessed assurance, causing the Star of Hope to rise in our hearts, of the Eternal Life we each will experience because of Him whose Star we follow.

We pray that You will look with tender compassion upon these Thy children, whose households have been broken. Sanctify their bereavement to the good of us all. May it be the means of drawing us closer to Thee.

Help us to remember Thy promise and to know that death is but the beginning of a new and fuller life with Thee.

Now, may the Grace, Mercy and Peace from You, our God, our Saviour and our Comforter, be with us all in life, in death, and throughout life everlasting. Amen.

Mrs. Ollie Rogers: Worthy Grand Matron, this concludes the Bethlehem Star Memorial Service.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Ollie Rogers, for this beautiful presentation.

Sisters and Brothers you are dismissed.



THURSDAY MORNING SESSION October 28, 1976

Musical Selections were presented by Mrs. Carrie Ruby prior to the Opening of the Session.

(The Grand Marshal, Mrs. Joy Shackelford, escorted Mrs. Katherine Harbour, Past Grand Matron, and Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes, Past Grand Patron, into the Grand Chapter room at 9:00 A.M. to Call the Session to Order.)

Mrs. Katherine Harbour: I am pleased to join with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes, in Calling to Order the Thursday Morning Session of the Ninety-fourth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, the "SYMBOLS OF FREEDOM" Session.

Grand Marshal, you will direct the Floor Officers and Personal Pages in the "Our Emblems" Drill. (The Grand Officers and Personal Pages performed the "Our Emblems" Drill under the direction of the Grand Marshal).

Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron, and the other Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

(The Grand Officers entered the Grand Chapter Room)

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

(The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the East).

Sisters and Brothers, you will join with me in saluting our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron with Grand Honors. (Grand Honors were given)

The Grand Officers will assume their stations.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the privilege of sharing the Calling to Order this Session with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Holmes. I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Brother Bill, would you like to extend greetings to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron?

Mr. C. A. Holmes: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and Distinguished East:

Worthy Grand Matron, you have afforded me much pleasure, and I consider it a special privilege to share this place of honor with my own gracious and charming Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Katherine Harbour, as she calls to Order this Thursday Morning "Symbols of Freedom" Grand Chapter Session.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, as this Grand Chapter year comes to a climax, you have reached the point of greatness. Greatness is the product of the ideals of honor, of justice, of love for your fellowman, of personal integrity, of generosity of mind and heart represented in the lives of Mrs. Doris Easterling and the Reverend Brother O. D. Christian.

You have showered us, this Bicentennial year, with Symbols of Freedom, and you have made us realize more that to love our Country not only means that we love the hills and the valleys, the plains and the prairies, the great mountains, and the rivers, but, also that we love an inner-air, an inner light in which Freedom lives and in which we can draw the Breath of Self Respect.

Mrs. Katherine Harbour: Worthy Grand Matron, Doris, it is with pride that I address you as Worthy Grand Matron. You have brought honor to this title. You have shown self discipline. It is no great thing to be humble when you are brought low, but to be humble when you are in an important position is a rare attainment. You have presided with dignity, graciousness, and kindness. As my Associate Grand Conductress, I will remember the sincerity, diligence, and cooperation you shared with me, as well as with all the Officers. The same qualities are evident in you today.

Worthy Grand Patron, O. D., it is with admiration and respect that I address you as Worthy Grand Patron. Your spiritual depth, concern, and integrity has enriched the year. Your powerful and expressive manner of speech, as well as the wealth of the content, has given joy and contentment to all.

To both of you, I express my appreciation of this beautiful session, and the opportunity to share in it. The meaningful symbols which you have placed before us has stirred our memories of the American Heritage. We are the beneficiaries of Liberty, Abundance, Free Enterprise, the pursuit of any vocation, Profession, Ambition, Expression, Worship, of any happiness. Your record will become Grand Chapter History; but also you will leave the circles of your influence going out in ever widening arcs. You will never be able to stop the movements or to draw them back, for it is a law of nature and of man.

As the years are added to my life, I question myself again and again: as a citizen taking of the abundance left to me, what have I contributed to the Legacy of Tomorrow? Surely I do not have the power to remove any influence, so I must face the effect. What have I added to the shape of the moral fiber, to the pattern of justice, to the force of religion, to probing of thought, to awareness and concern for others? These are stirring questions. And I know that commitments to man and nature, and, commitments to meet the moral expectations of God, must be reaffirmed in my Country and in me.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Katherine Harbour and Brother C. A. "Bill" Holmes, for calling to order this Thursday morning session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. It is a distinct pleasure to share the East with the two of you. When I was the newest member of the Grand Chapter line, I had the pleasure of serving with the two of you as our devoted leaders that year. Always both of you exhibited love and kindness to me and helped me share a beautiful year; so it is with pleasure that I have had the two of you Call to Order this Thursday Morning Session. Thank you both. Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

I should like to express my deep appreciation to Mrs. Katherine Harbour and Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes. It seems such a short time ago since you were serving this great Order in the East and since you did such a marvelous job presiding, I am especially pleased that you were asked to open this "Symbols of Freedom" Session on this Thursday Morning. On this election day I feel that you have challenged us to the chores at hand.

Brother Bill Holmes, I am especially happy that you could serve with Sister Katherine in opening this session. As a Bill's Brother, I continue to feel close to those ties between you and Sister Fae, and I do appreciate all the encouragement you have extended to me this year. Thank you both very much. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron: Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Thursday Morning Session of the Grand Chapter from Rest to Labor, and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

(Grand Chapter was proved and the Bible was opened)

Worthy Grand Matron: Our invocation will be given by a Beloved Past Grand Matron of District 4, Sister Cynthia Mae Watts. Sister Cynthia Mae.

Mrs. Cynthia Mae Watts: Our Heavenly Father, we rejoice this morning for this, another day of life in which we can witness for You, serve You, and rededicate our lives to Your service. We are so thankful, Father, for the splendid leadership of our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron. We pray that you will continue to bless them every day, and may the reflection of their service be one of Faith, and Love, and Courage. As we have enjoyed this Grand Chapter Session, reminding us of the great freedom that is ours, grant, Dear Lord, that we truly value the freedom which you have given to us. Light in us fervent new fires of patriotism, Lord.

Patriotism is a word of passionate honor in our Country. Make us proud to be American Patriots once again, willing to shout our heritage from all over the land Let us thrill once more to the sight of the Star Spangled Banner. Let us pledge our allegiance to it and sing the words of the Anthem with Love and Thanksgiving. Again, thank you, Dear Lord, for every blessing, and most of all for Thy love. And now, led by Thy spirit, sustained by Thy Grace, and strengthened by Thy Power, in Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Thursday Morning Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas called from Rest to Labor.

Sisters and Brothers, this is a most important day in the history of our Grand Chapter, for this is the day that we will select those who will be our leaders in the future. Because this is a day of great importance, I think we should begin the day with some devotional thoughts, and I have asked our Worthy Grand Patron to come and give these devotional thoughts to us this morning. Brother O. D. Christian.

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS

Brother O. D. Christian: I am not going to take time to read the Scriptures, but I call your attention to the book of Isaiah, one of the major prophets of the era of the children of Israel. In the 6th Chapter of Isaiah's prophecy, there is a very, very important passage of Scripture to be found. "In the year that King Uzziah died" Isaiah felt and heard the call from God; and feeling his unworthiness and his undone condition, he cried unto the Lord, and the Lord heard his plea and with a live coal cleansed and purged Isaiah of those sins, and then Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Who will go?" and Isaiah said, "Here am I, Lord, send me." in paraphrasing that Scripture taken from Isaiah 6, verses 1 through 7, I should like for each of us today to feel our Christian responsibility as citizens of this great America in which we live.

In the year 1974, a president of the United States resigned that high office and was pardoned for crimes allegedly committed while in office. The year his Chief Aides were convicted of conspiracy and obstruction of justice, national elections were held. Did you stop to realize that only 38% of voting age Americans took the brief time required to vote?

In that election of 1974, Elaine Noble, reportedly an avowed homosexual, was elected to the State Legislature in one of these United States of America. In the same year Beverly Harrel, the operator of a legal brothel, lacked only a few votes of winning a seat in another State Legislature. Wilbur Mills was re-elected to his Congressional district in Arkansas only a month after he had been involved in a bizarre incident. In the same congressional election, my friends, three noted Evangelical Congressmen were defeated. Wilmer "Vinegar Bend" Mizell, a Christian and Missionary Alliance Layman, lost in North Carolina. Mr. Edward Young, a Southern Baptist Sunday School teacher, went down in defeat in South Carolina. John Dellenback, a Presbyterian elder was dumped by the Oregon voters. While this was happening millions of us sat on our hands and complained about dirty politics. Then this past July 4th we all got involved and caught up in our Bicentennial Celebration, and loudly proclaimed —

Our Father's God to Thee,
 Author of Liberty,
 To Thee we sing;
 Long may our land be bright
 With Freedom's holy light;
 Protect us by Thy might,
 Great God, our King!

Let's answer the call to Christian Leadership by accepting the commission found in Isaiah 6:1-8. This passage is usually interpreted as a call to "special service." (such as into the ministry, or a foreign mission endeavor) It was, for Isaiah a call to speak to a nation in a crisis.

As you may recall the kingdom was split into two nations, Israel and Judah. Israel was already paying tribute to Assyria. In Judah, the powerful King Uzziah was dead and the shadow of his past disobedience still darkened the land. In this crisis hour the prophet Isaiah was shown a vision of God's holiness. "Woe is me!" he cried, "for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips."

Immediately his sin was purged by a live coal from God's Altar. Then he heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" He responded, "Here am I; send me." Isaiah went. He spoke for God. Because of his obedience, Judah was apparently spared a few years longer before being conquered. I ask you this morning — have you seen the striking similarities of our present day

America with those of Judah? Our nation has approached economic, political and moral crisis. A powerful enemy awaits the opportunity to "bury" us. Let us delay no longer in seeking a fresh sense of the holiness and sovereign power of God.

Of course, it is doubtful that many of us will have an experience as dramatic as Isaiah's. Nor should we seek it. We can seek channels both usual and unusual to express our Christian Citizenship. This will involve voting, of course. It may involve our participation in Civic improvement campaigns. It may get us involved in the political process by which candidates for elective office are chosen. It will, no doubt, involve the sacrifice of time and money to help better candidates get elected.

With enough Christians of high commitment and character in public office, the tide of public confidence that is now flowing out might be turned, and the nation re-directed to Godly ideals of past generations. Rep. John Conlan of Arizona, an outspoken evangelical politician, believes 50 such Christian leaders in Congress could provide enough impetus to turn our nation in a new direction. It is definitely not too late for America if you and I will act now. Come November 2nd, we must get out and cast our votes for Christian leaders. Then we will have responded to the Call of Christian Citizenship. (APPLAUSE)

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron, for bringing us these inspiring thoughts on this early Thursday morning.

Sisters and Brothers, we know that this is the morning that we will be having our election, and at this time we will have the final report of the Credentials Committee. Mr. H. E. "Gene" Campbell, Chairman.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

Mr. H. E. Campbell: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, your committee on Credentials will give our Final Report at this time.

Before presenting our report I wish to introduce the other members of this committee who have worked so faithfully.

- Mrs. Alma Carter — District 1
- Mrs. Ethel Pratt — District 2, appointed to take Mr. James Parker's place because he was unable to attend this Grand Chapter Session.
- Mrs. Sherrill Cain — District 4
- Mr. Shelby T. Crosby — District 5

Also, we wish to thank all other members who have helped us, with a special thanks to Mrs. May Delle Grubbs and her Registration Committee.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHAPTERS REPRESENTED 592
 TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTING DELEGATES (*) 3999
 DELEGATES' VOTES DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

	Number of Ballots	Number of Votes
SINGLE BALLOTS	3490	3490
DOUBLE BALLOTS	410	820
TRIPLE BALLOTS	99	297
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TOTAL NUMBER OF BALLOTS (*)	3999	4607

Worthy Grand Matron, we wish to express our sincere thanks to you for the privilege of serving you and this Grand Chapter on the Credentials Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
 Credentials Committee
 Mr. H. E. Campbell, Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt this Final Report of the Credentials Committee. Is there any discussion. Hearing none, all in favor of accepting this report will give the usual voting sign - the uplifted hand. All opposed, like sign. The report is adopted.

May I express my sincere thanks to you, Brother Gene Campbell, and members of this fine committee. You know, Sisters and Brothers, these must be dedicated Eastern Stars to serve on this committee, and the other two working committees, for their work requires them to be outside the Grand Chapter room throughout the session up until Thursday. I am deeply indebted to each of you for your faithfulness and the fine job you have done. Thanks to you, one and all.

May I ask now if the voting delegates are seated in the sections reserved for you, and is there one who is not a voting delegate seated in the gold section, or the lower section around here? If there is a non-voting delegate there, will you please rise so that we may see you? I do not see one. Is there a voting delegate seated in the blue section, seated up above? We have a number of them. We are going to ask that those of you who are voting delegates move on down to section 216 on this side. Those of you who are not voting delegates, will you please move just a little further back? We do have seats down here on the Grand Chapter room floor back in the West for those of you who would like to come down here and be seated. There are plenty of seats in the West so if those of you who are voting delegates would like to come down there - we would ask that you come on down on the Grand Chapter floor and fill these seats as long as they last. Let's do this as quickly as possible - we want to get all of our voting delegates together.

Now do we have all our voting delegates out of the blue section over here to my right - all of you are voting delegates? Will you please move down here to section No. 215. These to this end - those of you who are voting delegates, please come down here in section 215. If you are not a voting delegate, will you please move out of this section right here - just above the Grand Choir to my right. If we know what sections you are in, then our Grand Pages can know where to go as they collect your ballots.

Could I see where our voting delegates are over here now? Are those of you in 216 voting delegates? You are voting delegates. Do we have voting delegates in any of these other sections - on around.

If you will move very quietly, I will go ahead with the instructions for the elections in order that we may get on with it. I know you are all anxious to have this election.

Sisters and Brothers, in nominating a person for office, only the name of the candidate and the name, number, and location of the Chapter in which the candidate belongs and the office for which nominated shall be given.

No member of Grand Chapter shall be nominated for more than one elective office at any one Session of Grand Chapter. If only one candidate is nominated, the election may be by acclamation. If two or more candidates are nominated, the vote shall be by ballot upon the official ballot form furnished to voting delegates upon registration. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to a choice.

If on any ballot, no candidate has received a majority vote, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped.

In case two or more candidates tie on the lowest number of votes and there are at least two other candidates receiving a higher number of votes, then all candidates tied on the lowest number of votes shall be dropped.

Subject to these regulations, the election shall proceed, until some candidate receives a majority of all votes cast. The result of all votes shall be declared by the presiding officer.

At this time I will name those that will be assisting with the election. Serving as our Election Judge, Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus. The Supervisory Judges will be Brother Victor Jones, and Brother Edwin L. Sharpe. Table Judges will be:

- Table No. 1 — Mr. Gerald Allen
- Table No. 2 — Mrs. Amy Goebel
- Table No. 3 — Mr. J. T. Sanders
- Table No. 4 — Mrs. Molly Goodpasture

Serving at the adding machines will be: Claribel Kendall and Mrs. Lucille Bell.

Working with the blackboards will be: Mr. M. D. Wagner — serving at the blackboard here at my left at the front. Mr. Tony Sims, the blackboard here in the West and to the South side. David Spradley, the blackboard on the North side in the West; and Mr. Calvin Pomykal, the blackboard to my right here in the East. I do want to appoint additional Table Judges. We are going to use two Table Judges at each table.

- Mrs. Ruby Enloe at Table No. 1 along with Mr. Gerald Allen.
- Mrs. Eunice Connell at Table No. 2 along with Mrs. Amy Goebel.
- Dr. R. O. Fuqua at Table No. 3 along with J. T. Sanders
- Mr. Bill Holmes at Table No. 4 along with Mrs. Molly Goodpasture.

And now if you will listen carefully, as your name is called, will you please assume your place at each table.

Tellers for Table 1:

Lemma Voorhies	Cynthia Mae Watts	Melba Brock
Nell Davidson	Frances McGahey	Ernest Davidson
E. G. Venable	Vera Turner	Lucille Dunaway
Nell A. Wright	Sally Valentine	James B. Starnes
Ethel Pratt	Betty Phillips	George C. Ware
A. A. Watson	Clara Klein	Morris Fair
Doris Efirid	Vernon Barnes	

Tellers for Table No. 2:

Doris Fenn	Dorothy P. Haga	Carlos Worley, Jr.
Margaret Landrum	Betty Cooper	Dean Hildebrand
Fannie Gent	Jeanie Graham	J. C. Gilmore
Patricia Brooks	Leona Willis	Daisy V. Forester
Alice Burkhart	Cecil J. Miller	Ruth Hill
Jean Sauze	Jeanne Gish	Elizabeth Ripple
Joe Houston	Patsy Wilson	

Tellers at Table No. 3:

Wanda Hachenberg	Gracie Anglin	Sylvia Gravley
Jewel Leatherwood	Thos. M. Howard	Rachel McCollum
Ivan L. Wallace	Vernon C. Shupert	Gene Belk
Lucille Goolsby	Mildred Fuller	O. Winfred Harbison
Paul Ofton	Mildred Sharpe	Jessie F. Freeman

Kermit Z. Schnelle
Imogene Benton
Alvaretta Matthys

Dollie Stephens
Lona Bradley
Howard A. Coleman

Allie Mae Dodson
Mary Holland
Leslie G. Burnett

Tellers at Table No. 4:

Beulah Speer
Pauline Sims
Wallace W. Henry
Pauline Penix
Nellie D. Sowell
Elsie Paladino
Bettye Blackburn
Ava Lee Bell

Frances Burbank
Mitzi Brill
H. D. Gandy
Margie Stewart
Odis Claxton
Naomi Johnson
Flora McNeill

Alice O'Neal
Lucille Stith
K. D. Polk
David J. Smelley, Jr.
Edwin R. Pickett
Opal Lee Kelly
Cleo Ellison

Sister Molly Goodpasture says they have more Jurisprudence business and she asks that her name be removed from here. So I will appoint another person to take her place. I will appoint Sister Nancy Bailey to take this place at No. 4, as the Table Judge.

I believe we have 24 chairs at each table, but we only need 20, but Sister Lallah Mae tells me that this is all right. We will let you go ahead and work if you are there, but if we have as many as 20 that will be fine. I turn this over to Sister Lallah Mae, and she will give you the instructions regarding the balloting — Sister Lallah Mae Vollus.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: This is a precious moment. We are coming to the twilight hours of leadership of an outstanding Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. (APPLAUSE) It is a privileged moment for delegates — for you have the privilege in naming leaders for the tomorrow of this Grand Chapter. Throughout this year our Worthy Grand Matron exhibited in thought, word and deed, a consideration of others. This morning her wishes are motivated by that same desire. It is her hope that our election will be speedy and that the business of this Grand Chapter be transacted at an early hour, so that those responsible for the decorations for the Associate Grand Matron — and the preparation for her installation may go on with their duties. If you will be very quiet, and I am asking the Worthy Grand Matron to stand here with me, because there may be other instructions that we would like to give to you. Please be very quiet and give me your attention, as I give these instructions, and I believe we can be on our way and reach the goal of the completion of this order of business with expediency.

The first thing I want you to do is to look at your ballot and see that it is signed. Now this is important as you will learn from an instruction just a little bit further down. I believe that our tables are filled. As I instruct the general membership, I am going to ask that the Table Judges be giving the instructions to the tellers; doing so quietly, so that when I finish we may move immediately into the business of the election.

There are microphones in the West, in the north, and in the South. Those desiring to make nominations will approach these microphones and address the Worthy Grand Matron; and, upon recognition, proceed by giving first your name and your Chapter, then the name of the person whom you are nominating, her chapter and the office to which you are nominating that person. This is important for the Official Recorder. Now this is a special instruction for the Grand Warder and the Assistant Grand Warders. The Assistant Grand Sentinels are entitled, if they are voting delegates, to the privilege of casting their ballots. This hall has been secured, they do not know what is going on inside, so if the Assistant Grand Warders will listen — when nominations have been made — if it is a contested election — when the Worthy Grand Matron has instructed you as to which ballot to be used, the Assistant Grand Warders will immediately notify the Assistant Grand Sentinels of the election that is

in progress, of the names of the nominees and the number of the ballot to be used. When she declares the ballot open, the Assistant Grand Sentinels may come to the door to cast their ballot and return outside to guard our doors.



We understand that it is necessary at times to leave the Grand Chapter room. Let me give you this instruction. No one will be permitted to enter or leave the Grand Chapter room while the collection of a ballot is in progress. If you need to leave, then do so while the ballot is being counted. If you leave the room, now listen to this, you need your registration tag, you need your dues card, and you need your signed ballot. You will not be permitted back in the room without these.

The first contested vote — the written ballot — will be taken to Tables 1 and 2. They are the tables to my left here in the South. When the count has been made, the tabulation recorded, in the presence of and under the supervision of the Supervisory Judges, and in the presence of all Table Judges, the results will be handed to me. I will bring it to the Worthy Grand Matron, telling her that there has been, or there has not been, an election. She will announce the vote.

Are there any questions? If you will cooperate, I believe we can move quickly through this order of business.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Lallah Mae, for these instructions. I know the membership will remember these and be very careful. I would like to ask that if you are planning to nominate any one of those to be elected, please be at the microphone as quickly as possible. This will save time. Also, those that are to be nominated, if you will begin coming to the East as soon as you have been nominated, rather than wait for all the nominations for one particular office, it will save time. This is what we want to do — get through with our election as soon as possible.

We are now ready to have the election.

Sisters and Brothers, be careful about spelling the names, you will see the names on the blackboard. May I ask those persons at the blackboards to write the names as large as possible, so the members can see them; and we will try to have the names spelled correctly on those blackboards to assist the members.



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Attention Pages. The ballot boxes are not to leave this room, and they are not to leave your hands. Do not start collection of the ballots until the Worthy Grand Matron has declared the ballot closed.

With the Worthy Grand Matron presiding during the election, the following Grand Officers were elected by acclamation.

- Worthy Grand Matron..... Mrs. Joyce Roberts
- Worthy Grand Patron..... Mr. Perry Smithwick
- Associate Grand Matron..... Mrs. Mary Brown
- Associate Grand Patron..... Mr. Murray Watson, Jr.
- Grand Secretary..... Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
- Grand Treasurer..... Mrs. Jettie Hinton
- Grand Conductress..... Mrs. Rennie Ofton

The following officers were elected by ballot:

- Associate Grand Conductress..... Mrs. Kathy Johnston
- Board of Grand Trustees, District 1..... Mrs. Jackie Huffhines
- Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences,
- District 5..... Mrs. Mogie Hudson
- Grand Examiner, District 3..... Mrs. Elise Hammack
- Grand Examiner, District 4..... Mrs. Lena Maye Cook
- Grand Examiner at Large..... Mrs. Betty Klonaris

The following were elected by acclamation:

- Grand Examiner, District No. 1..... Mrs. Marjorie Johnson
- Grand Examiner, District No. 2..... Mrs. Dorothy Vernon
- Grand Examiner, District No. 5..... Mrs. Maurine Jackson

Between the ballots the following business was transacted:

Worthy Grand Matron: May I take this opportunity to thank those who have furnished our musical program for this session. To the Grand Choir, I am very grateful. Sister Delia Dusek, the Grand Choir Director, and members of the Grand Choir, please know that I have enjoyed your music very much, and I appreciate your faithfulness. Thank you for a fine job.

And to Brother Bob King, our Grand Organist, and to the ladies who have assisted him — Sister Lucille Rowland and Sister Carrie Ruby, the Assistant Grand Organists. Thank you all very, very much. We have appreciated your music during the Session and during the time prior to the opening of the Sessions. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, I believe the Grand Choir has a special number in song that they want to dedicate to you.

Worthy Grand Matron: Well, just a moment, let me express my appreciation to Sister Mary Alberts who played for us prior to the opening of one of our Sessions; and to Sister Viva Peek and Sister Glenn Wylie, who played prior to the opening of other Sessions. I am so grateful to each and every one of you. Your music was lovely.

Grand Choir rendered a special song “Land of Liberty” — which was a song to the tune of “Yankee Doodle” written by Lydia Ellen Brown, the 10 year old granddaughter of the Worthy Grand Matron. This tune won the Grand Prize in Literature for the Theodore Willis Elementary School in the National Cultural Arts Reflection Project for 1974-1975 — “Our Heritage — Our Hopes”, sponsored by the Parent Teachers Association.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Lemma Voorhies, could you come to the East and move the adoption of your report of last evening.

We did appreciate the beautiful Welfare Report as given last evening by Sister Lemma Voorhies, Chairman, and the five lovely ladies that have worked with her. Sister Lemma.

ADOPTION OF WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Lemma Voorhies: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the Welfare Report as presented at the Open Session Wednesday Night.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that the report of the Welfare Committee, as given last evening, be adopted. Is there any discussion? All in favor of adopting this Report as given, will give the usual voting sign — the up-lifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. The Report is adopted.

Mrs. Lemma Voorhies: May I make an announcement? The Home Endowment still has their “Tree of Hope” outside, and if anyone wants to put their money in, I am still taking money.

Worthy Grand Matron: Most of you heard me announce this morning that we had a donation of \$250 from North Jewelers which will be added to our Home Endowment Fund, and I have given it to Sister Lemma already, and when I announced I had this money and asked her to come to the East, my husband said “They had better get out of the way or have Lemma Voorhies run over them”; and she almost came in a run. She has worked so hard to collect this money. Lemma you don’t know how much I appreciate you and this beautiful report. It has been an outstanding report. Thank you so much. (APPLAUSE)

Someone has asked that our newly elected Associate Grand Patron come to the East so that you might see him. Brother Murray, will you come to the East so that we might introduce you?

The Associate Grand Patron, Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., came to the East while the Assembly sang “The Eyes of Texas.”

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I proudly present to you Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., the newly elected Associate Grand Patron of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. Let's show him how proud we are.

About Brother Murray Watson, I just have to add this. His wife has been my Deputy Grand Matron this past year in District 3, Section 9, so Murray and Greta are very special to me, and I am very proud that he is the newly elected Associate Grand Patron. Thank you Murray, and we wish the best for you.

I am going to call for our Music Committee to be recognized at this time. Mr. C. C. Poe, Chairman.

MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT

Brother C. C. Poe: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Members and Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, we, the members of the Music Committee, wish to express our appreciation to you for the privilege of serving on this committee this Grand Chapter year. It has been a pleasure for each of us to sell the lovely "Let Freedom Ring" March.

I would like to recognize the District Chairmen who have helped so much to make this project successful. Two of the members are here with us today. Sister Mildred Priddy of District 3 and Sister Elizabeth Hood, District 4. We are certainly proud of those. We also want to give all the District Deputies and Deputy Grand Matrons a big hand of thanks for the help they gave us this year. Without their help, we could not have had the success we have had with the program.

District 1, Betty Prater
 District 2, Faye Carver
 District 3, Mildred Priddy
 District 4, Elizabeth Hood
 District 5, Edith Head

The following is a partial report of our work by Districts:

District 1	\$ 262.00
District 2 — I have no report from this District	4.00
District 3	388.00
District 4	786.00
District 5	264.00
Sales at Grand Chapter	1,434.00
TOTAL REPORTED SALES	\$3,134.00

This money was used to pay for the Music, then we gave \$500 to the Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and \$800.00 to the ESTARL Committee.

Again, I would like to express my sincere thanks for this wonderful opportunity of serving on the Music Committee for 1975-1976.

Sincerely and fraternally,
 C. C. Poe, General Chairman
 Betty Prater, Chairman, District 1
 Faye Carver, Chairman, District 2
 Mildred Priddy, Chairman District 3
 Elizabeth Hood, Chairman District 4
 Edith Head, Chairman District 5

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

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt this report of the Music Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of adopting this Report of the Music Committee, as given, will give the usual voting sign — the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. I declare this Report adopted.

Brother C. C., a Member of my Home Chapter, please know how much I appreciate your service as Chairman of the Music Committee. I know it has been no easy task, with only a few people in the State to help you, only one in each District; and I deeply appreciate you and each of those faithful members serving in the various districts. You have served well, and I am very appreciative of this. We were very pleased that we could give two ESTARL Scholarships through the sale of our music; also giving \$500 to the Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Thank you, one and all for a beautiful job well done.

I recognize Sister Lallah Mae Vollus for her report for the Bicentennial Committee.

REPORT OF BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for letting me give this at this time, while the count is being taken, and I can get back to my assigned duty.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, My Sisters and Brothers:

The months of the Bicentennial Year of our Nation's birth have slipped from the stage of 'dreams' to the Board of "Plans" and then on to reality to become, themselves, a part of History.

Your Bicentennial Committee feels distinct pride, through the action of the Grand Chapter of Texas, our great Order in this State has been a part of the celebration.

In January 1975, at the Valley School, the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Patricia Neinast, approached me requesting me to do something for her and for Grand Chapter. In her request she asked me to serve on the Bicentennial Committee. I promised to do what I could, but did not know until the following issue of the Bulletin that I was Chairman.

I realized that the "die" was cast and that I had a JOB facing me; however, my shoulders lifted when I noted the wonderful committee appointed by Mrs. Neinast, Mrs. Easterling and Mrs. Roberts in accordance with the Resolution adopted at the previous Grand Chapter. As the months progressed, our present Worthy Grand Matron named her American Heritage Committee. Assisted by these two great committees, my tremendous task has been made a joyous challenge and a magnificent experience.

I should like at this time to present the Bicentennial Committee:

District 1

- Mrs. Mildred Sharpe
- Mrs. Mary Katherine Smith
- Mr. Robert L. Wood
- Mr. Leonard Remley
- Mr. Joe Hays

District 2

- Mrs. Molly Goodpasture
- Mrs. Katherine Harbour
- Mr. C. A. Holmes
- Mrs. Nancy Shurley
- Mrs. Louise Hill
- Mr. John Shearer

District 3

- Mr. Paul Huffhines
- Mrs. Amy Goebel
- Mrs. Earnesteen Porter
- Mr. Richard Porter
- Dr. Bert Hammack
- Mrs. Tommie Roach

District 4

Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsop
 Mrs. Lovena Grigg
 Mrs. Rosalie Miller
 Mr. Charles Klein
 Mrs. Cynthia Mae Watts
 Mr. Leslie Burnett

District 5

Mrs. Frances Herrin
 Mr. Gerald Allen
 Mrs. Eunice Connell
 Mrs. Sue Ainsworth
 Mrs. Nelda Hastings
 Mrs. Joy Cox Milstead

\$1,000 was appropriated by the Grand Chapter for the purpose of financing the celebration. After checking with auditorium facility prices; the charges for the required Union assistance and other facilities, it was apparent that the appropriation would not see the job through.

At the 1975 Session, the Bicentennial Committee met with the Purpose and Policy Committee with a plan for the raising of funds and with outlined GOALS for the Grand Chapter celebration. These were approved by the Purpose and Policy Committee, and upon presentation, adopted by the Grand Chapter.

With a deep sense of gratification, I report for the Bicentennial Committee that all goals have been met and submit a brief report of same.

In each issue of the Bulletin from May of 1975 and in the November and December Bulletins yet to be published, there has and will appear an article entitled BICENTENNIAL REFLECTIONS. From reports that have reached me, these articles have been received by the membership with appreciation. I extend to each person assigned the responsibility of researching and submitting an article, the grateful appreciation of the Committee and of Grand Chapter.

With absolute cooperation from the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Doris Easterling, the celebration, which was to be Phase No. 1, was set for May 15th, 1976, and Ft. Worth was the City chosen for same — this being the birthplace of the Grand Chapter.

I made a number of trips to Ft. Worth before all plans were completed. Responsibilities were then assigned and every member of the committee assumed his or her task in the spirit that only their BEST would be adequate for this great Day of Celebration.

The first part of the program was one of PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING, using a church litany form; especially chosen music and a stirring presentation of "Echoes from the Halls of Time." Our own Worthy Grand Patron Reverend Mr. O. D. Christian, brought the message, "My America and a Thankful Heart."

850 of those gathered moved across the street to the ROUND UP INN to BREAK BREAD TOGETHER in a 1776 setting. The meal was outstanding and was served to this great crowd in 22 minutes. An outstanding program presented "What is America"; "I am the Constitution"; and "I Pledge Allegiance."

Back at the Will Rogers Auditorium, the evening program presented the evaluation of the Stars and Stripes that brought tears of pride and appreciation to the eyes of onlookers. The voice of a beautiful artist thrilled the audience with her numbers which closed with HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA. The speaker of the evening, Mr. Jack Hightower, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, and a member of the United States Congress, brought the message of the evening entitled "THE HOUR OF DECISION." We departed at the close of this day of impressive challenge in the knowledge that the issues that face our Nation must not be faced as MYSTERIES, but in the spirit of MASTERY. Thus ended Phase 1.

PHASE 2 was the presentation of two \$2,000 scholarships to students seeking higher education in the field of Religious Training. As outlined in the plans adopted by Grand Chapter, we worked closely with the ESTARL Committee. Those in attendance at the ESTARL SERVICE Sunday morning, rejoiced, I am sure, that you had made this meaningful moment possible. The magnitude of the task awaiting Religious Leaders in the world of Decaying morals, should convince us that our Religious Leaders cannot be too well equipped educationally, to meet the multitude of confused men and women to be touched by them. God grant that two young men complete their dissertation and return to the world as Religious Leaders, I am sure that your prayers and your pride will go with them. The heart of our Grand Chapter — which is YOU — may know a special blessing in that the way has been lighted by the STAR of "Love and Hope" which we follow.

PHASE 3 was realized on Monday afternoon when the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Visitors and Members of the Bicentennial Committee met at our Home. A beautiful Marker commemorating the Birthday of our Nation was unveiled and presented to the Grand Chapter. Within its base will be sealed the record of the 3,000 present at the celebration; the names of the two Scholarship Awardees and a complete transcript of the Bicentennial Celebration.

The direction is that at the conclusion of 50 years, the sealed base will be opened. God grant that what will be found will serve those who will come after us as evidence that we, as a generation, recognized the great gifts of our Heritage and in our "Time" has the courage to take the stand saying, "AMERICA FIRST." Attached is a financial report of the \$1,000 received from the Grand Chapter listing how it was expended, together with a report of monies collected from the sale of Banquet tickets and '76 Dolls.

The money received from the sale of the Bicentennial STICKERS channeled through the office of the Grand Secretary. The record of same will be reflected in her report. I would record, however, in this report a record of contributions by Districts. This may have changed just a little bit since the figures reached me the middle of last week when I left home.

District 1	\$1,706.60
District 2	1,448.25
District 3	1,005.50
District 4	3,618.75
District 5	1,640.60
Office Sales	87.00
Offering at Celebration	539.49
Total Collection	<u>\$10,046.09</u>

In closing I should like to make a few recognitions. At the Celebration we were honored by the participation of Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Supreme Inspector in Texas, and Supreme Faith of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and Mr. Malvern Marks, National Advisory Council of the Order of the Demolay, together with the Grand Worthy Advisor and the State Master Councilor. In the "Rededication Ceremony" our Worthy Grand Matron passed to them, the next generation, the heritage of our forefathers and of this generation with the admonition "to go forth in the name of Christ to present their defense of the Freedoms handed to them."

Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, brought an address at the evening program, and our two General Grand Chapter Committee members spoke eloquently at the Banquet.

The Committee and Grand Chapter is especially grateful to Bradco Company for the beautiful work done in the printing of the programs; and to Mr. Brown for the artistic design and construction of the Marker. The Grand Chapter could not have

afforded either of the above had they charged for their service . . . we paid but for the materials. We likewise are deeply appreciative of the Grand Secretary for assuming the "extra load" in receiving the contributions and in keeping me advised of our balance.

You will note that in the report I have not mentioned individual names for so many have done so much . . . there would be the risk of overlooking someone. I take no credit for the success of the program. I placed the right people in the right assignments. The success is a record of their GREAT WORK. You would make me very happy if you would give them a rising vote of THANKS.

Now, Worthy Grand Matron, for your Museum Record of this year, I present a transcript of the entire Bicentennial Celebration in this leather folder. May it serve as an expression of appreciation for the challenge of our assignment; for your cooperation; and for the privilege of serving our Grand Chapter. The greatest value of the program may be summed up in the lesson that it teaches of the patience, high purpose, and unselfish devotion of our forefathers to the common good. So may it be with us.

Respectfully submitted,
Lallah Mae Vollus, P.G.M.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this Report.

FINANCIAL REPORT BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

RECEIVED FROM GRAND CHAPTER:	\$1,000.00
PAID:	
Horton Printing Co. (1st payment on stickers)	\$ 544.00
Urban Printing Co. - Banquet tickets, numbered	36.47
Mrs. Lavena Grigg (purchase 5 flags)	62.79
Woolworth (Material for dolls given C. Baker) Cash	44.72
Modern Notions - Flags for ushers-scarves for special Musical Artist Cash	18.48
Frank Endelbrook Ins. - for Auditorium	25.00
A. M. Adam (2 tapes for recording)	10.00
Mrs. Lovena Grigg - material to make two flags	18.27
Ft. Worth Local (Stage sound & lights for Aud.)	197.40
Long Distance Calls: Doris Easterling; Molly Goodpasture; Agnes Lee Howard; Jeanie Graham; Frances Herrin; Rennie Ofton; Mildred Sharpe to obtain report on tickets	44.73
	\$1,000.00 \$1,000.00

RECAPITULATION OF BANQUET MONEY RECEIVED: DEPOSITS:

\$1,335.00
275.00
1,020.00
306.00
285.00
990.00
\$4,206.00

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DISBURSED:

Coburn Catering	\$3,150.00
Ft. Worth Local 126 (Round Up Inn Exp.)	90.00
City of Ft. Worth - set up & removal of chairs	94.35
Mrs. K. Baker Banquet Expense	30.00
Mr. John Hightower (Exp. of Spl Speaker)	250.00
Grand Chapter of Tex (Ck issued above exp.'s)	500.00
Mrs. R. Paso (Typing tapes of Bicen. Program)	25.00
L. M. Vollus (see ck. #15, OES account)	20.00
7.40 Blue Prints of Marker	
12.60 Large envelopes & postage to mail to members of Bicen. Comm.	
L. M. Vollus (See Ck. No. 8 OES account)	19.48
Drums for taking of collection;	
Long Distance Robt. Wood & Agnes Lee	
Howard re programs & marker	
L. M. Vollus	24.17
8 pens @ 50c for registering guest	
4.00 - Leather binder for presentation	
of complete program to Museum 20.17	
	4,203.00
Balance	\$ 3.00

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that the Report of the Bicentennial Committee be adopted. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of adopting this Report will give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed the same sign. I declare this Report accepted.

Sister Lallah Mae, I know it was a wise choice when you were selected to serve as Chairman for this important committee. I know you must have thought of nothing but the Bicentennial Celebration for months, for it was a wonderful celebration. I had letters from many who attended the celebration, telling me it was the most outstanding event they had ever attended. I am deeply appreciative of you and all those who served with you on this committee. I am grateful especially for your fine leadership that caused this beautiful celebration, and then to have these fine Scholarships presented, and the monument erected at the Home, please know that we are grateful. Sisters and Brothers, let's all show her once again how much we appreciate her work. (APPLAUSE)

I'm going to let Sister Lallah Mae give a report of our Brunch at General Grand Chapter. Not only was she working with this celebration, but she was Chairman of the Brunch when we honored our General Grand Chapter Officers in General Grand Chapter. I am going to ask that she give this Report at this time.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: The Texas Social function at the Art of Living Triennium of General Grand Chapter was a Brunch held on Monday morning of the Session Week at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel honoring our Beloved Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris and our Texas Committee Appointments of this Triennium, Mr. J. Victor Jones and Mrs. Sally Matranga.

After accepting the responsibility to chair this function for the Worthy Grand Matron, in keeping with the Bicentennial year, I settled on the title of FIFE AND DRUM BRUNCH. Invitations were printed and mailed to General Grand Chapter Officers.

The decorations were in keeping with the theme with DRUMS holding the floral arrangements on the Head Table, and blue Hurricane Lamps lighting the table. The Table was skirted in Red, White and Blue satin. The individual tables were laid in white linen with red napkins, and were centered by an arrangement from which red, white and blue ribbon streamers ran to each setting. As a favor, all places were marked with the little drums that served as mint cups.

Mr. David Bratton of West University Chapter; Mr. Herbert Wilson of Bryan Chapter, and Mr. August Hebert of Houston Chapter were dressed in the Revolutionary "Fife and Drum Costumes" and stole the show as they led the processional of Guest to the Head Table playing Yankee-Doodle. Mr. Stanton Parker, representing Uncle Sam, presented a proclamation proclaiming the morning as "Mildred Harris, Victor Jones and Sally Matranga Morning."

Our Worthy Grand Patron brought the invocation; the Worthy Grand Matron, in her usual gracious manner, welcomed the guests; the Associate Grand Matron presented a tribute and remembrance from Texas to the Honorees; and the Grand Conductress hosted a table of SPECIAL GUEST. Mrs. Bernice Trulan of West University Chapter was at the piano for the program, and Mrs. Ruby Enloe and Mrs. Molly Goodpasture assisted in the presentation of the program - MELODIES THAT SPAN 200 YEARS.

109 Guests were gathered for the occasion. In addition to the Past Grands of Texas mentioned above, the following were in attendance, and were specially recognized; Mrs. Viva Huffman, Mrs. Lillian Parker, Mrs. Mildred Garlitz, Mrs. Edna Earl Duke, and Mrs. Frances Herrin, and Mr. Herbert Arnold.

It is quite different so far from home, to prepare a social function in a manner to reflect credit upon Texas. We had but 45 minutes in which to prepare the room. But for the great assistance of the Texas Bus Group, it could not have been done. To YOU, Sisters and Brothers, Texas grateful appreciation.

Early in the year I was mailed a Grand Chapter Check in the amount of \$750, to cover expenses for this function. I am glad to report that it was adequate. We presented appropriate gifts and money corsages to the Honorees and the Worthy Grand Matron, and exquisite Commemorative Ansley China Freedom Bells to both the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Honorees, and provided 13 Guest tickets, aside from covering expenses of the affair. A financial account is attached hereto with check in the sum of \$209.69 as unused balance.

Texas is always proud of those of our ranks honored by opportunities of service in the General Grand Chapter, and we delight in setting aside an hour in their Triennium Session as a SPECIAL COMPLIMENT to them. Worthy Grand Matron, I have been happy to serve you and Texas at this Triennium Function. This is the 5th time that I have served.

Fraternally,
Lallah Mae Vollus, P.G.M.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT — TEXAS BRUNCH General Grand Chapter

RECEIPTS:	\$750.00
Ticket Money	
July 28	130.50
Aug. 23	215.00
Aug. 23 (addl not shown on slip)	10.00
Aug. 24	224.75
Sept. 10	79.75
Oct. 12	14.50
	\$1,424.50

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DISBURSED:

Money for 4 money corsages @ \$10 \$40		
Material for 5 guest corsages @ 1 5		\$ 45.00
E. M. Adcock - ticket refund		7.25
Viva Huffman - ticket refund		7.25
Urban Supply (Printing Programs)		15.91
G. Bratton-Fife & Drum Costumes		20.00
Southern Importers (Decorations)		20.58
Stephen Faller (5 commemorative bells)		76.20
Hires (Decoration)		3.41
Sheraton-Cleveland Food-Bill		723.12
L. M. Vollus (Cash) Decorations: See Ck 8		
Invoices	\$134.83 (Banquet acc.)	
Candy Mints	17.42	
Glass Bells	10.50 (Ford Museum)	
Drum	6.84	
Fife	2.16	
Decals to decorate 15 addl. programs		
100 prepared	3.50	
		\$175.25
L. M. Vollus (Cash) See Ck #15, Banquet Acct		
3 Violet plates purchased in St. Thomas	60	
100 backs for programs - Bapt. Book Store	10	
		70.00
L. M. Vollus Cash		
142 letters @ 13c	18.46	
Phone calls - W.G.M. & Cleveland	12.38	
Taxi-Hotel to Bus & return with decorac.	10.00	
Addl. tip to 2 men draping Head Table	10.00	
		\$50.84
		<u>\$1,214.81</u>
		\$ 209.69

And I attach to my report a check for \$209.69 as a refund.

Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we accept this Report of the Chairman of the Texas Brunch at General Grand Chapter. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor will vote by the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, same sign. The Report is accepted. (APPLAUSE)

Thank you, Sister Lallah Mae, also for serving as Chairman of the beautiful Brunch at General Grand Chapter. It was a lovely Brunch, honoring three lovely people, and I wish every member of Texas could have been there to share that lovely occasion with us. Thank you.

Sisters and Brothers, we have had our Most Worthy Grand Matron with us throughout this Grand Chapter Session. She will be leaving soon. She has just arrived in our Grand Chapter Room. Sister Mabel L. Mackereth, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter, we are delighted that you are here now, and will you please come and stand beside me.

We have a little something special for you here this morning to show you how pleased we are that you are in Texas.

Worthy Grand Matron: You remember yesterday, or was it the day before yesterday, at the luncheon, the Worthy Grand Patron said he just wished we could make you an Honorary Citizen of Texas? Well, you know you say something like that in Texas, somebody starts to work and the ball starts rolling and pretty soon things start to happen; and so we are delighted today to let you know that you have become an Honorary Citizen, and I am pleased to read you the Certificate of Honorary Citizenship. (The Worthy Grand Matron read the contents of the Certificate) The Worthy Grand Patron and I proudly present you this Certificate making you an Honorary Citizen of our State. We have been honored by your presence, and we hope you will return to Texas many times. Now that you are one of us, we know that you will return. (APPLAUSE)

Most Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you. Thank you, very much. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I really believe that the Worthy Grand Patron, and you, also, Worthy Grand Matron, must have waved a magic wand, because I know he did say this yesterday, and I just sort-of-took it as just nothing very important. But it turned out to be really important, now didn't it? And I do appreciate it. I really do, you have no idea, unless you look into my heart and see the gratitude that is there.

You know when I think of it, I came into this auditorium this morning as the Most Worthy Grand Matron, naturally, and as a Canadian, and now I am going out as a Canadian-Texan. (APPLAUSE)

This was really lovely of you, and I am sorry to interfere with your election; however, I have never been presented to the Queen, nor have I ever had audience with the Pope; but I will tell you one thing that I have had and many people haven't enjoyed, and that is, Breakfast, Luncheon, and Dinner with the very, very finest people I know in the State of Texas, and I am very humble, and I do thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, Sister Mabel will be leaving immediately because she will be leaving our Grand Jurisdiction; so I know you will want to stand. Let's show her how much we appreciate her. Sisters and Brothers, I introduce to you Sister Mabel L. Mackereth, Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and our newest Texas Citizen. Let's salute her with Grand Honors, and give her a very hearty send-off. (APPLAUSE)

The assembly stood and sang "The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You."

Worthy Grand Patron, do you have a word you would like to say to Sister Mabel before she leaves?

Worthy Grand Patron: May I express my thanks and appreciation to some thoughtful person, a member of a Subordinate Chapter. When the Worthy Grand Patron thought out loud yesterday he had no idea that thought could project such an item as this. When I returned to the hotel yesterday afternoon, my telephone rang and a lady on the other end asked if I was serious about the thought I had at lunch today, and I said I was most serious, and she said on the 12:30 Greyhound Bus tonight there would be arriving this Citizenship document from the Governor's Office authorizing you and the Worthy Grand Matron to make the Most Worthy Grand Matron an Honorary Citizen; so you see I should have been thinking out loud a lot earlier in the year.

Worthy Grand Matron: I now recognize the Jurisprudence Committee.

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Richard T. Porter: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of this Grand Chapter:

In appearing before you this morning, I want to make mention of the fact that some one seems to have misconstrued a remark that I made at the podium yesterday. I find most distressing in one sense of the word, and perhaps amusing in another, in that the — it came to my attention that someone seemed to think that I had called our Worthy Grand Patron not a Christian. Now, the distressing part was that someone could think that I could perhaps make such a remark, and even think such a thing. It came perhaps from a remark that I was making when we were considering the matter of Livingston Chapter; and I made the remark that I did not think this was the Christian thing to do. Now, I fail to see how anybody could construe that — as to where I would be calling our Worthy Grand Patron a non-Christian, because it would seem on the amusing side of this that he is considerably ahead of most of us, in that this great Brother is two times a Christian — first by name, and second, by Faith.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, this is the report of the Jurisprudence Committee No. 8, and deals with the matter of Livingston Chapter, which was referred back to this Committee by this Grand Chapter. If I may, for a moment, I would like to review with you the action taken regarding this matter, particularly for those members of Grand Chapter who may not have been present when all of the action was taking place.

First, I would like to make it quite clear to you that the Jurisprudence Committee was unanimous and had so reported to this Grand Chapter, that they upheld and approved all of the actions of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in this matter; first, that it was properly handled in accordance with our Laws, and, secondly, that the Laws had been violated and there was due justification for the action of arresting the Charter.

This matter appears by appeal from members of Livingston Chapter to the Grievances and Appeals Committee; and the Grievances and Appeals Committee yesterday reported to this Grand Chapter their report; and you, by your actions, rejected the Grievances and Appeals Committee Report. Secondly, later on, there was a motion made to permanently suspend the Charter of Livingston Chapter. You, by your vote, voted that down and did not want to suspend the Charter of Livingston Chapter. The third matter was, that on request of the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron, and by motion and voted, you referred this matter to the Jurisprudence Committee for our study and report upon this matter. Accordingly, I present to you our Report, after due consideration, for your consideration.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 8

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of Grand Chapter: We, the undersigned members having been assigned the review of the Livingston Chapter No. 723, Disciplinary Action, recommend as follows:

- A. That Livingston Chapter No. 723 be placed under the following restrictions:
 1. The Chapter shall be under supervised probation until the next annual Session of Grand Chapter.
 2. A Copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Chapter shall be transmitted promptly after each meeting to: (1) The Worthy Grand Matron, and (2) The Jurisprudence Committee.
 3. A designated special representative of the Worthy Grand Matron shall attend each meeting of the Chapter and monitor the entire proceedings.

4. Any violation by the Chapter, its officers or its members, of the Laws of the Grand Chapter reported by the said Special Representative of the Worthy Grand Matron shall be cause for immediate lifting of the Charter of Livingston Chapter No. 723, by order of the Worthy Grand Matron.
 5. This probation shall be reviewed at the next Annual Session of Grand Chapter by the Jurisprudence Committee to determine whether its terms have been fulfilled.
- B. The Jurisprudence Committee shall report as to this matter at the next Annual Session of Grand Chapter.
- C. That the Grand Secretary be directed by Grand Chapter to mail a copy of these restrictions to each member of Livingston Chapter No. 723.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jurisprudence Committee, by:
 Ed L. Sharpe
 Oliver B. Chamberlin
 Lallah Mae Vollus
 Richard T. Porter
 Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this Report.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we accept this Report of the Jurisprudence Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we will take a vote on this.

Sisters and Brothers, if you are in favor of accepting this Report of the Jurisprudence Committee, you will give the uplifted hand. All in favor, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. I declare this report accepted.

We will now have the next report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and Members of the Grand chapter of Texas. This is the Final Report of the Jurisprudence Committee, and it is Report No. 9.

FINAL REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE NO. 9

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, have completed all matters that have come to our attention. We hope satisfactorily for the interest of Grand Chapter. We wish to thank our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, and the Membership of Texas, for their courtesy to us at all times. We appreciate this opportunity to be of service.

Respectfully,
 Ed. L. Sharpe
 Oliver B. Chamberlin
 Richard T. Porter
 Lallah Mae Vollus
 Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

Worhty Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that this final report of the Jurisprudence Committee be accepted. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of accepting this report will give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. Motion carried.

I now recognize the Registration Committee for their report.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. May Delle Grubbs: Worthy Grand Matron:

Think way back to '73
 A Grand Organist for you, I volunteered to be.
 Whatever happened is still a mystery to me.
 I got my letter, I opened it with elation,
 Imagine my surprise, it said Registration.
 Well, I took it, knowing we would have fun
 Opening letters by the everlovin' ton.
 Most of them from Secretaries, that wonderful breed.
 But I wish some would learn to read.
 In most instances they are smarter than little foxes,
 But mercy, mercy, what a batch of goofed-up proxies.
 The members get their cards early, that's not just rumor.
 But Sisters and Brothers, please send them back sooner!
 Well, anyhow, I wrote you a March. I liked it a bunch.
 So why did you think I was out to lunch?
 A name I sought for over a year
 And then it hit me loud and clear!
 Are you ready? It's "Oh! Why Have I Come Here?"
 My Sisters and Brothers, this is all in fun
 But you better believe I'm glad it's done.
 Ft. Worth is great, someday we'll be back,
 But I'm headed home to Jack
 And a new red cadillac.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

I proudly introduce to this Grand Chapter the very finest co-workers. Their diligence, super capabilities and fun loving ways have made this an unforgettable week. Thank you sincerely for the opportunity of working with: B. F. Hutson, District II; Evelyn Caskey, District III; Jerry Miller, District IV; and Nelda Hastings, District V.

Excellent has been the cooperation of Brother Gene Campbell, Chairman of Credentials and Sister Lena Hoover, Chairman of Transportation and Mileage, and their committees. We tried and tested the old adage that says, "Our labors can be easier than you think if we accept the impossible — do without the indispensable and bear the intolerable and still be able to smile at anything." Sister Agnes Lee Howard — whom I affectionately call the Boss — your valuable assistance is forever appreciated.

Pre-Registration is never accomplished alone. A pre-requisite is dedicated friends willing to sacrifice many long hours. What can I say but a sincere thank you to: Ella Dingenthal, Nina Williams, Mildred Tresentiter, Alma Carter, Donna Reed, Marilyn Bolton, Marie Harcum, Martha Cameron, Sylvia Gravely, Marvalon Province and Mary Taylor.

Worthy Grand Matron, serving you this year has marked another beautiful milestone in my Eastern Star Life. Worthy Grand Patron, how proud I am to be a member of your own home chapter.

Sister Doris, I have been asked many times this past year why would I take Chairman of Registration for the second time. I could only say: "Because I love my Worthy Grand Matron and certainly my Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Matron, let's talk about Registration and get on the right track for here's one kid that won't be back.

REGISTRATION STATISTICS:

Pre-Registration through October 22nd	3508
Registered at Grand Chapter	1194
Total Paid Registrations	4702
O.E.S. Home Voting Delegates — 10, Members — 16	26
Masonic Home Member	1
Out of State Visitors	119
Monies Deposited in First National Bank of Plano to October 22nd	\$10,461.00
Monies Received at Grand Chapter	3,645.00
TOTAL	\$14,106.00
Less Fees for two Cashier's Checks	4.50
	\$14,101.50
Check to Grand Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	\$14,101.50

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Delle Grubbs, Chairman
 Registration Committee
 B. F. Hutson, District II
 Evelyn Caskey, District III
 Jerry Miller, District IV
 Nelda Hastings, District V

To the Grand Secretary I'm going with this big check,
 I'll never have that Board breathing down my neck!

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

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt this report of the Registration Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of adopting this report as given will give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. I declare the report adopted as given.

Thank you, Sister May Delle Grubbs, Chairman of this very important committee, and the five others that have worked with you on this very fine committee. I appreciate your willingness, Sister May Delle, to serve for the second time in this place. I had heard many reports of the excellent job you did when you served as Registration Chairman before, so I had no worries about the Registration Committee this year under your efficient leadership. I appreciate each of you very, very much. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

Sisters and Brothers, the Worthy Patron of Gun Barrel City Chapter, who was hospitalized on Tuesday is in the room today to cast his ballot. He asked me to express his appreciation to all who helped on Tuesday.

Sisters and Brothers, I know that each one of you appreciate all that has been done in preparing for this Grand Chapter Session; and until one is actually involved in planning all the Sessions, you know nothing about all that has to be done. I am sure that I do not know all that has been done yet, but I do know that many things had to be taken care of, and I am very grateful that I had people who worked and did the tremendous job they have done. I now recognize those. At this time I would recognize Mrs. Maude Arnold, the Chairman of the Executive Committee for her report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Maude Arnold: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, all my Sisters and Brothers:

Your presence here makes those of us on the Executive Committee very, very happy. We are quite sincere in hoping that you have been happy, also, while attending the wonderful 94th Session.

It is with special pride that I present the members of the Executive Committee, and express my sincere appreciation to you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the honor that has been mine to serve with these members this year. Their dedication and service is reflected in the beauty of this, the 94th Session, and according to your wishes.

Mrs. Joan Ward, Secretary
 Mrs. Ethel Waggoner, Housing Chairman
 Mrs. Eileen Mathews, Social Chairman
 Mrs. Lillian Anderson, Public Relations

And I know all of you have been busy and have not seen all of the T. V. coverage, perhaps some of you have seen the newspapers. And we assure you that newspapers do make mistakes, but I know you knew who these people were and what they were doing.

Now, this report would not be complete without acknowledging the cooperation of the Arrangements Committee. The Chairman, Dale Shackelford, and Co-Chairman, Jim Ward, and hard-worker, Joe Wagner; and all of the members of this Arrangements Committee, the 141, were sincerely "Minute Men."

They have been on the front line every needed minute while preparing for this "Symbol of Freedom" Grand Chapter Session. It has been a pleasure to work for you and with them.

The financial report of the Executive Committee cannot be finalized until the Session has been completed, and after receipt and payment of all accounts. The final accounting will then be made available for recording in the Grand Chapter Proceedings. But, Worthy Grand Matron, I would ask a special privilege at this time. Please, all of you let me know. I'm asking you, have you noticed our backdrop, and have you noticed the changes in it — three times during the Session? I want to pay special recognition, and I am going to ask you to do also — (I tell you this, I don't think I am going to have to ask you to stand up, and give a round of Applause to the hardest working men you have ever seen). These changes were designed, scaled, made and printed by Dale Shackelford.

(The Assembly gave Dale Shackelford a standing applause).

Then I want to point out something else. You are looking at two podiums — these podiums were handmade with very little cost to you, because of the donation of the material by Joe Wagner. (APPLAUSE)

Our Jim Ward is not only District Deputy Grand Master, but he is also — (you know not knowing too much about Scottish Rite Bodies) — working in that. I know he is teaching degrees. Jim was present at every night session, every time if he was needed, and he has been here all the time **running**.

Now if it is the wish of you of Grand Chapter, these podiums will be given to you for permanent use. (APPLAUSE)

You have a slight problem. You know with gifts sometimes come responsibilities. In our Home at Arlington we do not have storage space, and this problem the Board of Grand Trustees is trying to work out — something for storage. We will put them in temporary storage until you, the members, decide that we might be able to someday have a storage room in our offices, or on our property at Arlington.

Mr. Perry Smithwick: Sister Maude, may I respond to that temporarily, at least. You have a place to keep them for the next year, so we will accept them for Grand Chapter, and we will store them for the next year, and then we will worry about them.

Mrs. Maude Arnold: Thank you. We have tried sincerely, this year, to cut the cost of all the expenses that you, the membership, must bear to have such beautiful sessions. We want to donate them, we want to give them, and anything that can be reused, that is the pleasure of this Committee, and I know that you will also hear it from our Arrangements Chairman.

Worthy Grand Matron, I am sorry that I took up this extra time — no I am not, because I really and truly owe a great debt of gratitude to all of these members for the hard work they have done. (APPLAUSE)

Worthy Grand Matron: Before this Committee leaves, I want to say a few words to you. Sister Maude, do you want to move the adoption of your report?

Mrs. Maude Arnold: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the report of the Executive Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report. Is there any discussion. Hearing none, all in favor of the adoption of the report as given will give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. I declare this report adopted.

Sister Maude, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and to each of the members who served so willingly and so efficiently, please know that there is no way to thank you for all that you have all done. I am sure that I am not aware of the many, many hours each one has put in to make this Session the successful Session that we have had. But I am so grateful and always I will remember what you have done for Grand Chapter and for me, in order that we might have this "Symbol of Freedom" Session, the beautiful session that it is. I picked each of you with special care, and I know now that each one was the right choice because you have all done an outstanding job. Thank you so much. (APPLAUSE)

Now, Brother Dale Shackelford, Chairman of the Arrangements Committee, would you like to make a report?

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Dale Shackelford: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Other Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers:

This is the hardest part of this for me to do, and I have a tremendous Co-Chairman here and I would like for him to bring to you a report, and I want to finish when he gets through.

Mr. Jim Ward: Thank you, Brother Shackelford.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Chapter Officers, Grand Chapter Officers, My Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, I wish to thank you on behalf of the Arrangements Committee for appointing us to this task and assigning us the jobs that we had to do. Our sincere hope and wish is that we have performed them in a manner pleasing to you. Sisters and Brothers, the duties of the Arrangements Committee are numerous and varied, and without the excellent cooperation of the various Chairmen, and the Executive Committee, they would have been impossible to perform. I would especially like to thank Sister Maude Arnold, Chairman of the Executive Committee, for all of her assistance, cooperation, guidance and direction. And on behalf of the members of the Arrangements Committee, I would like to thank our very capable Chairman, Brother Dale Shackelford, for these hours of labor and toil that he put into making this "Symbols of Freedom" Session such a success.

I would also like to extend the thanks of the Committee to our people who have attended the Labyrinth. They have responded on every occasion with great ability, and I would like to thank those who have been in charge of the electrical and the "PA" system, and the spotlights. They have coordinated things beautifully, and we have not had to worry about any of these tasks being performed.

Our people in First Aid have been put to "the test" and they have come through admirably.

All of our Committees — the stage committee, security, Lost and Found, all of the hundreds of people who worked hundreds of hours in preparing the tote bags for all of our members — have performed in a manner which is pleasing to us.

In closing, I would like to say that we could probably re-name the Arrangements Committee for this session of Grand Chapter as probably the "lost and found" committee; and I would like to say that we may have lost a little bit of sleep, and we may have lost, hopefully, a few pounds around the waist, but in doing so, we have found many blessings and many happinesses, and we have found the fondest of memories which we will carry with us forever. Thank you very much. (APPLAUSE)

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

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that the report of the Arrangements Committee be accepted. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of accepting this report will give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. I declare the report adopted.

I believe we have another report of the Arrangements Committee.

Mr. Dale Shackelford: Worthy Grand Matron, when you gave me this job, a year or two ago, it seems like, you told me that I could handle this job, but I just tried to do it just one day at a time, and we finally got it done; and I hope that it is the best and most beautiful and most enjoyable Grand Chapter that you will ever have. (APPLAUSE)

I want to thank my wife because, without her, I could not have done this. I'm just a bit "not used" to speaking on a platform of this kind, but I can sure build. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

Mr. Jim Ward: On behalf of all the Arrangements Committee and what have you, I think we have all had a real good time making this 94th Grand Chapter Session available for you, such as it is.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Jim, and thank you, Brother Dale Shackelford, for serving as the General Chairman of this Arrangements Committee. You know, when I asked him to serve he said, "Do you think I can do the job?" And I said, "If I hadn't thought you could do it, I would not have asked, you"; and I think you have done a fine job along with your Co-Chairmen. I appreciate each one

of them so very much. They have been a fine group to work with and there have been many people working with them. They have worked all year long in order that we might have this session, and I am deeply grateful. It has been everything that I expected and a little more.

I would like to have Max Sanderford recognized at this time. Is Max Sanderford here — yes, he is here. He has served as Chairman of the Courtesy Cars. I said this morning, "My, every time we have been ready for a car, I think there has only been one time that there was not one right there at the doorstep. We didn't wait a minute." He has served so efficiently, and this is a tremendous help to the Worthy Grand Matron, and to the other Grand Officers who needed a ride back and forth, and we appreciate it so very much. We are grateful to Hudiberg Chevrolet for furnishing the Courtesy Cars. They have furnished the cars that we might use at this session.

Is our Transportation and Mileage Committee ready to give a report?

Also, the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, and the Telephone and Telegraph Committee. Will these Chairmen please come to the East so that you may be ready to give your reports.

I now recognize Sister Thelma Joyce Alsup, Past Grand Matron of District IV, a dear friend, the one for whom I served as Grand Conductress when she was the Worthy Grand Matron, and we also served together as D.D.'s. Thelma Joyce, I am very pleased to have you serve in this place, and to give this report.

TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Officers, Officers of Grand Chapter, Grand Representatives, My Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the courtesy of asking that I serve on the Telephone and Telegraph Committee. I have sent to the 16 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who could not be present, the following message:

"Fraternal Greetings from the Symbols of Freedom Session. We are missing you. Our Love and Best Wishes always. The Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star."

This message went to the following: Mrs. Mattie Mitchell, Mrs. Rebecca L. Miles, Mrs. Florence Reed, Mrs. Robbie Dyer, Mrs. Hallie Anglin, Mrs. Hattie Lucille Dowell Gilbert; Mrs. Flora Best Boone, Mrs. Katherine Poulis, Mrs. Edna Earl Duke, Mr. Frank Holt, Mr. E. B. Gauntt, Dr. H. C. Sloop, Dr. Russell Holt, Mr. Paul Stoneman, and Mr. Van Plumlee.

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

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Thelma Joyce Alsup, for serving as Chairman of this Committee. We appreciate your work very much, and I know these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who were unable to be here will be pleased to hear from our Grand Chapter.

We have a motion, and it has been seconded, that we adopt this report of the Telephone and Telegraph Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of accepting this report will give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, same sign. The report is adopted.

At this time I would like to recognize one who has been with us throughout this Session. We are very honored with her presence. She is a friend that I met in Denver three years ago, when I attended the General Grand Chapter Assembly, Sister Barbara Hansford, the Worthy Grand Electa of the Grand Jurisdiction of Scotland. Sister Barbara, we would be glad if you would come and bring us fraternal greetings at this time.

GREETINGS FROM WORTHY GRAND ELECTA OF SCOTLAND

Mrs. Barbara Hansford: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Grand Officers, Sisters and Brothers: A few years ago I was in the sidewalk crossing — what do you call it — well, we call it a pedestrian crossing in London, and all the traffic had stopped when, suddenly, a car came shooting from behind and caught me out in the crossing, and I finished up in the hospital. When my son came to visit me, I was so badly disfigured that he did not recognize me. We had just come to the Eastern Coast of America for my husband's retirement trip, (and this we did) taking in the General Grand Chapter in Denver. One morning, I was very bewildered and very lonely and among very strange people, and your Worthy Grand Matron came and put her arms around me, and comforted me, and invited me to come to this Session. My Sisters and Brothers, you never know how far an act of kindness will go. Your Worthy Grand Matron's act of kindness that morning has brought me across the Atlantic and across America to be with you at your Grand Chapter Session. And I would thank you for your kindness, your hospitality; but most of all, Sisters and Brothers, I thank you for the love and friendship which I have found among the members of Texas Grand Chapter. With apologies I will say as a preacher prayed, "Lord fill my mouth with words that won't stop; but nudge me when I have said enough." So I think perhaps I have said enough, but I bring you the love and the good wishes of Sister Margaret Beechman, My Most Worthy Grand Matron, and the Fraternal Greetings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. To these wishes, I add my own for your continued happiness and prosperity. I wish this not only for Texas Grand Chapter, but to all the membership of Texas, that wonderful state which I have thoroughly enjoyed during this Session. I hope you have enjoyed me. Let me leave you with a wish from Scotland.

May the best ye have e'er seen, be the worst ye have e'er seen,
 May the mouse, ne'er be ye larder; with a teardrop in his eye;
 May ye e'er be strong and healthy till you're old enough to dee;
 May ye e'er be just as happy,
 As I wish ye all to be.

Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Barbara Hansford, a very dear friend and one who came so far to be with us for this Grand Chapter Session. I was so pleased when I learned you would be here, and I am sorry that I have been unable to be with you more; but I do hope the membership of Texas has made you feel welcome here, because I know they all appreciate your coming. Will you please extend our good wishes to your Most Worthy Grand Matron and the other members of the Grand Family in Scotland, and come back and visit us everytime you can. Please know we love you and we are glad you came.

I would like to recognize a very special group here this morning. We have some of the ladies from the Home. Would you girls please stand. We are so happy anytime we can have you with us. Let's recognize these very special ones. Mrs. Potsy Sawyer, the Administrator.

May I say a special thank you to Rosemary Swetman who has served as the pianist to accompany the Choir this week. I failed to recognize her with the others who furnished the music. We appreciate this very much.

Sisters and Brothers, you notice the blue backdrop which was made for our Installation last year, and then used again during this year's Session. This was made by members of the Arrangements Committee along with those serving on my Installation Committee. The Rainbow Assembly has asked that if we do not wish to keep the backdrop we might donate it to them. With the concurrence of Grand Chapter, I would like to present this backdrop to the Rainbow Assembly. (APPLAUSE)

Worthy Grand Patron I am going to let you preside.

I move that Grand Chapter donate the blue backdrop to the Rainbow Assembly, and that we present the carpet here on the stage to the Convention Center.

Worthy Grand Patron: We have a motion and a second that we donate the backdrop to the Rainbow and the carpet on the podium to the Convention Center. Is there discussion? So many as favor its adoption make it known by the uplifted hand. Thank you, hands down. Any opposition, vote like sign. Motion carried.

Worthy Grand Matron: At this time, I recognize Sister Ann McConathy, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Ann McConathy: Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Doris Easterling; Worthy Grand Patron, Rev. O. D. Christian; Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris; Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

May I present the other members of this committee, Mrs. Anne Remley, Mrs. Flora McNeill, Mrs. Neva Mae Evans Cherry, Mrs. Geraldine Neeley, Mrs. Kaleta Shepperson. It has been a pleasure to serve with these fine members of our Order. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this privilege.

Your Resolutions Committee, wishes to submit the following report:

The "Symbols of Freedom", Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas has convened in Fort Worth, our lives are richer and happier because of the accomplishments of this Grand Chapter. We offer our grateful thanks to our Heavenly Father for his watchful care over our Grand Officers as they served our beautiful Order this year, and for the privilege of gathering in this Magnificent Convention Center. To our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Doris Easterling, we express our sincere thanks and appreciation and point with pride to a year of accomplishment, friendship and service. We are grateful for all the deeds of kindness and goodness that you have shown. The reflection of these deeds are the golden links in the chain that binds us to His Star in the East. We appreciate the gracious and efficient manner in which you have guided the affairs of our Grand Chapter throughout this year, and during this Grand Chapter Session. Your faith in God, your kindness and your humble spirit will always be a high standard for which we will strive.

To our Worthy Grand Patron, Rev. O. D. Christian, we extend to you our heartfelt thanks for your understanding heart and your words of encouragement. You have given your best in loyalty, and faithful service. May the good that you have always done and the love that you have reflected come back to you in many ways and for many years.

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron of General Grand Chapter, what high honors you have paid to this Grand Jurisdiction by your presence here. We sincerely hope that you have felt our joy in having you both in Texas and that you have enjoyed the true Texas Hospitality and found real fraternal love in Fort Worth.

Texas own, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris. You are Texas Brightest Star, and we thank you for the high honor you have brought to your Grand Jurisdiction through your untiring service, and we wish for you God's richest blessings as you continue to be our Highest Inspiration.

To our General Grand Chapter Officers, your presence has made our Fraternal Star brighter. It is a great joy to have each of you with us.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, your presence has added a special brightness to our session. We hope that your visit has been pleasant, and that we have been able to show you how pleased we are to have you and how very welcome you are.

Texas own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, your continued interest in the welfare and prosperity of our Order is an inspiration to us all. Your attendance at Grand Chapter is always gratefully appreciated. Thank you for your devotion and loyalty.

The distinguished Floor Officers of this Grand Chapter have certainly graced this "Symbols of Freedom" Session with the beauty and dignity of your office. We commend you for the inspiration you have given us.

We want to thank the Grand Organist and the Grand Choir for the beautiful music and the pleasure that we have received from it.

To our lovely Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Ollie Rogers, your beautiful and impressive Memorial Service, dedicated to our deceased members gave us a spiritual lift and added much glory to this session.

To our Grand Marshal, your performance on the Grand Chapter floor was executed with poise and beauty. The beautiful drills and presentations directed by you, reflected the many hours spent in planning in detail for our enjoyment. For all this beauty and special pleasure, we thank you.

To all those who worked so diligently for the "Symbols of Freedom Session", we commend you in the acceptance of this great responsibility and appreciate the competent way that you have performed your duties.

To the Boards and Committees; may your lives be richer for the fine work you have so capably executed this year.

To each one, who has performed any act of service, to each member who has attended this session, we appreciate all that has been done to make this a most successful year for the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Respectfully submitted,
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
Mrs. Ann McConathy, Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that the report of the Resolutions Committee be adopted. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor will vote by the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. The motion carried and the report is adopted.

Thank you, Sister Ann McConathy and the members of the Resolutions Committee, for serving on this Committee for the Grand Chapter of Texas, and for the Worthy Grand Matron. I appreciate each of you and thank you for this beautiful report. I now recognize Sister Lena Hoover, the Chairman of Transportation and Mileage, for her report.

TRANSPORTATION AND MILEAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Lena Hoover: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Officers, Officers of Grand Chapter, Sisters and Brothers:

It is with pleasure that I introduce the other wonderful members of this Committee:

- Tommie Wylie District No. 1
- Nancy R. Shurley District No. 2
- Penny Vletas District No. 4
- Clyde B. Ridenour District No. 5

Worthy Grand Matron, this Committee wishes to thank you for the privilege of serving this year, and for the pleasure that we have been able to receive and enjoy while serving. We are indeed honored to have been chosen by you to serve on this Committee for the Grand Chapter of Texas.

We wish to express appreciation to the Grand Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, and the Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Jettie Hinton, for their help and most of all their patience and understanding in the corrections that were necessary. They were cooperative in all ways. Also, we extend our appreciation to the Registration and Credentials Committee, and their assistants for their cooperation and the many courtesies extended to us. Then, we would want to express our sincere thanks to the Executive Committee, and the Arrangements Committee who were always ready to supply our needs.

We wish to report the approximate mileage to this Grand Chapter Session is \$9,428.61, covering approximately 314,287 miles. We recommend that this Committee be authorized to make any necessary adjustments and then make a complete and final report to the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
 /s/ Lena Hoover, Chairman
 Tommie Wylie, District No. 1
 Nancy R. Shurley, District No. 2
 Penny Vletas, District No. 4
 Clyde B. Ridenour, District No. 5

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

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Transportation and Mileage Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, Sisters and Brothers, all in favor of adopting this report as given, give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, same sign. I declare this report adopted as given.

Thank you, Sister Lena Hoover, for serving as Chairman of the Transportation and Mileage Committee, and thanks to these four fine workers who assisted you. May I express to this committee, as to the others who have worked on these hard working committees, how much I appreciate your willingness to miss out on the beautiful sessions of Grand Chapter to perform your duties. We know that you are fine dedicated members of the Order, and we are grateful to each of you for the wonderful job you have done. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

I would like at this time to express my sincere appreciation to Brother Gamblin, Brother Fred Stewart, and Brother Ron Ernst for the fine job they have done at our "PA" system. Let's show these boys how much we appreciate them. They're over here on my right. Brother Bill, thank you and those others who have helped. We appreciate this so very much. We know it is most important for our business sessions and our meetings here in the Convention Center to have those that know how to do the work and are so qualified to do such a fine job for us.

Then may I express appreciation to Brother Stanton Parker who has served as Chairman of the Grand Ushers. Thank you Brother Stanton and these other gentlemen who have assisted you. Your help has been invaluable to those of us as we came off and on the platform here. We appreciate it very much. (APPLAUSE)

I have a note from Sister Eileen Mathews, who has worked with Brother Woody Woodson. He has worked so hard that we might have the beautiful greenery for the reception Sunday. We are very grateful to him for the flower arrangements, and the greenery that he has made for us.

I recognize Mr. Glenn Taylor, the Invitation Chairman.

INVITATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Glenn Taylor: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

I am indeed honored to address the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. I am pleased to present to you those serving on the Invitation Committee with me. Would all the members of District Two, Section 10, please rise.

It is with great pleasure and anticipation that we, Sister Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron, elect, the Fifteen Chapters of District Two, Section 10, the Masonic Bodies of El Paso, the Honorable Mayor of El Paso, Mr. Don Henderson, and the Executive Director of the Convention Center and Visitors Bureau, Mr. E. E. "Gene" Strahan, extend our Invitation to the Grand Chapter of Texas to hold the 95th Grand Chapter Session in the beautiful Sun City of El Paso, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Glenn D. Taylor
Chairman, Invitation Committee

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

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we accept this report, Sisters and Brothers, inviting us to come to El Paso for the next Grand Chapter session. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor of accepting this report, will give the usual voting sign of the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. The motion is accepted. Brother Glenn and Sister Joyce, I think it was unanimous and everybody wants to come to El Paso. We certainly look forward to a fine session in the Sun City. We are going to have a good time when we come there and we appreciate this invitation for the next Grand Chapter Session.

Sister Delia Dusek, would you and the Grand Choir like to sing a number at this time. We would like to hear from you another time. (Grand Choir sang Count Your Many Blessings.)"

Thank you, Grand Choir, and now I have a big apology to make. I mentioned this morning about having the American Heritage Committee in the East yesterday afternoon, and then failing to give them time to give their report, then called for them to come up early this morning and they sat here all morning. Sister Mildred Barnes, I apologize to you and the other members of your Committee who are here in the East. We are very pleased to have you come at this time and give your report. Sister Barbara Robinson, the General Chairman, could not be here. Mildred has served so well as the Co-Chairman, and I appreciate you so much, and we want to hear your report.

AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Mildred Barnes: Worthy Grand Matron, you do not owe me any apology. I have had the best time I have ever had in my life up here this morning. Mr. Leonard Remley, and Mr. Rudolph Ernst should be up here with us, and Mrs. Jeannie Graham, the Member of District V, I believe, is at the election table No. 2. Mrs. Laura Jane Jordan is the District Chairman from District 3, Mrs. Floy Starr is the District Chairman from District 2. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members of Grand Chapter, My Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, I am sorry that Mrs. Barbara Robinson, the General Chairman of the American Heritage Committee, is ill and is not able to be present at this 94th Grand Chapter Session. She has worked diligently, earnestly, and conscientiously on this Committee. She has very graciously invited me to present her Report. I shall now read her Report as she has prepared it and forwarded it to the Grand Chapter.:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers and Members of Grand Chapter:

The members of the American Heritage Committee join me in expressing their appreciation for the opportunity of serving the Grand Chapter, their State and their Country in promulgating patriotism, community service and strengthened Masonic and Eastern Star ties during this Bicentennial year. The benefits to each of us will always be a part of our future life and, we trust, that the benefits to our communities will be of long-lasting memory.

I shall introduce to you those who led this year's work on this Committee: my able and talented General Co-Chairman, Mrs. Mildred Barnes, District I Chairman, Mr. Leonard J. Remley, District II Chairman, Mrs. Floy Starr, District III Chairman, Mrs. Laura Jane Jordan, District IV Chairman, Mr. Rudolf H. Ernst and the District V Chairman, Mrs. Jeannie Graham. The work of these Sisters and Brothers has been earnest and determined. Without them, there would have been no American Heritage Committee. I wish to thank each of them for their love and labor in this cause.

I wish to report that there was a 98% visitation to all chapters of this Grand Chapter, and there was approximately 1153 visits made altogether for the purpose of giving programs, lectures and patriotic festivals and dramas. Many were the interesting things done and I am sorry that time does not allow me to list them all. However, as in all forms of Eastern Star service, these stalwart people know WHAT they did and they did not do it to seek glory or laurels. Members of the Committee served at dedications of heritage foundations, at Bicentennial celebrations and for the giving of meaning to two hundred years of democracy. Individual programs were representative of much thought and love of Country. Such things as scholarships and even the

planting of trees will long be remembered as the work of these Committee people. There was heartfelt participation in the Grand Chapter Bicentennial celebration at Ft. Worth, at Founder's Day and at all Masonic patriotic affairs.

Again, let me extend to you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, the thanks of all those who served in this capacity. We feel that we shall never go "out of office", but will continue for the rest of our lives in the fostering of love and pride in our American Heritage.

Fraternally,
/s/ B. Robinson, General Chairman

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

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that this Report of the American Heritage Committee be accepted. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of accepting this report will give the usual voting sign — the uplifted hand. Those opposed, same sign. The report has been accepted. Thank you, Sister Mildred Barnes, the Co-Chairman of this fine Committee, and those who have worked on the American Heritage Committee this year. This has been a very special committee to your Worthy Grand Matron. Because of the Bicentennial year, I felt that this committee would be a most important one during this particular time and I am grateful to you. I think the Committee has worked very hard in helping the membership become more aware of the great heritage we have as citizens of America. I am sorry Sister Barbara Robinson could not be here. Thank you, Sister Mildred Barnes for this lovely report.

I recognize Sister Mildred Sharpe, the Chairman of the Purposes and Policies Committee, who will give her Report at this time.

PURPOSES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers: I am pleased to submit the report of the Purposes and Policies Committee, and I know that I have some of the appointive members of the Committee in the room. I have Sister Pearl Johnson, appointive member from District 4; Brother Earl Manning has been in the Session and, of course, met with us. Brother Earl is from District 3; Brother Gerald C. Allen from District 5 is at the Tellers Table. Sister Koreen Logsdon of District 2 is ill and was unable to attend the Session. However, she was in attendance at the meeting and gave her oral approval of the Report. Of course, as you know, the Constitution calls for the eight elective Grand Officers, the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, and the Chairman of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences to be members of the Committee as well as the five appointed members.

A called meeting of the Purposes and Policies Committee was held on August 8, 1976 at 9 A.M. in the Board Room of the Eastern Star Home to consider the proposed Welfare Program of the Associate Grand Matron in accordance with the Code of Laws governing Grand Chapter. The following were present:

Mrs. Doris Easterling, Worthy Grand Matron
Joyce Roberts, Associate Grand Matron
Perry Smithwick, Associate Grand Patron
Mary Brown, Grand Conductress
Rennie Ofton, Associate Grand Conductress
Velda Anderson, Chairman, Board of Grand Trustees
Thurman Perry, Chmn., Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences
Mildred Sharpe
Koreen Logsdon
Pearl Ruth Johnson

With the consideration of the Welfare Program the primary reason for the Committee meeting, the Associate Grand Matron presented the outlined Welfare Program for the year 1976-77 for our consideration:

"WELFARE PROGRAM": NOBILITY

1. The Eastern Star Home
 2. Endowment Fund
 3. Cancer Research
 4. ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership)
- SPECIAL PROJECT: Chemotherapy Research

It was voted unanimously to approve the Proposed Welfare Program, therefore we submit it to Grand Chapter for approval.

No other matters have been submitted to this Committee during the past year for our study and presentation to this Assembly.

We would like to call to the attention of the membership of this Grand Chapter, particularly the Officers, Boards and Committees for the coming year, that portion of our law outlined on Page 102 of the Code of Laws Governing Grand Chapter and reading as follows:

(1) The Purposes and Policies in the Worthy Grand Matrons' recommendation No. 1 at 1959 session of Grand Chapter

(2) Any and all proposals for new adventures, new policies, etc., that may be suggested from time to time in the future.

(3) To perform all the duties implied by its name — Purposes and Policies for Grand Chapter.

Said Committee's powers being limited to studying all proposals for changes in or additions to the Purposes and Policies of the Grand Chapter and to making recommendations thereon to Grand Chapter. (law continues)

Item No. 1 from the 1959 Proceedings under the capable handling of Mrs. Katherine Poulis reads as follows:

Item No. 1. That the Corporate Board of Directors (the elective officers of Grand Chapter) and the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons be appointed as a committee, which might be called the Liaison and Planning Committee, to work with the Board of Grand Trustees and the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences to draft long-range policies for consideration by our Grand Chapter so that we may have definite goals of achievement for the years ahead. This will give us more efficient administration by setting up a replacement plan for buildings and equipment and should safeguard our investments. It should also be helpful to the line officers in planning their programs and projects.

"We need to constantly re-examine our direction. We need long-range rather than haphazard quick planning from year to year, so that we may realize definite objectives. This will discourage waste and duplication of time and effort. It will promote better understanding between Grand Chapter and the Subordinate Chapters and will give us all a greater incentive to labor for the good of our Order." Mrs. Poulis' Recommendation continued with some definite and good suggestions.

Through the years since 1959, the Purposes and Policies Committee, whose function was originally to serve as a "check and balance" against any unconstitutional procedures, has been relegated to a position of no particular duty other than to approve the Associate Grand Matron's Welfare Program.

It is the feeling of members of your Purposes and Policies Committee that we should either adhere to the law . . . or that the law be amended or deleted as Grand Chapter sees fit. We respectfully request that this matter be referred to the incoming Worthy Grand Matron and her Jurisprudence Committee for study and recommendation at the next Grand Chapter Session.

Worthy Grand Matron, it has been our pleasure to serve under your capable leadership and we congratulate you and the Worthy Grand Patron for the outstanding accomplishments of this Grand Chapter year.

Respectfully submitted,
PURPOSES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE

/s/

Doris Easterling, Worthy Grand Matron
O. D. Christian, Worthy Grand Patron
Joyce Roberts, Associate Grand Matron
Perry Smithwick, Associate Grand Patron
Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary
Jettie Hinton, Grand Treasurer
Mary Brown, Grand Conductress
Rennie Ofton, Associate Grand Conductress
Velda Anderson, Chairman, Board of Grand Trustees
Thurman Perry, Chairman, Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences
Koreen Logsdon, Purposes and Policies Committee
Earl Manning, Purposes and Policies Committee
Pearl Ruth Johnson, Purposes and Policies Committee
Gerald C. Allen, Purposes and Policies Committee
Mildred Sharpe, Chairman, Purposes and Policies Committee

Worthy Grand Matron, we recommend and move the adoption of the Report.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt this report of the Purposes and Policy Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of accepting this report as given, let it be known by giving the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. The Report is adopted. Thank you Sister Mildred Sharpe, for serving as Chairman of this very important committee in the Grand Chapter. I appreciate your acceptance and the acceptance of all those who have served on the Purposes and Policy Committee, this year. Sister Ollie Rogers, will you please come and move the adoption of your report as presented last evening, the report of the Grand Chaplain.

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

Grand Chaplain: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the "Bethlehem Star Memorial" as presented last evening.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Grand Chaplain as presented last evening. Is there any discussion? Sisters and Brothers, all in favor of adopting this report as presented last evening will use the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. The report is adopted.

Sister Ollie, will you please stay here just a minute.

Thank you, Sister Ollie Rogers, for serving as my Grand Chaplain this year. You were one of the first floor officers I selected after I became a member of the Grand Chapter line, and I have never regretted one instant that you were the one. I thought you might not accept when I asked you, but I was so pleased when you did. You have been a beautiful Grand Chaplain, as I knew you would be. Your life reflects your fine Christian character, and I felt you would be the appropriate one to serve in this

capacity. Your Memorial Service last evening was one of the most beautiful I have ever witnessed and many have told me that they felt the same way about it. So please know that your Worthy Grand Matron is very pleased, and I am grateful to you for the beautiful Memorial Service and all you have done this year for the Grand Chapter.

Sisters and Brothers, let's show Sister Ollie how much we appreciated her beautiful Memorial. (APPLAUSE)

I now recognize Sister Beulah Holliday, the Grand Examiner at Large.

REPORT OF GRAND EXAMINER AT LARGE

Mrs. Beulah Holliday: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Easterling; Worthy Grand Patron, Brother O. D. Christian; General Grand Chapter Officers; Past Grand Matrons; Past Grand Patrons; Distinguished Members; My Sisters and Brothers:

It has been my happy privilege to serve as your Grand Examiner at Large for the past three years. I have performed my duties to the best of my ability and I trust my performance has come up to your expectations. You paid me a very high honor by electing me to serve in this place and I appreciate it very much. It is with mixed emotions and a grateful heart, I say thanks to this beautiful membership of Texas for your kind consideration and support throughout these three years of service. I shall forever be grateful and appreciative to each of you. To our charming Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Easterling, and our wonderful Worthy Grand Patron, Brother O. D. Christian, I feel indeed fortunate and honored to have served with these fine Christian leaders this year. They have exemplified their belief superbly in stressing the importance of Freedom, Patriotism, and Christian living throughout our beautiful state of Texas. I am sure our Order has been greatly strengthened through their avenue of service this year. To the Grand Examiners, I appreciate you very much for every courtesy that you afforded me while serving in your District.

To all who assisted me in the Examining Room here at Grand Chapter, I truly and sincerely thank you. Again, I thank each member for the opportunity you made possible for me to be of service to the greatest organization in the world, the Beautiful Order of the Eastern Star.

Worthy Grand Matron, at this session of Grand Chapter we issued 27 certificates of proficiency.

Fraternally submitted,
Beulah Holliday

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

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Grand Examiner at Large. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of accepting this report, give the usual voting sign, the uplifted hand. All opposed, the same sign. I declare this report adopted.

Sister Beulah, I apologize to you for not calling upon you before the election was declared. We appreciate your faithfulness and as the Grand Examiner at Large you have attended many schools throughout the State, and we appreciate the fine work that you have done. Please know that we are grateful. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

I believe the Grand Secretary has something. I was supposed to call on her while the Most Worthy Grand Matron was here, so you see I forgot, but I call on her now.

Grand Secretary: Sister Doris, I feel like the little boy that tried to tell his Dad about the facts of life, when he took the contents of the love box and it was only one rare fifty cent piece, and he said, "Well, if you had let me read this to you when I first

asked you, then Sister Mackereth would have known about it. However, she signed it and I think she knew about it. Sisters and Brothers, I think it is a tremendous compliment to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and our Jurisdiction in Texas, because in looking through all our records, this is the first one that has probably been awarded to us since the early days of ESTARL and perhaps not then. This letter is written to me by Brother C. Clifton Andrews, Chairman of the ESTARL Committee of General Grand Chapter, and he writes me, and he sent this special delivery so I could present this beautiful award to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, but the Worthy Grand Matron has had a few things on her mind for the last day or two. He writes to me:

October 20, 1976

Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
Grand Secretary, Texas
Sheraton Texas Hotel
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Sister Howard:

Many, many regrets that I will be unable to visit the Grand Chapter of Texas this year. I had hoped to fly in for at least one day. The pressure of my work is heavy at this time. I am Director of Special Projects for the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System, the largest in our State. Today, as I returned from Alabama, I find that I have a pressing work assignment in West Virginia. I have no choice and how I regret that I will miss seeing you.

Thank you so much for assisting me in expressing gratitude to the Grand Chapter of Texas for their promotion of ESTARL. I appreciate your kindness in presenting the enclosed certificate to your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron during one of the sessions.

All good wishes for much success. I know that you are honored by the presence of Sister Mabel Mackereth and Brother Bill George. Please give to them my fondest regards. Especially remember me to your great and kind Sister Mildred Haney Harris.

Now, thank you so much for your help. I hope to see you in Texas next year.

Loyally and fraternally,
/s/ Clifton Andrews
Chairman, ESTARL Committee, G.G.C.

But it's a beautiful award, Sisters and Brothers, and the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron are the recipients of it. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Agnes Lee Howard. You, the membership, are responsible for this award, Sisters and Brothers.

It is Headed:

EASTERN STAR AWARDS FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP
Awarded to the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star,
for making an outstanding contribution to the ESTARL Program.
Given this 25th day of October, 1976.

/s/ Mable L. Mackereth, MWGM
/s/ Charles Clifton Andrews,
Chairman of the ESTARL Committee, GGC

We are deeply grateful for this award, and I hope that we will see the Membership continue to be interested in ESTARL in the future.

Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to say something?

Worthy Grand Patron: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. In behalf of the membership of this Grand Chapter we accept this from the Most Worthy Grand Matron with humility, realizing and knowing that it was through your generous contributions to the ESTARL fund this year perhaps that prompted this beautiful and very noble award. Thank you. Sister Agnes Lee, for reading the letter to us this morning.

Worthy Grand Matron: I want to express my appreciation to my Personal Pages. I have had three of the finest girls — four — one had to go home. I started out with 4 lovely ladies serving as my Personal Pages, and my, what good care they have taken of me. Someone wanted to know how I was able to change from one dress to another so quickly. If you could see these girls working, you would know why.

I was going to add I had one more Page — I did have another Page, my husband, who has been running errands for me for 35 years, and I thought he deserved the honor of being named “Personal” Page to the Worthy Grand Matron. (APPLAUSE)

I have news for him — he is going to continue to run errands for me when I get home, so this was a permanent appointment as a Personal Page.

Worthy Grand Patron: May I express my appreciation also to my Personal Pages, who are sitting on this stage this morning — these three beautiful people over here. They have done a wonderful job — well, we will exclude one in that beautiful remark — if it had not been for Sister May Delle you would not have recognized one of them, but she stayed after him so much he went to the barber shop and got his hair cut finally.

Worthy Grand Matron: May I remind the Floor Officers to bring the badges to the Grand Secretary's desk immediately following the closing of this afternoon's session. Now that is both the traveling badge that you have worn all year long that belongs to the Grand Chapter of Texas, and then these large jewels that we are wearing during the session. So be sure to take all of these to the Grand Secretary's desk immediately at the close of the session this afternoon.

Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present Sister Lena Hoover, Sister Frances Christian, Sister Cloe Morris, Sister Joy Shackelford, and Sister Violet Lowrey behind Esther's station.

One of the greatest privileges that comes to a Worthy Grand Matron, and one that I have enjoyed most of all this year, is that of selecting those who will represent other Jurisdictions in our Grand Jurisdiction of Texas. It is a distinct pleasure for me today to name the five of you as Grand Representatives in Texas from other Grand Jurisdictions.

May I read the Grand Representatives' Commission? I will read the first one, and the others will be 'like' commissions.

(Worthy Grand Matron read one commission and announced commissions were granted as follows:)

Frances Christian, Nebraska to Texas
 Lena Hoover, Alabama to Texas
 Cloe Morris, Tennessee to Texas
 Joy Shackelford, Oklahoma to Texas, and
 Violet Lowrey, Kentucky to Texas

(The Grand Representatives were conducted to the East, introduced and given Grand Honors)

Each of these girls is a very special friend of mine and this is one of the greatest pleasures that has come my way. Sisters and Brothers, I proudly introduce to you Sister Frances Christian, Grand Representative of Nebraska in Texas; Sister Lena Hoover, Grand Representative of Alabama in Texas; Sister Cloe Morris, Grand Representative of Tennessee in Texas; Sister Joy Shackelford, Grand Representative of Oklahoma in Texas; and Sister Violet Lowrey, Grand representative of Kentucky in Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will assist me in giving them Grand Honors, and let's give them a very hearty welcome.

Mrs. Frances Christian: To the wonderful membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas, I want to say to you, to this wonderful lady here, a beautiful lady, that I have learned to love and admire more than anyone will ever know; I say to you, Doris, from the bottom of my heart, you have been super and your kindness — well, I just can't express what I have in my heart for you and Brother J. B. Thank you for everything that you have done for us.

The other Grand Representatives joined together to say: "We thank you too, Worthy Grand Matron."

(They were returned to their seats in the Grand Chapter Room)

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you girls for assisting me. And, Sisters and Brothers, haven't we had beautiful Conductresses on our Grand Chapter Floor? (APPLAUSE)

We are very proud of them and all of the Floor Officers. I want to tell my Floor Officers how proud I am of each and every one of you who have served in the various places. You have all been very "special" to the Worthy Grand Patron and to me, and we have had a close family tie this Grand Chapter year. To each of the Grand Officers serving in whatever capacity they are serving, please know that we appreciate you also, and all you have done for your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

I want to express my appreciation to these beautiful Grand Pages — these beautiful girls, who are "my girls" — the "Doris' Darlings" serving as the Grand Pages and for assisting us in the collection of the ballots, and the other work they have done throughout the week. Please know, girls, how much I appreciate each and every one of you. Thank you for serving as the Grand Pages and for serving so faithfully.

To the Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels, we appreciate your willingness to serve and you have helped to make this Grand Chapter Session what it is today. For your service, at our doors, thank you all.

Sisters and Brothers, I want to express my appreciation to you for the way you have stayed in the building for this election. We appreciate your interest and you know you should be interested in all of these elections, so we appreciate the fact that you have stayed with us throughout the day. We think we will be through here by 2:30 at the latest, and that is early for us to get out on election day. We hope you will not leave until you know the results of this election which is now being taken.

Our tellers have served so efficiently it seems to me they have counted these ballots much quicker than usual, and I am very grateful to those that are serving at the tables — the tellers, to Sister Lallah Mae who has served as the Election Judge for her fine work, and to those who served as the Supervisory Judges of the tables, and then the Table Judges and all who assisted in the Election, I am very grateful to each of you.

Sisters and Brothers, we would like to recognize all of those that have served on the Executive and Arrangements Committee this year.

Will you please stand? I am sure that there are some who are probably out doing other jobs, but if you have served on the Executive or Arrangements Committee this year for your Worthy Grand Matron, would you please rise. (APPLAUSE)

We are very grateful to these fine working people. I know they have met night after night and have worked and planned for this Session. I appreciate every one who was willing to serve in this capacity. And again, to you, Sister Maude Arnold, for this wonderful Session — I feel like it has been a successful Grand Chapter Session, and I am so grateful to you for the leadership you provided. (APPLAUSE)

Mrs. Maude Arnold: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Let me say again to all of you on the Executive Committee, and all of you on the Arrangements Committee, there is not a one of you who has not served in some capacity. Some of you have had to serve here. I want to recognize especially at this time, and I think most of you here will agree, my Housing Chairman, Ethel Wagner. Thank you, Ethel for a wonderful job. All those that we have had to work with, Transportation and Mileage, all of your Registration, all those serving on the decorating committees, all of those who walked miles and miles to see that your tables were set up and decorated, all of you who have served on the side, our Telephone Committee, those of you who have sent telephone or telegraph messages for us, especially the Secretarial Committee — you wouldn't believe it, but we had three full time secretaries working all day yesterday, and to all the other committees that we were working with, for your patience and for your assistance, I owe a great debt of gratitude. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

I want to say at this time a special thank you, and I did not do it a while ago because I did not want to be involved in any type of politics, but I have a Personal Page who has worked and worked and worked, and also Dale. Joy, I could not thank you awhile ago, but I want to thank you personally now for the hours and the days and the times that I talked to you when I could not reach Dale; and Herbert, where are you? Do I have a husband in this audience? For Herbert, who has shuffled back and forth to get the car, and who has listened and answered the phone so many times when my ear would get a cauliflower, I want to say a special thanks to Herbert who helped me, and Joy who helped Dale. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron: And now could we have a number from our Grand Choir. Maybe you would do something that the membership could join in, and get a seventh inning stretch.

If you will stay with us, Sisters and Brothers, we will be out of here before too long and you will still have a long time to get ready for the meeting tonight. We know you will all want to be here tonight to witness what I know will be a beautiful Installation and we will see the new officers Installed.

(Grand Choir led the Assembly in Singing "God Bless America.")

Thank you, Sister Delia, and the Grand Choir, for leading us in this beautiful song, and I didn't tell these gentlemen how much I appreciate each of them serving at the blackboards, when I thanked the others that assisted with the election; but I am grateful to you four Brothers who served at our blackboards. Sister Lallah Mae, I did not tell you, but I will present this to the Museum. This was your intention, wasn't it? I will present this to our Eastern Star Museum that it might be preserved for the history of our Order for those that will follow after us so that they may read this beautiful Bicentennial Celebration that we have had this past year.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Worthy Grand Matron, I presented it to you for your own use, or to be placed in the Museum, either way that you would like for it to be.

Worthy Grand Matron: I think the membership would want it to be in the Museum. I would love to keep it, but I believe the membership would want it there for posterity, so I will give it to the Museum so that it may be displayed there.

Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, while we are waiting may I express my appreciation to you and to this Grand Chapter for the great joy that has been mine to serve by your side this year. It has really been a time of joy and happiness. Oh, we have had some problems, but my goodness, that is part of life, and that's the way you learn — to have problems come your way and you get down about 2 o'clock in the morning and go looking in the Constitution to try to solve some of the problems. Then you enjoy these beautiful days like we have had in Fort Worth this week at this Grand Chapter Session; so to you and Brother J. B., my personal thanks for having had the privilege of serving with you and this great August body of Eastern Star people. Then, on behalf of the Grand Esther, Sister Frances, for this beautiful presentation of the Grand Representative appointment to her. I tell you I have been watching the mailbox for the past two weeks to see that she didn't get any inkling of this, and if any mail came I could get it before she did, and hide it. But none arrived, and for this appointment from you on her behalf, I am so grateful.

Worthy Grand Matron: We did have this little secret. We did not want Sister Frances to know, but I did confide in the Worthy Grand Patron that I was planning to present this Commission to Frances.

May I express my appreciation to the Grand Chapter of Texas for electing me to this high position as your Worthy Grand Matron this past year. You have afforded me some of the greatest joys one could have ever known. These past four years have been four of the sweetest years of life, and I will always be grateful, and I cherish the friendships. It has been especially fine to make so many friends throughout the state of Texas, and to have this fellowship with the membership all over this entire state; and I am deeply appreciative of each and every one of you members throughout the state. You have been so good to me as I have served as your Worthy Grand Matron.

And Brother O. D. I express my appreciation to you for serving as the Worthy Grand Patron. I am grateful that Grand Chapter saw fit to elect you, after I had stated that you were my choice as my Associate Grand Patron. Never have I regretted that you were the one that I asked to serve, because always you have been the most helpful person one could find to serve along with me, and you have been a great friend to J. B. and to me. We love you and Frances and treasure your friendship.

Worthy Grand Patron: Some of those mornings about 4:00 o'clock, when I would be driving down the highway, I wondered why I ever said yes to your request.

Worthy Grand Matron: Could we have a little more music while we wait?

Grand Choir Director: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, your choir would like to dedicate this number to you, our Dear ones, "Fill My Cup, Lord."

Worthy Grand Matron: It's one of my favorites, and I am sure it must be one of Brother O. D.'s also.

(Grand Choir and Soloist sang, "Fill My Cup, Lord.")

Worthy Grand Matron: To each and every one for furnishing this beautiful music that has added so much to our sessions, thank you. Worthy Grand Patron —

Worthy Grand Patron: Yes, may I say to Sister Delia and the Choir, "Your every expression through your voices and through your music has been a blessing to my heart. Thank you from the depths of my heart for sharing those beautiful talents in song this week.

Grand Secretary: The Worthy Grand Matron has been kind enough to let me say something. This is the 35th straight Grand Chapter Session that I have attended and so, of course, I have seen that many Grand Chaplains' programs, but I especially want to say to this Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, that I know their hearts are so filled with so many things, but certainly one would be the beauty

of their Grand Chaplain's presentation; but Worthy Grand Matron, I hope that you and the Worthy Grand Patron will not mind when I say that I thought that part was what made it so special — really great — was the contribution of Sister Frances' son and Brother J. B.'s son-in-law. (APPLAUSE)

Worthy Grand Matron: Now, I think I know what prompted that — if you did not attend the banquet last evening — J. B. was to give the Benediction and before he gave it, he asked the Grand Adah to stand — he said she had been introduced numerous times here at the Grand Chapter Session as the Worthy Grand Matron's daughter, and he said he wanted all of you to know that she's his daughter, too.

May I express to you, Sister Agnes Lee Howard, my grateful appreciation for your assistance to me this year. Many times have I worked with the Grand Secretary — not only this year, but previously when I was preparing for this year, and always you have been most kind and cooperative, and you have given me a great amount of time. I am very grateful to you, Sister Agnes Lee.

Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, I think we would be amiss if we didn't express our gratitude to the membership this morning for the way this election has been conducted. We didn't have any show of applause when the election was announced. Of course, we realize that somebody has to win and somebody has to lose, and we would like to give vent to our emotions and express ourselves right then, but I am so appreciative that you have conducted yourselves as you have this morning, and I think it has been a beautiful election and we will be through in just a few minutes. I see back at the table that they are tabulating it again. And thank you, your patience and the way you have conducted yourselves as members of Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron: I agree with the Worthy Grand Patron in thanking the membership. You know I have been on the winning side and the losing side in the elections at Grand Chapter, so I always rejoice with the winners, but my heart always goes out to those who do not win the election.

Sisters and Brothers, tomorrow is Sister Barbara Hansford's birthday, Let's all sing her a "Happy Birthday."

Sister Barbara come up here and let the membership sing a "Happy Birthday" to you.

(The Assembly joined in singing "Happy Birthday" to Sister Barbara Hansford).

Worthy Grand Matron: We don't know how old she is and we won't ask her to tell, will we?

Mrs. Barbara Hansford: Sisters and Brothers, I am 67. (APPLAUSE)

Worthy Grand Matron: We weren't asking you to tell your birthdate, Sister Barbara, but we are glad that we could share this Happy Birthday with you. We are glad that since she had to celebrate her birthday away from home, she could celebrate it with us.

I am not sure that Brother Don Hutchinson is in the room, but if he is, may I express my appreciation to him for serving as our Official Photographer. You know Don comes almost, from my home town. He is from Abilene, and I live 15 miles east of there. I live in the City of Clyde and, of course, Abilene is a suburb of Clyde! We appreciate Don and his fine work.

This does conclude our election. Sister Lallah Mae.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Worthy Grand Matron, I want to thank you for the wonderful judgment that you used in the selection of the tellers, they have worked magnificently; and, of course, we know what splendid judges you placed at the tables; they have made this election a credit to your last official act.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you again, Sister Lallah Mae, for serving as the election judge, and to each of the others that participated.

Sisters and Brothers, we ask that you be seated for just a moment, we are going to be out in just a moment.

At this time it is my distinct pleasure to present one of the loveliest Past Grand Matrons of my own District No. 3, and my dear friend, Sister Cheeba DeWees. Sister Cheeba.

Mrs. Cheeba DeWees: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron,

Friendship is a priceless gift,
That cannot be bought or sold, but its value is far greater
Than a mountain made of gold.

For gold is cold and lifeless,
And it can neither see nor hear,
But in time of trouble,
It is powerless to cheer.

It has no ears to listen,
No heart to understand,
It cannot bring you comfort,
Or reach out a helping hand.

So, when you ask God for a gift, be thankful if he sends not diamonds, or emeralds, or riches — but the love of real true friends. Congratulations, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron: Worthy Grand Patron, will you lead us in our Benediction at this time.

Worthy Grand Patron: Almighty God, our Father, we come humbly before Thy throne of Grace, asking Thy continuing blessings upon our lives. We come to the close of this Thursday afternoon session with a heart full of gratitude to the membership of this great body of people. Thank you for your faithfulness, for their stay to the end and helping us transact the business. Now we would invoke Thy blessings upon the new leadership that will assume these stations in just a few hours. Grand unto them, our Father, a special portion of Thy understanding, Your Wisdom, and Your Knowledge to guide them on their journey to the East. Thank you for what you have done for us, for what you are doing, and what you are going to do in the future, for it is in Jesus's name, I pray. Amen.

Worthy Grand Matron: Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that this Thursday afternoon session of the Grand Chapter is about to be called from Labor to Rest until Installation time, and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

The Bible is closed.

Grand Chapter was called from Labor to Rest at 2:20 P.M. until Installation time.

**NINETY-FIFTH INSTALLATION
OF GRAND OFFICERS
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

THURSDAY EVENING

October 28, 1976

6:00 P.M.

The scene of the 95th Installation of the Officers of the Grand Chapter immediately called to mind the "Home Setting" of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect. The backdrop continued to lift one's thoughts to the "Blue Heavens." The Center of the stage was most effective with blue and white blooming Yucca Plants. As a spotlight

played upon these, one envisioned the Sun's bright ray highlighting these Cacti blossoms so native to the El Paso area. Placed about the Grand Chapter room were other blossoming plants of the Western Region.



The chairs and pedestals of the Officers were white, the top of each pedestal being covered with a "rising sun" bordered by the coral rays of "morning." The Altar was the focal point of the decorations pointing up the Theme of the Installation — "DAYSPRING — THE SOURCE OF LIFE." It was in the form of the "round rising sun" and draped in tiers of tulle shading from cream through yellow and on to dark coral, as it met the floor. It rested upon a rug of deep gold in the form of "rays" reaching out to the "NEW DAY." During the time when the Holy Bible, which rested upon the Altar, was open, a bright light radiated from within the Altar sending forth its rays, as does the Holy Scripture send forth its light unto the heart of man. When the Bible was closed, the light within the Altar was dimmed, as is the light of day when the sun sinks behind the Western Horizon.

The lady Floor Officers were beautifully gowned in tiered chiffon dresses in cream, each tier being bordered with a row of gold beads and a wide band of gold beads around the waist. The flowing sleeves were caught at the wrist by a band of gold beads. The Boards, District Deputies, Deputies, Grand Chapter Committees, and Special Committees wore gowns in shades of yellow, coral, and red — the hues of the SUN — and sapphire representing the blue of the sky.

ORGAN SELECTIONS Mr. Leonard Ellington
 Past Patron, Brownfield Chapter

6:30 P.M.

Assisting Grand Marshal Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup, Past Grand Matron

PROCESSIONAL OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Mrs. Doris Easterling, Worthy Grand Matron escorted by Mr. J. B. Easterling
 Past Patron of Clyde Chapter

The Reverend Mr. O. D. Christian escorted by Mrs. Frances Christian
 Worthy Grand Patron Past Matron of Dal-Cliff Chapter

Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris escorted by Mr. Robert Wood
 Past Most Worthy Grand Matron Past Patron of Dallas Chapter

- Mrs. Sally Matranga, Worthy Grand Organist escorted by Mr. Richard T. Porter
Past Grand Patron
- Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Ritual Committee escorted by Dr. Russell Holt
General Grand Chapter Past Grand Patron
- Mr. Herbert L. Arnold, Jurisprudence Committee escorted by Mrs. Nancy Bailey
General Grand Chapter Past Grand Matron
- Mr. J. Victor Jones, escorted by Mrs. Frances Herrin
International Temple Committee Past Grand Matron
General Grand Chapter

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS

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| Mrs. Mattie Mitchell | Mrs. Nancy Bailey |
| Mrs. Rebecca L. Miles | Mrs. Robbie Yates |
| Mrs. Florence Read | Mrs. Aliene Houston |
| Mrs. Robbie Dyer | Mrs. Katherine Harbour |
| Mrs. Viva S. Huffman | Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup |
| Mrs. Hallie Anglin | Mrs. Patricia Major Neimast |
| Mrs. Cynthia Mae Watts | Mr. Frank Holt |
| Mrs. Lillian Barnard Parker | Mr. E. B. Gauntt |
| Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus | Mr. Frank R. Phillips |
| Mrs. Hattie Dowell Gilbert | Dr. H. C. Sloop |
| Mrs. Cheba DeWees | Mr. Earl G. Manning |
| Mrs. Mabel Stark Harle | Mr. Charles E. Bairfield |
| Mrs. Flora Best Boone | Mr. Ed L. Sharpe |
| Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling | Dr. Russell Holt |
| Mrs. Eunice Connell | Dr. R. O. Fuqua |
| Mrs. Lois Burnett | Mr. Gerald C. Allen |
| Mrs. Ruby Enloe | Mr. Paul Stoneman |
| Mrs. Katherine Poulis | Mr. Hall Burnett |
| Mrs. Mary Katherine Smith | Mr. E. F. "Van" Plumlee |
| Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard | Dr. James H. Goettee |
| Mrs. Thelma McReynolds Chandler | Mr. Herbert L. Arnold |
| Mrs. Molly Goodpasture | Mr. J. T. Sanders |
| Mrs. Amy Goebel | Mr. Harold Todd |
| Mrs. Edna Earl Duke | Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes |
| Mrs. Mildred Sharpe | Mr. Paul Huffhines |
- Right Worshipful R. Furman Vinson, Grand Senior Warden, Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.
- Mrs. Peggy Joyce Bilyeu, Anaheim, California
- Mrs. Frances Merbeth, Member, Harmony Chapter, El Paso, Texas
- Mr. B. F. Hutson, Jr., Past Patron, Brownfield Chapter, Brownfield, Texas
- Mrs. Suzette Vasbinder, Member, Odessa Chapter, Odessa, Texas

SOLO Mrs. Frances Merbeth, Member of
Worthy Grand Matron-Elect's Chapter
Accompanied by Mr. Leonard Ellington, Past Patron, Brownfield Chapter

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

- Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Doris Easterling
- Worthy Grand Patron The Rev. Mr. O. D. Christian
- Master of Ceremonies Mrs. C. A. "Bill" Holmes, Past Grand Patron

Mrs. Doris Easterling: Good evening, Sisters, Brothers, and Friends.

Welcome to the 95th Installation of Officers of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. We hope you enjoy the evening with us. We have come to the closing evening of another Grand Chapter Session, and we are grateful to the people of the City of Fort Worth for all their courtesies to us. This Grand Chapter Session, the "Symbols of Freedom" Session, ends the closing of a year of Patriotic endeavor for the Membership of Texas — but the clock of time moves on, and now we approach the beginning of a new Grand Chapter year and a new endeavor. This evening begins the unfolding of a new page in the history of the Grand Chapter of Texas, and we are glad you are here to share this time with us.

I now call to order this Thursday evening Session of this "Symbols of Freedom" Session for the purpose of Installation.

It is with pleasure that I introduce to you Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas, who will serve as the Master of Ceremonies. Mr. Holmes:

Mr. C. A. Holmes: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

As we turn from the inspiration of the Great Inheritance from those who went before us, and as we leave the record of the successful year just concluded, our hearts are stirred with commitment to the ideals we profess and high hopes that we may continue as Protectors of the Faith and Defenders of Freedom.

The time has arrived when we look to the future. Putting our hopes and faith together with a will to do, we go forward! From the Dawn of time when the Grand Architect of the Universe commanded "Let there be light" (Gen. 1:3) and on through to that beautiful promise in His handbook "and at evening time it shall be light" (Zech. 14:7). Light has always been the symbol of creative progress. What a thrill it is to behold a beginning, to watch a Dawn, to see the dark blue of the sky begin to fade and give way to the myriad colors across the sky. It was not any man that commanded the morning Light at first, or appointed the place of its springing up and shining forth, or the time of it. It is by the grace of God that DAY SPRINGS from this place in the East, and the SUN bursts forth, a revolving mass of energy, spreading it like a cloth of gold over the face of the air and earth, and lighting it as a torch by which we may behold His works! "It was through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the DAYSPRING from on high had visited us . . ." (Luke 1:78)

As we prepare for the DAYSPRING Installation, it is an honor to introduce the members who will serve as Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of Texas in 1976-77.

(Names called as Officers appear on stage. After each Presentation, Officers move to special seats provided.)

Fraternal Correspondent, Mrs. May Delle Grubbs, escorted by Mr. Phillip Eugene Grubbs, Jr.

Grand Sentinel, Mr. Clifford Malone, escorted by Mrs. Mildred Malone

Grand Warder, Mrs. Sue Ainsworth, escorted by Mr. Bob Lucas

Grand Electa, Mrs. Daphne Thrasher, escorted by Mr. Harbour Thrasher

Grand Esther, Mrs. Helen Smithwick, escorted by Mr. J. B. Shepelwick

Grand Ruth, Mrs. Arthur Mae Lemmon, escorted by Mr. John Shearer

Grand Adah, Mrs. Beulah Speer, escorted by Mr. Brooks Speer

Grand Organist, Mrs. Josephine Fraser, escorted by Mr. Lloyd Thompson

Grand Marshal, Mrs. Nancy Shurley, escorted by Mr. David Shurley

Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Opal Lee Kelly, escorted by Mr. John J. Kelly

Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Kathy Johnston, escorted by Mr. J. E. Johnston

Grand Conductress, Mrs. Rennie Ofton, escorted by Mr. Paul Ofton

Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Jettie Hinton, escorted by Mr. Charles Allen

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, escorted by Mr. Murle Howard

Associate Grand Patron, Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., escorted by Mrs. Greta Watson

Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Brown, escorted by Mr. Doss Brown
 Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. J. Perry Smithwick, escorted by Mrs. Winnell Yeates
 Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, escorted by her husband, Mr. Joseph J. Roberts

(The officers are all seated in chairs provided)

The Bible is to us what the Star was to the Wise Men, a Light revealing God's glorious Grace to man. It centers the labyrinth of human life and upon its pages are placed the Symbols of Great Truths as presented to this Grand Chapter by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.



PRESENTATION OF BIBLE AND SQUARE AND COMPASSES

The Bible and the Square and Compasses will be presented by Misses Jeanette and Linda Bilyeu, nieces of the Worthy Grand Matron elect, and by Miss Shelley Smithwick, Granddaughter of the Worthy Grand Patron Elect.

(The Bible and Square and Compasses were presented)

The Grand Conductress will open the Bible.

(Grand Conductress opens the Bible at the Altar)

"Pray for us unto the Lord Thy God . . . that the Lord Thy God may show us the way wherein we may walk and the thing that we may do." (Jeremiah 42:2-3)

Mrs. Amy Goebel, Past Grand Matron, will lead our Invocation.

INVOCATION

Mrs. Amy Goebel: Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, to Thee we lift our praise and thanksgiving for the abundant blessings bestowed upon us in the days past, and offer a heartfelt trust for the days to be. On every hand we see Thy mercy and love expressed. The world with all its beauty and loveliness is a creation of Thy hand. Teach us to give thanks unto Thee for Thy great love, which is ever constant, and for Thy concern which encompasses all men, and for Thy eternal truth as revealed through Your Son. Fill us with fresh insights of Divine Providence and order our lives according to Your Will, with full acceptance of Your purpose. Breathe into our disordered lives a portion of Thy peace. Reassure us of Thy love as we face the uncertainties of tomorrow. Inspire us with Thy presence and make us know we labor not alone. May we ever rally around Thy Holy Altar, be it in our Church or home, to give thanks and praise, be it in sunshine or shadow.

Bestow upon those who are about to receive the mantle of authority in this organization, the wisdom and needful energy of body and mind for the efficient performance of their respective duties. Lighten their pathway with Thy truth as they face difficult decisions. But above all, we thank you for the wonder and majesty of Thy love — a love that will not let us go. A love that touches our lives when we are unaware of it, and shames us in our unworthiness, yet moves us to nobler living.

Guide us and the leaders of all nations, that in tranquility Your Kingdom may expand until all the earth is filled with the knowledge of Your love.

Send us forth this day strengthened by Thy love so that whatever life brings to us we may use it for good. In His name we pray. AMEN.

Mr. C. A. Holmes: As the light of the SUN pours freely and impartially over hill and valley, kindling daily the Eastern and Western sky, so is the message of Music when words fail, for its language is understood of all men.

SOLO: "How Great Thou Art" was presented by Mrs. Frances Merbeth, member of the Worthy Grand Matron — Elect's Chapter. She was accompanied by Mr. Leonard Ellington, Past Patron of Brownfield Chapter.

Walk in the Sunlight and you shall see the path. It is no proof of man's intelligence to be able to confirm whatever he pleases, but to be able to discern that what is true is true, and that what is false is false; this is the mark and character of intelligence; this is eternal Truth. Truth, the foundation of all knowledge, is the cement of all societies.

It is an honor and a privilege to present the Installing Officer, Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, Past Grand Matron. I invite you to preside.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: Thank you, Mr. Bill Holmes. How pleased and honored, and delighted, I am to be invited by my beautiful friend, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, to be your Installing Officer this evening. I always feel it is an honor and I always feel humbled when I am invited to participate in a place that is this honored. Thank you, I am pleased to name those who are to assist this evening.

ASSISTING INSTALLING OFFICERS

Dr. R. O. Fuqua, Assisting Installing Grand Officer;
Mr. Paul Huffhines, Assisting Installing Grand Officer
Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, Grand Chaplain;
Mrs. Katherine Harbour, Grand Marshal;
Mrs. Lucille Rowland, Grand Organist; and
Mrs. Mildred Garlitz, Grand Secretary.

The Officers will please retire at this time.

RITUALISTIC CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS for 1976-1977

(The Grand Officers were conducted within the Grand Chapter Room)

In a most impressive and dignified manner the Grand Officers were installed in the respective office which they will fill in Grand Chapter of Texas during the year 1976-1977, and then conducted to their station.

The Bible was closed and the Master of Ceremonies continued:

Mr. C. A. Holmes: There is an arc of LIGHT, born of the Rain and colored by the Sun. It spans the Heavens as a bow of promise. There is an arc of beauty, born of God, and colored by the vitality of youth. It spans the horizon and reflects the message of hope for the tomorrows and foretells a bright rising again.

It is an honor to present Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Supreme Faith and Supreme Inspector in Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Grand Marshal, you will escort Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Grand Electa, to the East.

(Mrs. Whitfield is escorted to the East)

Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield: Worthy Grand Matron, this is a very special moment for me and I want to assure you that it is such an honor for the Grand Assembly of Texas, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, to have a part in your Installation, and, as the girls come for you, will you join them at the Altar.

(The Rainbow Girls entered forming an honor guard as the Grand Worthy Advisor, with two lovely assistants, escorted Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron, to the Altar. Mrs. Whitfield directed the formation from the East.)

Worthy Grand Advisor of the Rainbow for Girls (Miss Carolyn Cox): Many special duties have fallen to me during my association with this Order, but none more pleasant than that which I am privileged to discharge at this time. There comes a time in the affairs of every one when it seems that no one can be depended upon and we are left to our own resources, but that the all wise Supreme Being can furnish us a way for our own consolation.

Upon reflection you will doubtless remember that one of the first things brought to you in this Order was a copy of this Old Book which you placed next to your heart and you have been taught that it alone was to be the rule and guide to your faith and practice.

At each succeeding step in your advancement you have been reminded that it will guide you to all truth, direct your path to a temple of happiness, and point out to you your whole duty to mankind; and now, in this most propitious hour — surrounded by those who take you as a Sister in whose very heart you have no doubt of the sincere wish for your future happiness. Let me impress upon your mind in the most lasting and substantial manner possible, that this Old Book contains the mind of God, the state of mankind, the way to salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are Holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are tried, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be saved, practice it to be Holy. It contains light to direct you, strength to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the Rainbow full of light, and the Christian's character. Through it Heaven is opened; Paradise is restored, and the gates of Hell are disclosed.

The Messiah is its Grand Subject, your good its design, and the Glory of God its end. And now, in behalf of this Grand Assembly, I have the very distinct honor, as well as the distinct pleasure, of presenting to you this beautiful white Bible, the gift

of this Grand Assembly. May it be a beacon light to direct your life to that Assembly above where all is Love and Religion, and Nature, and Immorality, and Fidelity, and Patriotism, and Service.

Mrs. Joyce Roberts: Miss Carolyn Cox, Grand Worthy Advisor, Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Supreme Faith, Supreme Inspector in the Order of the Rainbow for Girls, it is with a heart full of pride and humility that I stand before these beautiful Rainbow Girls this evening. You are our possibilities for the future, and I appreciate each and every one of you for being with us this evening. The Bible will hold a very special place in my heart, and it will be with me on every one of my Schools and my travels, and I shall treasure it always. Thank you.

Mr. C. A. Holmes: Grand Marshal you will escort Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Grand Electa, to her station, on the Grand Chapter floor.

(Mrs. Whitfield is escorted to her station on the floor)

Those who move in higher spheres may be compared to those Heavenly stars which have much admiration, but little rest; and it is not necessary to invest a wise woman with power to convince her that it is a garment gilded with gold, dazzling the beholder by its splendor but oppressing the wearer by its weight. Yet, how happy the station which every moment furnishes opportunities of doing good to thousands!

Mrs. Doris Easterling, Past Grand Matron, will present the Worthy Grand Matron's Jewel, and Brother J. B. Easterling, Past Patron of Clyde Chapter, will present the Past Grand Matron's jewel.

PRESENTATION OF JEWELS

Mrs. Doris Easterling: Sister Joyce Roberts, will you join me here in the East. Sister Joyce Roberts, our Worthy Grand Matron, how pleased I am to address you thusly.

Sister Joyce, this Worthy Grand Matron's Jewel is lovely to behold. It sparkles with radiance and lustre, and is very attractive. However, I know you will be aware of more than its physical beauty as you wear the Jewel, for you, as I, know the great responsibilities that rest upon the one who wears it. You will wear the Jewel with humility, I know — always striving to fulfill the duties of your office, with love in your heart for your Sisters and Brothers, and the interest of our Order uppermost in your thoughts. I am happy that you are the one who shall wear this Jewel during the coming year, for I know you are worthy of the trust placed in you as the leader of our Order. Wherever you go, please know that my prayers are with you. God Bless you!

Mrs. Joyce Roberts: Junior Past Grand Matron — it seems rather odd to call you that — but that is what you are — and my precious friend. I appreciate the presentation of this Worthy Grand Matron's Jewel and I promise you, Sister Doris, as well as every member in this auditorium, that I shall wear it with pride and with honor always. Thank you.

Mr. J. B. Easterling: Doris, only a few days ago I looked forward to the events of this week and this night with mixed emotions. Tonight I stand here with a heart filled with gratitude to our Heavenly Father for prayers answered. From the time you were installed as the Associate Grand Conductress until the present time, it has been my daily prayer that God would bless you, that you might serve this Grand Chapter in such a manner as to be pleasing to the membership and fully acceptable in His sight.



I feel that this prayer has been answered, and I take great pride and pleasure in pinning this beautiful Jewel on you. I am looking forward to you coming home with the assurance in your heart of a job well done, and with this assurance, getting some long, much needed rest. Welcome home, honey.

Mrs. Doris Easterling: Thank you, J. B., for presenting this pin to me, and thank you, Grand Chapter of Texas, for this beautiful Jewel which you have presented. I shall wear it with pride and hope that my actions have been such that I am deserving of this high honor.

Mr. C. A. Holmes: Music is the language of praise; it is refreshment to the soul. We love music for the golden hopes, the garnered memories, the tender feelings it can summon at a touch. We will have a solo by Mrs. Frances Murbeth. She will be accompanied by Mr. Leonard Ellington.

(Solo — "His Eye is on the Sparrow" was beautifully rendered)

Mr. C. A. Holmes: The Position is dignified by the doer's deed. Whatever the place allotted us by Providence, that is for us the post of honor and duty. God estimates us not by the position we are in, but by the way in which we fill it. The Rev. Mr. O. D. Christian, Past Grand Patron, will present the Worthy Grand Patron's Jewel, and Mrs. Frances Christian, Past Matron of Dal-Cliff Chapter, will present the Past Grand Patron's Jewel.

Rev. O. D. Christian: Brother Perry, will you join me at the podium? Some twelve months ago when this Jewel was presented to me, it felt mighty, mighty heavy, and, beginning about 8 or 10 hours ago, it began to get lighter, lighter, and lighter. You have been elected and you have been obligated, and I have set over here and polished it all during the proceedings thus far this evening. It is shining and so just let me pin it on your breast and you wear it with dignity and honor as I know you will.

Mr. Perry Smithwick: Thank you, Brother O. D. Christian, Junior Past Grand Patron. Thank you for this honor you have conferred upon me. Thank you for polishing this Jewel here this evening as I have watched you do — and I know you did it. Particularly though, I wish to thank you for the brilliance that you have added to this Jewel through the wearing of it during the past year; and the very dignified manner in which you have performed your duties. My prayer is that God will give me the wisdom to perform as well as you did, and I shall strive to keep the lustre present for my successor. Thank you.

Mrs. Frances Christian: Rev. O. D. Christian, as Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Jurisdiction, I know and I believe that you have, to the best of your ability, performed the duties of that great office, and, now, this Grand Chapter has provided for you a beautiful Jewel. It represents many hours of work, of study, of traveling, and good deeds to others. I know that you have strived to the best of your ability to perform those duties, and I have the honor tonight of presenting this beautiful Jewel to you, and I just say, "Welcome Back to my World."

Mr. C. A. Holmes: Sister Frances I was about to keep you from welcoming Rev. O. D. back to your world. Those who make us happy are always thankful to us for being so, and we are grateful to them for the blessings we enjoy. It is so with family or with cherished friends.

Mrs. Doris Easterling, Past Grand Matron, will make the Dedication of the Installation.

DEDICATION OF INSTALLATION

Mrs. Doris Easterling: The dedication of the installation was written by Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron.

"The 'Dayspring' Installation is dedicated to my husband, Joe J. Roberts, and my son, Joe J. Roberts, Jr. As the sunbeams reflect the Sun, so does their unselfishness reveal Love in Truth and the Light of Happiness in our home."

Mr. C. A. Holmes: There is a signature of wisdom and power impressed on the works of God, which distinguishes them from the feeble imitations of men. Not only the splendor of the SUN, but the glimmering Light of the glowworm proclaim His Glory!

Mrs. Mary Katherine Smith will present the Theme for the year. She will be assisted by Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons:

Mrs. Cynthia Mae Watts
Mrs. Frances Herrin
Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
Mr. Paul Huffhines

Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast
Dr. James H. Goettee, and
Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling

THEME

Mrs. Mary Katherine Smith: Being aware that the early hours of a Dawn influence the life style of many people for an entire day, the plans for the New Year of Service in our Texas Grand Chapter are presented in the theme of: "THE SUN."

Man never ceases to feel an appreciation of the Joy of Life as Day Springs from his place in the East, and the SUN bursts forth with the energy of Light, Life and the promise of faithfulness! The SUN, source of all energy on earth! A revolving mass of Light!

“Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the SUN.” (Ecclesiastes 11:7)

Mrs. Cynthia Mae Watts: DAYSPRING: God’s Dawn

When Day Springs above the circle of the earth, it speaks: “Life! It is as though it proclaims the power of God, like His mercies, and new every morning and fresh every moment. Adam was the first man to see the new miracle of a Day! To see the rising of the SUN as Adam saw, is as much a miracle now as it was in his Day — and perhaps a good deal more — because it is now a part of the miracle that for thousands and thousands of years, the SUN has come to his appointed time without the variation of a millionth part of a second. The DAYSPRING is a daily new creation, breaking forth and calling all that have life and breath and being to a new adoration, new enjoyment, and new gratitude. In its brief hours are found all the wonders and realities of living: Integrity, Devotion, Strength, Serenity, Splendor. It is as though Life were springing above the circle of the earth and shouting: “Live! All the days of Thy life, live!”

Watching the clouds and winds and all earth’s living things unfold . . . each day, a miracle:

“God’s Dawn comes bursting out!
His heaven fills nook and cranny,
Bids darkness flee,
And stirs to Life
A million things
.and me.”

Mrs. Frances Herrin: LOVE: Crowning Grace of Humanity (Time and Talent Committee)

Love is the crowning grace of humanity! It comes into the soul as the morning SUN into the world; first a dawning, then a Light, and at last the SUN in his full and excellent brightness. As Love, by His grace, comes first from God, so it is continually from Him, just as Light is all day from the SUN. It is a circle without end. As we try to share it with others, we find that the more we give, the more we possess. Love is a miracle: without beginning, without end, the alpha and omega of Life. Love, the most powerful force on earth, is the crown and beauty of power itself. This power will be exemplified in the labor of the Time and Talent Committee, as the crowning grace of Love: the sharing, the lifting, and the caring held out to those in need of it.

“There is nothing so kingly as kindness . . .
. . . For good lieth not in pursuing.
Nor gaining of great nor of small,
But just in doing, and doing
As we would be done by, is all.”

Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard: LESSONS OF LIFE: The Sun still shines (Home Beautification Committee)

God’s laws are never broken, whether they be applied to nature or to the life of man. One states: After rain, the sun will shine; after darkness, Light appears. At times clouds are heavy with rain, storm clouds through which the rays cannot pass

for days, yet above and beyond, the SUN is still shining! Then the storm breaks and serves but to purify the air as the Sunlight reaches the plain beneath. And afterward, the truth is realized: It was good to be drenched by the rain. The Home Beautification Committee will serve in adding the beauty of nature to the grounds of our Eastern Star Home, in the hope that this message will continue to be heard: "The great peace of a soul who knows that the SUN still shines!"

Mr. Paul Huffhines: PRINCIPLE OF LIGHT: Curative Power!

One of the great principles of Light is its power to heal. The curative power of the SUN'S rays is known to the scientist, to the doctor, to the man of agriculture. The deadly germs of pestilence cannot exist in Sunlight. Destructive germs of pestilence need darkness to prosper. Sunlight kills them! The Rays of Light are more powerful than darkness. One Ray of Light exposes darkness, but one bit of darkness exposed on Light has no effect whatsoever. The curative power of Light has the same healing effect on the mind of man as on the germs of pestilence. When the Light of Truth enters a mind, it gives an awareness to see that which has never been perceived before. What joy it is to watch Light come!

Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast: HAPPINESS: Little Blessings of Life (Fraternal Friendship Committee)

After the storm, as the Light breaks through the clouds of wondrous splendor, tiny wisps of crystal air catching the Rays of the SUN, bounce then back and forth until the cloud itself is light, and the storm is no more!

It is the same with Happiness! Happiness is as a Light reflected with redoubled brightness in the awareness of the "Little" Blessings of Life: Companions, Friends, Shelter, Food, Raiment. "Little" blessings? Little, only because at times we overlook their importance.

The Fraternal Friendship Committee will carry the message of Happiness in countless small visits to Chapters during the year. Happiness renders men kind and sensible; that Happiness is always shared. Learn to be Happy!

Dr. James H. Goettee: LIGHT BRINGS FORTH TRUTH (Masonic Noblemen)

Nature presents the great phenomenon of Life: From what is planted must come what is to be. From the soil of the earth, the SUN brings forth Life. Seeds sprout, tiny plants rise to meet the Light. The same great phenomenon of Life takes place in the intellect of man. Principles planted in open minds take root; Light brings forth Truth. Truth is understanding, culminates in action! Truth IS, not says. Truth is eternal and unchanging.

It is proper that the Committee of Masonic Noblemen should spread the Principle of Truth among the Chapters and members of our Order.

Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling: SUNSET: The Measure of Fruitfulness

"We get back our mete as we measure,
We cannot do wrong and feel right,
Nor can we give pain and gain pleasure,
For justice avenges each slight."

The attention to the small duties, burdens, and little blessings of each new Day are to be shared. The Order is a fertile field for Service in the Sisterhood and Brotherhood of man. Just as every seed brings forth its likeness, just as the Rains of Life encourage growth, so in the Sunset of Life our Fruitfulness will be measured in quality as well as in quantity.

Christ said, "By their fruit you shall know them." When the seed of Love is planted, its very nature brings a joyful harvest. At Sunset, the perfect measure of Fruitfulness: "Because I know the Love of God within my heart, write me as one that loves his fellowman."

Mrs. Mary Katherine Smith: GOLDEN RAYS! (Founder's Day Committee)

As the SUN follows his circuit from the ends of the heavens to the ends of the beginning, so continue the great Principles of our Order in the eternal and unchanging circle of Truth. In the awareness of these lessons, a Light is shed upon everyday living which enlarges our Happiness and the Happiness of those whom our lives touch. This will be the purpose of the Founder's Day Committee as they point our attention to our Eastern Star Home. This is Love in action. It brings a majestic splendor as magnificent as the golden colors of the SUN: Creams to Yellows, and Yellows to Corals, all splashed on the Sapphire Blue of the sky. Such beauty are the colors of the year.

"The sun's rays are gold
And his beauties are best
As painting the skies,
He sinks down in the West,
And foretells . . .
A Bright Rising again!"

Mr. C. A. Holmes: God has so constituted our nature that we cannot be happy unless we are the means of good to others. We can scarcely conceive of greater wretchedness than must be felt by him who knows he is wholly useless in the world. Mrs. Lillian Barnard Parker, Past Grand Matron, will present the Welfare Program for the New Year.

WELFARE PROGRAM — NOBILITY

Mrs. Lillian Barnard Parker: Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations, I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, Believe in them, and try to follow where they lead. —L. May Alcott

Fulfill your works, your daily tasks. —Exodus 5:13

Your Worthy Grand Matron's Welfare Program is:

1. THE EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS

The Eastern Star Home in Arlington is near and dear to the hearts of the members of the Order of the Eastern Star. There is magic in the word Home. This year we will work for the resort of LOVE — of JOY — of HAPPINESS AND PLENTY — we will endeavor to do our best for we realize that the Home is the GLORIOUS SUN OF THY COMPASSIONATE LOVE."

Statistics show that due to increasing prices, daily living has increased greatly. Statistics also show that due to increasing medical knowledge, life expectancy has increased, and the number of ladies living beyond retirement age has increased greatly, and will continue to increase in the foreseeable future. Social Security is a great help for the aging, but a Social Security coverage, in so many cases, is not enough to meet the high cost of living today. So, there is an ever increasing need for homes for the aging. In many cases too, there are ladies, although not financially dependent, who are alone and need the comforts of a home and all that a home offers. Our Home is not an institution, it is a HOME that proved for physical, mental, and spiritual welfare of our guests.

2. ENDOWMENT FUND

The Eastern Star Endowment Fund is under the supervision of the Board of Grand Trustees. It is invested in interest bearing securities. The principal cannot be spent, but shall be kept invested; the interest to be added to the O.E.S. Home Fund and appropriated for the maintenance of the O.E.S. Home.

3. CANCER RESEARCH

In all possibility, there is no family in our Order who has gone untouched by this deadly, dread disease. Each of us have lost loved ones near and dear to us. This segment of our Welfare is one which is very dear to your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. This will be used throughout Texas to aid in research with the hope of wiping out cancer for our future generation.

4. ESTARL

(EASTERN STAR TRAINING AWARDS FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP)

The Order of the Eastern Star has a wonderful opportunity through ESTARL to present an effective picture of Peace to the whole world to the Glory of God. The work of this Committee is dependent upon the contributions from the Chapters; it is one of the most wonderful ways we have of upholding the principles of our Order of the Eastern Star; and through the assistance of educating others, bring God's word to others that this world may be a better place in which to live.

Mr. C. A. Holmes: The Rev. O. D. Christian, Past Grand Patron, will present the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project for the year.

SPECIAL PROJECT

Rev. O. D. Christian: Very few families among our Fraternity, or elsewhere, will escape the dreadful disease, Cancer, during the coming year.

Firmly believing that investigative chemo-therapy will be the chief cause of the eradication of that terrible curse, I have chosen as my Special Project, CHEMOTHERAPY RESEARCH.

A Grady Goodpasture Memorial Cancer Fund has already been established at the Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Medical Center, of Houston. It is my wish to add substantially to that fund to aid in the efforts to provide strong research in the investigation of the causes and cures of Cancer, and, who knows, maybe your or my child, or grandchild, may be benefited because of this Project. This will go at the end of the year to:

Baylor College of Medicine
Texas Medical Center
Houston, Texas 77025
(Grady Goodpasture Memorial Cancer Fund for Chemo-Therapy Research)
Attention: Dr. DeBakey

Of course this will be given to your Welfare Chairman of each District.

Mr. C. A. Holmes: Music, once admitted to the soul, becomes a sort of spirit, and never dies. It wanders peturbedly through the halls and galleries of memory, and is often heard again, distinct and living.

DEDICATION OF MARCH

Mr. C. A. Holmes: The music for the year, the "DAYSRING MARCH", was composed by Mrs. Nancy Shurley, Past Matron of Odessa Chapter, and Grand Marshal of Grand Chapter. The March will be presented by Mr. Leonard Ellington. (Mr. Leonard Ellington's presentation of the March was enjoyed by all present).

Territory is but the body of a Nation. The people who inhabit its hills and valleys are its soul, its spirit, its life.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, Past Grand Matron, will make the Dedication of the Year.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: For a beautiful lady, who holds in the recesses of her heart, pride and appreciation for Citizenship in "America the Beautiful", who knows joy and happiness in "Home, Sweet Home", in "Texas, My Texas", I give to you, her Dedication of her Year.

I dedicate my year of Service to the people of my adopted State of Texas, Who have accepted me in the security of a second home . . . Who have shared the culture of a new State, and the aesthetics of a new society . . . Who have broadened my Life with the added circle of a second heritage and its traditions . . . Who have expanded my affections and enlarged my sphere of sympathies . . . Who have made me cognizant of a magnificence within my fellow man . . . And in so doing, have elevated my scale of being

TO: America the Beautiful!

TO: Texas, My Texas!

"As I look around me, I seem to find that the one thing which deepens life, which gives it resonance, which brings it great Joy, is the putting of one's self outside one's self into another self or personality."

—Overstreet

Mr. C. A. Holmes: We are fortunate to live in this age of great change and opportunity for personal service. At the beginning of each Day, we face not only an opportunity to give part of our lives to our fellowmen, but we face a grave responsibility in challenges which engage that which is noble within us. Talent and worth are only external grounds of distinction. To these the Almighty has affixed His everlasting patent of nobility. Knowledge and goodness — these make degrees in heaven, and they must be the graduating scale of a society. Mr. Perry Smithwick, Worthy Grand Patron, will address the Assembly.

ADDRESS OF WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Mr. Perry Smithwick: Thank you, Past Grand Patron, Brother Bill Holmes, this title of "Worthy Grand Patron" has not exactly taken hold yet. Worthy Grand Matron, have you become used to it yet? Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Guests, My Sisters and Brothers all: As a new day springs forth to start another Eastern Star Year, it is with humility and heartfelt gratitude that I assume this high office. I accept the responsibilities that go with this great honor, and shall, with the help of God, strive to be worthy of this titanic trust.

To our charming, gracious, and capable Worthy Grand Matron, I again pledge to you my support and cooperation in all matters, as you lead the Grand chapter this year. This Grand Chapter has been privileged, in the past, to have many outstanding leaders and, to you, I would say that I will be seeking your counsel, your guidance, and your help in many, many ways.

May I express my appreciation to the Installing Grand Officers, who have made this such a beautiful and impressive evening. I would like at this time to present my family. Although I have the honor of filling the Office of Worthy Grand Patron, the actual work of the job is done by another person. I don't know, I think I may have to retire her after tonight, because she, now, has responsibilities of her own. It is a pleasure that I present to you my wife, Helen, who is our Grand Esther. (APPLAUSE)

I am sorry that our children could not be here — one of them is in California on business, the other one is ill. Our daughter was to be my escort tonight, but because of some complications, the doctor said she couldn't make it. I believe the little one that helped to present the Bible has already gone — it seems as though the story of her life is very similar to the story of many of our lives, the teachers have been discriminating against her in not giving her grades that she deserves, so I think she is probably at home doing a little studying of math.

Will other members, if I have other members of my family, I believe I do have some other members in the auditorium, I don't know just where they are, nor if they made it. I know that some of them are ill and didn't know whether they could. There are some over here. I believe it is my Sister and her husband, Mr. & Mrs. D. D. Carnes, if I am correct. Is that you Elsie? Thank you for coming. I should like at this time to take the opportunity of presenting a most distinguished group, a group who is, so far as I am concerned, where it all began. It is with pleasure that I present to you, and I am putting myself in a rather precarious position when I make this next statement, but I am going to make it anyway, the best Chapter in the State of Texas, North Fort Worth Chapter No. 684, — would you please rise? (APPLAUSE) Thank you for coming. I shall not attempt to introduce all, but there are two that I would like to introduce. My Worthy Matron, Sister Winnell Yeates, who was my escort for the evening. Thank you so much Winnell; and the one that really caused it all to happen, My Mamma, Sister Ola Cassie, who gave me my very first start in Eastern Star. Thank you, Ola.

May we use our opportunities for service in such a way that when we reach the beautiful sunset of this year, it will be among one of the most successful in the history of our Grand Chapter. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

Mr. C. A. Holmes: The meaning of the song goes deep. Who is there that in logical words can express the effect music has on us? It calls in the spirits, composes the thoughts, delights the ear, recreates the mind, and so not only fits for after business, but fills the heart at the present.

Mr. B. F. Hutson, Jr., Past Patron of Brownfield Chapter, will present a solo, and he will be accompanied by Mr. Leonard Ellington.

(Mr. B. F. Hutson, Jr., sang "This is the Day of Light")

Mr. C. A. Holmes: The Installed Officers will vacate their Stations and move to seats provided on the North and South of the Grand Chapter Floor. The labyrinth will be cleared for the presentation of the officers of Grand Chapter.

(The Officers moved to North and South, and the labyrinth was cleared).

The responsibilities of leadership are weighty, and they require a depth of understanding, a love of humanity, and a delicate counsel. Intelligence is kindness. Kindness is intelligence. The fundamental which the two terms suggest in different ways is the same quality on which all human civilization is built. The woman whose price is above rubies, has no particular in the character given of her by the wise man, more enduring than that "she opened her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the law of kindness." (Proverbs 31:26) Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron, will address the Assembly of the Grand Chapter, and will present the Grand Officers and the Officers of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

INSTALLATION ADDRESS OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Mrs. Joyce Roberts: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes:

Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished General Grand Chapter Officers, our Most Distinguished Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, my Sisters, Brothers, and Friends.

This is a moment of mixed emotions of humility and happiness, of gratitude for your trust, of prayerful hope for the inspiration and strength to serve you well. It is a sobering moment, for now — with your mantle of leadership resting upon my shoulders — the memories of the illustrious records written by the capable women who have worn it before come flooding into my thoughts. The pressure of its weight is also a reminder of an awesome challenge — that to maintain the foundations they have laid, while progressing ahead to meet the new challenges of today, and emergency opportunities of tomorrow, time is propitious, it seems, for a comprehensive drive to strengthen our membership. No other organization in the world has such a diversified membership, and, if I may say with pride, such prestige to attract women from all walks of life, who seek opportunities for friendship and self-improvement and valid voluntary service.

As our membership grows, so does our influence for the common good. From the inception of the Order of the Eastern Star until today, each administration has faced the challenges of its time, but throughout the years there has been a common denominator of service. We have been innovators because of our insight, motivators because of our beliefs in our ideals, and doers because of our tenacity in serving the cause. Our works are a companion of social and charitable progress in our country, and I truly believe that our achievements have bettered the world in which we live.

This year will be called "DAYSPRING", a word that in its very essence denotes energy and life, for it is a new dawning of a passage of time — day, the evolutionary period of kinetic activity that promulgates the feeling of accomplishment. Within the framework of the day we toil together absorbing the strength of solar miracles that rise high above us in a chariot of golden splendor. This great orb of light gains entrance upon our world through the grace of God, and we must endeavor to use its radiance of energy to strike out upon new adventures of learning and service. I shall strive to make this "Dayspring" of our Order to institute the glowing dawn of a new morn into progressive action, nurtured and propelled by the effectual labors of our entire membership. It is my sincere hope and prayer that hands and hearts across our great State may be joined in zealous effort to strengthen and to invigorate the dawn that brings a new feeling of unity and cooperation among the members of this wonderful organization, that each of us may experience a "Dayspring" within ourselves. The investiture of such power throughout the vast regions of our association could bring into the realization the dawning of a new era. Look to this day, for it is life, the very life of life. In its brief pause lie all the verities and realities of your existence — the bliss of growth — the glory of action — the splendor of achievement—, for yesterday is but a dream and tomorrow only a vision, but today well lived makes yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well, therefore, to this day. (APPLAUSE)

It is my pleasure to present to you the Grand Officers for 1976-1977.

I will name the Constitutional Committees; the special committees are in your program, with the exception (and it grieves me very much) of the officers that were appointed to the Chapter under reprimand.

Grand Marshal, would you present the Grand Officers for 1976-1977 in formation.

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2016 Murchison, El Paso 79902
- Mr. Leo Moore (Ruby) (764)
P. O. Box 393, Fabens 79838
- Mrs. Ruby Moore (Leo) (764)
P. O. Box 393, Fabens 79838
- Mrs. Jackie Morgan (Merwin) (620)
5232 La Taste, El Paso 79924
- Mrs. Lenis C. Mosley (837)
9201 Darlina Dr., El Paso 79925
- Mrs. Odile Patrick (Otis W.) (764)
353 Cooley Rd., El Paso 79907
- Mr. Otis Patrick (Odile "Dee") (764)
353 Cooley Rd., El Paso 79907

Mrs. Lillian L. Porter (Charles M.) (991)
 3500 Glasgow Rd., El Paso 79925
 Mr. Charles J. Reich (Dorothy E.) (738)
 6737 Morningside, El Paso 79904
 Mr. Joseph C. Reves (Bonnie Lou) (1100)
 4604 Sun Valley Dr., El Paso 79924
 Mrs. Lois Roquemore (759)
 1401 Randolph, El Paso 79902
 Mrs. Betty Jean Rutledge (T. E.) (837)
 10188 Lakeview Dr., El Paso 79924
 Mr. Theodore E. Rutledge (Betty Jean) (837)
 10188 Lakeview Dr., El Paso 79924
 Miss Wilma K. Sanberg (620)
 8721 Magnetic Street, El Paso 79904
 Mr. Sam Scarbrough (Annabell) (991)
 8064 Carpenter Dr., El Paso 79907
 Mr. Carl L. Sebastian (Patsy R.) (837)
 5448 Edmonton Ave., El Paso 79924
 Mrs. Patsy R. Sebastian (Carl L.) (837)
 5448 Edmonton Ave., El Paso 79924
 Mrs. Virginia B. Seitz (John M.) (1100)
 9222 Roanoke Dr., El Paso 79924
 Mrs. Charlotte M. Smith (Stanley F.) (4)
 9425 Montgomery Dr., El Paso 79924
 Mrs. Marguerite Spencer (Robert E.) (1100)
 5105 Bastille Ave., El Paso 79924
 Mr. Robert E. Spencer (Marguerite) (1100)
 5105 Bastille Ave., El Paso 79924
 Mr. George Stauber (Pearlie Mae) (514)
 P. O. Box 996, Van Horn 79855
 Mrs. Pearlie Mae Stauber (George) (514)
 P. O. Box 996, Van Horn 79855
 Mr. Louis E. Stutman (Mary Frances) (837)
 10129 Bermuda Ave., El Paso 79925
 Mrs. Mary Frances Stutman (Louis E.) (837)
 10129 Bermuda Ave., El Paso 79925
 Mr. Ray Tillma (Dee) (837)
 8806 Magnetic, El Paso 79904
 Miss Margaret Walters (244)
 3609 Richmond, El Paso 79930
 Mr. Donald E. Wedge (Ida G.) (244)
 5129 Raymond Jays Rd., El Paso 79903
 Mrs. Ida Wedge (D. E.) (244)
 5129 Raymond Jays Rd., El Paso 79903
 Mr. Henry Whittington (Juanita) (514)
 P. O. Box 624, Van Horn 79855
 Mrs. Juanita Whittington (Henry) (514)
 P. O. Box 624, Van Horn 79855
 Mrs. May Evelyn Wilson (James K.) (991)
 3211 Cornwall, El Paso 79925
 Mrs. Lunette C. Yarbrough (William E. Sr.) (701)
 7931 Boxwood Circle, El Paso 79925
 Mr. Jimmy C. Yates (Billie) (701)
 10444 Allway Dr., El Paso 79935
 Mr. Irving Youngjohn, Jr. (Wilda) (701)
 P. O. Box 365, Clint 79836

(As the Worthy Grand Matron called the names of those elected and appointed to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas during 1976-1977, the Grand Marshal directed them into a most impressive and effective SUNBURST FORMATION. At the heart

of the formation was the Altar with its innerlight shining through the sun-hued drape placed thereon. The Grand Officers remained in the Presentation Formation for the Benediction).

Mrs. Joyce Roberts: And now, because I know there is a power greater than man that guides, enriches, and sustains us, I beseech His blessings; and I close my message with my daily prayer in praise of our Lord.

(Mrs. Suzette Vasbinder, a member of Odessa Chapter, sang "The Lord's Prayer" as a Benediction. She was accompanied by Mr. Leonard Ellington).

Thank you, Suzette.

Sister Marshal, you will seat our members in the Grand Chapter Room, please, so that I can finish my speech. Sisters and Brothers, if you could be seated, please, we will continue with the program.

Sister Molly, many treasures have been ours to share and tonight, with the assistance of the other Installing Officers, you have installed the 1976-1977 Grand Officers. Each of you holds a very special place in my heart. This perfect rendition of the Ritualistic work will ever remain in my memory. To the precious Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, who so beautifully presented our program for the year, I thank you. Your friendship reminds me of the inspiring words of Longfellow: "The morning, pouring everywhere its golden glory on the air." Never has the sun shone so brightly as to have so many of our own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons join us this evening.

Sisters and Brothers, at this time it gives me much pleasure to introduce to you my Beloved Husband. He is not a stranger to many of you; but just in case you do not know him, I would like to introduce Joe. (APPLAUSE)

And, of course, you know this installation has been dedicated to him.

And I am sorry that our son, Joe, Jr., could not be with us tonight. You know he was raised in Eastern Star. When he was 2 years old, he would help me do things around Eastern Star, and he said he did not believe he would have time to come and see this. He is used to it and he knew what to expect.

But I have somebody else with me that is as dear as any daughter could be, she is our cousin's daughter — it sounds very complicated, so I will say she is our cousin. She is Peggy Joyce Billeau, and her two daughters, Jeanette and Linda — they are from Anaheim, California. Stand up Peggy Joyce. They have been with me all week, and we have enjoyed them so very, very much; and we also have another cousin with us, Bessie Billeau, who is a Past Matron from Estes Park, Colorado, Bessie. (APPLAUSE)

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Perry, I express my deep appreciation for the privilege of sharing the Grand East with you, and I am truly grateful to the Grand Chapter of Texas for electing you as our Worthy Grand Patron. We shall share all the accomplishments and honors together. I realize through our association over the years, that you have an understanding heart. I know, together, we will perform our duties in a united effort for all things good. Joe and I praise the friendship of you and your beloved wife, Helen, and I know that these bonds will strengthen as the years go by. We love you very much.

I would like for this Grand body to know the members of District 2, Section 10. I hope they are with me. District 2, Section 10 — there you go. (They stand and receive applause)

And now, my Chapter. We have about 12 from my Chapter here. (APPLAUSE) More than 12. I thank you so much for being here. And I would like at this time

to thank my District 2, Section 10, for your encouragement, for your friendship and trust. I love each and every one of you. And any honor that is mine I will gladly share with you; and thank you all for being with us this evening.

My "special thank you" to a very good friend, Mrs. Frances Merbeth. Frances is also a member of my Chapter. Did you stand, or did you forget? You stood. We have had the privilege of enjoying her beautiful voice for many years, and she came from El Paso to be with us this evening. Frances, I am so very, very thankful.

And to lovely Suzette, my very special and lovely friend. I thank you for your rendition of "The Lord's Prayer."

I guess that's it. You got it this time. (APPLAUSE)

Mr. C. A. Holmes: There will be a brief recess in order to prepare for the Call to Order, and the Ritualistic Closing of the Grand Chapter. We deeply appreciate the presence of our visitors, and express our thanks to them for sharing the evening with us. Those who are not members of the Order will please retire during the recess.

(Following the Installation the Grand Chapter Room was cleared and Grand Chapter was called from Rest to Labor.)

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED FROM REST TO LABOR

Mrs. Joyce Roberts: Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter from Rest to Labor, and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

(Grand Chapter was proved — the Bible opened — and the Grand Chapter of Texas was called from Rest to Labor)

Mrs. Joyce Roberts: Do we have any distinguished guests present this evening who have not been introduced.

I would like to recognize the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees at this time.

Mr. C. L. Pribble: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Other Distinguished Guests, My Sisters and Brothers: The Board of Grand Trustees would like to present to the Worthy Grand Matron this authorization.

Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

Dear Worthy Grand Matron:

This letter constitutes your authority to use the Grand Chapter automobile for the purpose of visiting other Grand Jurisdictions. In the event you are absent from the Continental United States, the automobile is to be left at the disposal of the Associate Grand Matron.

May God bless and protect you as you travel this year.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Board of Grand Trustees
Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S.

C. L. Pribble, Chairman
Paul Fitch, Vice Chairman
Louise W. Armstrong, Secretary

Elizabeth Williams, Member
Jackie Huffhines, Member

I would also like to call on the Board Member from District 2 to make a presentation to the Worthy Grand Matron.

Mr. Paul Fitch: Worthy Grand Matron, as Trustee from District 2 and your District 2, of course, it is my honor to have been selected to present to you the keys to the Grand Chapter automobile. As you travel this year from the Plains to the North, and to the Gulf, to the South, from the piney woods of the East, and finally back to the land of sunshine, may all your miles be accident free, and be enjoyed with happiness and good health for the Order of the Eastern Star.

Now, this little bunch of keys is composed of two parts, two in one and three in another, and this little part that has two is for the ignition, and this one that has three is for the trunk, in case the electric device does not work. And, as you continue to look out along the way and you are looking toward the trunk you will see signs in the Southwest, and if you will look to the front just above your rear view mirror, you will also see a little "sunny sombrero" — he will be with you all the way.

Mrs. Joyce Roberts: Thank you, Paul, thank you so much. (APPLAUSE)

Thank you Brother Paul and members of the Board of Grand Trustees. It is with pleasure that I accept this car, and I will take care of it for the Grand chapter as I would care for my very own, and I do thank you.

Grand Secretary, do you know of any business that we have not taken care of at this Grand Chapter Session?

Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard: There is nothing, so far as I know.

RETIRING OF THE FLAG

Mrs. Joyce Roberts: Grand Marshal, you will retire the Flag of our Country.

(The United States Flag was retired).

Mrs. Joyce Roberts: Will you all join in singing our Closing Ode, "God Be With You."

(The Closing Ode was sung).

I would like to ask the Grand Floor Officers to give the Grand Secretary your badges.

Grand Chapter was closed in Ceremonial Form, and at 11:00 P.M., October 28, 1976, the "Symbols of Freedom" Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, was closed.

With the Beautiful picture of "DAYSPRING" and its soft shades of Dawn; with the challenge of a New Day and its hours to be filled with Loving Deeds and Service to mankind, those in attendance upon the 94th Session of Grand Chapter of Texas, turned their steps homeward "To meet again" in El Paso in October, 1977.

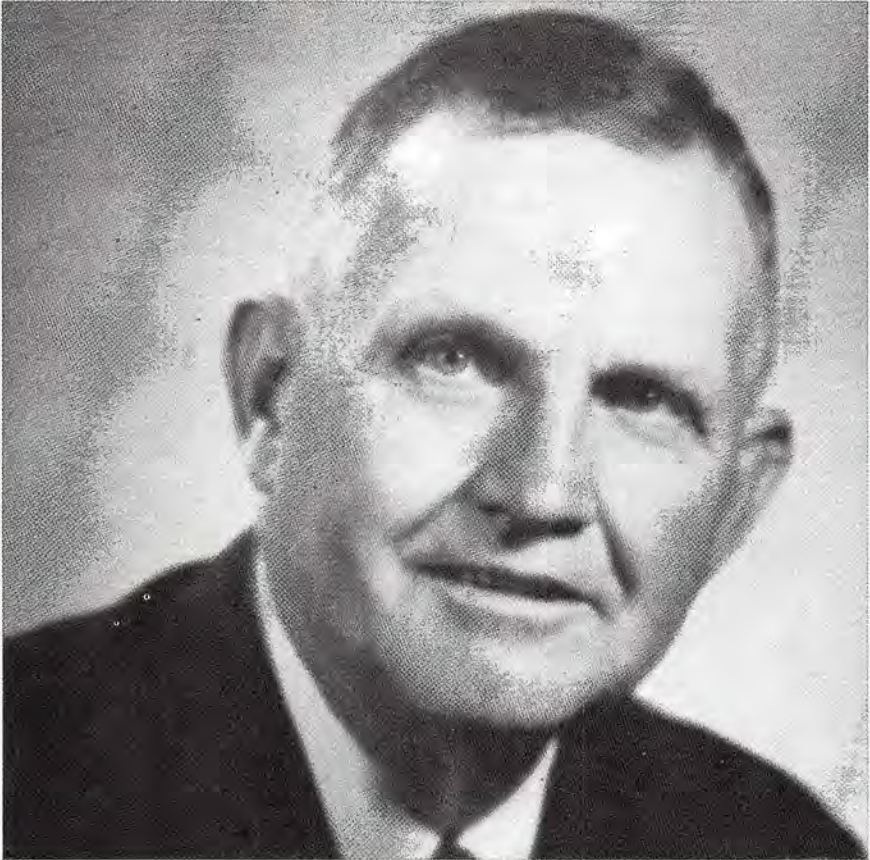


IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
MRS. RIVA C. BURNETT
WORTHY GRAND MATRON
1931-1932
Died March 15, 1976

"She has seen the sunrise with the Master;
Earth's long and weary night has passed away;
All her earthly cares are now forgotten
In the Land of quiet joy and endless day.

Guided by Him, whose Star we have seen,
We shall remember, year after year,
To emulate examples of loyalty
And devotion of one so dear."

"I go to prepare a place for you." John 14, 2b

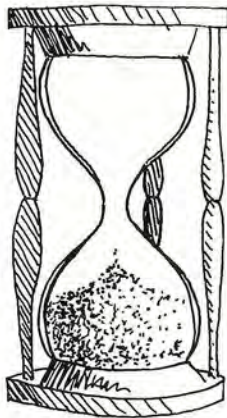


IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
MR. CHAUNCEY E. PENIX
WORTHY GRAND PATRON
1954-1955
Died March 11, 1976

The voice we loved is silent now,
And stilled is the helpful hand;
But we know that God will use him
In that wonderful, Heavenly land.
Our hearts are grieved by his absence,
But we have bountiful joys in store
When we, too, shall leave earth's presence
And we meet on the Heavenly Shore.

"He that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

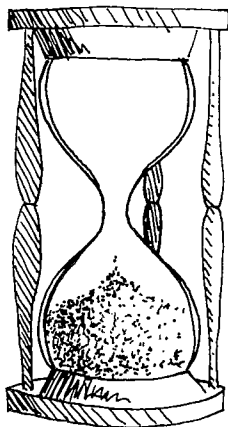
John 11:25b



IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS
OF
OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS
WHO WERE CALLED TO THEIR
ETERNAL HOME
1975-1976

“He bids them rest for a reason,
The pathway has grown to steep;
And silently watching o’er them
He gives His loved ones sleep.”

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath
everlasting life.” John 6:47



IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
MEMBERS OF
SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS OF TEXAS
WHO ENTERED THEIR
ETERNAL HOME
1975-1976

“For those who were loved, we mourn,
But cherish their memory still.
We humbly submit to the Father Above
With His All-Seeing Eye and Will.

“Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.”

John 11:26

FINAL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1975-1976

EXPENDITURES

Auditorium Rental — Tarrant County Convention Center	\$ 2,287.50
Convention Center Labor (Staging, Social Functions, Electrical & PA)	2,211.60
Stage Materials, Organ, Piano & Equipment Rentals	1,850.00
Banquets:	
Floor Officers	676.53
Sunday Night	614.41
Wednesday Night	126.00
Districts	2,026.00
Badges	494.50
Courtsey Cars	378.58
Choir	479.35
Distinguished Guest	100.00
ESTARL	381.20
Executive & Arrangement Committees	310.26
Hotels	349.60
Housing	277.50
Insurance	316.00
Printing & Postage	113.19
Publicity	56.41
Photographer	1,000.00
Reception and Decorations	1,556.91
Registration, Transportation & Mileage	385.40
Social Chairman	55.43
Souvenir Bags	274.51
Security	870.00
Grand Warder & Grand Sentinel	176.50
	\$ 17,367.38

RECEIPTS

Grand Chapter Appropriation	\$ 20,000.00
Reimbursements from District Banquets	1,525.00
Refund on Badge Holders	6.75
Refund from Distinguished Guest Committee	85.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 21,616.75

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts	\$ 21,616.75
Total Expenditures	17,367.38
Total on Deposit in Fort Worth National Bank	\$ 4,249.37
Returned to Grand Chapter O.E.S.	4,249.37
BALANCE ON HAND	—0—

* Permanent Podiums (2) were turned over to the Executive Committee for 1976-77 as well as Choir robes for their use if they should so desire.

The beautiful blue backdrop was donated to the Rainbow For Girls. Also the ramps used for the stage were donated to the TCCC for further use if future Grand Chapter should want them when in Fort Worth.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mrs. Maude Arnold
 Executive Committee Chairman
 94th Session — Grand Chapter of Texas O.E.S.

LIST OF VOUCHERS — 1975-1976

No.	Payee	Explanation	Amount
250	Lone Star Crysler Inc.	Car for Doris Easterling	\$ 6,997.86
251	Lillian Parker	Telegrams sent to Past Grands	30.00
252	O. D. Christian	Exp. W.G.P. 75-76	2,000.00
253	Joyce Roberts	Exp. A.G.M. 75-76	1,500.00
254	Doris Easterling	Exp. W.G.M. 75-76	3,500.00
255	Perry Smithwick	Exp. A.G.P. 75-76	350.00
256	Jettie Hinton	Exp. Grand Treasurer 75-76	400.00
257	Mary Brown	Grand Conductress 75-76	250.00
258	Rennie Ofton	Assoc. Conductress 75-76	250.00
259	Board Trustees	Exp. 1975-76	1,800.00
260	Alice O'Neal	D.D.G.M. and Deputy's 75-76	1,200.00
261	Imogene Benton	D.D.G.M. and Deputy's 75-76	1,200.00
262	Doris Efird	D.D.G.M. and Deputies 75-76	1,200.00
263	Marjorie Johnson	Grand Examiner #1 75-76	180.00
264	Dorothy Vernon	Grand Examiner #2 75-76	180.00
265	Blanch Robison	D.D.G.M. and Deputies 75-76	1,200.00
266	Daisy Forester	D.D.G.M. and Deputies 75-76	1,200.00
267	Viola Edwards	Grand Examiner #3 75-76	180.00
268	Lena Mae Cook	Grand Examiner #4 75-76	180.00
269	Maurine Jackson	Grand Examiner #5 75-76	180.00
270	Lemma Vorihes	Welfare Chairman 75-76	700.00
271	Doris Easterling	W.G.M. Secretary exp. 75-76	500.00
272	Elsie Paladino	Estarl Chairman expense 75-76	100.00
273	Lucile H. Dunaway	International Temple Chairman 75-76	50.00
274	J. B. Easterling	Bylaws Chairman expense 75-76	150.00
275	Mattie Henry	Fraternal Correspondent 75-76	100.00
276	Kathy Johnston	Historian Chairman 75-76	50.00
277	May Dell Grubbs	Registration Chairman 75-76	100.00
278	Lena Hoover	Transportation & Mileage Chm. 75-76	25.00
279	H. E. Campbell	Credentials Committee Chm. 75-76	25.00
280	Doris Easterling	P.G.M. Jewel 75-76	750.00
281	O. D. Christian	P.G.P. Jewel 75-76	450.00
282	Acct. 345629	Office exp. Secretary salary	7,750.00
283	Acct. 345629	Grand Treasurer salary	3,900.00
284	Acct. 345629	Office Employees	17,500.00
285	Acct. 345629	Employers Taxes	1,500.00
286	Acct. 345629	Office Equipment	500.00
287	Acct. 345629	Bldg. Maintenance	3,000.00
288	Acct. 345629	Office Expense	8,500.00
289	Acct. 3-08627	W.G.M. Car Exp. 75-76	3,600.00
290	J. Hugh Campbell	Invoice 4855	6.30
291	Bradco Printing	W.G.M., W.G.P., A.G.M., A.G.P. Memorials, Welfare, Ledger sheets	3,440.70
292	Bradco Printing	Advance for 1974 Proceedings	5,000.00
293	Chapter 691	Refund Pre-registration	3.00
294	Patricia Neinast	Itemize Exp. 74-75	476.06
295	Maude Arnold	1st Advance for Exec. Com. 76	5,000.00
296	Prefeered Printers	Programs	4,863.40
298	Bradco Printers	Stationery A.G.M.A.G.P.G.C.A.G.C.	927.40
299	Bradco Printers	November Bulletin	2,460.00
300	Webb and Webb	Blanket Bond G.M. Secy. Treas.	132.00
301	Bradco Printers	Welfare Certificates, Com. supplies	443.31
302	Bradco Printers	2910-2912-2914-2916-2918	338.40
303	Bradco Printers	January Bulletin	1,644.00
305	Lallah M. Vollus	Tex Brunch at General Grand	750.00
306	Mildred Garlitz	Souvenirs-Badges General Grand	750.00
307	Metrotype Printer	Committee Printing 10585	207.00

309	Bradco Printers	3014-3018-3020-3114-3116	469.19
310	Acct. 61-5761-4	Supplies Fund	800.00
311	Bradco Printers	Envelopes—Annual Report	252.50
312	Travis & Ramsey	74-75 Audit	5,774.00
313	Bradco Printers	Bulletin-Estarl-Envelopes	1,844.57
314	Olney Florist	Chauncy Penix funeral spray	42.00
315	Robertas Flower	Reva Burnett funeral spray	52.50
316	Bradco Printers	Balance due 1974 Proceedings	5,000.00
317	Travis & Ramsey	Nov,Dec,Jan,Feb, Computer 75-76	1,200.00
318	Haltoms	Repair W.G.M. Jewel	29.00
319	Bradco Printer	June Bulletin	1,542.70
320	Bradco Printers	Printing	1,625.97
321	Mildred Garlitz	Dist. Guests 75-76	1,000.00
322	Mildred Garlitz	2nd Advance Souvenirs & Badges	500.00
324	Maude Arnold	2nd Advance Exec. Com. 1976 Ft. Worth	5,000.00
325	Penix McCracken	Legal Service	252.50
326	Bradco Printers	Printing	1,430.25

MILEAGE PAID AT GRAND CHAPTER — 1975

Dallas, Texas

Check	Payee	Amount	Check	Payee	Amount
1	Patricia Neinast	\$ 7.92	36	Mary B. Davis	17.82
2	Peggy Bado	17.37	37	Lemayne McNeill	20.04
3	La Viece Black	16.26	38	Verda Robertson	20.76
4	Rosalie Johnson	36.99	39	Frances Burleson	12.66
5	Fern Cayenter	6.21	40	Kathy Johnston	.72
6	Gladys Blackburn	18.15	41	Ennie LaGrone	7.92
7	Marsella Creed	5.52	42	Faye McAllister	8.88
8	Mildred Sache	1.86	43	Jeanette Anderson	17.34
9	Fanjane Watson	1.86	44	Gartha Redman	4.68
10	Cora Lee Darsey	15.21	45	Virginia Turner	7.26
11	Lorine Ferguson	15.87	46	Marie Wilson	6.30
12	Doris Easterling	10.02	47	Velma K. Daulton	13.05
13	Agnes Lee Howard	9.15	49	Daisy J. Alberthal	16.26
14	Louise Lewis	29.52	50	Dorothy Powell	19.56
15	Mary Peterson	15.90	51	Bernice Skeen	7.92
16	Mary E. Boydston	5.40	53	Elizabeth Williams	14.34
17	Metta Miller	5.52	54	Nadine Scruggs	16.98
19	Jettie Hinton	15.87	56	Wayne Jones	1.86
20	Nancy Bowen	2.94	57	Ella Turner	5.16
21	Anita Blain	3.54	59	Betty Lou Davis	.96
22	Joyce Roberts	36.99	60	Paul B. Fitch	36.99
23	Mary Brannam	9.60	61	Georgia Morris	22.86
24	Florence Grimmeson	16.20	62	Rosemary Putts	6.12
25	Patsy Neejer	13.11	63	C. L. Pribble	1.86
26	Mary Brown	9.60	64	Althea Kerrer	11.94
27	B. F. Hutson, Jr.	20.85	65	Mary Kratzer	20.88
28	Altha Carter	14.46	66	Winifred Dorsey	16.56
30	Allie M. Willis	10.86	67	Villeta Ballou	17.19
31	Geneva Griffin	18.42	68	James B. Starnes	14.76
32	Kathryn Pemberton	7.62	69	Marie Sutton	16.50
34	Mildred Priddy	1.86	71	Margaret Heartfield	16.65
35	Jean Gage	16.26	72	Rosa Jones	6.72

Check	Payee	Amount	Check	Payee	Amount
73	Winnie Allen	11.04	142	Mildred Brenner	36.99
74	Martha Masters	18.00	144	Glenn Ray	12.27
75	Ernestine Mixon	15.54	145	Elise B. Hammock	1.86
76	Jewelle Murphy	19.32	146	Helen Garner	25.02
77	Kathleen Thomson	4.56	147	Frances Bubank	1.86
78	Louise Armstrong	11.58	148	Leta Underwood	5.82
79	Frankie Huggins	7.50	149	Ruth Callaway	5.49
80	Geneva Cook	13.17	150	Gene Grisham	6.12
81	Marian Morelan	25.14	152	Grace Winters	9.42
83	Charles H. Allen	3.33	153	Ruth Fitts	7.62
84	Vale Holland	8.70	155	Lois Bell	14.10
85	Rachel Jones	20.88	156	Evelyn Call	.90
86	Carlyn Calston	25.33	158	Helen Lamey	17.55
88	Tommie Roach	7.14	159	A. D. Baker	6.18
89	William T. Hood	16.65	160	Dorothy Davis	2.10
90	Hazel Dresser	4.20	161	Helen J. Kendy	23.94
91	Thurman H. Perry	11.58	162	Kay Tyler	22.02
92	Dorothy Vernon	22.89	164	Eloise Crockett	16.26
93	Wanda Wade	1.68	165	Ann Kelly	8.70
94	Viola Edwards	1.86	166	Dorothy Alexander	7.62
95	Lena Maye Cook	14.34	167	Leta A. Casey	12.24
97	M. E. Ekrut	4.86	168	Gay Nelle Wilson	5.52
98	Evelyn Hare	21.03	169	Dorotha Phillips	17.85
99	Maurine Jackson	19.23	171	Nann Martin	4.35
100	Beulah Holliday	10.02	172	Lorene Hutson	2.94
103	Martha Zuspan	1.26	173	Jimmie McIntire	5.88
107	Linda Durham	.96	174	Vivian King	18.00
108	Margaret Walters	4.74	175	Wanda Smith	10.95
109	Sue May Sockwell	6.66	177	Dorothy Pryor	4.35
110	Sylvia Graveley	.72	178	Blanche Robinson	16.65
111	Faye Kinabrew	5.76	180	Earnestine Starnes	14.76
112	Patsy Kincaid	5.88	181	Penny Vletas	14.34
113	Ruth Mincy	14.73	182	Sherill Cain	9.12
115	Elizabeth Pollock	8.91	183	Florence Kirley	3.96
116	Carmaleta Smith	9.42	184	Rita Miller	21.66
117	Larrell Earnest	10.38	185	Annie Bowlin	10.80
118	Jeanne Trusty	3.33	186	Alma L. Beall	9.30
119	Winifred White	11.97	187	Opal Jacoby	14.91
120	Louise Thomas	7.80	188	Thelma McAferty	10.02
121	Mattie Loyd	6.90	191	Myrtle Heath	10.50
122	Joyce Fields	22.41	194	Sue Martin	1.95
123	Lota M. Adames	21.03	195	Thelma Davison	12.66
124	Ruth Alegre	31.14	196	Charlotte DeFriend	16.74
125	Loretta Wright	18.96	197	Thelma Cureton	17.37
126	Marjorie Errington	21.66	198	Sue Ainsworth	29.61
128	Norma Coffey	23.88	199	Billie Lindley	16.89
129	Joyce Branham	21.39	200	Evelyn Adams	16.50
130	Etoile Stanley	16.56	201	Mary Lehne	15.63
131	Blanche Hendrix	3.12	202	Margaret Dunks	16.20
132	Eva Duncan	29.01	204	Jeanne Walker	23.22
133	Louise Oliver	18.15	205	Lou Lane	23.22
134	Thula Cole	9.87	206	Opal Pennell	17.70
135	Elizabeth Bauerle	14.34	207	Viola M. Shaw	18.48
136	Henry Beth Hogg	26.55	208	Dean Hildebrand	3.96
138	Frances Reedy	20.76	209	Mary Higginbotham	13.23
139	Marie Beene	25.02	210	Ernestine Brewer	13.23
140	Annie Speck	17.28	211	Carlton Cowan	10.74
141	Mary L. Gammon	16.26	212	Thelma Griffin	11.88

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213	Jerre Lucas	15.36	285	Lena Koym	14.16
214	Carolyn Green	17.16	288	Esther Fowler	22.02
215	Ruth Denby	7.14	291	Lillie Hagan	13.35
216	Eula M. Aleshire	12.48	292	Edith Alford	5.88
217	Myrtle Stringham	19.23	294	Elsie Abernathy	21.66
218	Gussie Beasley	22.44	295	Willene Durming	9.87
219	Katie Hopkins	.72	296	Martha Johnston	11.58
220	Dorothy Ransom	18.00	297	Marie Sadler	21.18
222	Jennie Abel	9.96	298	Barbara Witt	15.60
223	Verna H. Carey	29.61	299	Pearl Johnson	14.34
225	Beulah Speer	20.40	302	Doris M. Efir	1.86
226	Perry Smithwick	1.86	303	Mozelle Horne	7.50
227	Nellie M. Killebrew	21.18	304	Sammye Jacob	11.58
228	Bonnie Baldwin	12.90	305	Mildred Morgan	7.05
229	Gladys Pollock	16.65	306	John Shearer	21.03
231	Vernon C. Shupert	16.26	307	Pauline Poe	11.28
232	Electa Lowery	1.86	308	K. B. Polk	18.00
233	Lura Mire	14.52	309	Judy Folkenburg	10.08
234	Maxine Barham	1.50	310	Ruth Green	7.86
235	Juanita Mauboules	15.54	312	Wanda Brown	23.88
236	Eloise Flanagan	8.73	313	Bob K. King	16.26
237	Ovella Mayer	8.28	314	Lesta Cummings	4.32
238	Maudie Coffee	16.59	315	Jean Casto	14.34
240	Audrey Newman	10.23	316	Ethel White	10.53
242	Oma L. McWharter	9.63	318	Marie Cowsar	7.92
243	Lillie Mae Weaver	4.74	319	Daphne Thrasher	36.99
244	Mazie Mendemasm	36.99	320	E. G. Venable	1.62
245	Lois Giesenschlag	11.46	321	Vivian Burdick	7.41
247	Rose Bass	10.80	323	Zena Wilson	1.86
248	Lucille Goolsby	1.86	324	Doris Hooper	14.76
249	Frances Quade	1.08	325	Margaret O. Hayes	24.00
251	Mary Ellen Hughes	16.89	326	Evelyn Pinson	1.20
252	Gladys M. Baker	8.64	327	Jimmie Kittrell	17.16
253	Ruth Burns	19.56	328	Carrie L. Ruby	16.26
254	Oliver Chamberlin	16.26	329	John Ellen McLaurin	20.76
255	Barbara Campbell	9.42	330	Irene McCallister	5.76
256	Jackie Wilder	.89	331	Angie M. Bonner	5.28
257	Opal Ramsey	11.70	332	Pauleen Oldham	19.32
258	Edna Rittenhouse	14.34	333	Melbagene Nation	2.82
259	Joyce Saling	2.40	334	Mildred Halcomb	14.34
260	Cartez Dowlin	22.38	335	Lola Henefield	17.64
261	Lenara Fulmer	14.76	337	Atrelle Marshburn	12.24
262	Ruth B. Patterson	17.64	338	Frances Willis	22.83
263	Alyce Lynch	14.61	339	Mary Graham	16.38
265	J. B. Easterling	10.02	341	Maurice Moran	2.85
266	Daisy Forester	13.02	343	Ruth V. Kennard	3.42
267	Lyda Lawhorn	5.88	345	Merle Cannaday	16.26
268	Earl O. Chafin	8.28	346	Joy M. Wilkinson	3.90
271	Grace Hustof	16.92	347	Iva Gray	23.07
273	Mary Stringfellow	6.96	348	Ralph A. Davis	10.95
275	Vie Bowles	6.96	349	Leona May	8.70
276	Gretchen Spence	13.41	352	Tommye Riesenber	13.32
277	Celestine Carleton	8.28	353	Grace Ramsey	23.19
278	Adelheid Smith	19.53	354	Dorothy Price	22.83
279	Lola Wallace	1.86	355	Donna Venn	6.90
280	Betty Wilcox	7.56	356	Jessie Huffman	8.91
282	Mary Tayler	15.90	357	Marjorie Moffitt	2.40
283	Fay Hulme	4.80	359	Patsy Sawyer	1.08

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360	Pauline Colley	11.19	438	Katherine Harbour	18.15
363	Lela Neeley	18.81	439	Thelma J. Alsup	14.34
365	Rebecca Miles	4.35	440	Mary A. Alberts	10.86
366	Mary Ezell	2.82	444	Frank R. Phillip	22.38
369	Mildred H. Harris	5.52	446	Earl G. Manning	7.62
371	Viva S. Huffman	14.34	447	Eunice Morgan	20.76
373	Merelyn Nicholasin	19.23	448	Chauncey Penix	7.14
375	Geraldine Reeves	13.08	450	Ozane Pylant	15.06
376	Addie Mayfield	13.32	454	Valerie Blackburn	4.74
377	Vera Perry	669	457	Dr. R. O. Fuqua	13.32
379	Lillian B. Parker	19.32	458	Ruth Blagraves	9.87
380	Lorene Wells	17.82	459	Paul Stoneman	.96
381	Lorraine Campbell	7.02	460	Mildred Crouch	13.38
382	Peggy Beddingfield	10.02	461	Virgie Redwine	8.16
383	Lallah M. Vollus	14.34	462	Virginia Warley	13.14
384	Grace Hanner	18.15	463	Dora Keen	18.36
385	Janis Johnston	14.34	464	Hal Burnett	29.01
389	Imogene Shelly	16.32	465	Ella Fay Scott	12.93
390	Dorothy Burnett	5.49	466	Van Plumlee	4.32
391	Pauline Hadley	14.01	467	Exa Lane	8.58
392	Gloria F. Herod	3.96	468	June Fisher	21.30
393	Mabel S. Harle	17.64	469	Dr. James Goettee	14.34
395	Laura Hanou̇te	6.42	470	H. L. Arnold	1.86
396	Zelma Bearden	10.50	471	J. T. Sanders	17.37
397	Mildred Garlitz	1.86	472	Betty J. Dean	11.58
399	Thelma McHargue	14.34	473	Josephine Base	28.92
400	Ola B. Goodman	9.36	474	Thelma Shalar	7.11
401	Blanche Lilly	5.04	475	Richard T. Porter	1.86
402	Mary E. Schoverling	14.34	476	Victor Jones	21.66
404	Lera James	18.66	477	Harold Todd	16.26
406	Lois Burnett	1.86	479	Elizabeth Frank	21.36
407	Letha Whitney	19.80	480	C. A. Bill Holmes	19.32
408	Willie M. Seely	5.88	481	Paul Huffhines	1.86
410	Ruby Enloe	9.96	483	Louise Spalinger	15.36
411	Katherine Poulis	16.26	484	Gerald C. Allen	14.91
412	Mary K. Smith	4.20	485	Kendall Baker	14.34
414	Molly Goodpasture	20.85	486	Beth Fadd	9.15
415	Margie Poteet	13.86	488	Mary K. Wilson	9.87
416	Myrlene Reese	7.86	490	Flora R. Turner	9.00
417	Amy Goebel	5.52	496	Lera Rector	8.22
418	Edna Earl Duke	16.65	497	Edna B. Cowsert	15.84
420	Dona F. Ernst	1.86	498	Sue Lockhart	4.02
421	Evelyn Rucker	6.96	499	Jimmie C. Brown	17.85
422	Dorothy Hicks	19.74	500	Linda Brockman	9.42
423	Nancy Bailey	16.26	506	Patricia Brooks	14.64
424	Alta B. Miller	11.28	508	Pearl Woody	.96
425	Roxane Feild	11.16	509	Rosetta Morgan	8.58
426	Robbie Yates	26.70	510	Addie Paschall	12.51
427	Chreyl Isom	6.60	514	Vera Boyt	30.42
428	Louise Haney	9.63	515	Peggy Baird	21.54
429	Anna Belle Kear	15.30	518	Peggy Sauls	2.01
430	Sally Matranga	14.34	521	Thelma Bomar	19.80
431	Shirley Black	2.70	527	Pauline Longwell	29.88
432	Frances K. Herrin	11.58	530	Jessie Sterling	4.05
433	Attie Martin	4.59	535	Joy W. Kee	16.74
434	Aliene Houston	1.08	539	Freida Cole	9.87
435	Jean Walker	12.21	540	Bobby Hodges	22.74
437	Anna Delle Quebe	19.32	543	Lavella Mann	3.75

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553	Lillie Lester	8.58	695	Virginia Britton	5.22
555	Mary Krobath	14.64	696	Sylvia McDowell	14.34
557	Gwendalyn Smith	1.32	697	Elsie Sewell	1.32
561	Nancy Allen	22.89	700	Mildred Forrester	9.96
562	Catherine Miller	21.72	701	Lunette Yarborough	36.99
565	Dorothy Cheney	30.00	702	Maxine Curlee	1.86
569	Phillip L. Varday	17.52	703	Frances Lynn	.96
576	Ann Wilkinson	9.27	705	Donna Loggins	17.25
578	Killy Crawford	9.99	706	Emma L. Barthlow	14.34
581	Monte Geyer	18.48	708	Jewel Brookshear	4.20
585	Louise Hughes	18.96	710	Ruth Chandler	12.00
597	Creola Hinsley	7.92	711	Lenore Luzander	14.58
602	Lovie Hill	20.40	713	Dorothy Johnson	8.28
607	Faye Ridenow	11.58	716	Irene Levy	17.37
610	Pauline Richardson	7.50	718	Louise Morgan	4.74
611	Bernice Bean	13.35	721	Fay Palmer	24.84
616	Elizabeth Barnhardt	16.26	723	Ella Ppardrescher	12.27
617	Barbara Winkelmeier	1.86	724	Mary V. Truitt	15.06
618	Doris Ware	16.92	725	Debra Bearden	19.83
620	Billie J. Cole	36.99	726	Lela Schuepbach	29.64
621	Zora V. Swayer	15.42	728	Beth Evers	14.34
624	Ruby Holly	2.40	730	Jeffsaris	16.86
626	Nell H. Miller	16.80	731	Dorothy Harris	14.34
627	Anita McAlexander	9.21	732	Faye Jones	30.93
630	Katie Wineblood	7.26	734	Delores Garret	16.26
631	Sybil Weems	11.46	737	Juanita Rogers	15.36
634	Lougena Bowen	14.88	738	Maxine Holderman	36.99
636	Grace E. Hyde	16.26	741	Catherine Lemke	14.34
638	Viola Fowler	13.86	742	Mary Jo Weige	21.39
639	Joann Brown	5.52	743	Esta Mae Kidwell	19.17
641	Alta Lee Day	29.61	747	Elizabeth Jordan	9.51
642	Lucile C. Bell	1.98	748	Ora Jacks	28.32
643	Gay M. Carnes	17.76	750	Virginia Warneke	16.26
644	Martha M. Frantz	30.21	752	Eda White	19.47
649	Georgia Clapper	16.38	756	Margaret Hill	1.86
651	May Wallace	14.34	759	Lois Roquemore	36.99
653	Jay Gerstner	24.60	761	Ida Hale	16.41
655	Maiselle Gay	9.12	764	Pearl Jacobs	35.88
656	Gladys Sewell	2.40	769	Margery Holland	3.57
659	Vivian Davenport	7.71	771	Betty Friend	14.46
662	Regenia Napier	7.62	777	Sarah Cunningham	.63
664	Charlene Davis	16.26	778	Rozella Higginbotham	15.78
665	Hazel Baker	16.26	782	Shirley Robertson	16.26
668	Nancy Armstrong	7.14	787	Kathy Winburn	21.66
669	Betty Barr	14.34	790	Betty Phillips	25.62
672	Gladys M. Smith	14.43	792	Linda Nowell	18.45
673	Mary Kittoe	1.86	797	Margaret Landers	21.18
674	Clara Ann Kerr	3.84	798	Dorothy Warner	15.87
677	Frances Bland	17.37	799	Shirley Moon	8.91
678	George Arnold	20.79	801	Hope Bearden	5.82
681	Grace Hartwell	1.86	802	Pearl Franklin	21.66
683	Hazel Cardwell	15.87	803	Pat Jackson	11.58
685	Margie Greenhow	2.64	810	Johnnie Wilson	5.82
687	Magdaline Middleton	.72	811	Wara Cleveland	22.38
691	Lenora Rogers	16.26	812	Emma S. McGuire	10.02
692	Catherine Vann	17.52	814	Erma L. Lowrie	15.78
693	Bertha Blitch	7.32	815	Norma Meyn	31.14
694	Icey A. Reaves	7.80	816	Beatrice Palmer	22.65

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820	Marie Mason	1.86	912	Mildred Bell	16.26
821	Judy Groom	3.75	913	Helen Offerman	18.00
823	Linda Wilson	16.65	914	Bertie Cruzah	16.86
825	Verna M. Khoury	5.52	915	Ella Spirkoff	14.34
826	Lois Williams	15.21	920	Della Keasing	14.34
828	Leona Stout	2.85	921	Helen Dittman	.87
830	Nellie Warren	7.92	922	Lucille Poland	3.42
831	Mary Brack	6.69	923	Virginia Campbell	1.80
833	Blanche Abbott	10.86	924	Florine Killibrew	5.76
834	Shelia Nowell	1.86	926	Mary Roe	22.35
835	Willadean Williams	1.86	927	Grace Morris	14.34
837	Carene Garmon	36.99	929	Joy Seirer	5.52
838	Katie Coe	13.50	930	Merle Oliver	4.32
840	Maggie B. Reeves	4.62	933	Bernice Trulan	14.34
841	Virginia Moore	22.83	935	Willie Greer	1.26
842	Mariam Norwood	5.52	937	Viola Bayless	23.64
843	Winnifred Guffey	29.94	939	Laura J. Alexander	4.14
845	Midget Sorrells	23.46	941	Mae Dane	19.32
846	Lottie Via	7.80	943	Minnie McWilliams	.90
848	Genevieve Boone	22.80	949	Bobbie Anderson	6.18
849	Billie Glover	21.00	953	Imogene Hutto	16.92
851	Marianne Finnell	8.46	954	Charlotte Syulvado	14.28
852	Joyce L. Smith	4.32	955	Valarie Madisette	14.34
855	Dorothy Malone	21.27	958	Mattie Barak	14.34
856	Georgia Bronson	14.34	960	Doris Marshall	26.70
858	Gladys Rumbo	1.44	961	Faye Ornes	7.50
860	Jodie Lumpkin	12.42	963	Mary Bouldin	11.58
862	June Anderson	22.80	967	Cladua Gray	6.24
863	Peggy Bickley	22.41	968	Jean Cleveland	15.36
866	Sherry Gronewald	2.01	969	Norvell Muchleroy	10.08
867	Margaret Robason	12.30	970	Ronda McBride	8.28
868	Marie Taylor	22.83	972	Betty Clemens	7.26
869	Genny Garland	25.50	975	Ethel McChristy	5.88
871	Ella Lacewell	9.24	976	Marjorie Jones	10.32
873	Claudette Porter	17.79	978	Wynona Byrd	5.88
874	Regina Hedgooth	21.21	979	Alice Odom	16.44
876	Ruby Barnes	1.35	980	Eva Crocker	5.52
877	Eloise Barton	20.40	981	Charlotte Teer	12.00
879	Hellen Ray	9.78	982	Ruby Smith	1.86
883	Dorothy Howard	11.58	984	May Green	14.34
884	Myra Fay Travis	14.28	986	Mary L. Kimber	21.66
885	Robbie Wallace	4.83	987	Dorothy Pearle	14.34
889	Gladys Harvey	12.18	990	Linda Knowles	23.40
890	Genita Harris	18.60	991	Charlotte Carpenter	36.99
891	June Ellis	17.10	992	Vera Adams	34.44
894	Elsie Pope	9.24	994	Princess Steele	7.26
897	Gladys Rickman	3.30	995	Carrie Yound	7.98
898	Murlene White	19.32	997	Dolly R. Gray	8.10
899	Madge Savage	2.82	998	Florence Green	16.26
900	Lillian Lindsey	19.11	999	Lola Miller	1.86
901	Oreta Day	3.18	1001	Ruth Davis	22.08
902	Verna Pugh	5.40	1004	Grace Graham	21.48
905	Roxie Carroll	5.70	1007	Arthur Corley	3.66
906	Mattie L. Chism	7.92	1008	Ferne Sneath	20.76
907	Opal Davenport	8.40	1009	Margaret Neeley	17.73
908	Elizabeth Osburn	5.76	1010	Merissa Anderson	19.56
910	Betty Culpepper	6.60	1011	Ethel Roberts	17.70

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1012	Lois Stephenson	4.65	1068	Veddie Poland	12.42
1013	Hattie M. Connaly	10.86	1070	Mary Clement	8.70
1015	Georgette Oakes	14.34	1072	Joyce Day	10.86
1016	Odell Dickerson	7.50	1074	Erma Gean Slack	20.76
1017	Inez McLaughlin	11.46	1075	Dorothy Wagoner	16.26
1018	Flora B. Taylor	13.32	1076	Sue Nell Moseley	17.85
1019	Desdemona Martin	17.19	1077	Evelyn Goff	14.34
1021	Nona Hiatt	14.34	1079	Frances Rice	17.10
1024	Muriel Winkler	15.96	1080	Mildred Teets	14.34
1025	Grace McDavitt	3.12	1081	Opal Parroak	14.34
1026	Bess Shanks	10.26	1083	Exie Talbert	8.22
1031	Laura Minshew	10.38	1085	Blanch Kuhkuck	16.80
1032	Oleta Pillow	19.32	1087	Pricilla Kimmel	36.99
1033	Edith Green	9.30	1088	Betty McNew	14.34
1034	Mary Mills	14.34	1089	Wilma Bonner	.66
1035	Maudelene Gibson	10.23	1090	Gracie Pleasant	7.50
1036	Sharon Harbison	11.58	1091	Ora Mae Hymer	4.20
1037	Sarah Holt	23.94	1093	Muzett Rains	13.02
1038	Betty Brooks	18.18	1094	Jimmie Lee	14.34
1040	Lorraine Partridge	1.86	1095	Esther Clark	14.58
1041	Francile Patterson	14.34	1096	Ruth Tomaro	16.27
1042	Maxine Ashley	4.20	1098	Maudarie Conner	10.53
1044	Melba Holloway	22.83	1099	Estelle Baker	.72
1045	Hazel Cheatham	6.78	1100	Caroline Cardella	36.99
1047	Alberta Hoover	11.70	1101	Hester Matzas	14.34
1050	Betty Anderson	14.34	1102	Betty Frederick	13.71
1051	Edna Harshbarger	26.58	1103	Gracie Muir	15.48
1052	Mary F. Mathews	21.66	1104	Myrtle Lieck	16.26
1053	Thelma Cole	1.86	1105	Vernell Turner	13.08
1054	Thelma Foreman	17.64	1106	Jewell Gammon	28.38
1056	Geneva Smith	16.65	1107	Rosie Abercrombie	15.36
1058	Gloria Bruyere	14.34	1108	Marion Davenport	23.40
1059	Viola Dillard	22.38	1109	Marjorie Hoffman	2.16
1063	Frances Warren	14.28	1110	Ella Mae Barker	4.56
1064	Aileen Ruddick	20.88	1111	Annie M. Stringer	15.09
1065	Naomi Curry	15.24	1112	Dorothy Edington	14.94
1066	Mary Kramer	25.20			

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Year	WORTHY GRAND MATRON	WORTHY GRAND PATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1884	†Mrs. E.J. Talbot	†W.L. Holt	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†W.J. Wickham	†Mrs. A. McGregor	†R.R. McPhail
1885	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†P. Hawkins	†Mrs. May Swayne	†Carr Forest	†Mrs. A. McGregor	†J.K. Ashby
1886	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†P. H. Stevens	†Mrs. Sallie Wayde	†D.H. Hightower	†Mrs. M. Hightower	†J.K. Ashby
1887	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†J.J. Kendrick	†Mrs. B. McElroy	†J.B. Snodgrass	†Mrs. A. Schwartz	†J.K. Ashby
1888	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†J.J. Kendrick	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†J.B. Snodgrass	†Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner	†J.K. Ashby
1889	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†J.W. Ellender	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†T.J. Neely	†Mrs. M.R. Marsh	†Stephen Gould
1890	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†Stephen Gould	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†A.F. Hicks	†Mrs. M.R. Marsh	*Mrs. Jennie Cassill
1891	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†A.F. Hicks	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†J.L. Miller	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†J.D. Slawson
1892	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†J.L. Miller	†Mrs. M. Strehorn	†J.W. Felbaum	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†J.D. Slawson
1893	†Mrs. P.C. Harris	†Tom Murrah	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†D.Ludlow	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim	†J.D. Slawson
1894	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim	†D. Ludlow	†Mrs. S.A. Hoskins	†L.S. Garrison	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart
1895	†Mrs. Sadie A. Hoskins	†L.S. Garrison	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†J.K. Bowman	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart
1896	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†J.K. Bowman	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†W.S. Hoskins	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart
1897	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†J.T. Atchinson	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†N.M. Karney	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart
1898	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†N.M. Karney	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†S.D. Moore	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart
1899	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†W.S. Hoskins	†Mrs. A.V. Young	†W.S. Hellyer	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart
1900	†Mrs. Agnes V. Young	†W.S. Hellyer	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†A.C. McDaniel	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart
1901	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†A.C. McDaniel	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†R.W. Lemon	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart
1902	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†R.W. Lemon	†Mrs. A. Walker	†P.S. Park	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1903	†Mrs. Alma M. Walker	†P.S. Park	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	†E.C. Canon	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1904	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	†E.C. Canon	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†John Orchard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1905	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†John Orchard	†Mrs. M.E. Gray	†F.M. Walker	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1906	†Mrs. Mollie E. Gray	†F.M. Walker	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†T.J. Tucker	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1907	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†T.J. Tucker	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†J.H. Anderson	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1908	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†C.H. Thorn	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†M.T. Bell	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1909	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†G.W. Glasscock	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†E.J. Hosey	†Mrs. Anna Johnson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1910	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†E.J. Hosey	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†L.A. Heil	†Mrs. Anna Johnson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1911	†Mrs. Laura F. Seaman	†L.A. Heil	†Mrs. Mattie I. Hill	†Sam P. Cochran	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1912	†Dr. Mattie I. Hill	†Sam P. Cochran	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1913	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†S.B. Miller	†Mrs. M.B. Moody	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1914	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†S.B. Miller	†Miss Cora Posey	†G.W. Hester	†Mrs. M.B. Moody	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1915	†Miss Cora Posey	†G.W. Hester	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†W.A. Christian	†Mrs. M.B. Moody	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1916	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†W.A. Christian	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1917	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Frank W. Lynn	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1918	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Frank W. Lynn	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†C.P. Patrick	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard

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Year	WORTHY GRAND MATRON	WORTHY GRAND PATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1919	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†C.P. Patrick	†Mrs. M.L. Hosey	†John Findlater	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1920	†Mrs. Margaret L. Hosey	†John Findlater	†Mrs. Mary E. Roach	†W.H. Mercer	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1921	†Mrs. Mary E. Roach	†W.H. Mercer	†Mrs. Mattie A. Sebitts	†S.A. Penix	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1922	†Mrs. Mattie A. Sebitts	†S.A. Penix	Mrs. Norton B. Wellborn	†T.J. Holbrook	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1923	†Mrs. Norton B. Wellborn	†T.J. Holbrook	†Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie	†J. Dixie Smith	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1924	†Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie	†J. Dixie Smith	†Mrs. Velma B. Halley	†J.D. Todd	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1925	†Mrs. Velma B. Halley	†J.D. Todd	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	Frank Holt	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1926	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	Frank Holt	†Mrs. Lulu LePan	†L.E. Tennison	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Miss Cora Posey
1927	†Mrs. Lulu LePan	†L.E. Tennison	†Mrs. Birdie J. Easterling	†W. Gregory Hatcher	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Miss Cora Posey
1928	†Mrs. Birdie J. Easterling	†W. Gregory Hatcher	†Mrs. Beulah Rawlings	†Capt. Dan O'Connell	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Miss Cora Posey
1929	†Mrs. Beulah Rawlings	†Capt. Dan O'Connell	†Mrs. Bessie B. Garth	†Wm. G. Vollus	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Miss Cora Posey
1930	†Mrs. Bessie B. Garth	†Wm. G. Vollus	†Mrs. Belle P. Tomlinson	†Geo. S. Dowell	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1931	†Mrs. Belle P. Tomlinson	†Geo. S. Dowell	†Mrs. Riva C. Burnett	†W.F. Easterling	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1932	†Mrs. Riva C. Burnett	†W.F. Easterling	†Mrs. Rose Potter	†A.P. Holbrook	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1933	†Mrs. Rose E. Potter	†A.P. Holbrook	Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell	†W.W. Caves	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1934	Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell	†W.W. Caves	Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†C.D. Miller	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1935	Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†C.D. Miller	Mrs. Florence Read	†M.A. Childers	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1936	Mrs. Florence Read	†M.A. Childers	†Mrs. Norma Allen	†Clyde E. Smith	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1937	†Mrs. Norma Allen	†Clyde E. Smith	Mrs. Mildred Harris	†John Temple Rice	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1938	Mrs. Mildred Harris	†John T. Rice	†Mrs. Freda Bernhard	†E.C. Couch	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1939	†Mrs. Freda Bernhard	†E.C. Couch	Mrs. Robbie Dyer	†A.E. Shirley	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1940	Mrs. Robbie Dyer	†A.E. Shirley	Mrs. Viva Huffman	†Victor Keller	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1941	Mrs. Viva S. Huffman	†Victor Keller	Mrs. Hallie Anglin	†James L. Lee	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1942	Mrs. Hallie Anglin	†James L. Lee	Mrs. Cynthia May Watts	†Walter B. Baldwin	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1943	Mrs. Cynthia May Watts	†Walter B. Baldwin	Mrs. Lillian Barnard	E.B. Gauntt	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1944	†Mrs. Lillian Barnard	E.B. Gauntt	Mrs. Lillah Mae Vollus	†Norman H. Read	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1945	Mrs. Lillah Mae Vollus	†Norman H. Read	Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	Frank R. Phillips	†Miss Blanche Earl	†Miss Cora Posey
1946	Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	Frank P. Phillips	Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Miss Blanche Earl	†Miss Cora Posey
1947	Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	†Miss Blanche Earl	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1948	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gauldin	†Miss Blanche Earl	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1949	Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gauldin	†Mrs. Lucile Dufner	Dr. H.C. Sloop	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1950	†Mrs. Lucile Dufner	Dr. H.C. Sloop	Mrs. Flora Besst Boone	Earl G. Manning	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1951	Mrs. Flora Besst Boone	Earl G. Manning	Mrs. Mildred Garlitz	†John A. Rawlins	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1952	Mrs. Mildred Garlitz	†John A. Rawlins	Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling	†Fred W. Dewald	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles

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Year	WORTHY GRAND MATRON	WORTHY GRAND PATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1953	Mrs. Mary E. Schoverling	†Fred W. Dewald	Mrs. Eunice Connell	†Chauncey E. Penix	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1954	Mrs. Eunice Connell	†Chauncey Penix	Mrs. Lois Burnett	C.E. Bairfield	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1955	Mrs. Lois Burnett	Chas. E. Bairfield	†Mrs. Pauline Smith	Ed. Sharpe	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1956	†Mrs. Pauline Smith	Ed. Sharpe	Mrs. Ruby Enloe	Dr. Russell Holt	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1957	Mrs. Ruby Enloe	Dr. Russell Holt	Mrs. Katherine Poulis	†Lewis T. Davis	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1958	Mrs. Katherine Poulis	Lewis T. Davis	Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith	Dr. R.O. Fuqua	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1959	Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith	Dr. R.O. Fuqua	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	Gerald C. Allen	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1960	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	Gerald C. Allen	Mrs. Pearl Hall	Paul C. Stoneman	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1961	†Mrs. Pearl Hall	Paul C. Stoneman	Mrs. Thelma McReynolds	Hal Burnett	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1962	Mrs. Thelma McReynolds	Hal Burnett	Mrs. Molly Goodpasture	E.F. (Van) Plumlee	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1963	Mrs. Molly Goodpasture	E.F. (Van) Plumlee	Mrs. Amy Goebel	James H. Goettee	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1964	Mrs. Amy Goebel	James H. Goettee	Mrs. Edna Earl Duke	Marvin B. Simpson	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1965	Mrs. Edna Earl Duke	Marvin B. Simpson	Mrs. Mildred Sharpe	†H.F. Harrington	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1966	Mrs. Mildred Sharpe	†H.F. Harrington	Mrs. Nancy Bailey	Herbert L. Arnold	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1967	Mrs. Nancy Bailey	Herbert L. Arnold	Mrs. Robbie Yates	J.T. Sanders	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1968	Mrs. Robbie Yates	J.T. Sanders	Mrs. Sally Matranga	Richard T. Porter	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1969	Mrs. Sally Matranga	Richard T. Porter	Mrs. Frances Herrin	Victor Jones	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1970	Mrs. Frances Key Herrin	J. Victor Jones	Mrs. Aliene Houston	Harold Todd	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1971	Mrs. Aliene Houston	Harold Todd	Mrs. Katherine Harbour	C.A. "Bill" Holmes	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
1972	Mrs. Katherine Harbour	C. A. "Bill" Holmes	Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup	Paul Huffhines	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
1973	Thelma Joyce Alsup	Paul Huffhines	Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast	Joseph B. Powell	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
1974	Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast		Mrs. Doris Easterling	O. D. Christian	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
1975	Mrs. Doris Easterling	O. D. Christian	Mrs. Joyce Roberts	Perry Smithwick	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard

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†Deceased

‡Suspended

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- Mrs. Mattie Mitchell (616), 302 Barnett Place, San Antonio 78225
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Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris (7), 7020 Haverford Dr., Dallas 75214
Mrs. Robbie Dyer (787), Box 405, Marble Falls 78654
Mrs. Viva S. Huffman (399), RFD #1, Box 209H, Rosharon 77583
Mrs. Hallie Anglin (24), 335 Parland, San Antonio 78209
Mrs. Cynthia May Watts (382), 1516 Warren St., Lufkin 75901
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Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling (385), 2338 Sunset Blvd., Houston 77005
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Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard (733), Box 114, Albany 76430
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Mrs. Molly Goodpasture (785), 1011 E. Tate, Brownfield 79316
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Mrs. Edna Earl Duke (823), 165 Central Caldwod Dr., Beaumont 77707
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Mrs. Nancy Bailey (616), 167 Rosemont, San Antonio 78228
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Mrs. Frances Key Herrin (803), 119 Academy Dr., Austin 78704
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Mrs. Katherine Harbour (384), Drawer 231, Shamrock 79079
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Dr. H. C. Sloop (258), 1040 Heights Blvd., Houston 77008
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Mr. Charles E. Bairfield (6), P. O. Box 606, Clarendon 79226
Mr. Ed. L. Sharpe (574), P. O. Box 9716, Dallas 75214
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Mr. Gerald C. Allen (187), P. O. Box 7, Robert Lee 76945
Mr. Paul Stoneman (703), 322 Oakcrest Dr., Richardson 75080
Mr. Hal Burnett (132), 605 E. Avenue B, Alpine 79830
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Mr. Herbert L. Arnold (1040), P. O. Box 13244, Ft. Worth 76118
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Mr. Richard T. Porter (835), 6463 Floyd Dr., Ft. Worth 76116
Mr. J. Victor Jones (787), 3400 Rusk, Amarillo 79109
Mr. Harold Todd (3), Box 5029, San Antonio 78201
Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes (76), 2510 58th St., Lubbock 79413
Mr. Paul Huffhines (820), 1402 Cliffwood Rd., Euless 76039
Mr. O. D. Christian (574), 5026 Rose Drive, Garland 75041

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State	Name	Chapter No.	Address	Expires
Alabama	— Mrs. Lena Hoover	490	314 W. Dean, Killeen 76541	10-1-79
Alberta	— Mrs. Alvaretta Matthys	980	702 Camp Ground Rd., Waco 76705	12-31-77
Arizona	— Mrs. Bertha Weir	7	1728 Live Oak, Waco 76708	9-1-78
Arkansas	— Mr. T. L. "Duke" Weaver	374	4543 Surf Dr., Dallas 75214	12-31-76
British Columbia	— Mrs. Billie Horton	20	1015 Turner, Cleburne 76031	12-31-77
California	— Mrs. Edna Wood	1	1606 Mapleton, Dallas 75228	12-31-77
Colorado	— Mrs. Molly Kuns	802	P. O. Box 727, White Deer 79097	11-16-77
Connecticut	— Mrs. Rachel Burnett	132	605 E. Avenue B, Alpine 79830	12-31-76
Delaware	— Mrs. Kathryn Wilcox	135	605 Sul Ross, Houston 77006	12-31-76
District of Columbia	— Mrs. Leona Huffhines	820	1402 Cliffwood Drive, Euless 76039	9-30-77
Florida	— Mr. Marvin Chandler	366	6434 Mercedes Street, Dallas 75214	12-31-76
Georgia	— Mrs. Clara Klein	324	P. O. Box 205, Columbus 78934	9-30-78
Idaho	— Mrs. Eloise Ryan	703	Rt. 3, Box 198, Lewisville 75067	2-13-77
Illinois	— Mrs. Claudia Mae Smith	648	621 N. Vernon Ave., Dallas 75208	1-31-77
Indiana	— Mrs. Letha Crow	383	6234 Ravendale, Dallas 75214	12-31-76
Iowa	— Mrs. Jocie Jones	785	3400 Rusk, Amarillo 79109	4-1-79
Kansas	— Mrs. Charlene Faulk	731	7411 Narcissus, Houston 77012	1-1-78
Kentucky	— Mrs. Elsie Hammack	684	6123 Overlake Dr., Fort Worth 76135	9-30-77
Louisiana	— Mrs. Estha Davis	24	309 Manor Dr., Kerrville 78028	10-1-77
Maine	— Mrs. Marie Harcum	755	7230 E. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas 75214	3-1-78
Manitoba	— Mrs. Josephine Miller	651	501 Rouse St., Houston 77020	6-30-77
Manitowish	— Mrs. Loretta Cammel	702	5404 Durham Ave., Fort Worth 76114	8-23-77
Massachusetts	— Mrs. Lydia Nell Wilson	834	2509 Honeysuckle, Fort Worth 76111	12-31-77
Michigan	— Mrs. Leta Mae Hall	32	1507 So. 11th St., Temple 76501	1-1-78
Minnesota	— Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Jones	702	P. O. Box 16104, Fort Worth 76133	12-31-78
Mississippi	— Mrs. Vera Crady	574	6540 Danbury, Dallas 75214	12-31-77
Missouri	— Mrs. Ann Strobl	574	5329 Blaney Way, Dallas 75227	3-24-79
Montana	— Mrs. Pauline Barnett	574	Box 185, Midlothian 76085	7-1-78
Nebraska	— Mrs. Frances Christian	574	Box 923, Fairfield 75840	10-1-79
Nevada	— Mrs. Lovena Griggs	798	2304 Eaves, Baytown 77520	12-31-77
New Brunswick	— Mrs. Annie Connor	211	4003 Magnolia, Texarkana 75501	12-31-77
New Hampshire	— Mrs. Thelma Hemphill	733	Box 486, Albany 76430	1-1-77
New Jersey	— Mrs. Margaret Pribble	1109	Rt. 10, Box 70, Fort Worth 76135	1-1-78
New Mexico	— Mrs. Hazel Mashburn	363	9717 Haines Ave., N.E., Albuquerque, N.M. 87112	1-1-77
New York	— Mrs. Mary Horton	374	1027 Tipperary, Dallas 75218	8-1-79
South Carolina	— Mrs. LaVern Banks	830	McMillan Library, Overton 75684	1-1-78
North Dakota	— Mrs. Leona Andrews	820	P. O. Box 7632, Fort Worth 76111	1-1-77
Nova Scotia	— Mrs. Edna Phillips	574	5833 Belmont, Dallas 75206	8-31-77
Ohio	— Mrs. Elizabeth Whitehead	715	7020 Haverford Dr., Dallas 75214	1-1-77
Oklahoma	— Mrs. Jackie Huffhines	595	Box 62, Richardson 75080	12-31-76
Ontario	— Mrs. Hattie Longmire	856	7322 Arnim, Houston 77017	12-31-77
Oregon	— Mrs. Lela Wilson	816	1216 E. Century, Odessa 79762	1-1-78
Pennsylvania	— Mrs. Ruth Lowry	249	P. O. Box 54, Arlington 76010	12-15-77
Puerto Rico	— Mrs. Ethel "Tiny" Walker	716	3524 Avenue R, Galveston 77550	12-31-76
Quebec	— Mrs. Bessie Stoever	927	12819 Eastbrook Drive, Houston 77029	10-6-77
Rhode Island	— Mrs. Jewel Moore	722	Box 65, Gause 77857	12-31-76
Saskatchewan	— Mrs. Cleora Hampton	872	1824 Euclid, Dallas 75206	12-31-77
Scotland	— Mrs. Iva Jennings	871	Rt. 2, Box 21-B, Lampasas 76550	12-31-77
South Carolina	— Mrs. Lena Wise	308	P. O. Box 506, Clyde 79510	7-15-79
South Dakota	— Mrs. Ellen Justice	461	1413 Avenue D, Cisco 76437	6-1-78
Tennessee	— Mrs. Cloe Morris	385	4027 Branard St., Houston 77027	10-1-78
Utah	— Mrs. Pauline Callaway	651	2106 North Blvd., Houston 77006	12-31-77
Vermont	— Mrs. Ella Mae Adcock	363	312 N. 14th St., Lamesa 79331	9-1-78
Virginia	— Mrs. Virginia Campbell	923	P. O. Box 215, Venus 76084	12-31-77
Washington	— Mr. T. R. "Chuck" Bramlett	1006	7327 Bramlett Drive, Dallas 75217	10-31-77
West Virginia	— Mrs. Patsy Sawyer	249	1201 E. Division, Arlington 76011	12-31-77
Wisconsin	— Mrs. Marie Taliferro	630	607 Hunter, Kilgore 75662	11-19-77
Wyoming	— Mrs. Elizabeth Long	543	Box 252, Decatur 76234	12-31-76

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District of Columbia	Mr. William J. Armstrong, 6821 Grafton Ln., Clinton, Md. 20735
Florida	Mrs. Floried White, R. 1, Box 97, Freeport, 32439
Georgia	
Idaho	Mrs. Goldie Brain, Winchester 83555
Illinois	Mrs. Mary Dean Bayles, Bayles Lake, Loda 60948
Indiana	Mrs. Frieda Hayden, R. 1, Fairbanks 47849
Iowa	Mrs. Blanche Trachta, R.R. 2, Airport Rd., Cedar Rapids 52401
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Kentucky	Mrs. Effie C. Hibbs, Salem 42078
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Maine	Mrs. Octavia Reynolds, Thorndike 04986
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Maryland	Mrs. Helen Burcham, 19 Brooks Road, Bel Air 21014
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Michigan	Mrs. Virginia Lighthammer, 23259 Hill, Warren 48091
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Mississippi	Mrs. Ada H. Brown, Box 1, Eliasville 39437
Missouri	Mrs. Gladys Calvert, 311 So. Pine, Norborne 64866
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Nebraska	Mrs. Marcella Nedrow, Hartington 68739
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North Carolina	Mrs. Faye Martin Hilton, 627 Quaker Lane, High Point 27262
North Dakota	Mrs. Janet Clingman, Portal 58772
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Ohio	Mrs. Marjorie Lucas, 575 E. Sharon Rd., Cincinnati 45246
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AUDITOR'S REPORT OF ALL O.E.S. FUNDS

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We have examined the accompanying financial statements of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, for the year ended October 31, 1976. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures which we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, based on our examination, the accompanying financial statements present fairly: (1) the recorded cash receipts and disbursements for the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1976; and (2) the fund balances of cash, investments and securities for the Order, as of that date.

Travis & Ramsey

Dallas, Texas
January 13, 1977

Dues to the Grand Chapter are based on individual chapter membership and activities for the year ending on May 31 of each year. Dues for the current year were \$2.60. Membership and dues data are summarized as follows:

	<u>Number</u>	<u>\$2.60 Total</u>	<u>\$1.00 General</u>	<u>\$1.40 Home</u>	<u>\$.20 Benevolent</u>
Membership 5/31/76	118,875	\$309,075.00	\$118,875.00	\$166,425.00	\$23,775.00
Initiations	3,222	8,377.20	3,222.00	4,510.80	644.40
Reinstatements	388	1,008.80	388.00	543.20	77.60
Exempt Members	(128)	(332.80)	(128.00)	(179.20)	(25.60)
Adjustments, late reports, etc.	—	52.98	20.36	28.55	4.07
TOTAL	<u>122,357</u>	<u>\$318,181.18</u>	<u>\$122,377.36</u>	<u>\$171,328.35</u>	<u>\$24,475.47</u>

Note 6: Location codes for Schedules 4 and 5 are as follows:

Code 1 – Safe deposit box in Arlington Bank & Trust, Arlington, Texas.

Code 2 – Held in safekeeping at Fort Worth National Bank, Fort Worth, Texas.

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND EQUITY
YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1975 and 1976**

	Schedule Number	ASSETS										Educational Fund F. V. Ward Fund Special Funds	
		Total All Funds		General Fund		Home Fund		Endowment Fund		Benevolent Fund		1976	1975
		1976	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975		
Cash on deposit	2 & 3	\$ 665,963	\$ 521,502	\$128,002	\$ 75,490	\$169,351	\$146,238	\$ 196,322	\$ 153,130	\$ 51,972	\$ 35,117	\$120,316	\$111,527
Investments	4 & 5	2,228,911	2,131,911	205,000	205,000	308,441	308,441	1,558,470	1,461,470	130,000	130,000	27,000	27,000
Other		(18,629)	47,582	19,983	75,121	(8,254)	(6,070)	(9,505)	(8,165)	(8,933)	1,552	(11,920)	(14,856)
Total Assets		<u>\$2,876,245</u>	<u>\$2,700,995</u>	<u>\$352,985</u>	<u>\$355,611</u>	<u>\$469,538</u>	<u>\$448,609</u>	<u>\$1,745,287</u>	<u>\$1,606,435</u>	<u>\$173,039</u>	<u>\$166,669</u>	<u>\$135,396</u>	<u>\$123,671</u>
FUND EQUITY													
Balance - beginning		\$2,700,995	\$2,599,340	\$355,609	\$352,981	\$448,609	\$484,020	\$1,606,436	\$1,479,483	\$166,669	\$162,167	\$123,672	\$120,689
Receipts													
Dues		\$ 318,180	\$ 320,719	\$122,377	\$123,351	\$171,328	\$172,697	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,475	\$ 24,671	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	3 & 5	172,939	145,791	18,932	20,224	25,794	23,028	112,328	89,000	11,457	8,882	4,428	4,657
Supply sales		40,690	44,936	40,690	44,936	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bulletin		17,978	19,311	17,978	19,311	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Registration fees		14,101	14,607	14,101	14,607	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gifts and donations		212,408	170,403	-	-	52,562	70,495	63,220	34,818	-	-	96,626	65,090
Oil sales		11,276	4,784	-	-	11,276	4,784	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends and rents		6,527	6,923	-	-	3,139	3,772	3,388	3,151	-	-	-	-
Transfers		-	-	-	-	40,085	-	(40,085)	-	-	-	-	-
Pensions		208,806	154,561	-	-	208,806	154,561	-	-	-	-	-	-
Property sales		7,365	21,731	-	-	7,365	21,731	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other		6,863	886	6,176	1,150	465	(263)	-	-	-	(1)	222	-
Total Receipts		<u>\$1,017,133</u>	<u>\$ 904,652</u>	<u>\$220,254</u>	<u>\$223,579</u>	<u>\$520,820</u>	<u>\$450,805</u>	<u>\$ 138,851</u>	<u>\$ 126,969</u>	<u>\$ 35,932</u>	<u>\$ 33,552</u>	<u>\$101,276</u>	<u>\$ 69,747</u>
Expenditures													
Grand Chapter	9	\$ 222,878	\$ 220,951	\$222,878	\$220,951	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Home													
Board of Directors	10	35,317	66,235	-	-	35,317	66,235	-	-	-	-	-	-
Superintendent	10	434,283	389,788	-	-	434,283	389,788	-	-	-	-	-	-
Allowances-Home members	10	29,322	28,863	-	-	29,322	28,863	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	10	969	1,330	-	-	969	1,330	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chapter benevolences	11	29,550	29,050	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,550	29,050	-	-
Special and other	12	89,563	66,780	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	12	89,551	66,764
Total Expenditures		<u>\$ 841,882</u>	<u>\$ 802,997</u>	<u>\$222,878</u>	<u>\$220,951</u>	<u>\$499,891</u>	<u>\$486,216</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16</u>	<u>\$ 29,562</u>	<u>\$ 29,050</u>	<u>\$ 89,551</u>	<u>\$ 66,764</u>
Net Increase (Decrease)		\$ 175,251	\$ 101,655	(\$ 2,624)	\$ 2,628	\$ 20,929	(\$ 35,411)	\$ 138,851	\$ 126,953	\$ 6,370	\$ 4,502	\$ 11,725	\$ 2,983
Total Fund Equity		<u>\$2,876,246</u>	<u>\$2,700,995</u>	<u>\$352,985</u>	<u>\$355,609</u>	<u>\$469,538</u>	<u>\$448,609</u>	<u>\$1,745,287</u>	<u>\$1,606,436</u>	<u>\$173,039</u>	<u>\$166,669</u>	<u>\$135,397</u>	<u>\$123,672</u>

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TABLE OF GIFTS FROM CHAPTERS, 1975-1976

No.	Chapter	Home End.	O.E.S. Home	ESTARL	Cancer	Time & Talent	Founder's Day	Intern'l Temple	Bicentennial	Heart Fund	Misc.	TOTAL
* 1	Dallas	\$ 453.88	\$ 198.88	\$ 50.87	\$ 60.87	\$ 24.00						\$ 788.50
2	Mizpah		168.00									168.00
* 3	San Antonio	30.00	58.00	400.00	37.00	37.00	68.80					630.80
4	El Paso	35.00	30.00		5.00	25.00	30.00					125.00
* 5	Paris	248.00	5.00				24.30					277.30
6	Clarendon		41.00				14.00					55.00
7	Waco	50.00	65.42			33.00	50.00					198.42
* 8	Tarrant	463.00	16.00	13.00			46.70					538.70
* 9	Keystone		321.00			27.00						348.00
* 10	San Angelo	91.25	91.25	91.25	100.89	17.00						391.64
* 11	Cedar Bayou	409.00	50.00				33.40					492.40
* 14	McAllen		81.00	281.00	81.00							443.00
* 15	Atvin	66.00	86.00	66.00	118.50	55.00						391.50
16	Bowie		25.00			19.00						44.00
* 17	Saint Jo		15.00		100.00	2.00						117.00
18	Leakey	10.00					8.00					18.00
20	Ruth	18.00	35.00	10.00	80.00	33.00	31.50					207.50
* 21	Weatherford		138.50	129.50		25.00	25.70					318.70
* 23	Rockdale	26.50	26.50	26.50	41.50	8.00						129.00
* 24	Kerrville	35.00			228.00	73.00	23.30					359.30
25	Roby		25.00			17.00						42.00
28	Norton	5.00	18.00		2.96		3.50					29.46
29	Sterling				4.32		5.60					9.92
30	Abilene	7.50	77.50	50.00	50.00	22.00	35.50					242.50
* 31	Floydada	102.75	15.00		28.00		12.70					158.45
* 32	Vashti	23.00	221.80	18.00	35.00	28.00	28.50	92.00				446.30
* 33	Tulia		143.00									143.00
* 35	Texas		10.00	18.00	219.00	25.00	23.20					295.20
* 36	Kenedy	187.50	12.50			15.00	17.20					232.20
37	Plainview	55.00	32.50				24.00					111.50
* 38	Lemond	104.00										104.00
* 39	Smithville	32.50	42.50	32.50	32.50							140.00
42	Iowa Park				60.00							60.00
* 43	Devine	25.00	166.00	25.00		26.00	16.50					258.50
44	Prudence		10.00									10.00
* 46	Thornton		2.89		59.00							61.89
47	Quanah					24.00						24.00
* 48	Bertram	74.00					7.40					81.40
* 49	Adah	114.50	90.50	56.00	164.50	30.00	42.00					497.50
52	Rotan		8.80									8.80
* 54	Angleton		10.00	84.40	49.60		12.40					156.40
57	Mexia	20.00	9.65			41.00	14.10					84.75
58	Colorado					19.00						19.00
61	Alice		25.00				13.20					38.20
62	Nocona		25.00									25.00
64	Bastrop	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00		25.00					65.00
* 65	Pampa			300.50	110.00		11.30					421.80

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Table of Gifts from Chapters, 1975-1976 (Continued)

No.	Chapter	Home End.	O.E.S. Home	ESTARL	Cancer	Time & Talent	Founder's Day	Intern'l Temple	Bicentennial	Heart Fund	Misc.	TOTAL
66	Matador		20.00				34.10					54.10
* 67	Big Spring	85.00	131.00	85.00	85.00	12.00		160.00				558.00
* 69	Stockdale				105.00							105.00
70	Itasca			10.00								10.00
* 71	Beaumont	100.00	100.00	100.00	213.44					30.00		543.44
* 72	Troy		31.88				3.20					35.08
* 73	Leander	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	9.00						84.00
* 74	Brazoria	31.00	31.00				9.70					102.70
* 75	Sour Lake	59.85	59.86		22.29		14.20					156.20
* 76	Lubbock	185.00	290.00	85.00	85.00		51.00					696.00
77	Gate City			81.00		54.00	48.00					183.00
79	Rusk					28.00	17.20					45.20
80	Winters	14.50	22.50		6.80							43.80
81	Pecos		7.50		47.50		17.00					72.00
82	Caddo Mills	30.00										30.00
84	Petroia		5.00									5.00
* 86	Laredo	13.00	193.00				20.20					226.20
86	Normangee											
* 90	Belle Moon		90.80	90.60	90.60	27.00						299.00
* 93	Frisco		92.00			9.00	9.20					110.20
96	Wortham	7.50	10.00									17.50
97	Valley Mills		10.00				5.30					15.30
* 98	Miami	35.00	12.00	56.68	10.00							113.68
* 101	Childress		68.00	54.00	54.00		16.20					192.20
* 102	Tennessee Colony	25.00	25.25	30.00	25.00	27.00	10.00					142.25
104	Claude		15.00									15.00
* 105	Canyon City	20.00	112.00	20.00	8.00		15.90					175.90
* 106	Runge	32.00	5.00				3.20					40.20
109	Mart	144.00	7.71				13.40					190.11
112	Tyler		16.00	5.00	10.00	40.00	60.25					131.25
113	Fredericksburg		10.00		42.00	18.00	10.40					80.40
116	Brownwood		30.00			20.00	30.00				30.00	110.00
* 118	Corsicana	441.00			5.00	49.00	44.40					539.40
119	Knox City		20.00									20.00
* 120	Grapeland		2.00		107.00							109.00
* 124	Hope	46.00	46.00	46.00	46.00	27.00						211.00
125	Palacios		10.11									10.11
127	Lipan		2.00			22.00						24.00
131	Joshua		10.00				10.00					20.00
* 132	Alpine		97.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	12.70					169.70
133	Pleasanton		30.00			8.00	26.30					64.30
* 135	Ransford	75.10	565.00	22.00	135.00		127.80					924.90
136	Sanderson		7.50				6.80					14.30
* 140	Eldorado	10.00	64.00			32.00						106.00
* 141	Wimodausis 200%		13.00	710.75	42.00	40.00	25.70					831.45
* 143	Garden City	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50		3.70					45.70
144	Brenham						9.30					9.30

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Table of Gifts from Chapters, 1975-1976 (Continued)

No.	Chapter	Home End.	O.E.S. Home	ESTARL	Cancer	Time & Talent	Founder's Day	Intern'l Temple	Bicentennial	Heart Fund	Misc.	TOTAL
* 146	Falfurrias	25.00	34.00	25.00	25.00	10.00	10.90					129.90
* 151	Atlanta	94.00	99.00	95.00			27.60					315.60
* 153	Temple	32.00	309.30		5.00	25.00	30.60					401.90
* 154	Sierra Blanca		46.40		10.00		5.20					61.60
155	Luling			29.00			14.30					43.30
* 156	Garland	197.70	250.00	125.00		42.00	49.50					664.20
157	Buffalo	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00							25.00
* 158	Violet	75.00	50.00	53.00	75.00		24.80					277.80
159	Prairie Hill		2.89		10.00		4.10					16.99
* 160	Winnie	21.52	100.00		48.00	14.00	14.40					197.92
* 161	Perryton 700%		10.00	866.00		3.00	10.10					889.10
* 162	Aransas Pass	10.00	107.50	10.00	107.50	31.00	20.60					286.60
164	Spur		25.00				11.80					36.80
* 167	Brady	10.00	100.00		9.52	11.00	11.90	14.00				156.42
169	Ralls		10.00									10.00
170	Quinlan		5.00		10.00							15.00
* 171	Glen Rose				110.00		10.40					120.40
* 173	Salttillo	55.00				20.00						75.00
* 176	Rankin		123.00				12.30					135.30
* 177	Athens	25.00	50.00	25.00	25.00	20.00	12.30					157.30
183	Carpenters		25.00		5.00							30.00
* 184	Bonita	14.00	5.00	201.50	168.50		33.70	105.50				528.20
185	Tenaha		10.00									10.00
* 186	Trinity	81.00	5.00			16.00		40.00				142.00
* 187	Robert Lee	61.72			5.28		6.40					73.40
* 188	Hadassah	77.50	81.05									158.55
189	Greenville											
* 191	San Saba		88.00									88.00
* 192	Garrison	60.00	7.00									67.00
* 193	Madisonville	50.00	59.00	25.00	25.00	33.00	15.90					207.90
* 194	R. A. Terrell	25.00	159.00									184.00
* 200	Boerne	346.50		10.00		67.00	20.70					444.20
203	West		22.71	5.00		14.00						41.71
* 204	Del Rio	206.00				22.00	20.10					248.10
* 206	Post		30.00	26.00	26.00							82.00
* 208	Commerce	5.25	167.00				16.70					188.95
* 210	Lockhart	77.25	31.25	37.25	31.25	32.00	12.70					221.70
211	Border	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00		43.10					143.10
* 212	Merkel	26.00	26.00	36.00	31.00							119.00
* 214	Orange	130.00	130.00		100.54	22.00	27.10	17.00				426.64
* 215	Hamilton	127.00			5.00	29.00						161.00
* 216	Llano		154.00			7.00	15.40					176.40
* 218	Taft	46.50	46.50			18.00						111.00
* 219	Grand Prairie	408.02	14.00		7.00	19.00	42.80					490.82
* 220	Velasco	43.75	43.75	43.75	43.75	29.00						204.00
* 222	Bryan	228.50			7.50	18.00	20.20	108.75				382.95
* 224	Newton	12.00			22.29	17.00						51.29

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291	Jasper	50.00	200.00		57.00	40.00	30.00	244.00				621.00
293	Bartlett		20.95									20.95
* 295	Lampasas		155.00			26.00	15.30					196.30
* 297	Uvalde	139.18	44.16	4.00		26.99	22.00					236.33
* 298	Silsbee	212.71			22.29	16.00						251.00
300	Higgins		5.00	5.00	9.00		4.50					28.50
303	Oak Cliff	10.00	111.65	7.00	31.00	87.00	66.50				1.00	314.15
* 304	Austin	79.00	89.00	79.00	5.00	25.00	24.00					301.00
* 305	Mt. Pleasant		35.00			9.00						44.00
* 308	Clyde	103.00	21.00			18.00	6.40					148.40
* 309	Navasota	64.00					6.50					70.50
310	Comanche		5.00									5.00
* 311	Franklin	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50		8.60					94.60
* 312	Hereford			66.00	107.00	44.00		18.75				235.75
* 315	Spurger	28.50	28.50	28.50	110.79	10.00						206.29
* 316	Round Rock	50.00	23.22		15.00	21.00						109.22
317	Augusta											
* 320	Nash	134.76										134.76
321	Olney			15.00	25.00		6.20					46.20
322	Summerland	5.00				7.00	7.20					19.20
* 324	Columbus	154.00	10.11		27.50		15.10					206.71
325	Kingsville		25.00	10.00		15.00	22.10					72.10
* 326	Grapevine	197.00				11.00	18.50					226.50
331	Fairfield		21.50				9.60					31.10
335	Lytle		25.00			19.00	14.80					58.80
* 336	Jeff Davis				51.00							51.00
337	Bronson	5.00	5.00	5.00	10.00		9.70					34.70
* 339	Nixon		40.00		35.00	29.75				33.00		137.75
* 343	Rio Vista				40.00	2.00	20.10					62.10
344	Marfa		67.00		25.00							92.00
346	Bridgeport					17.00						17.00
347	Stinnett		10.00	33.00	10.00		11.50					64.50
* 348	Center	250.00			30.00	27.00						307.00
* 349	Hughes Springs	140.00										140.00
* 350	Giddings	54.00		3.75	3.75		5.40					66.90
351	Memphis		50.00				10.10					60.10
352	Sweetwater						17.10					17.10
* 353	Sarah	28.50	57.00	28.50								114.00
* 354	Corpus Christi	106.75	119.25	626.75	536.75		40.90					1,430.40
* 355	Gilmer		132.00		10.00							142.00
* 356	Marshall		228.00				22.00					250.00
* 358	Dunn		5.00									5.00
360	Coleman	10.00	59.00		43.00	22.00	9.50			9.00		152.50
* 361	Strawn	38.00			10.00	19.00	4.70					71.70
* 363	Lamesa		182.00			37.00	18.20					237.20
* 366	Wills Point				87.00	15.00		8.00				110.00

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368	Cushing		15.00				5.30					20.30
* 373	Port Lavaca	26.30	130.40	16.30								173.00
* 374	Templar 300%	635.00		1,205.00		44.00	59.50					1,943.50
375	Hemphill		22.00	10.00	20.00							52.00
* 376	Johnson City	35.33	32.34	32.33			9.70					109.70
* 377	Jacksonville	19.00	245.50	2.50	65.00	31.00	28.30					391.30
* 380	Bay City	243.89	10.11			11.00						265.00
* 381	Pittsburg		148.00			6.00	15.00					169.00
* 382	Lufkin		320.00			27.00	32.90	17.00				396.90
* 383	Fidelity 200%	271.00			289.50	25.00						585.50
* 384	Shamrock			119.00		10.00	25.00					154.00
385	Houston	10.00		32.00	10.00	22.00	50.00					124.00
387	Eden	5.00	5.00	5.00	10.60							25.60
* 389	Wharton		48.11	48.00	48.00							144.11
* 390	Jacksboro		60.00	30.00	95.00	18.00	15.30					218.30
391	Paint Rock	16.00	3.00		3.28		8.10					30.38
392	Richland		15.00		10.00							25.00
* 395	Palestine	362.00	4.00									366.00
* 396	Timpson	38.50		38.50	10.00		9.00					96.00
398	Meridian						6.80					6.80
* 399	Sunshine	352.00			64.00	25.00	30.30	16.00				487.30
* 400	Wells	10.00					10.00					20.00
* 401	Walnut Springs		40.00		24.00	11.00	18.30					93.30
* 403	Gonzales	27.50	29.50	27.50	27.50		11.00					123.00
404	Hondo	10.00					12.30					22.30
407	Sabinal		10.00				7.70					17.70
* 408	Teague	94.50	20.00	25.00	40.00	27.00						206.50
* 409	Stanton		60.00		45.00							105.00
* 413	Hedley				55.00		5.50					60.50
* 415	Humble	44.00	45.00	44.00	44.00		17.60					194.60
* 416	Sipe Springs	7.30	19.70									27.00
* 419	Hico	13.25	13.25	13.25	13.25	8.00						61.00
* 420	Polytechnic	291.00	291.00	104.00	45.00	35.00						766.00
421	Troup		10.00			11.00						21.00
* 422	Beeville	108.50	21.75	41.75			16.70					188.70
* 424	Vernon 300%	44.00	263.00	22.00	133.00	31.00	15.30					508.30
* 425	Burnet		50.00	150.00	50.00	164.00	16.50			25.00		455.50
* 427	McGregor		94.64									94.64
* 428	Nacogdoches		221.00									221.00
* 429	Rosenberg		245.00			4.00						249.00
* 431	Burleson				169.00		16.10	1.00				186.10
433	Chico		39.00	31.00	10.00	31.00	12.10					123.10
* 435	Marble Falls	30.00	145.00		10.00	39.00	14.50	16.00				254.50
* 436	La Vernia	20.00	19.00	15.00	15.00	15.00						84.00
* 437	Lockney		37.00	32.00	32.00	22.00						123.00
* 440	Florence		1.25		51.00	7.00						59.25

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441	Lake Creek											
* 443	Gorman	38.00					4.30					42.30
* 447	Odessa	165.00	110.00	140.00	102.00	36.00	41.50					594.50
449	London						4.30					4.30
* 450	Snyder	183.69	23.31				19.90					226.90
* 452	Bishop	16.50	36.50	16.50	16.50	10.00	6.60					102.60
453	Buda		30.00									30.00
454	Mineola		65.00									65.00
455	Cross Plains		5.00			14.00	7.80					26.80
458	Iola		7.50		7.50		7.70					22.70
460	Hamlin	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25							17.00
* 461	Cisco	239.72	10.00				14.20					263.92
* 462	Woodville		176.00		15.00	34.00	18.30					243.30
463	Center Point				5.00		6.50					11.50
* 465	Cleveland 200%	107.00	107.00	53.00	54.00		15.90					336.90
467	Bangs		5.00									5.00
468	Utopia		10.00									15.00
* 472	Travis	377.00				49.00	37.70					463.70
* 473	Edinburg			146.00		17.00	14.60					177.60
474	Henrietta						6.20					6.20
* 478	Avinger		48.00			18.00	4.80					70.80
* 479	Rockport 200%	151.75	29.75	29.75	29.75		12.20	27.00				280.20
* 483	Eagle Lake	24.00	34.11	24.00	24.00		9.70					115.81
* 488	Seymour		123.00				12.00					135.00
* 490	Killeen		310.19				52.00					392.19
491	Annona	5.00					3.00					8.00
* 493	Douglasville	29.00	5.00	5.00	5.00		7.00					51.00
494	Hylton						5.80					5.80
* 496	Alto		85.00	5.00			11.20					101.20
497	Junction	64.00	14.50	6.50		13.00	17.00					115.00
* 498	Springtown			40.00	65.00	29.00	15.00					149.00
* 499	Coahoma	100.50	5.00		27.50			5.00				138.00
* 500	Throckmorton	113.00				106.00	10.30					229.30
502	Roscoe			10.00								10.00
* 506	Paducah	1.00	45.00	51.25	5.00		9.60					111.85
* 508	Ferris	52.94	40.00	9.00		7.00	8.80					117.74
* 509	Crockett	265.00					20.00					285.00
* 510	Hempstead	79.00				11.00	7.90					97.90
* 512	Desdemona	4.00	30.00									39.00
* 514	Van Horn	85.00			15.00		7.90					107.90
* 515	Sinton	39.00	5.00	70.00		17.00	11.40					142.40
* 518	McKinney		157.00	25.00		35.00	15.70					232.70
* 521	Oakville 500%	300.00					10.00					310.00
* 527	Mission	38.00	38.00	38.00	38.00	33.00	15.20	114.50				314.70
* 528	Vega		60.00				6.00					66.00
* 530	Granbury	179.00				34.00	17.90					230.90

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531	North Zulch											
535	El Campo	15.00	20.11	10.00	10.00							55.11
539	Electra	47.50	47.50	47.50	12.50							155.00
* 540	Robstown		105.00				9.40	30.00				144.40
* 543	Decatur	124.00				25.00	12.60					161.60
* 553	Cameron	102.00					10.00					112.00
* 555	Seguin	95.66	90.68	73.66	5.00		19.20					284.20
* 557	Forney	15.41			106.00	29.00	10.60					161.01
* 560	Bardwell	7.12			49.00							56.12
* 561	Monahans	44.00	134.00	31.00	70.00	13.00	24.20					316.20
* 562	Happy		109.00			16.00	10.60					135.60
* 563	Calvert				66.00	11.00						77.00
565	San Benito	5.00	20.00	15.00		25.00	14.00					79.00
569	Turkey				5.00							5.00
* 574	Dal-Cliff	478.00			25.00	40.00						543.00
* 575	Sonora	5.00	73.00			11.00	7.80					96.80
* 576	Linden	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50		13.40					147.40
* 578	Taylor	26.50	29.40	26.50	26.50	19.00						127.90
* 579	Toyah	55.00		10.00			5.50					70.50
* 581	Jourdanton		108.00			15.00	11.10					134.10
583	Goliad											
585	Slaton											
* 589	Belton	50.00	85.07									135.07
* 591	Moran	66.50	5.00			4.00	6.70					82.20
* 594	Lott		63.70				6.20					69.90
595	Mt. Sylvan		5.00			12.00	7.50					24.50
* 597	Henderson		115.00		115.00	23.00						253.00
* 599	Waxahachie	96.38	33.75	33.75	33.75		12.60					210.23
602	Seadrift	3.00	6.00		3.00							12.00
* 604	Mertens	34.00					3.20					37.20
* 607	Creedmoor	81.25	81.25	81.25	116.25	43.00	33.20					436.20
610	Longview		10.00	25.00	53.00	16.00	29.20					133.20
* 611	Bellville	8.00	8.00		25.00	10.00						51.00
* 616	Bexar	193.00	52.87	58.00	8.00	28.00	22.20	5.00				367.07
* 617	Handley	388.00				43.00	37.50					468.50
* 618	Cuero		95.00				9.40					104.40
* 620	Pleiades	383.00	90.00	50.00		25.00	38.30					586.30
* 621	League City	5.00	200.00			22.00	19.90					246.90
* 624	Everman	287.00				71.00						358.00
* 626	Texas City	183.50		105.50		20.00	17.10	1.00				327.10
* 627	Jefferson	38.00	38.00	38.00			11.40					125.40
629	Mercedes											
* 630	Kilgore		15.00	25.00	258.00		27.90					325.90
* 631	Corrigan	55.40	72.60			18.00	12.60					158.60
* 634	Liberty	40.00	40.00	20.00	26.00		12.50					138.50

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* 636	Radiant	129.00	77.00		77.00	28.00	23.00					334.00
* 638	Warren	25.00	26.00	25.00	47.29							123.29
* 639	McLennan	259.00	15.42			38.00	25.60					338.02
* 640	Texline	67.00					6.70	2.00				75.70
* 641	Harlingen		257.00				25.70					282.70
* 642	Royse City		76.00			16.00						92.00
* 643	Bandera		151.00									151.00
* 644	Donna	10.00	65.00		11.00		8.50					94.50
* 648	Loyal	450.00	350.00			112.00	70.00					982.00
* 649	Anahuac	41.75	41.75	41.75	74.04		16.70					215.99
* 651	North Side	85.00		139.00	100.00	32.00	32.40					388.40
* 652	Brookshire	29.00	29.00	29.00	30.00	15.00						132.00
* 653	Dumas		167.00		15.00		11.00					193.00
* 655	Burkburnett		228.00			18.00	18.30	35.00				299.30
* 656	Alvarado				101.00		9.60			15.00		125.60
* 658	George West	40.00					4.00					44.00
659	Breckenridge			50.00		22.00						72.00
662	Clarksville				25.00	6.00	10.40					41.40
664	Army	11.00		31.00	4.00	51.00	21.70					118.70
* 665	Alamo	50.00	70.00	50.00	25.00		18.50	10.00				223.50
667	Canton		4.00									4.00
* 668	Graham 600%	43.25	43.25	947.25	48.25	1.00	17.30	5.00				1,105.30
* 669	Rothwell	205.00	125.00	85.00	100.00	43.00	35.00					593.00
* 672	Miles	17.00	38.00		21.08		21.00					102.18
673	Southside	113.86				26.00	35.80					175.66
674	Collinsville		10.00									10.00
* 675	Pine Hill	93.00		20.00			9.10					122.10
* 677	Port Neches	14.00	57.50	82.00	106.29	17.00	25.60					302.39
* 678	Woodsboro	10.00	70.00	20.00	73.00	24.00						197.00
681	Fort Worth	142.00			15.00	46.00						203.00
* 683	La Porte	50.00	146.00	49.50	50.00	22.00	25.70	12.00				355.20
684	North Fort Worth				100.00	14.00						114.00
685	Kemp					5.00						5.00
* 686	Austwell	71.00	5.00									76.00
* 687	Farmers Branch	314.35				42.00		6.00				362.35
* 691	South San Antonio	7.00	231.00		63.00	28.00	30.00					359.00
* 692	Edna	92.87	32.13	5.00			12.50					142.50
* 693	De Leon 300%	96.50	107.00	84.50	3.00		9.90					300.90
694	Rosebud		11.85		10.00		6.40					28.25
695	Quitman		4.00									4.00
* 696	Woodland 200%	25.00	10.00	315.00	343.00		32.60					725.60
* 697	Seagoville	266.17				10.00	22.90					299.07
* 700	New Boston	161.00				20.00	16.10					197.10
* 701	Rose Croix	119.00	25.00			7.00	10.00					161.00
* 702	Arlington Heights	64.90	310.70	4.40	76.00	19.00	45.60					520.60

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* 703	Plano	75.75	70.75	45.75	45.75		18.30	34.00				290.30
* 705	West Columbia	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	29.00	11.00					148.00
* 706	Magnolia	506.00	10.00	22.64								538.64
* 707	Southern Star		222.00									222.00
708	Whitesboro		25.00			18.00	10.00					53.00
* 710	Conroe	40.25	40.25	40.25	60.25	40.00						221.00
* 711	Pasadena	75.00	30.00		255.00	36.00	66.70					462.70
* 713	Faith	415.00		44.00	10.00	34.00	45.90					548.90
* 715	East Dallas	156.00	18.00			21.00	17.40					212.40
* 716	Galveston	92.00	65.00	21.00	100.00	25.00	27.20					330.20
717	Bluebonnet		18.00	153.00		17.00	57.00					282.30
718	Sulphur Springs	32.50	7.50		7.50							47.50
* 721	Spearman		112.00	57.20		20.00	10.90					200.10
* 722	Hearne	129.00	66.00		5.00							200.00
* 723	Livingston	187.00				15.00	16.00					218.00
* 724	Kountze	42.66	42.66	42.68	22.29		12.80	7.00				170.09
725	O'Donnell		127.50									127.50
* 726	San Juan	58.00	48.00	48.00	48.00		19.20					221.20
* 728	Bethlehem			413.00	461.00	17.00	49.00	5.00				945.00
* 730	Somerset				90.50		9.50					100.00
* 731	Park Place	112.50	210.00	100.00	492.50	87.00	80.30					1,082.30
732	La Feria						18.30					18.30
* 733	Albany	118.00				20.00	11.80					149.80
* 734	Alamo Heights	356.43	73.00	30.00	175.50		37.90	15.00		3.00		690.83
736	Arema	10.00	20.00		54.00	17.00	33.70					134.70
* 737	Hull	30.00	120.00				12.50					162.50
* 738	Woodbine	211.00			262.00	13.00	44.30					530.30
* 741	Andral Vann 600%	1,256.00				30.00	20.40					1,306.40
* 742	Littlefield			157.00			15.10					172.10
* 743	Tahoka		155.00		50.00		26.30					231.30
* 744	Grandfalls	18.33	18.34	18.33			5.60					60.60
* 747	Carthage	61.00	33.00		105.00		20.90					219.90
* 748	Raymondville	20.00	50.00	20.00	31.00	18.00						139.00
* 749	Wiergate	10.00	20.00	8.00	42.29	30.00		5.80				116.09
* 750	Harlandale		25.00	803.00	110.00	35.00	52.60					1,025.60
* 752	Big Lake 200%	105.00	30.00	25.00	51.00		9.90					220.90
* 755	Mount Auburn		18.00	400.00		21.00	39.20					478.20
* 756	Wedgwood			216.00	217.00		43.30					476.30
759	Rob Morris				40.00	23.00						63.00
760	Panhandle		10.00									10.00
* 761	Christoval	5.00			5.52	15.00						25.52
* 764	Fabens	55.00		40.00								95.00
* 769	Hillsboro	133.00					13.00					146.00
* 771	New Braunfels		209.00		20.00	23.00	22.90					274.90
* 772	Weslaco		131.00				13.10					144.10
* 744	A. C. Garrett	497.00				7.00						504.00

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* 777	Irving	238.28		400.00		26.00	56.40					720.68
778	Wrightsboro	5.00				49.00						54.00
* 782	Star 600%	1,512.00	204.00	600.00	204.00	47.00	41.00			12.00		2,620.00
* 783	Fort McKavett	38.00			25.00							63.00
* 785	Brownfield	15.00	30.00		131.00	15.00	16.40					207.40
786	Blackwell						3.80					3.80
* 787	Amarillo		374.00				37.40	25.00				436.40
788	Gordon											
* 790	Darrouzett			66.00	20.00		6.40					92.40
* 792	Muleshoe 200%		226.00					1.00				227.00
793	Tuscola		10.00									10.00
794	Flora	23.00		200.00	12.00	41.00	50.00					326.00
* 797	Levelland 200%	242.00	54.00	47.00	47.00	6.00	18.60	3.00				417.60
* 798	Goose Creek	375.00		120.00		33.00	39.40					567.40
* 799	Aurora		179.00				17.70					196.70
801	Stephenville			15.00	25.00	20.00						60.00
* 802	White Deer		76.00	10.00	15.00			6.00				107.00
* 803	Capitol	61.83	51.83	103.67	103.67							321.00
* 806	Sudan		68.00				6.10					74.10
810	Groesbeck		7.71		5.00							12.71
811	Borger	10.00		157.10	15.00							182.10
812	Waskom	4.00	5.00		5.00							14.00
813	Fiatonia	14.00	7.00									21.00
814	Dodson						3.90					3.90
* 815	Rio Hondo		90.00				8.80	90.00				188.80
* 816	Crane		162.00			17.00	31.40					210.40
* 817	Prospect Hill	24.25	24.25	105.00	81.50	35.00	23.50					293.50
* 819	Dimmitt		95.00									95.00
* 820	Crescent	420.40					35.00					455.40
* 821	Mabank		129.30		15.00	2.00						146.30
822	Barstow						5.10					5.10
* 823	Wisteria	402.50			119.93		38.50				5.00	565.93
* 824	Delta		24.00	35.00	167.00		20.40					246.40
* 825	E. C. Canon	125.00	15.42			27.00						167.42
* 826	Concho	15.00	15.00	110.00	99.00		23.90					262.90
* 828	Grandview	59.00					5.90					64.90
* 829	Seagraves		72.00				7.00					79.00
* 830	Overton	48.50	48.50	48.50	48.50	16.00						210.00
* 831	Gladewater			74.00	65.00		13.30					152.30
* 832	Iraan	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00		6.80					74.80
* 833	Queen Esther	71.25	81.25	61.25	61.25	12.00	24.50					311.50
834	Riverside	18.00				20.00	55.60					93.60
* 835	South Hills	360.00	5.00	15.50		40.00	29.60					450.10
836	Granger		11.15									11.15
* 837	Ocotillo	172.00	52.00		50.00	15.00	25.00					314.00

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* 838	Tomball	89.00	68.00	50.00	50.00	16.00	20.40	8.00				301.40
840	Van	29.00										29.00
* 841	Morton		85.40	17.60								103.00
842	Centennial		70.67			31.00	15.70					117.37
* 843	Rio Grande City	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	14.00	7.00					91.00
844	Arp											
* 845	Kermit			408.00		15.00						423.00
846	Talco		61.00				6.20					67.20
847	Olton											
848	Freer		5.00			10.00	10.00					25.00
* 849	Andrews		130.00				12.80					142.80
850	Iredell						5.90					5.90
851	Holliday		10.00				11.30					21.30
* 852	Bonham	98.00		20.00		15.00	11.80					144.80
853	Lone Oak	5.00										5.00
* 854	Goldsmith		5.00		106.00		10.10					121.10
* 855	Seminole		48.00	48.00								144.00
* 856	Bluebell	130.45	107.00	88.00	98.00	35.00		6.00				464.45
* 857	Celina	10.00	40.00		7.00	24.00						81.00
* 858	Rockwall	85.27	50.75	50.75	50.75	8.00						245.52
* 859	Edcouch			28.00	28.00							56.00
* 860	Dripping Springs	17.50	17.50	17.50	45.50	2.00						100.00
861	Groom						5.21					5.21
* 862	Plains 500%	100.00		400.00								500.00
* 863	Denver City	31.00	34.00	31.00	31.00							127.00
864	Lindale	55.93	5.00				12.20					73.13
* 865	Big Sandy		55.00				6.30					61.30
866	Kaufman	13.38										13.38
867	Anson	5.00	5.00		5.00	34.00						49.00
* 868	Oso	20.00	190.00	205.00	100.00	25.00	38.00	6.00				584.00
* 869	Sunray		59.50		53.50		10.70					123.70
870	Earth		15.00									15.00
* 871	Lometa 600%	300.00	3.00		10.00	2.00	4.80					319.80
* 872	Electa	79.00			85.00	26.00						190.00
* 873	Sweeney	43.00	38.00	48.00	48.00	39.00	14.90					230.90
874	Mathis	24.00	10.00	21.00		12.00	5.50					72.50
* 875	Love Field	386.00	30.00	15.00	15.00	28.00	33.60					507.60
876	Mansfield	18.00				32.00	12.90					112.90
* 877	Abernathy				128.00	20.00				50.00		148.00
* 878	Quitaque		50.00				4.80					54.80
* 879	Maud		202.00			15.00						217.00
* 880	Ropesville		64.00									64.00
881	John L. DeGrazier	4.00	7.00	48.00	22.00	30.00	15.90					126.90
* 882	Imperial	29.00	3.00		6.00		3.90					41.90
* 883	Martha		67.00	67.00		17.00		1.00				152.00
* 884	Galena Park	62.00	62.00	62.00	62.00		24.80					272.80
885	Cooper	10.00	5.00		10.00							25.00

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* 887	Mesquite	98.08	62.00	62.00	62.00	31.00						315.08
888	Vienna Buckner		18.00			34.00	31.70					83.70
* 889	Broaddus		95.00				9.50					104.50
* 890	Idalou	144.00										144.00
* 891	Crosbyton		102.00		25.00	28.00	10.20					165.20
892	Haskell					10.00						10.00
* 894	DeKalb	25.50	25.50	25.50	25.50	16.00	10.10					128.10
895	Ector		30.00									30.00
* 897	Boyd		111.00			37.00						148.00
* 898	Freedom		111.50		86.50	23.00	17.30					238.30
899	Azle		15.00		25.00	22.00	18.20					80.20
* 900	Silverton	33.00	50.00									83.00
* 901	Honey Grove		149.50			20.00	11.50					181.00
902	Brownsboro					7.00						7.00
903	Joaquin		10.00									10.00
904	Edgewood		4.00			11.00						15.00
* 905	Graford	62.00				55.00	6.20					123.20
* 906	Daingerfield		52.00	52.00			10.10					114.10
907	Naples		7.00	6.00	7.00							20.00
908	Hawkins	9.00			10.00							19.00
* 909	Goldthwaite	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00							76.00
* 910	Dublin	36.50	36.50			10.00						83.00
* 911	Schertz 200%		262.27	400.00		38.00	26.20			20.00		746.47
* 912	Bethany		3.00	243.00	5.00		24.30					275.30
* 913	Poteet	55.00										55.00
914	Vidor				37.29							37.29
* 915	South Houston	95.00	95.00	210.00	95.00	71.00	37.60					603.60
917	Archer											
918	Blanket	5.00										5.00
* 919	Tilden		44.00									44.00
* 920	Melrose		157.00	172.00	222.00	22.00	47.10	18.00				638.10
* 921	Richardson	215.55		76.00	20.00	19.00	27.80	20.00				378.35
* 922	Godley	4.00	65.00				6.90					75.90
* 923	Venus				53.00	9.00	5.30					67.30
* 924	Montalba				51.00	9.00	5.10					65.10
926	Sundown					16.00						16.00
927	Rosewyn				100.00		29.30					129.30
* 929	Walter Baldwin	130.50	15.42	116.50		33.00	21.90					317.32
* 930	Whitney	15.00	138.00			15.00	14.80					182.80
931	Blum		25.00									25.00
932	Zephyr		5.00				4.70					9.70
* 933	West University	162.00		25.00	50.00	32.00	23.70					292.70
934	Blanco			5.00			6.50					11.50
* 935	Lewisville		194.00			27.00	20.30	3.00				244.30
936	Anton											
* 937	Wink		78.00		35.00	20.00	9.00	7.00				149.00
* 938	Huntington	117.00				15.00	12.50					144.50

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990	Friona		32.00									32.00
* 991	Ysleta 200%	124.50	145.00	516.50	37.50	42.00	30.30					895.80
* 992	Fort Hancock		5.00		78.16	8.00		5.00				96.16
993	Munday			242.00								242.00
* 994	Camellia			19.50	19.50							78.00
* 995	Hallsville	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50							78.00
* 996	Lexington 200%	80.00	13.00	13.00	10.00							116.00
* 997	Omaha		73.00			13.00	7.30					93.30
* 998	Logos	68.00	25.00	8.00	66.00	4.00	10.00					181.00
* 999	Ridglea	125.00	115.00		10.00	37.00	22.50					309.50
*1000	Hillcrest	270.50		20.00	5.00	34.00	25.50					355.00
*1001	Petersburg		59.00		59.00							118.00
1002	Centerville	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00		8.10					28.10
*1003	Shepherd 200%		258.00			29.00						287.00
*1004	Cotulla		102.00									102.00
1005	Gatesville				50.00							50.00
*1006	Lucinda Conner	304.00	118.00			17.00						439.00
1007	Covington		10.00				7.70					17.70
*1008	Friendship		169.50	174.50	20.00	29.00	32.90					425.90
*1009	Lake Jackson 200%	220.00		69.50	69.50	30.00	13.80	18.50				421.30
*1010	Norman Read		187.00				18.30					205.30
*1011	Clute City			132.00		20.00						152.00
*1012	Malakoff	29.50	49.00	24.50		9.00	9.90					121.90
*1013	River Oaks	21.50	34.50	58.50	34.00							148.50
*1014	Duncanville	30.39	124.50		104.50	23.00						282.39
*1015	Frank W. Lynn	50.00	54.00	60.00	50.00	26.00	40.70					280.70
*1016	Starlight				192.00							192.00
*1017	Willis 300%	65.00	60.00	117.00	20.00	23.00		8.00				293.00
1018	Mamie D. Crane			15.00		15.00	11.30					41.30
*1019	Laura B. Hart	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	21.00	14.40					167.40
*1020	Coolidge		2.89		38.00							40.89
*1021	Bellaire	15.00	40.00		261.00		26.50					342.50
1022	Bryson											
1023	Waelder	2.50	2.50	10.00			6.90					21.90
*1024	Dickinson	65.20	10.00	50.00	21.80	47.00	9.20					203.20
1025	Pilot Point	5.00	5.00		5.00		5.80					20.80
*1026	College Station	17.00	3.00	117.00			11.30					148.30
1027	Sanger				10.00							10.00
*1028	Castleberry	221.00				34.00	19.60					274.60
*1029	Highland Park		85.00		30.00	8.00	34.00					257.00
*1030	Village		117.00				9.40					126.40
*1031	Hooks		36.00	27.00	23.00	16.00	11.70	90.00				203.70
*1032	Clara Mills	49.00				14.00						63.00
*1033	Ore City	57.00	72.00									129.00
*1034	Mt. Houston	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00			54.00				230.00
*1035	Groveton		76.00									76.00

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*1036	Loyalty	25.00	25.00	25.00	30.00	2.00	10.50					117.50
1037	Ingleside					29.00						29.00
*1038	Bridge City	22.00	22.00	22.00	87.29	18.00	13.50	18.75				203.54
*1039	Vickery	55.00		87.00		34.00	14.30					190.30
*1040	Richland Hills	234.00				37.00	45.10					316.10
*1041	Fairbanks		49.00	49.00	50.00	13.00	14.80					175.80
1042	Millsap		5.00			12.00						17.00
1043	Cumby											
*1044	Independence 300%		261.00	251.00	261.00	81.00	25.10					879.10
*1045	Deport 900%		56.00		465.00							521.00
*1046	Dawson	5.00			80.00		7.80					92.80
1047	Waller		12.50			8.00	8.20					28.70
*1048	Bronte	48.92	5.00		4.08		5.20					63.20
*1050	Norma D. Allen				95.00		9.60					104.60
*1051	Dalhart		117.00			13.00						130.00
*1052	Tascosa	93.00	95.00		13.00		13.20					214.20
1053	White Settlement	20.00	20.00		13.00	23.00	16.10					92.10
*1054	Lakeside	26.00			141.29		9.60				10.00	186.89
*1056	South Park	198.00		20.00	22.29		20.90					261.19
1057	Dell City					16.00	3.70					19.70
*1058	North Shore	141.50	141.50			14.00	28.30					325.30
*1059	Adobe Walls 200%		133.00	172.50	20.00		13.80					339.30
1060	Greenwood				5.00							5.00
*1062	Eustace 200%	49.00	49.00	22.00	49.00		8.10					177.10
*1063	Deer Park	41.25	41.25	41.25	41.25	10.00	16.50					191.50
*1064	Top O' Texas	10.00			99.00		18.00					136.80
*1065	Pearland	52.45	37.25	37.25	37.25	29.00	16.00	28.00				237.20
*1066	Skellytown	51.00		10.00								61.00
1067	Italy	5.67										5.67
*1068	Colmesneil	12.00	90.00		5.00	18.00	8.20					133.20
*1070	Copperas Cove			156.00		7.00	13.60	5.00				181.60
*1072	Cora Posey		181.00		47.00	25.00	19.80					272.80
*1074	Floyd W. Easterling 200%	38.00	48.00	62.00	187.00	25.00	14.80					374.80
*1075	Highland Hills			147.00	74.45		14.70					236.15
*1076	Winnie-Stowell	112.00			22.29	31.00	8.90					174.19
*1077	Eastwood	137.00				14.00	12.60					163.60
1078	Channing											
*1079	Nederland			272.50	34.79		26.30			10.00		343.59
*1080	Oak Forest 200%			405.00		25.00	15.70					445.70
*1081	Alameda				118.00	38.00	11.80					167.80
*1082	University	67.50			17.50							85.00
*1083	Lone Star	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	12.00						92.00
*1084	Bogata		54.00			5.00	5.40					64.40
*1085	Hitchcock	69.00	10.00			17.00	6.90					102.90
*1086	Roy Stanley		93.00		13.00	19.00	9.30					134.30
*1087	Thunderbird	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	34.00	11.00					145.00

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	P.M. & P.P. Assn. Dist. 4 Sec. 3		10.00									10.00
	P.M. & P.P. Assn. Houston	10.00	10.00									20.00
	P.M. & P.P. Club Port Arthur			15.00								15.00
	P.M. & P.P. Club League City	5.00										5.00
	Conros Assy. ORG #73		10.00									10.00
	Elsie Paladino			25.00								25.00
	Bessie Bean			5.00								5.00
	Statesmans of San Antonio			89.65								89.65
	Anonymous	500.00										500.00
	Anonymous	100.00										100.00
	Memo for L.B. Connell from Hat											
	Check-San Antonio School	50.00										50.00
	Sharpe Notes Club San Antonio		2.00									2.00
	Floor Officers-Memo for Father of AGM Joyce Roberts	10.00										10.00
	Doris Darling, San Antonio				5.00							5.00
	Memo's for Mothers of O.D. & Frances Christian from Board of Grand Trustees and FROM Five Dist Deputies	10.00										10.00
	Memo for husband Silas Voorhies	25.00										25.00
	From Lemma Voorhies			88.80								88.80
	Anna K. Schelper	200.00										200.00
	ESTARL Church Service			1,002.50								1,002.50
	Grand Assembly of Texas											
	Order of Rainbow for Girls	500.00										500.00
	Tree of Hope	252.20										252.20
	North Jewelers	225.00										225.00
	Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Muecke		50.00									50.00
	P.M. & P.P. Club Dist. 1 Sec. 5	18.00	7.50		500.00							525.50
	P.M. & P.P. Club Dist. 1 Sec. 8		151.10		5.00							156.10
	P.M. & P.P. Club Dist. 1 Sec. 10	150.00										150.00
	Assoc. Cond. Club Dist. 1 Sec. 5	10.00										10.00
	Dallas Treas. Club	10.00										10.00
	P.M. & P.P. Plano	5.00										5.00
	P.M. & P.P. Gate City			5.00								5.00
	District No. 1								1,811.10			1,811.10
	District No. 2								1,451.25			1,451.25
	District No. 3								1,005.50			1,005.50
	District No. 4								3,631.75			3,631.75
	District No. 5								1,640.50			1,640.50
	Office Sales								87.00			87.00
	Offering at Bicentennial Service								539.49			539.49
	Donations from Individuals						1,622.81					1,622.81
	Total sale of Pins and Tickets						1,397.50					1,397.50
	Founder's Day Fair						4,425.16					4,425.16
		\$24,434.59	\$34,595.02	\$28,411.50	\$22,676.59	\$9,427.74	\$16,009.63	\$2,273.50	\$10,166.59	\$277.00	\$46.00	\$166,318.16

REPORT OF FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

The following is a brief review of all Proceedings received. They represent 53 Grand Chapter Sessions, which includes both the 1974 and 1975 Sessions for Rhode Island.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mattie Henry
 Fraternal Correspondent

ALABAMA

75th "SPACE AND SATELLITE" Session October 19-22, 1975
 Huntsville, Alabama

MRS. MYRTIS WALLER, W. G. M. MR. JAMES LUCAS, W. G. P.

Chapters: 296 Membership: 31,476 Net Loss: 116

14 ESTARL awards totaling \$3,800.00, and \$1,300.00 for ESTARL II Subordinate Chapter work is exemplified by Grand Officers.

They have an Exchange Night with Georgia.

The 76th Annual Session will be held in Birmingham, Alabama, October 18-20, 1976.

MRS. RUTH ALLISON, W. G. M. MR. HORACE O. BURDETTE, W. G. P.

ALBERTA

64th "THE CANDLELIGHT" Session June 3, 4, 5, 1975
 Lethbridge, Alberta

MRS. IRMA FENTON, W. G. M. MR. C. RAY BARKER, W. G. P.

Chapters: 98 Membership: 8,710 Net Loss 47

Donations to their Home Fund totaled \$11,587.65 and to the Heart Fund \$2,070.01.

The Grand Sentinel is an elected officer.

The 65th Annual Session will be held in Calgary, Alberta, June 1-3, 1976.

MRS. IRENE HENDRICKSON, W. G. M. MR. H. E. RAY ROBERTS, W. G. P.

ARIZONA

75th "DIAMOND" Session March 20-22, 1975
 Tucson, Arizona

MRS. DORIS T. SMITH, W. G. M. MR. G. KENNETH REIBLICK, W. G. P.

Chapters: 61

Membership: 12,406

Net Gain: 95

Arizona grants a Waiver of Jurisdiction only to adjoining states.

They have an Exchange Night with New Mexico. The Worthy Grand Matron traveled over 47,000 miles by car and plane. District Instructors work under the Grand Lecturer. The O. E. S. Retirement Home opened in 1974.

The 76th Annual Session "Bells of Freedom" will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, March 25-27, 1976.

MRS. BETTY HARKLEROAD, W. G. M.

MR. ARTHUR DANIELS, W. G. P.

ARKANSAS

100th "OUR HERITAGE BENEATH THE SHADOW OF HIS STAR" Session
Little Rock, Arkansas December 3, 4, 5, 1975

MRS. IDA GLASS, W. G. M.

MR. THURMAN F. WILLIAMS, W. G. P.

Chapters: 214

Membership 24,695

Net Gain: 38

This is the home of the M. W. G. P., William E. Goerge, and the only Grand Chapter which meets in December.

ESTARL: \$8,650.00 for 28 Scholarships. 9 Educational Loans
Collected \$3,425.92 for Cancer Research.

The 101st Session to be held in Little Rock, Arkansas, December 1-3, 1976.

MRS. WILMA SPRINGS, W. G. M.

MR. O. W. "BILL" DIEDERICH, W. G. P.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON

64th "ODE TO JOY" Session

May 26-28, 1975

Kamloops, B. C.

MRS. MILDRED HILL-TOUT, W. G. M.

MR. JAMES J. BROWN, W. G. P.

Chapters: 90

Membership: 11,444

Net Loss: 47

ESTARL: 9 Awards totaling \$4,950.00
Educational Scholarships: 9 totaling \$3,550.00
Received a Bequest for \$15,000.00 for the Cancer Project.

Signs and Passes are demonstrated by W. G. M. elect, A. G. M. elect and Grand Lecturer. The Grand Sentinel is an elected officer.

The 65th Session will be held May 25,-27, 1976.

MRS. DONNA M. GALPIN, W. G. M.

MR. WILLIAM R. THOMAS, W. G. P.

CALIFORNIA

102nd "LET THERE BE LIGHT" Session October 19-23, 1975
Sacramento, California

MRS. ELEANOR M. MARSH, W. G. M. MR. W. GORDON GILBERT, W. G. P.

Chapters: 535 Membership: 136,262 Net Loss: 1,783

ESTARL: 30 Awards totaling \$8,200.00
Educational Scholarships: 129 totaling \$48,700.00
The Benevolent Fund gave assistance in the amount of \$21,202.00.
5 Chapters celebrated their 100th anniversary.
They maintain a Cancer Fund for aid to patients and families in need of financial assistance.

103rd Session to be held in Anaheim, California, October 25-28, 1976.

MRS. DONNA M. SMITH, W. G. M. MR. STANLEY M. LOVE, W. G. P.

COLORADO

83rd "GARDEN OF SUNSHINE" Session September 17-20, 1975
Denver, Colorado

MRS. DOROTHY J. SELDERS, W. G. M. MR. STEWART R. COUPER, W. G. P.

Chapters: 134 Membership: 31,131 Net Loss: 412

ESTARL: \$5,500.00
Exchange Nights with Wyoming and New Mexico
161 members flew to Hawaii for 7 days, 6 nights, for benefit of Add-A-Wing Project and made \$3,686.52. Total collected for the Project, \$56,119.23.

The 84th Annual Session will be held in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

MRS. BERNEICE E. NICKSON, W. G. M. MR. J. HAROLD BROWN, W. G. P.

CONNECTICUT

101st "THE MILESTONE OF TRUTH" Session April 24-26, 1975
Hartford, Connecticut

MRS. SHIRLEY W. THOMAS, W. G. M. MR. ROBERT E. SEABURG, W. G. P.

Chapters: 91 Membership: 19,737 Net Loss: 387

ESTARL: 18 Awards from \$200 to \$500 each and Medical Technician Awards, 2 at \$200.00 each.

The Worthy Grand Matron had a special project -- "To Build a Greenhouse".
Exchange Night with Massachusetts.
Centennial costumes were worn at the Session.

The 102nd Annual Session will be held in April 1976.

MRS. MARIAN M. ANDERSON, W. G. M. MR. GEORGE E. LARSSON, W. G. P.

DELAWARE

54th "JOY IN THE HEART" Session

May 12, 13, 1975

MRS. PHYLLIS A. HOWELL, W. G. M.

MR. HARRY A. MOORE, W. G. P.

Chapters: 20

Membership: 3,569

Net Loss: 12

ESTARL: 7 Awards totaling \$4,100.00

Other Projects: Cancer, Handicapped Children, Arts and Crafts for Masonic Home, V. A. Hobby Cart.

A summer benefit for crippled children netted \$13,767.77.

All Chapters are 100% in International Temple.

Chapters recess during July and August.

The 55th Annual Session will be held in Hotel DuPont on May 10, 11, 1976.

MRS. VADA L. LOCKERMAN, W. G. M.

MR. HOWARD C. HALL, W. G. P.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

79th "THE GENIES AND ALADDINS" Session

May 8-10, 1975

Washington, D. C.

MRS. JEANNE A. CRAFT, W. G. M.

MR. DONALD S. WOODBURN, W. G. P.

Chapters: 26

Membership: 7,369

Net Loss: 283

So vividly was the backdrop described, you could all but see the Genie rising from the Lamp.

The Worthy Grand Matron personally presented the 50 year Pins, even for those confined to their homes or nursing homes.

ESTARL: \$2,500.00 in Awards. Cancer Research: \$1,798.10.

The Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project — Infirmary of Masonic and O.E.S. Home — brought in \$10,825.00.

The 80th Annual Session will be held in Washington, D. C. May 6-8, 1976.

MRS. ARCHINA A. SMITH, W. G. M.

MR. HERMAN A. SIGMAN, W. G. P.

FLORIDA

70th "PALACE GARDEN" Session

April 8, 9, 10, 1975

Tampa, Florida

MRS. VAL LEDBETTER, W. G. M.

MR. DAVID T. WOODRUFF, W. G. P.

Chapters: 259

Membershsip: 46,777

Net Gain: 208

ESTARL: 27 Awards for a total of \$20,217.47.

Cancer Research: \$12,118.62

The Line Officers visit Chapters — the Worthy Grand Matron had 130, and the Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress had 43 each. Chapters have 4 votes each at Grand Chapter 917 Cards were issued for Proficiency Tests.

The 71st Session will be held in Tampa, Florida, April 6, 7, 8, 1976.

MRS. NORMA COPE, W. G. M.

MR. CARL R. BOWEN, W. G. P.

GEORGIA

74th "KEYS TO THE TREASURE OF LIFE" Session June 16, 17, 18, 1975
Macon, Georgia

MRS. VIRGINIA HUTCHINSON,
W.G.M.

MR. WILLIAM J. McLAUGHLIN,
W.G.P.

Chapters: 278

Membership: 32,609

Net Gain: 209

Project: O. E. S. Home Maintenance and Operating Fund.

They had an Exchange Night with Alabama.

13 Benevolent Awards were made — one family who had been assisted in the past gave \$884.08.

ESTARL: 22 Awards for a total of \$9,800.00.

The 75th Annual Session will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, June 7-9, 1976.

MRS. AGNES N. RAY, W. G. M.

MR. DAVID J. ROBERTS, W. G. P.

IDAHO

73rd "THE GOLDEN HARVEST" Session June 9, 10, 11, 1975
Boise, Idaho

MRS. GERTRUDE I. WEBER, W.G.M.

MR. REX R. BENSON, W.G.P.

Chapters: 78

Membership: 11,426

Net Loss 131

ESTARL: \$11,614.46

Home Fund: 2,233.47

Theme: Golden Deeds — A good deed is never lost.

The 74th Session will be held June 7, 8, 9, 10, 1976 in Lewiston, Idaho.

MRS. DARLENE SCHIERS, W.G.M.

MR. GEORGE W. CLARK, W.G.P.

ILLINOIS

101st "THE WELL OF KINDNESS" Session October 7, 8, 1975
Chicago, Illinois

MRS. KATHRYN GORECKI, W.G.M.

MR. HAROLD F. STANFIELD, W.G.P.

Chapters: 594

Membership: 106,852

Net Loss 3,531

ESTARL: 153 Scholarships totaling \$43,000.00.

\$1,500.00 presented to Illinois Medical Center.

Donated \$8,663.96 to the American Cancer Society.

A Membership Committee offered \$50.00 U. S. Bond to the Chapter with the greatest percentage of increase.

138 cards were issued by the Grand Lecturer following proficiency examinations.

The 102nd Annual Session will be held in Chicago, Illinois October 5 and 6, 1976.

MRS. DAWN E. WALSH, W.G.M.

MR. FRANCIS W. PRIEST, W.G.P.

INDIANA

No Proceedings received.

IOWA

98th "FOREST OF COMMUNICATION" Session
Davenport, Iowa

October 28-30, 1975

MRS. DOROTHY MESSINGER, W.G.M.

MR. F. GILBERT MOTE, W.G.P.

Chapters: 390

Membership: 60,239

Net Loss: 1,669

ESTARL: 41 Awards at \$500.00 each (In 22 years they have awarded 583 awards totaling \$245,000).

\$2,633.12 was given to University of Iowa for Cancer Research and Education.

They used a cassette recording tape with volunteer help to replace a Court Reporter for the Session, which was less expensive.

The 99th Annual Session will be in Waterloo, Iowa, Oct. 26, 27 and 28, 1976.

MRS. LUCILLE GREMMELS, W.G.M.

MR. JOHN E. THOMPSON, W.G.P.

KANSAS

No Proceedings received.

KENTUCKY

73rd "OUR ROB MORRIS HERITAGE" Session
Louisville, Kentucky

October 12-15, 1975

MRS. HELEN B. RUTLEDGE, W.G.M.

MR. OSCAR R. WREN, W.G.P.

Chapters: 279

Membership: 44,362

Net Increase: 317

ESTARL: Received \$18,670.30, made 76 Awards.

This Grand Chapter is 100% in International Temple and requires each member initiated to pay \$1.00 in addition to the regular initiation fee for International Temple.

Special Project was the purchase of land adjacent to Rob Morris Shrine. The money was collected and My Old Kentucky Home Chapter contributed \$1,000.00 toward its purchase.

The 74th Session to be in Louisville, Kentucky, October 24-27, 1976.

MRS. ERMALINE FORD, W.G.M.

MR. OMAR MARSHALL, W.G.P.

LOUISIANA

76th "THE TRIANGLE OF LIFE" Session

March 24, 25, 26, 1975

Monroe, Louisiana

MRS. WILLIE MAE PAINICK, W.G.M.

MR. THOMAS A. MORGAN, W.G.P.

Chapters: 198

Membership: 26,938

Net Loss: 77

ESTARL: \$9,929.67

ESTARL PHASE II: \$800.41

Cancer Research: \$6,987.51

Masonic Home: \$114.04

Divided into 3 Sections with a Grand Supervisor over each Sestion — a Section has 10 Chapters. The Grand Supervisors are the Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress.

Special Project of the W.G.M. was updating the office equipment for the Grand Secretary and assisting the Grand Master in his project of air conditioning Masonic Childrens Home. A check was presented to him for \$3,000.00.

The 77th Annual Session will be in New Orleans on March 22, 23 and 24, 1976.

MRS. RUTH P. KEEN, W.G.M.

MR. CHARLES A. ABBOTT, W.G.P.

MAINE

83rd "CROWN OF LIFE" Session

May 19, 20, 21, 1975

Orono, Maine

MRS. FRANCIS R. WAKEFIELD, W.G.M.

MR. FULTON B. WEED, W.G.P.

Chapters: 166

Membership: 29,473

Net Loss: 637

ESTARL: 12 Estarl Scholarships totaling \$9,420.38.

Collected \$1,697.00 for Estarl Phase II from sale of sheet music.

The 84th Annual Session will be in Augusta, Maine, on May 18, 19, 20, 1976.

MRS. FRANCES M. SMITH, W.G.M.

MR. WESLEY G. WOODMAN, W.G.P.

MANITOBA

53rd "ROAD OF LIFE" Session

May 26, 27, 28, 1975

Winnepeg, Manitoba

MRS. AMY PEREPELUK, W.G.M.

MR. BEN SWENSEN, W.G.P.

Chapters: 55

Membership: 5,313

Net Loss: 58

The Worthy Grand Matron's No. 1 Project was the Eastern Star Chalet, a complex of 100 units, suites for senior citizens. A total of \$9,600.00 was collected for the project.

Cancer Research: \$4,500.00 collected

ESTARL: 7 Awards for a total of \$1,400.00

Educational Scholarships: One each for the three Universities in Manitoba.

The 54th Annual Session to be in Winnepeg, Manitoba, May 31, June 1, 2, 1976.

MRS. EDITH M. SHACKELL, W.G.M.

MR. ROSS C. OATWAY, W.G.P.

MARYLAND

77th "THE STARS OF MARYLAND" Session
Baltimore, Maryland

April 28, 29, 30, 1975

MRS. HILDA E. BUCK, W.G.M.

MR. HAROLD L. BOWERS, W.G.P.

Chapters: 107

Membership: 24,584

Net Loss: 100

The Worthy Grand Matron visited all 107 of her Chapters.

ESTARL: 11 Awards totaling \$4,048.00

Cancer Research: \$16,000.00 raised through special trips.

The 78th Annual Session to be held in Baltimore, Maryland, April 25, 26, 27 and 28, 1976.

MRS. RITA B. CLAUS, W.G.M.

MR. ANDREW J. LARKINS, W.G.P.

MASSACHUSETTS

99th "HAND OF FRIENDSHIP" Session

May 8, 9, 10, 1975

MRS. ROSELLA G. CASWELL, W.G.M.

REV. DONALD H. FREEMAN, W.G.P.
(Deceased Sept. 7, 1974)

Motto: "Build Today for a Brighter Tomorrow"

Chapters: 189

Membership: 41,616

Net Loss: 950

The Grand Chapter was saddened on September 7, 1974, by the death of its Worthy Grand Patron, and on the day before Grand Chapter, the death of his wife who was Grand Chaplain. She was a victim of cancer but had prepared her Report to be given at Grand Chapter.

The Cressant Cup is awarded each year to the Chapter with highest percentage gain in new members per capita. The winner initiated 19 with a percentage gain of .14%. The Flora Star Membership Award is presented to the Chapter attaining the highest average attendance of its own members, percentage-wise. The Chapter receiving the Award had 50%.

The 100th Annual Session to be in Springfield, Mass. May 13, 14, 15, 1976.

MRS. PHYLLIS L. RISCH, W.G.M.

MR. ARNOLD B. SHAW, W.G.P.

MICHIGAN

109th "SYMBOLS OF SERVICE" Session October 14, 15, 16, 1975
 Grand Rapids, Michigan

MRS. MARJORIE BARTON, W.G.M. MR. ROBERT H. HAYES, W.G.P.

Chapters: 448 Membership: 90,806 Net Loss: 2,155

ESTARL: \$5,068.60 Every Member Project: \$39,357.12 Cancer: \$1,538.36

The oldest Grand Chapter in the world, it is the home of D. Laverne Courtney, M.W.G.P. of the General Grand Chapter, 1973-1976.

422 Chapters were represented, each having 3 votes, with total registration for the Session at 3,869.

110th Session, at Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 13, 14, 15, 1976.

MRS. BEATRICE M. DOLE, W.G.M. MR. CLARENCE JOHNSON, W.G.P.

MINNESOTA

97th "NATURE'S WONDERLAND" Session May 5, 6, 7, 1975
 Duluth, Minnesota

MRS. LUCENE ENOS, W.G.M. MR. JAMES L. TOMLINSON, W.G.P.

Chapters: 238 Membership: 40,771 Net Loss: 1,015

ESTARL: 48 Awards totaling \$21,350.00 (one Chapter gave \$2500.00)
 ESTARL II: \$1,500.00 from sale of Chapel Charms.

Supports Masonic Home which has 297 guests (214 women and 83 men)
 It was voted to give Past Matrons and Past Patrons a vote in Grand chapter.

The 98th Session to be in Minneapolis, May 12, 13, 14, 1976.

MRS. HARRIET K. SKINNER, W.G.M. MR. DEAN BORCHARDT, W.G.P.

MISSISSIPPI

69th "THE HAPPINESS" Session April 14, 15, 16, 1975
 Jackson, Mississippi

MRS. MARIE DUNN, W.G.M. MR. HOMER SEBRIEN, W.G.P.

Chapters: 228 Membership: 23,953 Net Gain: 150

The Rob Morris "Little Red Schoolhouse" is now a Shrine and has a Superintendent's Home. \$39,820.80 was collected for the Fund. It contains items of historic interest and value. They have secured benches from an old Methodist Church at Richland which was built during the same period, also a Glass Display Case of the same period.

ESTARL: Received \$16,555.60 and made awards totaling \$17,500.00.

Relief Fund: \$6,555.60 and Cancer Research and Education Fund reached \$3,761.23.

The 70th Annual Session will be in Jackson, Mississippi, April 12, 13, 14, 1976.
 MRS. GLADYS SHOWS, W.G.M. DR. E. F. SIMMONS, W.G.P.

MISSOURI

101st "CHALLENGE OF OUR YEAR" Session October 20, 21, 22, 1975
 Kansas City, Missouri

MRS. VIOLA LOWRY, W.G.M. MR. WILBERT BEAUCHAMP, W.G.P.

Chapters: 490 Membership: 75,707 Net Loss: 1,060

ESTARL: 24 Full Term Scholarships at \$300.00 each were given.
 A Pageant depicting 100 years — 1875-1975 was presented by periods of 20 to 30 years, which sounded great.

One member was recognized for giving over 2,000 hours of service as a Masonic Home volunteer.

The 102nd Annual Session to convene in St. Louis, Missouri, October 11, 12, 13, 1976.

MRS. LORRAINE WHITAKER, W.G.M. MR. OSCAR H. SCHMELIG, W.G.P.

MONTANA

86th "AMERICA YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL" Session June 19, 20, 21, 1975
 Billings, Montana

MRS. MARJORIE JOHNSON, W.G.M. MR. PETER A. CAPP, W.G.P.

Chapters: 114 Membership: 20,377 Net Loss: 436

Watchword: "Today, not Tomorrow"
 ESTARL: 13 — \$500.00 Scholarships were awarded
 \$2,000.00 was contributed to Department of Christian Thought, at Rocky Mountain College.

O.E.S. members who reside in the Masonic Home are supported.

The 87th Session to be in Great Falls, Montana, June 17, 18, 19, 1976.

MRS. EDNA SNYDER, W.G.M. MR. HENRY DOTY, W.G.P.

NEBRASKA

100th "HARVEST OF MEMORIES" Session May 13, 14, 15, 1975
 Lincoln, Nebraska

MRS. AGNES BOWMAN, W.G.M. MR. WILLIAM BECKENHAUER, W.G.P.

Chapters: 232 Membership: 37,265 Net Loss: 763

Husbands and wives of Grand Officers were called "Grand Homesteaders."
 The Worthy Grand Patron countersigns all checks.

ESTARL: 51 Awards

Scholastic awards presented to children of Masonic-O.E.S. Home for Children, Fremont, Nebraska. Also, Citizenship Awards presented to Sr. High, Jr. High and Grade Schools.

The 101st "Sound of Music" Session to be in Lincoln, Nebraska, May 11, 12, 13, 1976.

MRS. BEVERLY PERKINS, W.G.M.

MR. DONALD L. COAD, W.G.P.

NEVADA

70th "GALAXY OF STARS" Session
 Sparks, Nevada

October 2, 3, 4, 1975

MRS. NANCY R. OLDHAM, W.G.M.

MR. HUGHES B. HANCHETT, W.G.P.

Chapters: 29

Membership: 5,630

Net Loss: 41

Grand Officers were called "Constellations."

The Session was dedicated to the Worthy Grand Matron's mother, a 57 year member of Onowa Chapter No. 130, Millinocket, Maine.

ESTARL: \$2,635.21. Other Projects: Estarl II and Cancer Research, Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children.

The 71st Session, "The Silver State" Session.

MRS. PEARL O'BOYLE, W.G.M.

MR. JAY STONE, W.G.P.

NEW BRUNSWICK

45th "STAR DUST TRAIL" Session
 Fredericton, New Brunswick

July 9, 10, 11, 1975

MRS. GENEVRA U. OLIVER, W.G.M.

MR. FRANK C. BEAN, W.G.P.

Chapters: 41

Membership: 4,320

Net Loss: 16

ESTARL: 10 Awards totaling \$2,000.00

Cancer Research: \$1,600.00

Scholarship and Educational Fund: \$1,400.00

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron visited all 41 Chapters.

The 46th Session, "The Truth" Session to be in Moncton, New Brunswick, July 7, 8, 9, 1976.

MRS. KAY BLEAKNEY, W.G.M.

MR. JAMES (TED) CLOUSTON, W.G.P.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

85th "THE FRIENDSHIP AND HAPPINESS" Session Sept. 11, 12, 13, 1975
 Concord, New Hampshire

MRS. GRACE MORRISON, W.G.M. MR. PHILLIP R. ALLEN, W.G.P.
 (Deceased July 1, 1975)

Chapters: 64 Membership: 11,269 Net Loss: 182

While the Grand Chapter was saddened over the death of the Worthy Grand Matron, for the first time in its history, it was presided over by the Associate Grand Matron.

4 Awards at \$200.00 each — Educational Awards.

ESTARL: 9 Awards totaling \$1,019.50

Special Project: Cancer Research: \$2,906.43

(The Worthy Grand Matron was a cancer victim but her Session had been planned and her Report prepared up to the time of her death.)

The 86th Session to be in Bedford, New Hampshire, September 9, 10, 11, 1976.

MRS. ELISABETH S. WHITE, W.G.M. MR. GEORGE A. McKEAGNEY, W.G.P.

NEW JERSEY

105th Annual Session, Atlantic City, New Jersey, May 13, 14, 15, 1975

MRS. ELINOR PRAHST, M.W.G.M. MR. JOHN DEBRUIN, JR., M.W.G.P.

Theme: "Reflections on the Beauty of God's Creations"

Motto: "Is this a better place because of me?"

Chapters: 188 Membership: 47,636 Net Loss: 999

During December, Church Services held in each District by official families. Money was raised through travel projects, Cinderella Ball Extravaganza, collection of aluminum, old eye glasses and articles for State Schools for the Retarded, also copper drive and Strawberry Festivals. All State Schools for the Retarded received new clothing, stuffed animals, toys, games, handpuppets, toilet articles, bicycles, musical instruments, etc.

The 106th Session to be in Atlantic City, New Jersey, May 18, 19 and 20, 1976.

MRS. ROSE T. DORSHEIMER, MR. LLEWELLYN H. CAMPBELL,
 M.W.G.M. M.W.G.P.

NEW MEXICO

73rd "INDIAN SUMMER, A SEASON OF SERENITY" Session October 15-18, 1975
 Albuquerque, New Mexico

MRS. HOPE McCLURE, W.G.M. MR. JOHN L. MAYNOR, W.G.P.

Chapters: 61 Membership: 10,675 Net Loss: 52

Project: 2 for 1 (Replace each member lost with 2)
 ESTARL: Collected \$3,575.28. 7 Awards at \$500.00 each.
 Educational Loans: 3 at \$500.00 each.
 Cancer Research: \$4,238.00

The Grand Sentinel is an elected officer.

The election time for Subordinate Chapters was changed from December to September, with Installation before Second Week in October.

The 74th Annual Session to convene in Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 20, 21, 22, 23, 1976.

MRS. MARY ELLEN JOHNSON, W.G.M. MR. J. WILBURN MILLER, W.G.P.

NEW YORK

106th Session New York, New York October 14, 15, 16, 1975

MOST WORTHY IDA G. PARKER, GRAND MATRON
 MOST WORTHY NORMAN R. EATON, GRAND PATRON

The Grand Chapter of New York, the oldest of the sovereign bodies, operates independently and uses the McCoy Ritual. The Star is displayed with the white point up and is copyrighted and protected by the laws of the State of New York.

Chapters: 653 Membership: 105,471 Net Loss: 1,989

\$24,970.00 raised through sale of Seals, Symbols, and voluntary contributions, for a Social Service Fund assisting Sisters in need.

\$20,918.11 was received from Bazaar for benefit of Home and Infirmary.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron was presented \$46,321.00 on Installation Night for her projects.

138 Grants were made from the Educational Assistance Fund.

The 107th Annual Session will convene October 1976 in New York, N. Y.

MISS MARION G. KOPKO, M.W.G.M. MR. JAMES R. HUNTINGTON, M.W.G.P.

NORTH CAROLINA

70th "THE CROWN OF BEAUTY" Session June 9, 10, 11, 1975
 Raleigh, North Carolina

MRS. KATHRYN McPHAUL McRACKEN, W.G.M.
 MR. WILLIAM C. HILTON, W.G.P.

Chapters: 283 Membership: 27,099 Net Gain: 134

Schools are held for Conductresses, Associate Conductresses and the Secretaries and Treasurers.

ESTARL: \$6,656.92 — 25 Awards were made.

Efficiency Test Committee reported 886 Proficiency Certificates issued.

Special Project: Helping Hands for Home Maintenance — \$203,173.01.

Chapters are required by Grand Chapter to hold two meetings per month.

(Robert Morris No. 372 is the largest with 1,276 members)

The Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Whitehouse, and the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Marguerite Kennerdell, are members of the same Chapter, Lincoln No. 309.

ESTARL: \$14,965.50 — 87 Awards
 Educational Loans: 11 for a total of \$7,700.00.
 Cancer Research: \$3,840.20.

Grand Chapter requires each Chapter to make at least one contribution to ESTARL and Educational Loan Fund during the year.

The Worthy Grand Matron's No. 1 Project was the Fire Safety Code Fund at the Mt. Vernon O.E.S. Home.

87th Session "Impossible Dream" to be in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 26, 27, 28, 1976.

MRS. JEAN WOODRUFF, W.G.M.

MR. HOWARD I. SHULL, W.G.P.

ONTARIO

60th "FORGET-ME-NOT" Session Toronto, Ontario September 17, 18, 19, 1975

MRS. SHEILA ANDERSON, W.G.M.

MR. HOWARD NOBLE, W.G.P.

Chapters: 275

Membership: 34,875

Net Loss: 533

Most Worthy Grand Matron Mabel L. Mackereth served as Worthy Grand Matron of Ontario in 1952.

ESTARL: \$33,712.30 — with 87 Awards totaling \$30,450.00
 Cancer: \$18,228.23
 Heart: \$1,523.01

The 61st Session to be in Toronto, Ontario, September 1, 2, 3, 1976.

MRS. BETTY YULL, W.G.M.

MR. HECTOR LITTLE, W.G.P.

OREGON

86th "HARVEST OF FRIENDSHIP" Session Portland, Oregon June 16, 17, 18, 1975

MRS. MARJORIE WILSON, W.G.M.

MR. RICHARD SKILES, W.G.P.

Chapters: 161

Membership: 31,231

Net Loss: 588

Grand Sentinel is an elected officer and they hold election on Monday afternoon of their Session.

The Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress are each assigned a District for instructing.

Grand Officers conferred degrees twice during the year, one initiation was where the daughters of both the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were initiated.

ESTARL: \$13,706.01 — 13 Awards at \$500.00 each.
Cancer Research: \$26,761.18

Grand Lecturer issued 790 Cards, and some unusualls included one secretary 85 years of age, one 90 years and one 93, all reported excellent and efficient.

The 87th Session to be in Portland, Oregon, June 21, 22, 23, 1976.

MRS. DOROTHY PARRISH, W.G.M.

MR. CHARLES C. DODD, W.G.P.

PENNSYLVANIA

81st "BLUE RAY" Session Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania June 23, 24, 25, 1975

MRS. AGNES L. EUNSON, W.G.M.

MR. VINCENT P. GRUBBE, W.G.P.

Chapters: 461

Membership: 109,643

ESTARL: \$4,500.00 — 10 Awards

Home Endowment: \$35,337.88 received through bequest from estate of a deceased member.

Educational Scholarships: Received \$6,786.75 — 29 Awards.

This Grand Chapter maintains 2 O.E.S. Homes.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron visited all 12 V. A. Hospitals in the State. \$5,028.88 received for V. A. Hospitals.
\$8,581.96 was distributed among four cancer hospitals.

The 82nd Session to be in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 22, 23, 24, 1976.

MRS. NANCY C. ACKER, W.G.M.

MR. JOSEPH WILLIAMS, W.G.P.

PUERTO RICO

No Proceedings received.

QUEBEC

53rd "GUIDING LIGHT" Session Sherbrooke, Quebec October 8, 9, 10, 1975

MRS. E. MARJORIE BAKER, W.G.M.

MR. W. ALEX MORRIS, W.G.P.

Chapters: 38

Membership: 2,665

Net Loss: 77

ESTARL: \$1,884.42

Cancer: \$2,190.10

Rheumatism & Arthritis: \$824.00

Motto: "Forgive and Forget that Friendship may live."

Hands Across the Border Friendship Night exchanged with Vermont.
 Worthy Grand Matron's allowance reduced from \$450.00 to \$400.00.
 Worthy Grand Patron's allowance reduced from \$150.00 to \$100.00.

The 54th Session to be in Montreal, Quebec, October 13, 14, 15, 1976.

MRS. HAZEL ALEXANDER, W.G.M.

MR. TOM WILLIAMSON, W.G.P.

RHODE ISLAND

79th "THE GOLDEN HANDS OF FRIENDSHIP" Session
 Bristol, Rhode Island

October 12, 1974

MRS. MARIAN G. WEAVER, W.G.M.

MR. ROBERT B. GREEN, W.G.P.

Chapters: 26

Membership: 6,418

Net Loss: 159

The smallest chapter has 91 members and it is the only chapter with less than 100 members. 149 — 50-year members.

The only Grand Chapter to hold a one-day Session.

ESTARL: \$5,882.91 — 12 Awards.

Educational Scholarships: 15

\$3,573.19 received from their Annual Charity Ball.

The 80th Session to be in East Providence, Rhode Island, October 11, 1975.

MRS. DEVARA POLL, W.G.M.

MR. HOWARD C. POTTER, W.G.P.

RHODE ISLAND

80th "GOLDEN RULE" Session East Providence, Rhode Island October 11, 1975

MRS. DEVARA POLL, W.G.M.

MR. HOWARD C. POTTER, W.G.P.

Chapters: 26

Membership: 6,250

Net Loss: 158

Exchange Night with New Hampshire.

Received \$3,427.70 from Annual Charity Ball, \$2,669.70 of which went to the O.E.S. Home.

Received a \$1,000.00 Bequest which was added to the ESTARL FUND.

7 Awards totaling \$2,250.00 were made.

Cancer: \$12,239.00.

The 81st Session to be in Lincoln, Rhode Island, October 9, 1976.

MRS. JERANE CHAPMAN, W.G.M.

MR. STEWART A. DAVIS, W.G.P.

SASKATCHEWAN

59th "HAPPY HEART" Session Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan April 28, 29, 30, 1975

MRS. GEORGINA AMBLER, W.G.M.

MR. GEORGE TAYLOR, W.G.P.

Chapters: 100

Cancer: Dressings for needy, terminal or home care patients for all in Saskatchewan were made available to Victorian Order of Nurses — free — and stamped "Donated by Order of the Easter Star."

ESTARL: 18 Scholarships totaling \$5,000.00

Home Collection: \$26,896.70

60th Session "Realm of Time" to be held in April, 1976.

MRS. DOROTHY ALLAN, W.G.M.

MR. E. A. WELCH, W.G.P.

SCOTLAND

No Proceedings received.

SOUTH CAROLINA

69th "THE TRIANGLE" Session Greenville, South Carolina June 21, 22, 23, 1976

MRS. JEWEL McJUNKIN, W.G.M.

MR. RUSSELL CLEMMER, JR., W.G.P.

Chapters: 200

Membership: 19,158

Net Gain: 554

4 new Chapters Constituted. 4 new Chapters Instituted.

Only 4 Chapters failed to have Initiations during the year.

A School for Secretaries and Treasurers is held.

ESTARL: Total Donations: \$8,294.91

Cancer: \$2,459.12

Home Operating Expenses: \$86,689.62

A Diploma was presented to a member who had only been initiated seven weeks. She recited the Ritual including the Funeral and two weeks later recited the Installation Ceremony.

70th Session will be in Columbia, South Carolina, June 20, 21, 22, 1977.

MRS. IRMA H. PERRY, W.G.M.

MR. ROBERT E. CUDD, W.G.P.

SOUTH DAKOTA

87th "THE ANCHORS OF STARDOM" Session
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

October 7, 8, 9, 1975

MRS. EDITH ROWE, W.G.M.

MR. LESTER KOPPLIN, W.G.P.

Chapters: 124

Membership: 14,268

Net Gain: 42

The Degrees were conferred on two candidates at Grand Chapter Session.

ESTARL: \$4,030.71 with 12 Awards at \$500.00 each.

Cancer: \$728.27

The Line officers conduct the Schools.

The 88th Session to be in Rapid City, South Dakota, October 12, 13, 14, 1976.

MRS. LAURA RODEKE, W.G.M.

MR. ALBERT STODDARD, W.G.P.

TENNESSEE

No Proceedings received.

UTAH

70th "PORTRAITS OF TIME" Session

October 8, 9, 10, 1975

Salt Lake City, Utah

MRS. BEULAH BARTHOLOMEW, W.G.M.

MR. GEORGE C. LOWRY, W.G.P.

Chapters: 23

Membership: 3,851

Net Loss: 35

All 23 Chapters wre represented at Grand Chapter.

ESTARL: 7 Awards totaling \$2,473.86

O.E.S. Home \$1,710.04

Cancer Research: \$753.52

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron made a Grand Visitation to all 23 Chapters.

71st Session to be in Salt Lake City, Utah, on October 14, 15, 1976.

MRS. WILLMETTA S. SMITH, W.G.M.

MR. JOSEPH H. DEMMAN, W.G.P.

VERMONT

103rd "STAR WITHIN THE HEART" Session

June 4, and 5, 1975

Killington, Vermont

MRS. VELMA M. STIELSON, W.G.M.

MR. CARL E. HARRIS, W.G.P.

Chapters: 84

Membership: 9,890

Net Loss: 165

ESTARL: 14 Awards, and one Educational Loan.

The Associate Grand Conductress is in charge of O.E.S. Library.

The newly installed Worthy Grand Matron presented to her own Worthy Matron the Commission as Grand Representative of Texas in Vermont.

104th Session to be in Killington, Vermont, June 2 and 3, 1976.

MRS. DONNA M. NORTON, W.G.M.

MR. CLARENCE J. BUTTON, W.G.P.

VIRGINIA

71st "OUR GARDEN OF LOVE" Session

May 13, 14, 15, 1975

Richmond, Virginia

MRS. HELEN P. TALOE, W.G.M.

MR. CLINTON J. HERST, W.G.P.

Chapters: 186

Membership: 28,525

Net Gain: 23

344 Members made Hawaii Tour. 45 visited one of Hawaii's Chapters. Trip netted \$3,360.00 for Endowment Fund.

ESTARL: 27 Awards, total contributions: \$11,274.32. 10 Chapters gave full \$500.00 Scholarships.

The Worthy Grand Matron was installed by her husband, P.G.P. Grover C. Taloe.

72nd Session to be in Richmond, Virginia, May 11, 12, 13, 1976.

MRS. MARGARET H. CARTER, W.G.M.

MR. THOMAS W. DODGE, W.G.P.

WASHINGTON

87th "ALEXANDRITE" Session

June 26, 27, 28, 1975

Spokane, Washington

MRS. ALEXANDRIA SCHENCKING, W.G.M.

MR. JIM CUMMINGS, W.G.P.

Chapters: 235

Membership: 46,786

Net Loss: 1,184

ESTARL: \$18,880.85 — 46 Awards.

Cancer Research: \$10,150.23. 25c per capita was set as a goal for each Chapter and 72% of the Chapters were 100%, for Estarl contributions.

J. Victor Jones, Chairman of Educational Committee, addressed the Grand Chapter.

The 88th Session to be in Seattle, Washington, June 24, 25, 26, 1976.

MRS. EUNICE GASTON, W.G.M.

MR. GEORGE DANIELSON, W.G.P.

WEST VIRGINIA

71st "THE MUSICAL STAR" Session

October 3, 4, 5, 1974

Charleston, West Virginia

MRS. MARY JO SHARP, W.G.M.

MR. JOHN T. MEADOWS, W.G.P.

Chapters: 134

Membership: 33,213

Net Gain: 143

ESTARL: Received \$14,806.55 — made 29 Awards.

A Special Project was Cancer Aid

Rituals of deceased members are to be returned to Grand Chapter.

An annual Ritualistic School of Instruction covers two days.

The Worthy Grand Patron issues Special Dispensations.

50th Annual Session to be in Charleston, West Virginia, Oct. 2, 3, 4, 1975.

MRS. VIRGINIA ROUSE, W.G.M.

MR. O. EDWIN FERRELL, W.G.P.

WISCONSIN

84th "LOVING KINDNESS" Session

May 13, 14, 15, 1975

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

MRS. LEONE R. KAROW, W.G.M.

MR. ROLF HALVERSON, W.G.P.

Chapters: 236

Membership: 43,275

Net Loss: 1,485

Instituted new fiscal year beginning May 1st through April 30th — the Reports, therefore, covered 20 months from last Session.

Men were appointed Grand Representatives for the first time.

ESTARL: \$16,900.00, 52 Awards at \$300.00 and \$400.00 each.

61 Proficiency Cards issued on written examination including all floor work, Ritual, and all phases of work. Cards were issued for three years and are dated at the time the test is given.

85th Session "American Way: to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 18, 19, 20, 1976.

MRS. JUNE B. VAN MATRE, W.G.M.

MR. NORMAN T. JOHNSON, W.G.P.

WYOMING

78th "BIG WONDERFUL WYOMING — FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS" Session
August 14-16, 1975

MRS. GEORGIA L. BARCLAY, W.G.M.

MR. LOUIS H. PRONTE, W.G.P.

Motto: "Be a friendly neighbor."

Chapters: 47

Membership: 10,084

Net Loss: 158

ESTARL: \$8,168.73 — 15 Scholarships awarded.

All Chapters were represented at Grand Chapter.

\$7,600.00 given to Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital.

The Bible used at the Session had been placed on the Altar in each of the 47 Chapters of the Jurisdiction as the Worthy Grand Matron made her official visits.

The Grand Secretary who had served since 1966, now a 50 year member, was honored on her retirement.

79th Annual Session to be in Casper, Wyoming on August 12, 13, 14, 1976.

MRS. LOUISE K. SOWARD, W.G.M.

MR. W. E. ROBISON, W.G.P.

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