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The Sun

light light light light
life life life life
fruitfulness fruitfulness

THE SUN,
A SOURCE of
.... LIGHT
.... LIFE
.... FRUITFULNESS

PROCEEDINGS

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



NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION



“THE SUN-A SOURCE OF LIGHT-LIFE-FRUITFULNESS”
SESSION

held in the

Civic Center

El Paso, Texas

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY

OCTOBER 24-27, 1977

MRS. JOYCE ROBERTS

Worthy Grand Matron
10660 Park View Circle
El Paso, Texas 79935

MR. J. PERRY SMITHWICK

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3829 Earl
Fort Worth, Texas 76111

MRS. AGNES LEE HOWARD

Grand Secretary
1111 E. Division
Arlington, Texas 76011

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OFFICERS OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

WORTHY GRAND MATRONS AND WORTHY GRAND PATRONS
OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

TEXAS' OWN
PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS

GRAND OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

MR. HERMAN VINEYARD
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER
OF THE
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS, AF&AM

PROCEEDINGS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
GUEST OF HONOR



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

GUESTS 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

Message From The Worthy Grand Matron

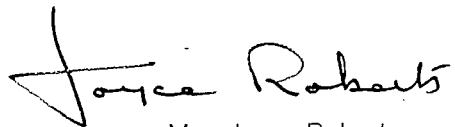
Being aware that the early hours of a Dawn influence my Life Style for the entire Day, I present the Plans for my Year of Service to our Order in the theme of the SUN.

I never cease to feel an appreciation of the Joy of Life as Day Springs from its place in the East, and the SUN bursts forth with the energy of Light, Life and the Promise of Fruitfulness! As the SUN follows its 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.

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.

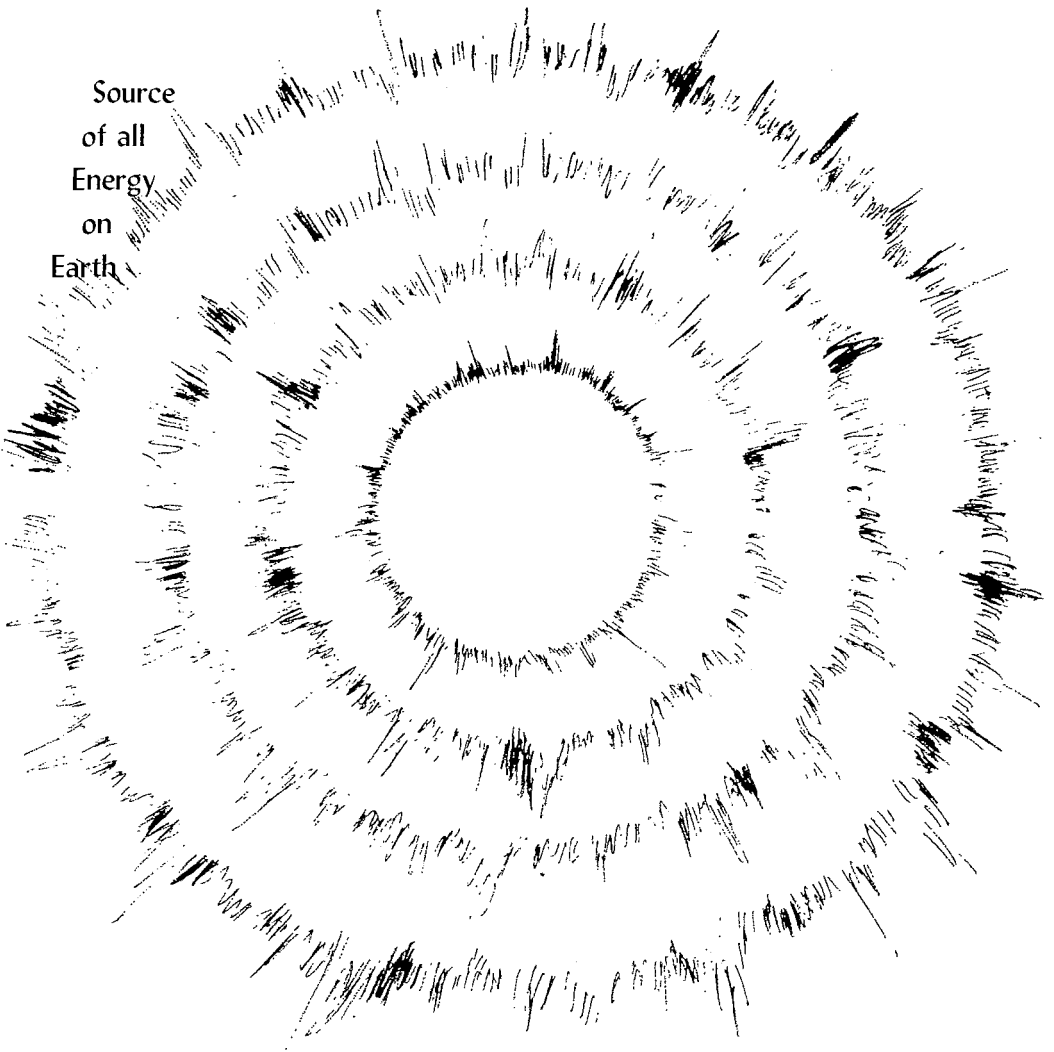
The creed of our Order embraces Love as the Crowning Grace of Humanity: Love of God, and Love for our fellowman. Such encompassing Love crowds out the critical eye, the jealous attitudes, and the selfish seeking as completely as the SUN cures pestilence and brings forth Life. Love in action is just "the doing, and doing as we would be done by, is all." The result is a majestic splendor as glowing as the cloth of gold spread over Earth and air by the penetrating Rays of the SUN. Kindness is a Noble thing! Kindness is magnificent in its magnanimity.

It is my hope that with patience, love, and devotion, that in looking to the future with more faith in our fellowman, the Order of the Eastern Star can enjoy a great burst of Light, Life, and Fruitfulness!

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Mrs. Joyce Roberts
Worthy Grand Matron

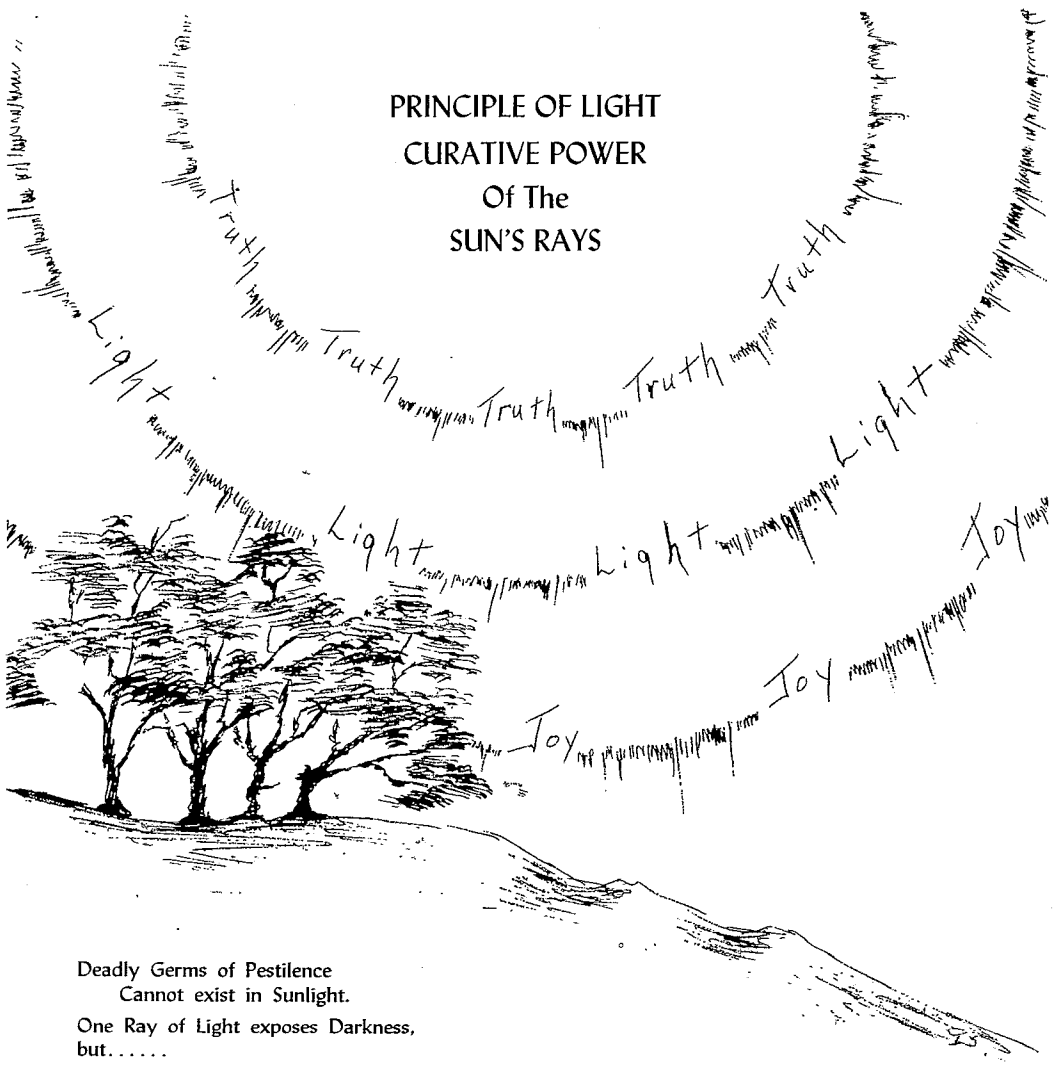
Source
of all
Energy
on
Earth



THE SUN

..... a revolving mass of Light

PRINCIPLE OF LIGHT
CURATIVE POWER
Of The
SUN'S RAYS



Deadly Germs of Pestilence
Cannot exist in Sunlight.

One Ray of Light exposes Darkness,
but.....

One Ray of Darkness has no effect
over Light.

TRUTH

Shines through a Life!
When a TRUTH enters a mind, it gives
A Light to see that which has
never been perceived before.

The Joy of watching the Light come!

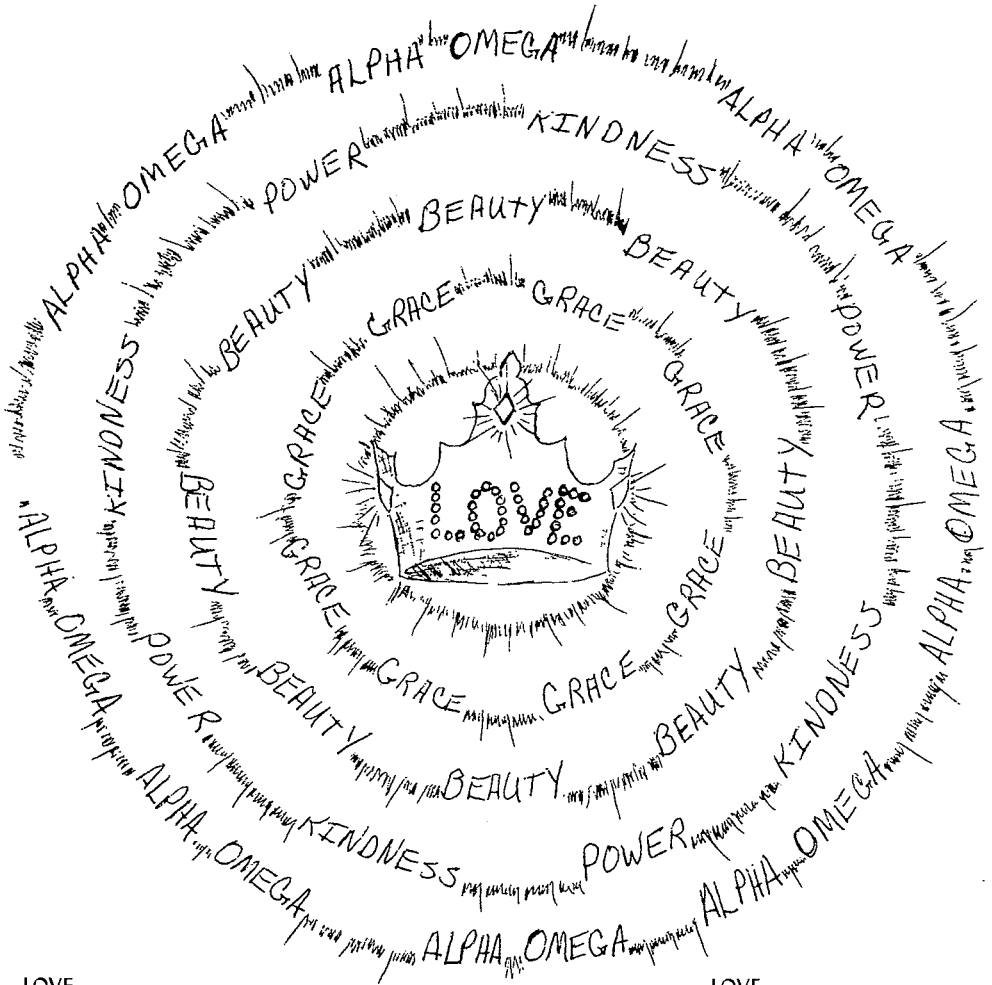
LOVE
CIRCLE WITHOUT END

LOVE.....
Crowning Grace of Humanity,

LOVE.....
Crown and Beauty of Power,

LOVE.....
In action: "Nothing so Kingly
as Kindness."

— Cary



LOVE.....
A MIRACLE!
LOVE.....
The More You give
The more You Possess.

LOVE.....
without beginning,
LOVE.....
without end,
Alpha and Omega of Life.

NATURE'S GREAT PHENOMENON OF LIFE

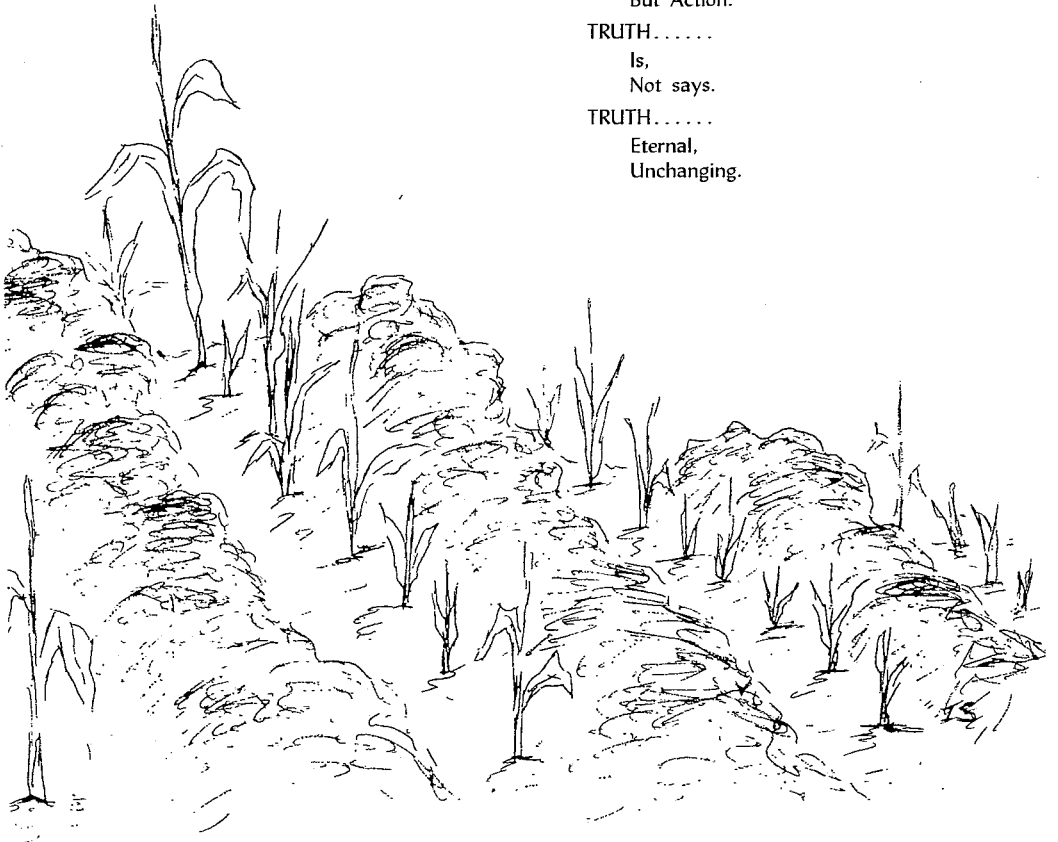
From what is planted must come
 What is to be. From the soil of
 the Earth, the Sun Brings forth
 Life.....
 Seeds sprout,
 Tiny plants rise to meet the light.

Principles planted in open minds take root;
 Light brings forth TRUTH

TRUTH.....
 Not Words
 But Action.

TRUTH.....
 Is,
 Not says.

TRUTH.....
 Eternal,
 Unchanging.



GUEST OF HONOR



MRS. JOYCE ROBERTS
Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star
1976-1977

Message From The Worthy Grand Patron

The sun is rising on a new Eastern Star year. As we look at the horizon and the dawn of a new and beautiful day, we should pause and reflect on the many ways the teachings of our Order touch our daily lives. The lessons we have been taught have been preserved and given to us untarnished by time. Let us pass this golden way of life to our successors in the same condition in which we received it.

In the sunrise of our individual Eastern Star lives we were taught to live our obligations and to extend the hand of service whenever and wherever it was needed. Friendship, fraternity and brotherhood are words expressive of the Order of the Eastern Star as well as the desire of all human beings.

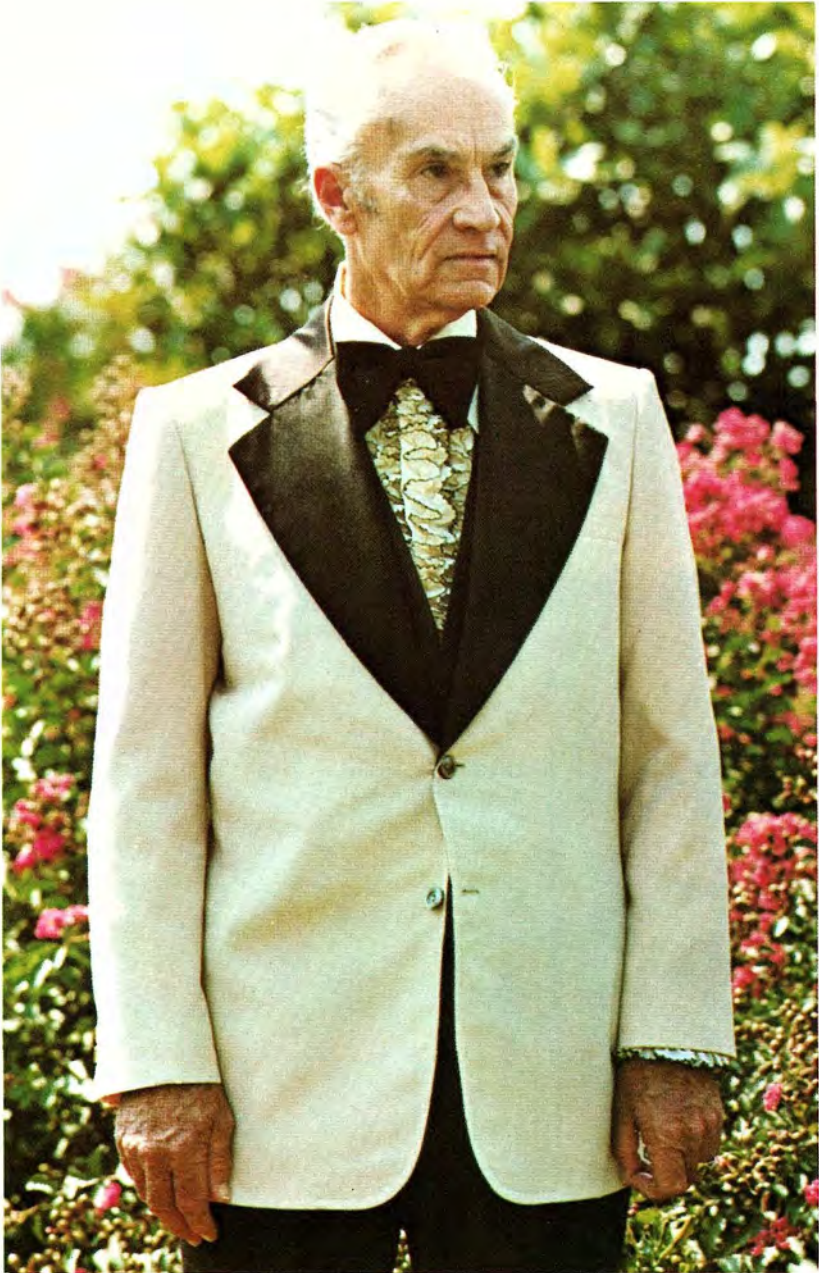
While the sun is shining brightly above in our Eastern Star lives let us pledge to return to our Chapters with a zeal for its principles and a desire to work at the job of making it a profitable year's work, by helping those who need our help not only in an intrinsic way, but in a spiritual way. Let us strive as never before to live the beautiful teachings of our Order, sharing with one another the best that is in ourselves, thus becoming Eastern Stars in reality and not just in name.

This is a high challenge to the membership of the Eastern Star and by meeting this challenge we will arrive at the sunset of our Eastern Star lives knowing we have given of ourselves and that truly we have "loved one another".

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Mr. Perry Smithwick
Worthy Grand Patron

GUEST OF HONOR



MR. J. PERRY SMITHWICK
Worthy Grand Patron
Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star
1976-1977

GRAND OFFICERS 1976-1977



MRS. MARY M. BROWN
Associate Grand Matron

- 1956-57 Worthy Matron of Lexington Chapter No. 996 – and Grand Page
- 1957-58 Deputy Grand Matron, Dist. 4, Sec. 8
- 1964-65 District Deputy Grand Matron, Dist. 4
- 1965-66 Secretary-at-Large
- 1966-67 Fraternal Correspondent
- 1967-68 Chairman, Grand Historians
- 1969-70 Endowment Fund Committee
- 1970-71 Membership Restoration Committee
- 1971-73 Grand Examiner, District 4
- 1973-74 Kindness & Hospitality Committee
- 1974-75 Associate Grand Conductress
- 1975-76 Grand Conductress
- 1976-77 Associate Grand Matron



MR. MURRAY WATSON, JR.
Associate Grand Patron

- 1972-73 Music Committee
- 1973-74 Citizenship Committee
- 1974-75 Founders Day
- 1975-76 American Heritage
- 1976-77 Associate Grand Patron



MRS. AGNES LEE HOWARD
Grand Secretary

- 1960-61 Worthy Grand Matron
- 1971 to Present Grand Secretary

GRAND OFFICERS 1976-1977



MRS. JETTIE HINTON
Grand Treasurer

- 1933-36 Grand Representative
- 1937-38 Deputy Grand Matron
- 1945-47 Grand Representative
- 1949-77 Grand Treasurer



MRS. RENNIE OFTON
Grand Conductress

- 1963-64 Arrangements Committee
- 1965-66 Deputy Grand Matron, Dist. 5, Sec. 7
- 1967-68 District Deputy Grand Matron, Dist. 5
- 1968-69 Grand Examiner-at-Large
- 1969-73 Grand Examiner, District 5
- 1973-74 Kindness and Hospitality Committee
- 1975-76 Associate Grand Conductress
- 1976-77 Grand Conductress



MRS. KATHY JOHNSTON
Associate Grand Conductress

- 1960-61 Worthy Matron
- 1961-62 Deputy Grand Matron
- 1963-64 Secretarial Committee, District 1
- 1966-67 District Deputy Grand Matron
- 1967-68 Chairman, Welfare Committee
- 1969-70 Grand Examiner-at-Large
- 1970-74 Grand Examiner, District 1
- 1974-75 Grand Marshal
- 1975-76 Grand Historian
- 1976-77 Associate Grand Conductress

GRAND OFFICERS 1976-1977



MRS. OPAL LEE KELLY
Grand Chaplain

- 1966-67 Executive Committee Housing Chairman
- 1967-68 Deputy Grand Matron, District I
- 1969-70 Secretarial Committee, District I
- 1971-72 Transportation & Mileage Committee, District I
- 1972-73 Grand Ruth
- 1973-74 Kindness & Hospitality Committee
- 1974-75 Executive Committee, Co-Chairman
- 1975-76 Museum Committee, District I
- 1976-77 Grand Chaplain



MRS. JOSEPHINE S. FRASER
Grand Organist



MRS. NANCY R. JOHNSON
Grand Marshal

- 1963-64 Deputy Grand Matron
- 1972-73 Builders in Tomorrow
- 1973-74 Bulletin Committee
- 1974-75 Grand Historian Chairman
- 1975-76 Transportation & Mileage
- 1976-77 Grand Marshal

GRAND OFFICERS 1976-1977



MRS. BEULAH SPEER
Grand Adah

- 1963-64 Deputy Grand Matron
- 1966-67 Time & Talent Committee
- 1967-68 Fraternal Visitation Committee
- 1969-70 District Deputy Grand Matron, Dist. 2
- 1971-72 Transportation & Mileage Committee
- 1972-73 Grand Warder
- 1973-74 Treasures Unlimited Committee
- Personal Page to Associate Grand Conductress
- 1974-75 Credentials Committee
- 1975-76 Welfare Committee, District 2
- Personal Page to Associate Grand Matron
- 1976-77 Grand Adah



MRS. ARTHUR MAE LEMON
Grand Ruth

- 1960-61 Personal Page
- 1963-64 Texas Star Trail Committee
- 1966-67 Time and Talent
- 1972-73 Personal Page
- 1976-77 Grand Ruth



MRS. HELEN SMITHWICK
Grand Esther

- 1966-67 Deputy Grand Matron
- 1967-68 Chairman Credential Committee
- 1969-70 Grand Representative
- 1972-73 Grand Adah
- 1973-74 Treasures Unlimited Committee
- 1975-76 American Heritage Committee
- 1976-77 Grand Esther

GRAND OFFICERS 1976-1977



MRS. DAPHNE THRASHER
Grand Martha

1969-70 Fraternal Visitation Committee
 1971-72 Home Endowment Committee
 1972-73 Bulletin Committee
 1973-74 Deputy Grand Matron
 1974-75 Welfare Committee, District 2
 1975-76 Time and Talent Committee
 1976-77 Grand Martha



MRS. MARTHA MARIE WHITFIELD
Grand Electa

1939-41 Grand Representative to Massachusetts
 1942 Grand Warder at Grand Chapter Session
 1967-74 Grand Representative to Pennsylvania
 1976-77 Grand Electa



MRS. SUE AINSWORTH
Grand Warder

1963-64 Deputy Grand Matron
 1967-68 Credential Committee
 1969-70 Bulletin Committee
 1970-71 Chairman Restoration Committee,
 District 5
 1971-72 Chairman Music Committee, District 5
 1972-73 Jurisprudence
 1973-74 Chairman Home Endowment Education
 Fund, District 5
 1974-75 District Deputy Grand Matron
 1975-76 Bi-Centennial Committee
 1976-77 Grand Warder

GRAND OFFICERS 1976-1977



MR. CLIFFORD MALONE
Grand Sentinel

- 1973-74 Commemorative Medallion Committee
- 1974-75 Masonic Brothers
- 1975-76 Sojourners Committee
- 1976-77 Grand Sentinel



MRS. MAYDELLE GRUBBS
Fraternal Correspondent

- 1963-64 Founders Day Committee
- 1964-66 Grand Representative Montana
- 1966-67 Grand Warder
- 1967-68 Chairman International Temple Fund
- 1969-70 Credentials Committee
- 1972-73 Chairman Registration
- 1973-74 Grand Martha
- 1974-75 District Deputy Grand Matron
- 1975-76 Chairman Registration
- 1976-77 Fraternal Correspondent

GRAND OFFICERS 1976-1977



MR. GLEN D. TAYLOR
Executive Committee Chairman



MR. HARRY L. MATHEWS
Executive Committee Co-Chairman



MISS ABBYLOU A. JONES
Executive Committee Secretary



MISS EMMA HALL
Executive Committee Treasurer



MRS. MILDRED BRENNER
Executive Committee Housing Chairman

GRAND OFFICERS 1976-1977



MRS. MILDRED E. (BETTY) FITCH
Executive Committee Social Chairman



MR. W. W. "WOODY" WILSON
Executive Committee Public Relations Chairman



MR. LLOYD M. THOMPSON
Chairman Arrangements Committee

GENERAL INFORMATION

Official Photographer Mr. Don Hutcheson
2606 South 14th Street, Abilene 79604

PICTURES – In order that good pictures can be secured for the Proceedings, as well as for the members, all others PLEASE REFRAIN from taking pictures. SCHEDULE FOR GROUP PICTURES is listed at the end of "General Information".

HEADQUARTERS HOTELS – Hotel Paso Del Norte and Downtown Holiday Inn.

SESSIONS – Will be held in the El Paso Civic Center
Monday Evening Session – Informal Opening – Call to Order 5:30 P.M. (Open to Eastern Stars, Masons and our invited Guests)

IMPORTANT FOR COMMITTEES – Committee Members will report to their Chairman upon arrival. All Boards and Committees will be in Session at the El Paso Civic Center each day; please consult your program for scheduled time.

ATTENTION – Chairman of Committees: Please be seated in the East, when your report is scheduled.

REGISTRATION – For the 95th Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S., will be in the Hotel Paso Del Norte:

Saturday, October 22, 1977

Sunday, October 23, 1977

On Monday, October 24, 1977, REGISTRATION will be moved over to the Civic Center Theatre Lobby. REGISTRATION will remain open at the Civic Center Theatre Lobby, on Tuesday, October 25th, Wednesday, October 26th, and on Thursday, October 27, 1977. ON THURSDAY, October 27, 1977, registration will open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 9:00 A.M. Please pick up your ballot before Thursday at 9:00 A.M.

TRANSPORTATION AND MILEAGE – Committee will work at the Hotel Paso Del Norte on Friday, October 21, 1977 and Saturday, October 22, 1977. If you are entitled to transportation and mileage, you may pick this up from this Committee on SUNDAY, October 23, 1977 at the Hotel Paso Del Norte and on Monday, October 24, 1977 at the El Paso Civic Center.

CREDENTIALS – Committee will work at the Hotel Paso Del Norte on Friday, October 21, 1977 and Saturday, October 22, 1977, On Sunday, October 23, 1977, at the Hotel Paso Del Norte, you may pick up your Credentials. On Monday, October 24, 1977, the Credentials will move to the El Paso Civic Center.

REGISTRATION OF VOTING DELEGATES will begin at 7:00 A.M. and close promptly at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, October 27, 1977.

BALLOTS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE, and if lost will not be replaced.

IMPORTANT — Thursday morning — VOTING DELEGATES will be seated on both sides of the auditorium. Non-voting members will be seated in the west.

THREE COPIES of all reports, addresses, responses, tributes, motions and amendments (typewritten and double spaced) MUST be filed with the Grand Secretary. Please make all reports as brief as possible.

A RECEIPT FOR DUES, or a valid Demit and your REGISTRATION BADGE, must be shown to secure admittance to the closed Sessions. The Grand Warder, Grand Sentinel, Grand Pages, Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels will be on duty THIRTY minutes before each Session begins.

FIRST AID ROOM will be open and Attendants will be on hand during ALL SESSIONS.

MEMBERS receiving Fifty-Year Membership Certificates, will please be seated near the east on Wednesday, October 26, 1977, 9:00 A.M. Recognition will be given during morning Session.

THE GRAND EXAMINING ROOM, located at the El Paso Civic Center, will be open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon, and from 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.

WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS OF 1976-1977 are invited to participate in the Informal Opening at Grand Chapter, Monday, October 24, 1977, the Worthy Matrons are to wear floor length white formals. The Worthy Patrons may wear either a tux or dark business suit. Please be present for the practice under the direction of the Grand Marshal, Mrs. Nancy Shurley Johnson. (SEE PRACTICE SCHEDULE).

Drills presented in the evening will require formal dress for ladies. Those presented in the daytime will require daytime dresses.

Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Junior Past Matrons and Junior Past Patrons of 100% Chapters participating in the WELFARE REPORT on Wednesday afternoon, will note practice schedule. This includes Joyce Roberts Sun Queens and Perry's Peers — with our Mary Brown Girls and Murray's Men.

We will have our "The Sun Still Shines" Memorial Service in the Civic Center Theatre, Wednesday, October 26, 1977, 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

GROUP PICTURE SCHEDULE

Mr. Don Hutcheson, Photographer
2606 South 14th St., P. O. Box 2795
Abilene, Texas 79604

October 23, 1977

Sunday Morning — 9:30 A.M. . . . Group picture of ESTARL Recipients
Group picture of Rev. Robert Miser
Members of ESTARL Committee
with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron
Civic Center Theatre

Sunday Reception — 1:30 P.M. Floor Officers, Grand Examiners
District Deputy Grand Matrons
and Deputy Grand Matrons
Civic Center Theatre

October 24, 1977

Monday Afternoon — 4:00 P.M. Grand Choir with
Mr. Crawford Mearns, Grand Choir Director
in the East facing West

October 25, 1977

Tuesday Morning — 8:00 A.M. Pages, Assistant Grand Warders,
Assistant Grand Sentinels, Grand Ushers
and Grand Escorts — in the East

Tuesday Morning — 8:15 A.M. Floor Officers and Personal Pages

Tuesday Night
after Session. Floor Officers and Personal Pages in formal
attire. Pages, Assistant Grand Warders,
Assistant Grand Sentinels, Grand Ushers
and Grand Escorts — in the East in formal attire

October 26, 1977

Wednesday Morning — 7:30 A.M. Grand Examiners, District
Deputy Grand Matrons, Deputy Grand Matrons
and Secretaries

Groups please assemble quickly at the designated time in the East.

Individual Committees desiring group pictures, please make arrange-
ments with photographer.

“SERENITY OF FAITH” ESTARL WORSHIP SERVICE
Sunday, October 23, 1977, 10:00 A.M.
Theatre of the Civic Center, El Paso, Texas

PROGRAM

- Organ Prelude. Mrs. Josephine Fraser
Grand Organist
- Choir Director Mr. Crawford Mearns
- Entrance of the Grand Choir
- Call to Worship — “God Of Our Fathers” . . Grand Choir and Congregation
- Welcome Mrs. Lyda Lawhorn
- Invocation Reverend Robert V. Miser
“Praise God, From whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.” Amen
- The Anthem — “Holy Art Thou” Grand Choir
Solo Voice — Miss Fran Merbeth
- Lesson from the Holy Scriptures Reverend D. Nick Sholars
- Offertory Prayer Reverend D. Nick Sholars
- Offering. Mrs. Josephine Fraser
The Offering will go for additional Estarl Scholarships
- Sermon — “Faith’s Certainty” Reverend Robert V. Miser
- Solo Mrs. Grace Findley, Grand Soloist
Accompanist — Mr. Leonard Ellington
- Hymn — “God Will Take Care Of You” Grand Choir and
Congregation
- Presentation of ESTARL Scholarships. Mrs. Joyce Roberts,
Worthy Grand Matron
Mr. Perry Smithwick,
Worthy Grand Patron
- Benediction Reverend Robert V. Miser

ESTARL COMMITTEE

- Mrs. Lyda Lawhorn
General Chairman
- Mrs. Hettie Lou Fields
District 1
- Mrs. Nell Casparis
District 2
- Mrs. Maurice Moran
District 3
- Mrs. Mary Kathryn Prather
District 4
- Mrs. Catherine Athey
District 5

USHERS

- Lloyd Thompson
- Harry Mathews
- Anthony Cardella
- John Duncan
- Alvin Kimmel
- Joseph Reeves
- Robert Spencer
- Donald Wedge
- Glen Taylor
- M. B. Bunch
- Bert Carpender
- Charles Gish
- Phillip Mindemann
- Carl Sebastian
- Ray Tillman

PROCEEDINGS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

OCTOBER 23, 1977

SUNDAY

PRE-SESSION EVENTS

(Sunday Activities Open to Families & Friends of Eastern Stars & Masons)

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICES

Reverend Robert V. Miser, Bryan, Texas
Arranged by the ESTARL Committee
Mrs. Lyda Lawhorn, Chairman
Civic Center Theatre

2:00 – 4:00 P.M. RECEPTION

Lobby Civic Center Theatre

“DAYSPRING”

honoring

Mrs. Joyce Roberts
Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Perry Smithwick
Worthy Grand Patron

and

Other Floor Officers of the Grand Chapter of Texas

and

General Grand Chapter Officers

and

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons
of the Grand Chapter of Texas

6:00 P.M. BANQUET

“LET’S BE AMISTOSO”

honoring

General Grand Chapter Officers

Grand Ballroom 17th Floor – Downtown Holiday Inn
(Open to Membership)

NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
PROGRAM
THE SUN – A SOURCE OF . . . LIGHT
. . . LIFE
. . . FRUITFULNESS

PRE-CEREMONIAL
Monday Evening
October 24, 1977

5:00 P.M.

Musical Selections Mr. Leonard Ellington
Mrs. Lucille Rowland

5:15 P.M.

Assisting Grand Marshal Mrs. Nancy Bailey,
Past Grand Matron

Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron
Mr. Herbert Arnold, Jurisprudence Committee, General Grand Chapter

Presentations Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron

Mrs. Thelma Bailey, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron
Mrs. Josephine Ruhsam, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress
Mr. Ray McRoberts, Worthy Grand Chaplain
Mrs. Sally Matranga, Worthy Grand Organist
Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Ritual Committee
Mr. Herbert Arnold, Jurisprudence Committee
Mr. Victor Jones, International Temple Committee
All other General Grand Chapter Officers present

Escorted by:
Mrs. Nancy Bailey,
Past Grand Matron

Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron
Call to Order Mr. Herbert Arnold, Jurisprudence
Committee, General Grand Chapter

Presentation of Master of Ceremonies Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris,
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, Past Grand Matron
Mr. B. F. Hutson, Jr., Masonic Noblemen Committee
Escorted by:
Mrs. Nancy Bailey, Past Grand Matron

Presentation of Floor Officers, Mrs. Molly Goodpasture
 Master of Ceremonies Past Grand Matron

Processional Escorted by Mrs. Nancy Bailey,
 Past Grand Matron

All those appearing on Program and Past Grand Matrons
 and Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Altar Presentations

Bible Mrs. Lillian Barnard Parker,
 Past Grand Matron

Square and Compasses Dr. Russell Holt,
 Past Grand Patron

Invocation Mrs. Cynthia May Watts,
 Past Grand Matron

Presentation of Flags:

United States Flag Mr. Harold Todd, Past Grand Patron
 Texas Flag Mr. Earl Manning, Past Grand Patron
 Christian Flag Dr. James Goettec, Past Grand Patron
 Eastern Star Flag Mr. J. T. Sanders, Past Grand Patron
 Pledge of Allegiance. Led by Mr. Gerald Allen, Past Grand Patron
 "This Is My Country" Grand Choir, Mr. Crawford Mearns,
 Director

Tribute to Flags Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, Past Grand Matron

Dedication of Session. Mrs. Katherine Harbour, Past Grand Matron

Solo Mrs. Grace Findley, Grand Soloist

Greetings:

Civic The Honorable Mr. Ray Salazar, Mayor of El Paso

Potentate of El Maida Shrine Temple Mr. Carl Horst

Drum and Bugle Corps presented by Mr. Carl Horst, Potentate
 of El Maida Shrine Temple

Fraternal Mr. Glen Taylor, Executive Chairman

Presentation of Worthy Matrons and

Worthy Patrons of Host Chapters Mr. Glen Taylor

Selection: "Come, Star Points, Join to Sing" Grand Choir
 Mr. Crawford Mearns, Director

Greetings:

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

- International Order of
Rainbow for Girls Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield,
Supreme Faith and Supreme Inspector in Texas
- Musical Selections Rainbow Girls of El Paso
- Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Perry Smithwick
- Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Joyce Roberts
- Response Mrs. Mary Brown, Associate Grand Matron
- Recognitions:
- Mr. A. R. Casebolt, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal
Arch Chapter of Texas
- Mr. Earl R. Chitwood, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council
Royal and Select Masters of Texas
- Mr. J. D. (Buddy) Baccus, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand
Commandery Knights Templar of Texas
- Formation — “Heavenly Spectrum” Directed by
Mrs. Nancy Shurley Johnson, Grand Marshal
- Grand Officers, Officers of Grand Chapter, Grand Pages, Assistant
Grand Warders, Assistant Grand Sentinels, Worthy Matrons and Worthy
Patrons of Texas
- Narration Mrs. Alma Carter, Poet Laureate
- Solo Mrs. Grace Findley, Grand Soloist
- Benediction Mrs. Edna Earl Duke, Past Grand Matron

RECESS

(Guests who are not members of the Order of the Eastern Star, please retire. Thank you for your presence, and for the beautiful expression of your interest.)

- Musical Selections Mr. Leonard Ellington
Mrs. Lucille Rowland

CEREMONIAL OPENING

8:00 P.M.

- Call to Order
Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, Past Grand Matron
Mr. Ed Sharpe, Past Grand Patron
- Partial Report of Credentials Committee . . . Mr. J. E. Johnston, Chairman

Drill — “Scintillating Rays” Grand Officers and Personal Pages
Directed by Mrs. Nancy Shurley Johnson, Grand Marshal

Ritualistic Opening
Opening Ode — “Heavenly Sunlight” Assembly

Pledge of Allegiance. Assembly, led by Mr. Perry Smithwick,
Worthy Grand Patron

Patriotic Song — “This is My Country” Assembly

Filling of Vacancies

Introductions:

Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons
Elective and Floor Officers of General Grand Chapter
Committee Members, General Grand Chapter
Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand
Jurisdictions
Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Juris-
dictions
Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas
Grand Officers and Officers of Grand Chapter of other Grand Juris-
dictions
Visiting Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions
Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas

Response to Welcomes
to Distinguished Guests Mrs. Thelma Bailey,
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron

Introductions Continued:

Presiding Grand Officers of Masonic Bodies
Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Supreme Faith, and Supreme Inspector
in Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Presentation of Executive and Arrangements Committees

Appointment of Committees

Benediction Mrs. Robbie Yates,
Past Grand Matron

Call from Labor to Rest

TUESDAY MORNING
October 25, 1977
8:45 A.M.

Musical Selections Mr. Leonard Ellington
Mrs. Lucille Rowland

Escort Mrs. Nancy Shurley Johnson, Grand Marshal

Mrs. Frances Key Herrin, Mr. Victor Jones, International Temple
Past Grand Matron Committee, General Grand Chapter
Mrs. Viva Huffman, Past Grand Matron
Mrs. Thelma Chandler, Past Grand Matron
Mrs. Amy Goebel, Past Grand Matron

9:00 A.M.

Call to Order Mrs. Frances Key Herrin, Past Grand Matron
Mr. Victor Jones, International Temple
Committee, General Grand Chapter

Drill – “Solar Magnificence” Pages, Assistant Grand Warders,
Assistant Grand Sentinels
presented by Mrs. Nancy Shurley Johnson, Grand Marshal

Entrance of Grand Officers

Devotional Mrs. Viva Huffman, Past Grand Matron

Selection – “The Awakening Chorus” Grand Choir,
Mr. Crawford Means, Director

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Invocation Mrs. Thelma Chandler, Past Grand Matron

Introductions

Reports:

Adoption of ESTARL Comm. Report . . Mrs. Lyda Lawhorn, Chairman
Bylaws Committee Mrs. Carolyn Paul, Chairman
U.D. Committee Mr. John Gillespie, Chairman
Jurisprudence Committee Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, Chairman
Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Joyce Roberts
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Perry Smithwick
Grand Secretary Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
Grand Treasurer Mrs. Jettie Hinton
Board of Director of Grand Chapter
Benevolences Mrs. Rachel Jones, Chairman
Purposes & Policies Committee Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, Chairman
Educational Fund Committee Mrs. Edith Alford, Chairman

Benediction Mrs. Amy Goebel, Past Grand Matron

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON

October 25, 1977

1:45 P.M.

Musical Selections Mr. Leonard Ellington
Mrs. Jackie Culp

Escort Mrs. Nancy Shurley Johnson
Grand Marshal
Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling Dr. R. O. Fuqua
Past Grand Matron Past Grand Patron
Mrs. Aliene Houston, Past Grand Matron
Mrs. Mabel Harle, Past Grand Matron

2:00 P.M.

Call to Order Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling, Past Grand Matron
Dr. R. O. Fuqua, Past Grand Patron

Entrance of Grand Officers

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Invocation Mrs. Aliene Houston, Past Grand Matron

Selection — "Memories of Galilee" Grand Choir,
Mr. Crawford Mearns, Director

Introductions

Reports:

Jurisprudence Committee Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, Chairman
Grievances and Appeals Committee. Mrs. Kitty Allen, Chairman
Endowment Committee Mrs. Merlyn McArdle, Chairman
Superintendent of Home: Mrs. Patsy Sawyer

Selection Grand Choir

Benediction Mrs. Mabel Harle, Past Grand Matron

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TUESDAY EVENING

October 25, 1977

Open to Family and Friends

Musical Selections Mr. Leonard Ellington
Mrs. Lucille Rowland

Presiding Mrs. Katherine Harbour, Past Grand Matron
Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes, Past Grand Patron

Escort Mrs. Nancy Shurley Johnson, Grand Marshal
Mrs. Katherine Harbour, Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes,
Past Grand Matron Past Grand Patron
Mrs. Mildred Garlitz, Past Grand Matron
Mrs. Eunice Connell, Past Grand Matron

Drill – “Nobility Exemplified” Welfare Program
 Welfare Committee, Mrs. Lola Wallace, Chairman
 Floor Officers
 Endowment Fund Committee, Mrs. Merlyn McArdle, Chairman
 Masonic Noblemen, Mr. Fred Nation, Chairman
 Music Committee, Mrs. Floy Starr, Chairman
 ESTARL Committee, Mrs. Lyda Lawhorn, Chairman
 Time and Talent Committee, Mrs. Polly Dugger, Chairman
 Founder’s Day Committee, Mrs. Zena Wilson, Chairman
 Home Beautification Committee, Mrs. Maudine King, Chairman
 Cancer Research Committee, Mrs. Laura Jane Jordan, Chairman
 Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Jr. Past Matrons and Jr. Past
 Patrons of 100% Chapters

7:45 P.M.

Call to Order Mrs. Katherine Harbour, Past Grand Matron
 Mr. C. A. “Bill” Holmes, Past Grand Patron

Escort Mrs. Nancy Shurley Johnson, Grand Marshal
 Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron
 Mrs. Thelma Bailey, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron
 Mrs. Josephine Rusham, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress
 Mrs. Sally Matranga, Worthy Grand Organist
 Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Ritual Committee, General Grand Chapter
 Mr. Herbert Arnold, Jurisprudence Committee, Gen. Grand Chapter
 Mr. Victor Jones, International Temple Committee, General Grand
 Chapter

Drill – “Scintillating Rays” Floor Officers and Personal Pages

Invocation Mrs. Mildred Garlitz, Past Grand Matron

Selection – “This Land is Mine” Grand Choir
 Mr. Crawford Mearns, Director

International Temple Report “Temple Beautiful”
 Mrs. Lillian Anderson, Chairman

Fraternal Correspondent’s Report honoring General Grand Chapter
 Officers of Texas

“Daystar” Mrs. MayDelle Grubbs, Chairman

Word of Greeting. Mr. Victor Jones, International Temple Committee

Word of Greeting. Mr. Herbert Arnold, Jurisprudence Committee

Word of Greeting. Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Ritual Committee

Word of Greeting. Mrs. Sally Matranga, Worthy Grand Organist

Word of Greeting. . . Mrs. Josephine Ruhsam, Right Worthy Associate Grand
 Conductress

Word of Greeting. . . Mrs. Thelma Bailey, Right Worthy Associate Grand
 Matron

Word of Greeting. . . Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand
 Matron

Selection – “May You Always” Grand Choir
 Mr. Crawford Mearns, Director

Benediction Mrs. Eunice Connell, Past Grand Matron

The Sun Still Shines



WEDNESDAY MORNING

October 26, 1977

8:00 A.M.

“The Sun Still Shines” Memorial

9:00 A.M.

Musical Selections Mr. Leonard Ellington
Mrs. Jackie Culp

9:15 A.M.

Call to Order Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast, Past Grand Matron
Mr. Richard T. Porter, Past Grand Patron

Escort Mrs. Nancy Shurley Johnson, Grand Marshal

Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast, Past Grand Matron
Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith, Past Grand Matron
Mrs. Lois Burnett, Past Grand Matron
Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Ritual Committee,
General Grand Chapter
Mr. Richard T. Porter,
Past Grand Patron

Fraternal Friendship Mrs. Grace Hartwell, Chairman

Drill – “Let the Sun Shine on Your Parade”. Masonic Noblemen
Mr. Fred Nation, Chairman

Drill – “Scintillating Rays”. Floor Officers and Personal Pages
Led by Grand Marshal

Call from Rest to Labor

Devotional. Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith,
Past Grand Matron

Invocation Mrs. Lois Burnett, Past Grand Matron

Presentation of 50 year members (please be seated near the East)

Reports:

Adoption of reports given Tuesday evening
Adoption of Welfare Report Mrs. Lola Wallace, Chairman
Jurisprudence Committee Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, Chairman
Grand Historian Mrs. Irene McCallister, Chairman

Benediction Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Ritual Committee
General Grand Chapter

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

October 26, 1977

1:45 P.M.

Musical Selections Mr. Leonard Ellington
Mrs. Lucille Rowland

2:00 P.M.

Escort Mrs. Nancy Shurley Johnson, Grand Marshal

Mrs. Doris Easterling, The Reverend Mr. O. D. Christian,
Past Grand Matron Past Grand Patron
Mr. Hal Burnett, Past Grand Patron
Mrs. Sally Matranga, Worthy Grand Organist

Call To Order Mrs. Doris Easterling, Past Grand Matron
The Reverend Mr. O. D. Christian,
Past Grand Patron

Entrance of Grand Officers

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Invocation Mr. Hal Burnett, Past Grand Patron

Reports:

Jurisprudence. Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

Formation — “Crystaline Wisps of Joy” Grand Examiners
District Deputy Grand Matrons
Deputy Grand Matrons
Secretarial Committee

Benediction Mrs. Sally Matranga,
Worthy Grand Organist

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THURSDAY MORNING

October 27, 1977

8:45 A.M.

Musical Selections Mr. Leonard Ellington
 Mrs. Lucille Rowland

9:00 A.M.

Call to Order Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup, Past Grand Matron
 Mr. Paul Huffhines, Past Grand Patron

Escort Mrs. Nancy Shurley Johnson, Grand Marshal

Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup, Past Grand Matron	Mr. Paul Huffhines, Past Grand Patron
Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Past Grand Matron	
Mr. Charles Bairfield, Past Grand Patron	
Mr. Richard T. Porter, Past Grand Patron	

Devotional Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
 Past Grand Matron

Drill — “Scintillating Rays” Floor Officers and Personal Pages
 Led by Grand Marshal

Call from Rest to Labor

Invocation Mr. Charles Bairfield, Past Grand Patron

Reports:

Credentials Committee Mr. J. E. Johnston, Chairman

Election of Officers

Reports:

Board of Grand Trustees	Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman
Transportation and Mileage Committee	Mr. Ed Pickett, Chairman
Registration	Mrs. Johnnie Benson, Chairman
Courtesy Resolutions	Mrs. Nadine Hill, Chairman
Invitation	Mr. Gene Belk, Chairman
Telephone & Telegram Committee	Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, Chairman
	Mrs. Thelma Chandler
	Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup
	Mrs. Patricia Neinast

Grand Examiner-at-Large Mrs. Betty Klonaris

Benediction Mr. Richard T. Porter, Past Grand Patron

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INSTALLATION NOTICES

PRACTICE

The 1977-1978 Floor Officers and Escorts will practice Wednesday evening, October 26, at 9:30 p.m. in the Mezzanine Ballroom in the Civic Center. Please meet on stage.

Practice for Installation of all other Officers of 1977-1978 will begin at 10:00 p.m. on October 26 in the Civic Center. This includes Boards, Deputies, Committees, Grand Representatives, and Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons.

INSTALLATION

Organ Prelude will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the Installation will be called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 27, 1977.

Assistant Grand Warders, Assistant Grand Sentinels, and Grand Pages are requested to assist in proving Grand Chapter for the Closing Ceremony following the Installation.

DEPUTIES SCHOOL

The School for Deputies will be held Friday morning, October 28, 1977, at 9:00 in the Paso Del Norte Hotel.

All Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, and Floor Officers, and Board Members are invited to attend.

Mrs. Mary M. Brown
Associate Grand Matron

Mr. Murray Watson, Jr.
Associate Grand Patron

PRACTICE SCHEDULE – GRAND CHAPTER FORMATIONS

(All practice in the Civic Center)

Saturday, October 22 – Ballroom 17th Floor Holiday Inn Downtown
2:00 p.m. Grand Floor Officers and Pages

Monday, October 24 – El Paso Civic Center

8:00 a.m. Committees of Grand Chapter, Boards, Worthy Grand Matron's Special Committees, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Assistant Grand Warders, Pages, Assistant Grand Sentinels

8:30 a.m. Floor Officers, Welfare Committee, Founders Day, Home Beautification, Time and Talent, Cancer Research, Estarl, Masonic Noblemen, Music Committee, Educational Fund, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Jr. Past Matrons, Jr. Past Patrons

9:00 a.m. International Temple: Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons

9:30 a.m. District Deputy Grand Matrons, Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Examiners, Secretaries

10:00 a.m. Masonic Noblemen

10:30 a.m. Fraternal Correspondent, Grand Representatives

11:00 a.m. Assistant Grand Warders, Assistant Grand Sentinels, Pages

11:30 a.m. Fraternal Friendship

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS, 95th SESSION
 GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1977

- 10:00 a.m. ESTARL CHURCH SERVICE, Civic Center Theater. Mrs. Lyda Lawhorn, Chairman. Open to the membership.
- 2:00 – “DAYSPRING RECEPTION”, Civic Center Theater Lobby,
 4:00 p.m. honoring Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron, Mr. J. Perry Smithwick, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter Floor Officers, General Grand Chapter Officers, and Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. Mrs. Betty Fitch, Chairman.
- 6:00 p.m. “LET’S BE AMISTOSO BANQUET”, Ballroom, Holiday Inn Downtown, honoring all General Grand Chapter Officers. Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, Chairman. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Dorothy Vernon, Box 1406, Monahans, Texas 79756. Ticket price: \$8.00. (Open to membership).

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1977

- 7:00 a.m. BREAKFAST, Assistant Grand Warders, Assistant Grand Sentinels, Personal Pages, Grand Pages, and Choir Members, honoring Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. J. Perry Smithwick, Worthy Grand Patron – Juarez Room, Civic Center. Chairman, Mr. Clifford Malone. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Sue Ainsworth, 901 Lantana, Harlingen, Texas 78550. Ticket price: \$6.00 (Open to this group only).
- 7:00 a.m. “BUTTONS AND BEAUXS”, District 4, Section 2 Breakfast honoring Mrs. Mabel Harle and Mrs. Edna Earl Duke, Past Grand Matrons, and Mr. W. Taylor Hood, Member, Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences – Main Ballroom, Paso Del Norte Hotel. Mrs. Hazel Senters, Chairman. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Fern Shannon, P.O. Box 622, Nederland, Texas 77627 (713/722-5642). Ticket price: \$4.85. (Open to membership).
- 10:00 a.m. BUSINESS MEETING of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, Garden Room, Mezzanine Floor, Paso Del Norte Hotel. Luncheon following at 12:00 p.m. in the Mezzanine Ballroom, Paso Del Norte Hotel. General Chairman, Dr. Russell Holt. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Elza Clayton, 831 Mission Rd., El Paso, Texas 79903 (915/565-7700). Ticket price: \$5.00. (Open to this group only).

- 12:15 p.m. "BIG BEN LUNCHEON", District Deputy Grand Matrons, Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Examiners, and District Secretaries honoring Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. J. Perry Smithwick, Worthy Grand Patron, Juarez Room, Civic Center. Chairman, Mrs. Irene Shearer. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Sylvia Cucino, 7527 Buckhorn, San Antonio, Texas 78227. Ticket price: \$6.00. (Open to this group only.)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1977

- 7:00 a.m. "BUENOS DIAS BREAKFAST", Grand Representatives honoring Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. J. Perry Smithwick, Worthy Grand Patron, Mezzanine Ballroom, Paso Del Norte Hotel. Chairman, Mrs. Patsy Sawyer. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Margaret Pribble, Route 10, Box 70, Fort Worth, Texas 76135 (817/237-2816). Ticket price: \$6.00. (Open to this group only.)
- 7:00 a.m. SECRETARIES BREAKFAST, Juarez Room, Civic Center. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Edith Alford, 8822 Rowan Lane, Houston, Texas 77036 (713/771-5332). Ticket price: \$4.75 (includes dues). (Open to present and past secretaries only).
- 12:15 p.m. "FIESTA MERIENDA LUNCHEON", the Sun Queens of District 2 honoring Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron, North End, Civic Center. Mrs. Lou Taylor, Chairman. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Marjorie Freeman, Box 1166, Denver City, Texas, 79323. (806/592-2769). Ticket price: \$6.25. (Open to the membership).
- 12:15 p.m. "MERIENDA LUNCHEON", the Mary Brown Girls of District 2, Section 10 honoring Mrs. Mary Brown, Associate Grand Matron, South End, Civic Center. Chairman, Mrs. Hazel Goekler, Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Dee Tillman, 8806 Magnetic, El Paso, Texas 79904 (915/755-4372). Ticket price: \$6.00. (Open to the membership).
- 12:15 p.m. "OLA COMPANEROS LUNCHEON", the Redbirds of District 2, Section 10 honoring Mrs. Rennie Oton, Grand Conductress, Ballroom, Holiday Inn Downtown. Chairman, Mrs. Ruth E. Marsh, Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Pauline Hubbert 1908 St. Johns, El Paso, Texas 79903 (915/565-6160). Ticket price: \$6.00. (Open to the membership).
- 12:15 p.m. LUNCHEON, Happy Charmers honoring Mrs. Kathy Johnston, Associate Grand Conductress, Ballroom, Paso Del Norte Hotel. Chairman, Mrs. Beverly Anderson. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Peggy Raiford, 1601 McRae, Apt. No. 11, El Paso, Texas 79925 (915/592-5633). Ticket price: \$6.00. (Open to the membership).

- 12:15 p.m. LUNCHEON, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Examiners, and District Secretaries of 1975-76, honoring Mrs. Doris Easterling, Junior Past Grand Matron and Mr. O. D. Christian, Junior Past Grand Patron, Garden Room, Mezzanine Floor, Paso Del Norte Hotel. Mrs. Imogene Benton, Chairman. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Jeanne Gish, 211 Hermosa, El Paso, Texas 79922. (915/584-0509). (Open to this group only).
- 6:00 p.m. DISTRICT I "THE BEAT GOES ON BANQUET" honoring Mrs. Kathy Johnston, Associate Grand Conductress. Ballroom, Paso Del Norte Hotel. Chairman, Mrs. Jackie Wilder. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Lyda Lawhorn, 3114 Sunnybrook, Tyler, Texas 75701. (214/592-0494). Ticket price: \$7.00. (Open to the membership).
- 6:00 p.m. DISTRICT II BANQUET honoring Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron, North End, Civic Center. Mrs. Dorothy Vernon, Chairman. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Pearl Mills, Box 686, Crane, Texas 79731. (915/558-2197 or 558-3112). Ticket price: \$7.50. (Open to the membership).
- 6:00 p.m. DISTRICT III BANQUET honoring Mr. J. Perry Smithwick Worthy Grand Patron, and Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Associate Grand Patron, Ballroom, Holiday Inn Downtown. Mrs. Zena Wilson, Chairman. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Polly Dugger, 4758 Greene, Fort Worth, Texas 76133. Ticket price: \$7.50. (Open to the membership).
- 6:00 p.m. DISTRICT IV BANQUET "AUTUMN'S TREASURES" honoring Mrs. Sally Matranga, Worthy Grand Organist, Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Member, Educational Fund Committee, General Grand Chapter, and Mrs. Mary Brown, Associate Grand Matron, South End, Civic Center. Chairman, Mrs. Bernice Ogden. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Dorothy Almond, Box 505, Woodville, Texas 75979 (283-3032). Ticket price: \$8.00. (Open to the membership).
- 6:00 p.m. DISTRICT V BANQUET honoring Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Grand Conductress, Scottish Rite Temple, 101 W. Missouri. Chairman, Mrs. Kaleta Shepperson. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Donna Hightower, Box 95, Ozona, Texas 76943 (915/392-3392). Ticket price: \$6.75. (Open to the membership).

TUESDAY EVENING AFTER SESSION PARTIES
FOR GRAND CHAPTER LINE OFFICERS

Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. J. Perry Smithwick, Worthy Grand Patron, Ballroom, Paso Del Norte Hotel. Hosted by the Sun Queens of District 2, Section 10. (Open to membership).

Mrs. Mary Brown, Associate Grand Matron and Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Associate Grand Patron, Mezzanine Ballroom, Paso Del Norte Hotel, hosted by the Mary Brown Girls of District 2, Section 10. (Open to Worthy Matrons and Patrons only).

Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Grand Conductress, Juarez Room, Civic Center. Hosted by the Redbirds of District 2, Section 10. (Open to Associate Matrons and Patrons only).

Mrs. Kathy Johnston, Associate Grand Conductress, Scottish Rite Temple, 101 W. Missouri. Hosted by the Conductresses of District 2, Section 10. (Open to Conductresses only).

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1977

- 7:00 a.m. "CUP OF REMEMBRANCE BREAKFAST" honoring Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup, Past Grand Matron and Mr. Paul Huffhines, Past Grand Patron, Ballroom, Holiday Inn Downtown. Chairman, Mrs. Shirley Simpson. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Virginia Seitz, 9222 Roanoke Dr., El Paso, Texas 79924 (915/755-3623). Ticket price: \$4.50. (Open to the membership).
- 7:00 a.m. MEMBERS OF DISTRICT IV, SECTION 4 ANNUAL BREAKFAST, Mezzanine Ballroom, Paso Del Norte Hotel. Chairman, Mrs. Jean Lee. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Amy Wheeler, 403 Pebblebrook, Seabrook, Texas 77586 (713/334-1227). Ticket price: \$3.75. (Open to members of this section only).
- 7:00 a.m. BREAKFAST—MEMBERS OF DISTRICT V, SECTION 6, Top 'O The Inn, Holiday Inn Downtown. Chairman, Clelia Burch. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Jane Tyler, Box 56, McQueeney, Texas 78123 (512/557-5852). Ticket price: \$4.25. (Open to members of this section only).
- 12:15 p.m. "DAYSPRING REFLECTION LUNCHEON", Grand Chapter Boards and Committees honoring Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. J. Perry Smithwick, Worthy Grand Patron, North End, Civic Center. Mrs. Dorothy Jordan and Mrs. Betty Johnson, Co-Chairmen. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Charlotte Carpenter, 10233 Luella, El Paso, Texas 79925 (915/591-9251). Ticket price: \$6.25. (open).

- 6:30 p.m. GENERAL BANQUET, Juarez Country Club, Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, honoring Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. J. Perry Smithwick, Worthy Grand Patron. Mrs. Elise Hammack and Mrs. Frances Burbank, Co-Chairmen. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Jerre Lucas, Route 2, Box 200-A, Marion, Texas 78124. Ticket price \$10.50 (includes transportation from the Civic Center to the Country Club and return to Civic Center, Banquet, and entertainment. The buses will depart from the Civic Center at 6:00 p.m.) (Open to membership).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1977

- 7:00 a.m. "REACH OUT BREAKFAST" honoring Mrs. Mary Brown, Associate Grand Matron, South End, Civic Center. General Chairman, Mrs. Betty Phillips, P. O. Box 95, Darrrouzett, Texas 79024. Ticket Chairman, Nell Davidson. Price: \$6.25. (Open to membership).

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1977

- 7:00 a.m. "ARRIBA, ARRIBA BREAKFAST" honoring the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress. Main Ballroom, Paso Del Norte Hotel. General Chairman, Mrs. Judy Scannell. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Mercy Sanchez, 5515 Paraguay, El Paso, Texas 79903 (915/778-3770). Ticket price: \$5.00. (Open to the membership).

GRAND CHOIR

Mr. Crawford Mearns, Choir Director

Adams, Ivagene	Lowe, Shirley
Allen, Ruth	Malone, Cliff
Alexander, Juanita	Malooly, Alice
Ault, Bertha	Mathews, Harry
Barlow, Susan	Marshall, Carmen
Bennett, Freda	Mayo, Ruth
Bobb, Bessie	Marbeth, Fran
Boyt, Vara	McLemore, Authula
Brock, Nell	McQuillen, Mildred
Bruce, Gladys	Mock, Alice
Cardwell, Hazel	Moore, Ruby
Cate, Opal	Morgan, Jackie
Chesser, Grace	Meier, Ray
Courtney, Lucille	Meier, Venoy
Courtney, Thelma	Miser, Peggy Ann
Crook, Edith	Neal, Helen
Cowsert, Edna	Neal, Vester L.
Commander, Betty	North, Paula
Dierdorf, Mary Lou	Phillips, Edna
Douma, Ethel	Pierce, Lester
Dudley, Evelyn	Pierce, Jeannie
Dudley, Russell	Pruett, Fleta
Duncan, Tommye	Powers, Frances
Eason, Mina	Rago, Marilyn
Elrod, Maxine	Ragsdale, Darline
Evans, Inez	Rhoades, Ethel
Evans, Marjorie	Rice, Sherry
Gray, J. Ray	Scannell, Judy
Gray, Pat	Schilling, Carrie
Hall, Henry	Smith, Carmoleta
Hamilton, J. Allan	Smith, J. Eyan
Head, Edith	Spencer, Robert
Hendricks, Victoree	Sorenson, Andy
Howard, Georgicana	Stanton, Donald M.
Howard, J. Don	Stanton, Geraldine
Howard, Martha W.	Swetland, Rosemary
Horton, Mary	Swetland, Russell
Horton, John	Thomas, Heinse
Hooper, Ruth	Turner, Helen
Jetton, Margaret	Ward, Avis
Jones, Abbylou	Ware, Jean
Jones, Ruth	Warner, Dorothy
Holmes, Pauline	White, Georgia
Kaufman, Kitty	Willis, Claudia
Kerr, Paul	Worgan, Edna
Kralicek, Ethel	Wright, Mrs. R. L.
League, Wanda	Yarbrough, Rochelle
Lewis, Pat	Zollars, Nellie
Lowe, Kenneth	

GRAND PAGES

Mrs. Jean Demuth Bruce, Chairman
Mrs. Opal Farley, Co-Chairman

Arnold, Alma	Jackson, Rachel
Ackley, Thelma	Kleen, Betty Jo
Adams, Bernice	King, Mrs. Jimmy
Atkerson, Flora Belle	Krohn, Mamie
Alderson, Anna	Keller, Helen
Adair, Nita	Karrer, Aletha T.
Allaway, Joe Mae	Koontz, Cecile
Allison, Dorothea	Kromer, Edyce
Blackburn, Jerry	Lindley, Billie
Boyer, Neva Faye	Logan, Mae
Baker, Dollie	Lanier, Leola
Barkley, Virginia	Lewis, Lela
Brisco, Allene	Lightfoot, Lleta
Buttermore, Frances	Lambert, Rosemary
Brittain, Estelle	McFerrin, Joe
Blasdel, Letha	McAdoo, Corrinne (R.E.)
Britz, Betty	Mucklerath, Anadell
Brey, Mildred	Mullen, Pauline
Bringhurst, Nancy	May, Velma
Bruce, Jean Demuth	May, Mabel
Black, Lucrecia	Miller, Pauline
Bean, Bessie	Madison, Virginia
Berry, Neta	North, Mary Cherry
Chenoweth, Elizabeth	Nations, Vertie M.
Coleman, Myrtle	Nicklas, Joyce
Clark, Lois	Pearle, Dottie
Childress, Marion	Phillips, Gertrude
Cosby, Sandy	Pearson, Delilah
Custer, Westa B.	Petty, Lula E.
Carter, Louise	Parrish, Marguerite
Cummins, Leona	Phillips, Naomi
Crofford, Lena H.	Patterson, Hazel
Crane, Valtagine	Parker, Katheleen
Caraway, Eva Mae	Rickman, Gladys
Crabb, Gladys	Rascoe, Albertine
Cunningham, Clyde	Royal, Alice
Davis, Maxine	Richardson, Nell
David, Olga Sue	Rector, Mona
Day, Mrs. Henry R.	Short, Dana M.
Edwards, Romelle	Stacey, Jean
Eldridge, May	Schroeder, Jan
Elliott, Grace	Sullivan, Geraldine
Farley, Opal	Stark, Fern
Flowers, Janie	Smith, Billie Tom
Ford, Annie Lee	Stroud, Mildred
Favor, Lois C.	Tatum, Miriam
Fuller, Dorothy	Tolleson, Louise
Gray, Margie	Tirey, Gracie L.
Gage, Nelda Jean	Theiler, Doris Jeanne
Griffin, Maurine	Talley, Autie M.
Graves, Dean	Woodbury, Jane
Grizzler, Mary Ruth	Weik, Billie
Hill, Ozella	Wayne, Joyce
Humphreys, Zealon	Wilson, Pauline
Hall, Imogene	Weldon, Bertha
Hillbrich, Oneita	Wells, Sally
Honeycutt, Bilye	Williams, Lois
Jones, Cornelia	Whatley, Millie
	Yates, Doris S.

ASSISTANT GRAND SENTINELS

I. E. Tolleson, Chairman
 Dwan D. North, Co-Chairman

Alderson, R. M.
 Alexander, Larry N.
 Allison, D. W.
 Apple, Wayne
 Athley, Clifford
 Barkley, Joe
 Baker, Aaron D., Sr.
 Bass, Stanley
 Bean, Joe E.
 Brannam, E. L.
 Brauninger, W. E.
 Brey, Cleve
 Briscoe, Blake
 Boodfoot, M. H.
 Buttermore, Jack L.
 Carthen, O. B.
 Ceat, Newton B.
 Cole, Rodney L.
 Crane, W. E., Jr.
 Crofford, Verner R.
 Curtis, George W.
 Custer, Cloud W.
 Darden, Vernon
 Davis, Charlie W.
 Douglas, J. D.
 Douma, Arthur J.
 Dudgeon, Rush
 Duke, H. A.
 Farris, E. J.
 Elliott, Michael A.
 Ferrell, M.
 Foster, M. D.
 Franklin, Eugene
 Franklin, Willie L.
 Gray, Austin T.
 Graves, Curtis
 Griffin, Gilbert
 Grisham, John E.
 Harbison, O. Winfred
 Harral, William W.
 Hilbrick, Otto, Sr.
 Hodges, Earl
 Hodges, R.

Hughes, J.
 Karrer, Norman H.
 Johnson, Joel F.
 Krohn, Earl E.
 Master, Thomas R., Jr.
 Miller, J. Lee
 Mills, J. Herschel
 Moore, Carrol W.
 McAfee, R. B.
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OPENING ODE

Walking in sunlight, all of my journey,
Over the mountains, thru the deep vale,
Jesus has said "I'll never forsake thee"
Promise divine that never can fail.

Heavenly sunlight, Heavenly sunlight,
Flooding my soul with glory divine;
Hallelujah, I am rejoicing,
Singing His praises, Jesus is mine.

COME TO KNEEL AT THE ALTAR

Come to kneel at the altar
Where we will gather under His Star;
Come as wise men of old did come,
Come from near and far!
As we gather together
Let us remember why we are come;
Seek a blessing beneath His Star
'Ere you turn to home.

Keep the lessons we learned so well
And hide them close in your heart;
Adah, Ruth, and Electa, too,
Lead us all apart.
Martha, lifting her eyes above,
Queen Esther, standing alone;
Teach us how to return the love
Sent us from above.

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

Faith of our Fathers! living still
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
When-e'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our Fathers! Holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.
Faith of our Fathers! we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife
And preach thee, too as love knows how
By kindly words and virtuous life;
Faith of our Fathers! Holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

MAY THE GOOD LORD BLESS AND
KEEP YOU

May the good Lord bless and keep you
whether near or far away,
May you find that long awaited golden
day today.
May your troubles all be small ones, and
your fortunes ten times ten,
May the good Lord bless and keep you
'Till we meet again.

SUN OF MY SOUL

Sun of my soul! Thou Savior dear
It is not night if Thou be near;
O, may no earth — born cloud arise
To hide Thee from Thy servants eyes!
When the soft dews of kindly sleep
My weary eyelids gently steep,
Be my last tho't — how sweet to rest
Forever on my Saviors breast!
Be near to bless me when I wake,
Ere thru the world my way I take;
Abide with me till in Thy Love
I lose myself in heaven above.

EXODUS

This land is mine
God gave this land to me,
This brave and ancient land to me,
And when the morning sun reveals her
hills and plains
Then I see a land where children can run
free
So take my hand and walk this land with
me
And walk this lovely land with me.
Tho' I am just a man,
When you are by my side,
With the help of God I know I can be
strong.
So take my hand and walk this land with
me
And walk this golden land with me.
Tho' I am just a man,
When you are by my side,
With the help of God I know I can be
strong.
To make this land our home,
If I must fight, I'll fight to make this land
our own.
Until I die this land is mine!

MAY YOU ALWAYS WALK IN SUNSHINE

May you always walk in sunshine,
Slumber warm when nite winds blow.
May you always live with laughter for a
smile becomes you so.
May good fortune find your doorway,
May the bluebird sing your song.
May no trouble travel your way,
May no worry stay too long.
May your heartaches be forgotten,
May no tears be spilled.
May old acquaintance be remembered,
And your cup of kindness filled,
And may you always be a dreamer,
May your wildest dreams come true.
May you find someone to love,
As much as we love you.

I'LL BE LOVING YOU ALWAYS

I'll be loving you always,
 With a love that's true, always.
 When the things you've planned
 Need a helping hand
 I will understand always — always.
 Days may not be fair, always
 That's when I'll be there, always;
 Not for just an hour,
 Not for just a day,
 Not for just a year
 But — always.

LET ME CALL YOU SWEETHEART

Let me call you sweetheart
 I'm in love with you.
 Let me hear you whisper
 That you love me, too.
 Keep the love-light glowing
 In your eyes so blue;
 Let me call you sweetheart,
 I'm in love with you.

WHEN IT'S SPRINGTIME IN THE
ROCKIES

When it's springtime in the rockies
 I'll be coming back to you
 Little sweetheart of the mountains
 With your bonnie eyes so blue.
 Once again I'll say "I love you",
 Where the birds sing all the day;
 When it's springtime in the rockies
 In the rockies, far away.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

South of the border — down Mexico way
 That's where I fell in love
 When stars above came out to play
 And now as I wander
 My thoughts ever stray
 South of the border — down Mexico way.
 She was a picture in old Spanish lace
 Just for a tender while I kissed the smile
 upon her face,

For it was "Fiesta" and we were so gay
 South of the border — down Mexico way.
 Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay!
 Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay! Ay!

DAYSRING

In the bright sunshine of her smile.
 She comes to lead us to His Star!
 Our own dear Joyce will lead the way
 As we now come from near and far.
 We pledge allegiance to her now;
 We come to serve her faithfully
 Our own Grand Matron, O, so fair!
 Most worthy of our loyalty.

HOME ON THE RANGE

O give me a home where the buffalo roam,
 Where the deer and the antelope play;
 Where seldom is heard a discouraging word
 And the skies are not cloudy all day.
 Home, home on the range
 Where the deer and the antelope play;
 Where seldom is heard a discouraging word
 And the skies are not cloudy all day.

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
 Consider all the worlds Thy hands have
 made;
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
 Thy pow'r throughout the universe dis-
 played.
 Then sings my soul my Savior, God, to
 Thee
 How great thou art — —

THIS IS MY COUNTRY

This is my country: Land of my birth.
 This is my country, grandest on earth.
 I pledge thee my allegiance,
 America the bold;
 For this is my country
 To have and to hold!

CIELITO LINDO

I'm waiting near by the fountain here,
 Come, my lovely Cielito Lindo!
 Over there in the village square,
 There is music, Cielito Lindo!
 Ay, ay, ay, ay! Come to your window,
 Ere moonlight fails and the starlight pales
 We must hasten, Ceillito Lindo!
 Ay, ay, ay, ay! Canta y no llores
 Porque cantanda se alegran,
 Cielito Lindo, los corazones!

VAYA CON DIOS

Now the time has come for all to say
 "A Dios!"

Now we whisper to each one know
 "Luego!"

Va-ya con Dios my sister!
 May God be with you, each one.
 Now the ancient mission bells are softly
 ringing,

If you listen with your heart you'll hear
 them singing.

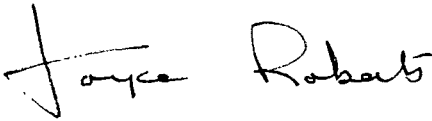
Va-ya con Dios my sister!
 May God be with you, each one.

How can I ever show my appreciation to the wonderful people of El Paso who have been so faithful and worked so diligently. You have gone beyond the call of duty in every way. Anything I have asked of you, you have done and more.

This has been a time of cooperation. We have been a family. It has been a total effort and I am so proud of you.

We have all sought the same goal and each of you has shown great concern to see to everyone's comfort and pleasure.

My love always,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Roberts". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Joyce Roberts
Worthy Grand Matron

Ninety-Fifth

Grand Chapter Session Order of the Eastern Star

In "Serenity of Faith" Estarl Worship Service



THEATRE of the CIVIC CENTER

EL PASO, TEXAS

Ten O'Clock A.M.

Sunday, the Twenty-Third of October,
Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven

Mrs. Joyce Roberts
Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Perry Smithwick
Worthy Grand Patron

ESTARL CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday, October 23, 1977 — 10:00 A.M.

Civic Center Theatre, El Paso, Texas

Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Perry Smithwick, Worthy Grand Patron

PROGRAM

Prelude	Mrs. Josephine Fraser, Grand Organist
ENTRANCE OF THE GRAND CHOIR	
Call to Worship	"GOD OF OUR FATHERS"
Invocation	Reverend Robert V. Miser
Grand Choir and Congregation	
"Praise God, From whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost." AMEN	
The Anthem — "HOLY ART THOU"	Grand Choir
Solo Voice: Miss Fran Merbeth	
The Lesson from the Holy Scriptures	Reverend D. Nick Sholars
OFFERTORY PRAYER	Reverend D. Nick Sholars
Offering — Musical Selections	Mrs. Josephine Fraser, Grand Organist
(The Offering will go for additional ESTARL SCHOLARSHIPS)	
SERMON — "FAITH'S CERTAINTY"	Reverend Robert V. Miser
SOLO	Mrs. Grace Findley, Grand Soloist
Accompanist	Mr. Leonard Ellington
HYMN	"GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU"
Grand Choir and Congregation	
Presentation of ESTARL SCHOLARSHIPS	Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron Mr. Perry Smithwick, Worthy Grand Patron
BENEDICTION	Reverend Robert V. Miser

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Mrs. Maurice Moran	District 3
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Mrs. Catherine Athey	District 5
Mrs. Josephine Fraser	Grand Organist
Mrs. Grace Findley	Grand Soloist
Mr. Crawford Mearns	Grand Choir Director

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ESTARL SERVICE

“Serenity of Faith”: In such a mood hundreds of Eastern Stars and Friends gathered in the beautiful Auditorium of the Civic Center for the annual Estarl Service. The panels of crystal prisims caught the beams of light reflecting them upon those “Who had come unto the House of the Lord” for worship. The flag of Texas was in a place of honor and about the stage were arrangements of sunburst Roses.

At the hour appointed for the service, the Grand Choir was raised from the Orchestra Pit singing “God of our Fathers”. The music for the service was directed by the Grand Choir Director, Mr. Crawford Mearns and Mrs. Josephine Fraser, Grand Organist, was at the piano. The beautiful voice of Mrs. Grace Findley deepened our SERENITY as she shared her talent in the service.

Mrs. Lyda Lawhorn: On behalf of the Estarl Committee, I extend to you a very warm and sincere welcome to the “SERENITY OF FAITH” Estarl Service. We are honored to have so many distinguished guest in our service this morning. I wish that there were time for me to introduce each of you. We do want you to know, however, that we are so glad that you came.

I would like at this time to introduce two special people — Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas, and Mr. Perry Smithwick, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you for coming.

I have this year been very privileged to work with five great people. I want you to know the Estarl Committee and at this time I present them to you.

- Mrs. Hettie Lou Fields District 1
- Mrs. Nell Casparis District 2
- Mrs. Maurice Moran District 3
- Mrs. Mary Kathryn Prather District 4
- Mrs. Catherine Athey District 5

I am very proud of them — they are very dear to me.

I would like to explain to the many friends and families in the audience that “ESTARL” means Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership. We are very proud this morning to have several of our recipients with us. It was a long way for them to come. Several of them have duties to perform to help get them through school. To each of them, I extend a very special welcome. We are so thankful to have them with us. A little later on, they will be presented to you.

We hope this morning as you leave that your mind will have been refreshed — your Faith will have been rekindled so that this week will begin and end with SERENITY.

We are most fortunate to have with us this morning the Reverend Robert V. Miser, who is the pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Baden but he is also the son-in-law of Mr. Clifford Malone, Grand Sentinel, and Mrs. Malone. Assisting him we have the

Reverend D. Nick Sholars. He is the pastor of the Ashbury United Methodist Church in Tyler. He, too, is one of our recipients. He finishes in December. We are most fortunate to have these two young men to bring the service to us.

I would like to welcome each Sister and Brother who has come from far and near. To all of you gathered here, I extend a welcome.

Rev. Robert V. Miser: Eternal God-Creator and Sustainer of this universe, we give you honor, praise, and glory this morning because we have come here to worship Thee. Worship has an aspect of respect and that aspect of respect is one of Joy — one of Victory — one of expressing Thanksgiving. We praise you for your presence here this morning. We give you Thanksgiving for the many opportunities of service these men and women have had to serve you. They come for this special service for another opportunity of service to men and women who have demonstrated their ability to be led by You, that your Word and your Kingdom might come on this earth. Thank you for the service that the Eastern Star is doing for your Kingdom in our world. Father, I pray that you will be in the hearts of each and every person in this service and that the serenity that they know will come as a result of the Faith that they have demonstrated in the life — the death — and resurrection of Jesus Christ — Our Lord and Savior — for it is He that we serve — it is He that we come to worship today. May our total being be in that worship. AMEN.

DOXOLOGY

Anthem.....“HOLY ART THOU”

Rev. D. Nick Sholars: Our scripture lesson this morning comes to us from the book of Hebrews — the 11th Chapter, Verses 1-6; also one verse from 1. John — 5th Chapter — 4th verse. “Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the Hope of things not seen . . . “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world and this is the victory that overcomes the world “OUR FAITH”.

Let us pray. Oh God, our Heavenly Father, we thank you for this day for the opportunity that we have to serve mankind. We thank you this day Oh God, for the good things in life that you have given to us and we are grateful that we have the opportunity to serve Thee with our time, with our talents and with our gifts and our Service. We pray that our time, our talents, our gifts and our service might be used in the work of your Kingdom here on this Earth. Bless we pray, our gifts which we make to Thee this day. Receive them as a symbol of our dedication and as a symbol of our devotion to your work. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. AMEN.
(Offering was slightly over \$1,000.00)

SERMON

“FAITH’S CERTAINTY”

Rev. Robert V. Miser

After relaxing his audience by recounting several appropriate jokes and speaking of the good things that happen to us every day, he entered into his sermon . . . following are a few pertinent statements therefrom.

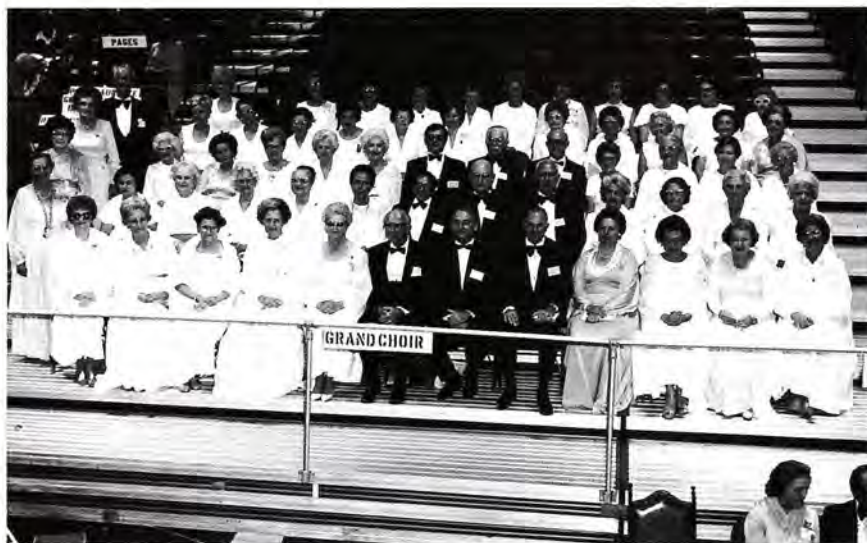
Speaking of the men of Faith in the morning scripture, he made the statement that “really what Faith is all about, is God acting in us. Faith is a certainty . . . God is acting now in our world. God is everything . . . God is the substance . . . He is living and acting now, as we permit him to . . . if there was ever a time when Faith needs to be demonstrated, it is today in this sinful world. The world seems to feel that God is not forgotten but He just does not seem quite as powerful . . . We seem to rely more on man’s opportunities . . . more on man’s reason than on God’s reason . . . Faith is available in the 20th Century to anyone who will receive it . . . we must hear the word of God for Faith to come to us . . . it stirs us up so that we know that Faith cometh from God . . . Faith is the answer to our worries . . . We cannot legislate morals but Faith in God and demonstration of that Faith will rid our world of its sin and evil . . . Doctors

say that 85% of their patients are patients because they worry . . . We need not to worry because we are the sons and daughters of God and a father gives his children everything . . . That is one of Faith's Certainties . . . 'God's love of us'. How do you have Faith? This is the great question. Faith always devolves deliberate action on the part of the Believer. You don't just Faith it — you Believe it and you DO it."

The Choir and audience sang: "God Will Take Care of You". Following is the list of scholarships awarded:

Jay Ron Adkins	Terry M. Hefley
James Albright	* Mark Hones
Peter Anton	David Lowe
William Ascol	Walt Marcum
Frederick Ater	John R. Miller
Gary Baldwin	Gary Newman
Thomas Baughn	James N. Norman
Ina Sue Boyd	Gary Norris
Edwin Brown	Stacy Patty
Daniel Carfrey	Richard Paul, Jr.
Nelson Chamberlain	Darylene Perkins
* Jack Chew	Robert Randell
Steven Coffman	Bernard Ritchie
Michelle Cooper	Walter C. Rittle
Ronald Croom	Kyle Robertson
Robert Daily	Marvin Runte
Thomas H. Davis, Jr.	James Russell
Timothy Demy	* D. Nick Sholars
Robert DeWolfe	Tommy Thompson
* Laylonie L. Drake	James W. Thorp
* Robert Ellis	Larry Tinsley
Edward Frankenfeld	George Warren
William Gandin	Jimmy Weatherly
Lon Gregg	Richard Young
Bennie Hayden	John L. Youngblood

(* the recipients who were present to receive their awards)



Following the benediction, the vast crowd departed with Faith renewed, believing that it is a "Certainty" that God is in His Heaven and all is well with the world".

God Change man's World
 Begin with Me!
 Each Day is a new beginning
 It brings renewed love and friendship abound;
 It makes the evening ending,
 A challenge to meet life
 With Faith and keep tomorrow sound.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITIES

Saturday — October 22, 1977

"FLOOR OFFICERS DINNER"

The Sun Torch Room of the Coronado Country Club was the setting for the traditional Floor Officers Dinner. The delightful affair was hosted by the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, and the Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Perry Smithwick as a compliment to their Floor Officers of 1976-1977.



The tables were most attractive with floral arrangements in shades of purple and lavender and white. At evening's close, the officers were remembered by their Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron with gifts of china Ginger Jars, hand painted with blue forget-me-nots.



At the hour of departure, within every heart there was the feeling that their lives had been enriched through service and association, one with the other, and that the glow of "Sunset" was as beautiful as the "rising Sun" of a year ago.



“DAYSPRING RECEPTION”

The beautiful Foyer of the Civic Center Theater Lobby was the scene of the reception to honor the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Floor Officers, General Grand Chapter Officers and Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. A tremendous crowd passed down the line to greet the honorees and moved on to the refreshment tables. The lustre of the silver from which the refreshments were served was contrasted by the “sunburst” hue of the floral arrangements adorning the tables. The occasion was truly A SOURCE OF . . . LIGHT . . . LIFE . . . and FELLOWSHIP.

LET’S BE AMISTOSO BANQUET



As a tribute to Texas' General Grand Chapter Officers and visiting dignitaries from General Grand Chapter a delightful evening of fellowship was planned for Sunday evening, October 22, 1977. The setting was the Ball Room of the Downtown Holiday Inn from where one could view the “lights of the city” come on and in the rare atmosphere, twinkle a greeting of welcome to all. The romance of this setting was enhanced by the gaiety of the decorations and the haunting rhythm of the marimba music. The warmth of the fellowship was convincing evidence that those gathered were AMISTOSO.

NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR THE SUN, A SOURCE OF LIGHT . . . LIFE . . . FRUITFULNESS SESSION Held in El Paso, Texas October 24 through 27, 1977

The Place of meeting of the Ninety-fifth Annual Session — The Sun, A Source of . . . Light . . . Life . . . Fruitfulness Session — was the El Paso Civic Center. The dates for the Social as well as the actual business session were October 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27, 1977. The Estarl Service was held in the Theater of the Center and the Sunday Reception was in the Civic Center Theater Lobby.

The keynote for the decorations of the Auditorium of the Civic Center, which was the setting for all session, was "SIMPLICITY".

Once again, the beautiful Sunburst Altar, resting upon a gold rug representing the emanating rays of the sun, centered the Grand Chapter room. During all sessions a soft light shone forth from the Altar giving to all in attendance the strengthening warmth of God's Word which was opened thereon.

For the Star Point stations there were chairs of the appropriate color. About the room were white and blue potted cacti plants. All of these appointments had been used at the Installation of this Corps of officers, evidence of the effort of the Worthy Grand Matron to keep the expense of the Session to a minimum.

The stage backdrop was Blue. Indirect lighting was focused upon the drop giving the impression of "twilight". In front of the drop was the form of a large tree, all of its leaves having been dropped. One had the feeling that the intended impression of the scene was that the "FRUITS" of a successful year had been garnered and that the Hour of Harvest Reports was at hand. The backdrop was used for slide projections in the presentation of several Reports. The lady floor officers were gowned in their Installation formals. They were cream, tiered chiffon dresses, each tier being bordered with a row of gold beads and a wide bank of gold beads around the waist. The flowing sleeves were caught at the wrist by a band of gold beads. Upon the floor, they presented a picture of "regal ladies" escorted by handsome gentlemen (our men floor officers) in their black Tux. The personal pages of the floor officers wore lovely flowing formals of blue (quiana material) with sparkling rhinestones about the flesh chiffon insert at the neck.

MONDAY SESSION
October 24, 1977
NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION PROGRAM
FOR
THE SUN — A SOURCE OF
. . . LIGHT . . . LIFE . . . FRUITFULNESS

PRE-CEREMONIAL

5:00 P.M.

As the membership and guest gathered, musical selections were presented by Leonard Ellington at the piano and Mrs. Lucille Rowland at the Organ. The Grand Choir was seated to the right of the stage, behind the instruments with a small stage-step in front from where the Grand Choir Director, Mr. Crawford Mearns, directed. The Choir wore white formals with a sky-blue satin stole about the neck.

At 5:15 P.M. Mrs. Nancy Bailey, Assistant Grand Marshal, presented Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Herbert Arnold, Jurisprudence Committee, General Grand Chapter, in the Grand East.

Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris: Will the Grand Chapter of Texas please come to Order.

It is an honor for me to join with my fine friend, Brother Herbert L. Arnold, a member of the Jurisprudence Committee of General Grand Chapter, in calling this first session of our 95th Annual Grand Chapter of Texas to order. Brother Arnold, it is indeed a special privilege and a happy hour when we can greet the beautiful membership of Texas.

We feel the Peace and the warmth of their hearts as they join in Fraternal Love and Harmony for this great Order; Its land-marks of success and its mountain-top accomplishments, in its many phases we in Texas try to serve and hope always to be a Brother to all mankind. May we express the sincere appreciation of the entire audience for the blessing our artist brought in music in this twilight hour. Thank you brother Leonard Ellington and Sister Lucille Rowland. (Applause)

PROCESSIONAL OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Acting Grand Marshal, Mrs. Nancy Bailey, you will conduct the processional of General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee members of General Grand Chapter to the Grand East.

Those presented were:

Mrs. Thelma Bailey, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter from California

Mrs. Josephine Ruhsam, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress of General Grand Chapter from Minnesota

Mr. Ray W. McRoberts, Worthy Grand Chaplain, General Grand Chapter from Arizona

Mrs. Sally Matranga, Worthy Grand Organist, General Grand Chapter — our own, from Texas

Mrs. Eva H. Vogel, Worthy Grand Electa, General Grand Chapter from Arkansas

Mrs. Harriet C. Richardson, Chairman Registration Committee, General Grand Chapter from New Mexico

Mr. Preston Caldwell, Registration Committee, General Grand Chapter from Tennessee

Mr. M. Edwin Cox, Chairman Ritual Committee, General Grand Chapter from Oregon

Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Member Ritual Committee, General Grand Chapter — our own, from Texas

Mrs. Ruth Cameron, Chairman, Welfare Committee, General Grand Chapter from Tennessee

Mrs. Lois M. Ross, Estarl Committee, General Grand Chapter from Utah

Mr. J. Victor Jones, International Temple Committee, General Grand Chapter — our own, from Texas

Mrs. Hazel W. Harden, Heart Foundation Committee, General Grand Chapter from New Mexico

Mr. Charles Harpool, Shriner's Hospital Committee, General Grand Chapter from Oklahoma

It is a pleasure to greet so many of our General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members. We are honored that you came our way. Sister Thelma Bailey, our Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, is returning to her birth place and I know the City of El Paso welcomes her as does Texas Grand Chapter.

We are also especially pleased that Sister Josephine Ruhsam is here from Minnesota. She is our Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress in General Grand Chapter and is a very special friend to Texas.

Each one who carries the beautiful rays of LIGHT — LIFE — and FRUITFULNESS throughout Our Father's World is given a sincere Texas welcome and please come our way again.

Now to our beloved Texas appointments in the General Grand Chapter, I would say from the bottom of my heart, "How Great You Are". You have given so much to Texas and to our Order that we lovingly give you our Hearts. You are more precious than silver and gold.

To our other Distinguished Guest from far and near, Thank you for traveling to El Paso to grace our Grand Chapter Session. We welcome YOU and hope you will return.

Brother Arnold, do you have a special word at this time?

Mr. Herbert Arnold. Thank you Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mildred Haney Harris. It is a pleasure and privilege for me to stand at your side when you call this Grand Chapter Session to Order. It is always a pleasure to be with you. My sincere appreciation to the Worthy Grand Matron for affording me this privilege and pleasure.

Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris. Returning to El Paso brings many wonderful memories. Brother John Temple Rice was my Worthy Grand Patron in 1939 when I served you as Worthy Grand Matron of Texas and your Carolyn Paul was our Deputy. Then, Dr. J. Russell Holt, Past Grand Patron, was a most capable chairman of my Welfare Committee in the General Grand Chapter when I was your Most Worthy Grand Matron. So, you see, I have special ties in El Paso from the old days to the new.

To our beautiful and gifted Worthy Grand Matron and Distinguished Worthy Grand Patron, I would say we find in your theme the reflections of your every achievement for increasing the happiness, the peace and the understanding of your great membership within the borders of this beautiful Texas. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the twelve months allotted to you as our leaders in Texas, you have been distinguished and well qualified ambassadors for the Founder of our Beloved Order, Brother Rob Morris. You went about teaching LOVE for all mankind and made your lives epistles to endure forever in the hearts of all who walked the way with you. May His special blessings be yours.

It is my privilege now to present the Master of Ceremonies for the Pre-Ceremonial Opening of this, "The Sun — A SOURCE OF LIGHT . . LIFE . . and FRUITFULNESS SESSION of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Sister Nancy Bailey, you will present Sister Molly Goodpasture escorted by Brother B. F. Hutson.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, our gracious Past Grand Matron of Texas.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, other General Grands, all distinguished members, Distinguished Guest, and other Friends. Thank you, Mrs. Harris for your presentation. Thank you, also, from the Grand Chapter of Texas for the distinction which you have brought to Texas, for the dignity and poise, style and eloquence with which you serve and for the interest which you still maintain in Grand Chapter.

Mrs. Bailey, how pleased we are you could attend our Session. We all recognize you as a lady of exceptional integrity, honor and competence. The recognition and high honors which have come your way are well deserved. You are writing your name in love, kindness, honesty, and mercy on the hearts of thousands with whom you come in contact. As long as we have people of like character and distinction willing to chart our course, we need have no fear of our future.

Mrs. Ruhsam, through the years we know you have acquired a wealth of experience and knowledge and I am sure your counsel is sought by many who know you. We welcome you to our Grand Chapter Session. Light and life are essentially one and express the energy and unity of creation. Every vibration of light is alive with the vibration of life itself.

Nature, the geologists tell us, spent 250 million years or more in mixing and molding the ingredients that went into layer upon layer of the earth upon which we live. Whatever may be the age of the world as we know it, quite obviously its object would not have been accomplished without sunshine.

The sun can plainly be seen to have had its origin in that stupendous cosmic command: "Let there be light".

Man has always admired the rainbow and wondered what caused the beautiful colors, but no one found a scientific explanation until Sir Isaac Newton proved in 1670 that color evolves from the sun and that light is refracted as well as dispersed. Sir Isaac Newton obtained a glass prism and in a darkened room allowed a ray of sunlight to enter and pass through the prism. The ray of sunlight bent bypassing through the prism produced the band of rainbow colors which is called the Solar Spectrum.

Light and the sun were worshipped by early man. They brought him safety and comfort, and he accepted them as gifts from his Gods. In the course of his development the occurring and recurring appearance of the Rainbow brought awe, fear and admiration. It became known as "The Messenger of the Gods".

PRESENTATION OF FLOOR OFFICERS

I present those who have this year lived the guiding principles innately evidenced in the purposes of our Order.

(As the Grand Officers were presented they came from back stage, pausing in the front and took seats in the Northeast and Southeast on the Grand Chapter floor).

Mrs. Maydelle Grubb, Fraternal Correspondent, escorted by Mr. Ben Day

Mr. Clifford Malone, Grand Sentinel, escorted by his wife, Mrs. Mildred Malone

Mrs. Sue Ainworth, Grand Warder, escorted by Mr. Jack Kullin

Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Grand Electa, escorted by Mr. Vaughn Johnson

Mrs. Daphne Thrasher, Grand Martha, escorted by her husband, Mr. Harbour Thrasher

Mrs. Helen Smithwick, Grand Esther, escorted by Mr. Wayne Jones

Mrs. Arthur Mae Lemon, Grand Ruth, escorted by Mrs. John Shearer

Mrs. Beulah Speer, Grand Adah, escorted by her husband, Mr. Brook Speer

Mrs. Josephine Fraser, Grand Organist, escorted by her son, Mr. John Fraser

Mrs. Nancy Johnson, Grand Marshal, escorted by her husband, Mr. Neil Johnson

Mrs. Opal Lee Kelly, Grand Chaplain, escorted by Mr. Jack Crump

Mrs. Kathy Johnston, Associate Grand Conductress, escorted by her husband, Mr. J. E. Johnston

Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Grand Conductress, escorted by her husband, Mr. Paul Ofton

Mrs. Jettie Hinton, Grand Treasurer, escorted by Mr. Vernon Mills

Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, escorted by her husband, Mr. Murle Howard

Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Associate Grand Patron, escorted by his wife, Mrs. Greta Watson

Mrs. Mary Brown, Associate Grand Matron, escorted by her husband, Mr. Doss Brown

Mr. Perry Smithwick, Worthy Grand Patron, escorted by Mrs. Grace Bell

Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron, escorted by her husband, Mr. Joe Roberts

Mrs. Nancy Bailey, Assisting Grand Marshal, will you please escort our processional to the East.



(All of those appearing on the program and the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas were escorted to the East)

An inscription on the Reformation Monument, Geneva, Switzerland, says: "A Man with God is always in the Majority".

The Bible will be presented by Mrs. Lillian Barnard Parker, Past Grand Matron.



The Square and Compasses by Dr. Russell Holt, Past Grand Patron. (With dignity the Bible and Square and Compasses were brought to the sunburst Alter and laid thereon)

Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance; it is laying hold of his highest intelligence.

Our Invocation will be given by Mrs. Cynthia May Watts, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Cynthia Mae Watts. Let us pray. Our Father, how great Thou art! We love you so much it is glorious to serve you.

As the golden rays of the sun slip quietly and softly into the shadows of the evening, we praise you for your majestic glory — the glory of your name. In the beginning of this, the 95th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, in reverence we envoke your blessing upon our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron. We pray you will guide and direct them in the session and may they feel Thy presence in their hearts.

We envoke Thy blessing upon each member in attendance and may we resolve to all of us work together for your Glory and for the good of our Order. We pray you will lead all of us today, tomorrow, and always. We want your leadership. We pray that you will strengthen us by your power and sustain us by your Love. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen

PRESENTATION OF FLAGS

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. The Deeds demanded of America in the decade ahead can only be accomplished by a United People and Government acting with boldness, perseverance and vision.

Our United States Flag will be presented by Mr. Harold Todd, Past Grand Patron;

Our Texas Flag by Mr. Earl Manning, Past Grand Patron;

Our Christian Flag by Dr. Jim Goettee, Past Grand Patron;

Our Eastern Star Flag by Mr. J. T. Sanders, Past Grand Patron.

(To the sound of stirring music all Banners were brought to their position of honor in the Grand East).

Our Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Mr. Gerald Allen, Past Grand Patron.

Mr. Gerald Allen. (The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison)

Mrs. Mollie Goodpasture. Music is a prophecy of what life is to be; the Rainbow of Promise translated out of seeing into hearing. "This is my Country" will be brought by the Grand Choir under the direction of Mr. Crawford Mearns.

("This is my Country" was rendered beautifully by the Grand Choir).

If a Nation values anything more than Freedom, it will lose its Freedom; and the irony of it is that if it is comfort or money that it values more, it will lose that, too.

TRIBUTE TO OUR FLAGS

The Tribute to our Flags will be brought by Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Guest, My Sisters and Brothers:

Words are potent things. Once spoken, they ring down the lengthening Vistas of Time. I use these moments of time tonight to speak in behalf of the great membership of this Order, here assembled, words of Love, of Respect, and Gratitude, of Hope and Prayers that always these four beautiful Banners will be held in deep reverence.

"Oh say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed in the twilight's last gleaming?"

These words were first spoken 165 years ago. We speak them tonight. In the twilight of THIS day, we behold and salute this grand old flag of a proud people. It is a living symbol of all that we hold dear in "America the Beautiful". As loyal citizens we believe in all for which it stands — Liberty — Freedom of Speech — Justice for all — Respect for the beliefs of others — and the precious privilege of Worship.

It represents our Government in Washington - a soldier on foreign soil - our ships at sea - our children in institutions of learning. It represents YOU and ME in our homes; in our places of worship, and our Halls of Fraternal gatherings.

Our Flag does not speak in voice, yet it is understood throughout the world for it speaks the language of the human heart. No tribute could be so eloquent as to adequately express the emotions of this moment of tribute from the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Let us so live that we may merit the great price of its conception and the price by which it has been preserved. Ours is the privilege to live beneath the protection of its folds but ours is likewise the responsibility and duty to revere it and to protect it.

"Long may it wave o're the land of the Free and the Home of the Brave"

120,000 Stars of Texas salute You, beautiful and glorious LONE STAR. Proudly you wave over "Beautiful, beautiful Texas - Land where the Bluebonnets grow. You are the precious gift purchased by our forefathers who fought at the Alamo. No state in this great Union has a greater heritage than do we or a more colorful history...Five other Flags flew over us before your birth...You have been woven by threads of hardship — valor — disappointments — sacrifices — courage — hope and vision. The eyes of no citizen of this great State can come to rest upon your folds, but that their heart pulsates in Pride. You are great because the people whom you guarded in the yesteryears have made you great. Tonight we acknowledge the responsibility that is ours to so live as loyal citizens of Texas that we too may merit your protection and by the will of God be strengthened to reflect for you Sturdiness — Dependability — and Loyalty.

It is with reverence that we pause to honor you, our Christian Flag, a Symbol of the excellency of God. No banner known to mankind speaks of such perfect LOVE as does the Christian Banner. It reminds us that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. As our eyes rest upon its Cross, do you hear the marching feet of Crusaders? Do you feel the pulsation of the Elect Lady? Do you remember what Jesus said to Martha . . . "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die"? Can you see the blood of the Lamb of God flowing down the old Rugged Cross. If you can see, can feel, can hear, and can remember these things, then you know that no gift is so precious as that reflected in this Flag . . . the promise of rich blessings to him who believes — joys beyond measure to him who serves — the victory of everlasting life to him who will take up the Cross and walk across the span of Time that is his life "in the footsteps of Jesus". We pledge allegiance to this Christian Flag and to the Saviour for whose Kingdom it stands, one brother hood uniting all mankind in service and love.

What do I think when I see our STAR?
 I think of a glow in the Heavens; Afar
 Down the ages guiding the way
 To a manger where a Babe in YOUR light lay.
 Then the Book of Books with its stories old,
 Come streaming into my heart — newly told.

Cherished Flag of our Order, worthy of esteem and high praise, proudly we salute you.

We behold the glorious spectrum of color shining forth from the points of the emblematic star emblazoned on your field of white. These symbolic hues remind us of those virtues which were so courageously practiced by the heroines of our Order.

As our eyes behold your beauty, may each heart take on new courage and determination. May we so live that we may effectively emulate the true spirit of brotherhood through experiences of FIDELITY to duty; COURAGE whatever befalls; CONFIDENCE in people; FAITH in God; and LOVE of our sisters and brothers.

Finally, my Sisters and Brothers, these Flags are symbols of LIGHT — LIFE — and FRUITFULNESS as we, their SUNS, make them so.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. Those on the program who did not come up with the procession, will you please stand at this time and let our Assisting Grand Marshal escort you to the East.

Sister Assisting Grand Marshal, will you now escort our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and Associate Grand Matron to the East.

The beautiful friend of the Worthy Grand Matron — of mine and of yours, Mrs. Katherine Harbour, Past Grand Matron, could not be with us this evening. Her husband has been ill. He has been in and out of the hospital for several months but Friday we had some good news. They think now that it is a benign tumor, or tumors, of the thyroid glands. Just thank God it is benign and not malignant. Her husband, Gaston, will be having surgery. He is going back into the hospital November 6 for surgery. I know that all of you will, in the interim, pray for Gaston and for Katherine.

She was to have given the dedication of the Session at this time.

It is no small thing to have enjoyed the sun

To have lived life in the Spring
 To have loved, To have thought, To have Done;
 And to have advanced true Friends.

The Dedication of the Session will be given by Mr. Bill Holmes, Past Grand Patron.

DEDICATION OF SESSION

Mr. Bill Holmes. The great teachings and principles of our Order have Truth as the object of our understanding; Good, the result of our will. However, the greatness and glory of our Order is not in its ceremonies, its constitution or its laws; it is in the moral, intellectual and spiritual energies of its people.

Therefore, this 95th Annual Session, "THE SUN — A SOURCE OF LIGHT, LIFE AND FRUITFULNESS" Session is dedicated to the members of the Subordinate Chapters of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. The highest Graces of Music flow from the Feelings of the heart.

Mrs. Grace Findley, Grand Soloist, will bring us a vocal selection.

(A beautiful solo was enjoyed by all present rendered by Mrs. Grace Findley).

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. Our Civic Welcome is to be given by a man who has an honor and a tradition to uphold, who has learned that group spirit and cooperative effort are valuable lessons; who must be a selfless and dedicated leader. The Honorable Mr. Dan Ponder, Mayor Pro Tem of El Paso.

Mr. Dan Ponder. Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guest. As you know, El Paso is known as being a place in the Sun and of Friendship.

In spite of the trouble with the sound system, if you have any other trouble let the City know, and we will take steps to rectify it.

We are glad you have come here one more time. Thank you.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. Indisputably a great, good handsome man is the first of all created things.

A Welcome will be brought by Mr. Carl Horst, Potentate of El Maida Shrine Temple; after which he will present the Drum and Bugle Corps of El Maida Shrine Temple.

Mr. Carl Horst. It is really a great honor and privilege to bring all of you Greetings from the hearts of all Masonic bodies of El Paso (as you might already know this is just north of the Mexican border and where the sunshine spends the winter). We here in El Paso are very, very proud of our own Grand Worthy Matron (Joyce Roberts) and having the 95th Annual Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star here, the first such Session since 1937 — 40 years ago. I now present to you wonderful people, El Maida's pride and joy, who have won many State Championships in the past, the drum and Bugle Corps — Lloyd Muir, Captain and Maura Cohen, Drum Major. Thank you all.

(The presentation of the El Maida Drum and Bugle Corps was received with much applause and pleasure — it was most outstanding)

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. Show me the kind of man you honor and I will show the kind of man you are, for it shows me what your ideal of manhood is, and what kind of man you long to be. Mr. Glen Taylor, Executive Chairman, will bring a welcome and present the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of the Host Chapters.

Mr. Glen Taylor. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Grand Officers, Distinguished East, Members and Friends:

On behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron and the members of District 2, Section 10, it is with extreme pleasure that I welcome you to the 95th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas in El Paso, Texas, the Sun City, the Home of the Sun Queen, our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Roberts.

(As Mr. Taylor was speaking the 15 Host Chapters, represented by their Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, advanced to a position in front of the stage)

The Membership of the Fifteen Eastern Star Hostess Chapters in District 2, Section 10, all bid you welcome to El Paso and extend our Fraternal Greetings and hope that your stay in the Sun City will be pleasant and your Session Successful.

Let's give these Sisters and Brothers a big hand. They have worked hard all year. (applause)

Again, I am honored to welcome you and may God watch over this Session and Bless each one of you.



(The following is a list of the fifteen Host Chapters)

Harmony Chapter No. 244	Fabens Chapter No. 764
El Paso Chapter No. 4	Ocotillo Chapter No. 837
Sierra Blanca Chapter No. 154	Ysleta Chapter No. 991
Van Horn Chapter No. 514	Ft. Hancock Chapter No. 992
Pleiades Chapter No. 620	Del City Chapter No. 1057
Rose Croix Chapter No. 701	Wallis Hughston Chapter No. 1100
Woodbine Chapter No. 738	Thunderbird Chapter No. 1087
Rob Morris Chapter No. 759	

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. Emerson said: "Life is hardly respectable if it has no generous task, no duties or affections that constitute a necessity of existence. Every Man's task is his life preserver." I am pleased to present: Most Worshipful Herman Vineyard, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, who will bring Greetings.

Mr. M. V. Vineyard. Thank you so much. I appreciate that. On December 1, 2, 3, I will be in Waco presiding over the Grand Lodge of Texas and at that time I will go out of office. Here it is almost eleven months that I have been in office and I can't get used to being introduced and having people stand. I know that it is for the office but it is still hard for me to understand. Thank you so much.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Right Worshipful Grand Lodge Officers, Past and Present and those who aspire to be; Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters, the Right Worshipful Members of the Committee on Work; the Right Emminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery; of Texas, my Brothren and Ladies and Guest:

When I received the invitation to come here and address this 95th Session and bring greetings from the Grand Lodge — it was sometime back in June. I am not a member of the Eastern Star and I didn't know what I was going to say and I don't know yet.

If I speak to the Masons present, then the Ladies will say that I am neglecting them, If I speak to the Ladies, then the Masons will say I am neglecting them.

I would like to say at this time that I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for her most generous invitation for me to come here from McAllen and address this annual Session. I have been to Ft. Worth many times and I look forward to always and constantly coming back to this country. I live just about as far from El Paso as you can get. I live in McAllen. I want you to know that I know that river road — every mile of it — and they haven't taken out one mile yet.

I would like to say a few words concerning Masonry and I would suppose it would possibly pertain to the Eastern Star and the other Fraternal organizations here represented.

As Grand Master of Masonry in Texas, I represent not only the Eastern Star, the Shrine, the Scottish Rite, the York Rite, the DeMolay, the Rainbow Girls, but the GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS — 979 Lodges at this time representing 224,000 Masons — members of Texas Lodges. I would suppose that some of the problems that have occurred this year since December of 1976, occurred to Past Grand Master, Hal Burnett, who is seated here in the East tonight. I would suppose that some of these problems that will come up next year will affect Right Worshipful Brother Ferman Vinson the Deputy Grand Master, who is also seated here tonight. Some of these same problems have occurred and have happened to your Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Roberts.

I have heard so many times and the rest of you have heard also, "What is wrong with MASONRY"? What is wrong with our Fraternity? What is wrong with the Eastern Star? The same utterance comes out, "There is absolutely nothing wrong with Masonry." The Teachings of Masonry are the same now as they were from time beginning. The same with the Eastern Star. They can trace Masonry back so far because of the written records but by the same token, we can go further than that. The first time that a man laid his hands on the back of another man, helped him, assisted him, and aided him, that WAS Masonry even though they didn't have a Lodge.

Now we come to the present time and we ask the question, "What is wrong?" We want to blame it on television. We want to blame it on the fast pace of our life. Having served eleven months as Grand Master of Masonry in Texas, I am firmly convinced, and perhaps Mrs. Roberts is too, that it is not the television — it is not the fast pace of life. It boils down to the individual Worshipful Master of his Lodge and the individual Worthy Matron of the local Chapter. That is where it stems from. I have had problems come to me this year by letter and telephone from my District Deputies telling me what is happening in the local Lodge. Some of the things that are happening are because the Master has not prepared himself to sit in the East.

If he has not prepared himself to sit in the East — if he does not know the law and he will allow the election of officers to take place a month before a law permits it to happen, then what does he have to offer to the membership of his Lodge. Absolutely nothing . . . and we wonder why we cannot get six people out to a Lodge meeting or six people out to an Eastern Star meeting.

I am not talking about ritual. There are certain people who cannot learn ritual. If they could, they would not know how to handle it — they would not know how to express themselves. I am talking about the man who assumes the responsibility of becoming a Master of his Lodge or the lady who assumes the responsibility of becoming Worthy Matron of her Chapter when she knows deep down in her heart that the only reason she is taking it is for the honor of being a Past Worthy Matron or a Past Worshipful Master. They know if they are prepared.

A Worthy Grand Matron or a Worshipful Grand Master receives phone calls at night. I have been awakened at 2:30 in the morning. I sat and listened for an hour before I finally lost my temper — and we ask what is wrong.

I feel it is going to take a very strong — a very serious — a very concerned educational program from the bottom up. If a man who enters the Lodge line, or a woman who enters the line of her Chapter, is not concerned enough to prepare themselves — to better themselves — or at least know what is going on, they should drop out. The Chapter or Lodge should see that they drop out. This is the solution. (Applause) They are nothing but a drone on society — they are a drone on their fraternity — they are a drone on your organization. I have said this before — I say it again. That is my SERMON.

I would like to make a few observations. I was under the impression that we had politics at Grand Lodge. To preface my next remarks, I had surgery about two weeks ago. Ever since the day after surgery I started walking. I am now walking two miles. Since I have been in El Paso — I have nothing to do — I do not have my car. I get up each morning and walk two miles — come in and have breakfast and then go to my room and relax a couple of hours and in the afternoon I go out and walk another mile. This morning in my two mile walk, I passed the Civic Center. I thought I would come in and see if I knew anyone. Sure enough, I saw the Grand Senior Warden. I stopped and talked to him for a few moments and suddenly I became aware of what was going around me. I realized it was “politicking.” You know, I didn't know what politicking was about. I have been told that there are three names to be entered for Grand Junior Warden in Waco in December. I have not seen one of those men here. I am going to notify them that they missed a bet. They should have been here and taken some lessons. (Applause)

I would like at this time to congratulate the Worthy Grand Matron on her year. She has had a wonderful year, I know. In years past, some of the Grand Masters who have trod this road before me have had some problems with the Eastern Star over the State. I am happy to say that the Eastern Star has been mentioned to me three times this year and the District Deputy took care of each case. You see, it was a minor problem. I would like to congratulate you, Mrs. Roberts, on that.

I would also like to bring you greetings, not only for myself as Grand Master, but from the Grand Lodge Officers here with me and in the audience; as well as from the 979 Lodges and the 225,000 Masons. We all wish for you a very successful and enjoyable 95th Session of the Grand Chapter.

I would like to close with this. It was given to me last January and I close with it in all of the talks that I have made since. I think that it is one of the most beautiful thoughts ever written. Copies of it have been presented to me on two different occasions — one engraved in bronze — the other presented to me on parchment, framed. I want to share it with you for they not only apply to Masonry, but to the Eastern Star, and all of our organizations. It is entitled “WHEN IS A MAN A MASON”.

WHEN IS A MAN A MASON

When he can look out over the rivers — the hills and the far horizons with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things and yet have faith, hope, and courage which is the root of every virtue;

When he knows that down in his heart every man is as noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolic, and as lonely as himself and yet seeks to know, to forgive, and to love his fellowman, and to know how to sympathize with him in his sorrow, yea, even in his sin knowing that every man fights a hard fight against many odds. When he has learned to make friends and to keep them and, above all, to keep friends with himself;

When he loves flowers, can hunt the birds without the gun and feel the thrill of an old forgotten joy; when he hears the laughter of a little child; when he can be happy and high minded amid the mere drudgeries of life and when star-crowned trees and the glints of sunshine on flowing waters subdue him like the thought of one much loved and now long dead;

When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain and no hand seeks his aid without response; when he finds good in every faith that helps every man to lay hold of Divine things and see majestic meaning in life whatever the name of the faith may be;

When he can look into a wayside puddle and see something beyond mud; and he can look into the face of the most forlorn mortal and see something beyond sin; when he has kept faith with himself, with his fellowman, with his God — in his hand a sword for evil; in his heart the lilt of a song — glad to live but not afraid to die — then

Such a man has found the only real secret of Masonry — that is the one which Masonry is trying to give to the world.

Thank you so much for your kind attention. I have certainly appreciated my stay here in El Paso. Thank you so very much . . . (Applause)

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. Martha Marie, thank you for feeling that you had a charge to keep, a calling to fulfill, a rendezvous with a just and righteous cause. Your cause in cooperation with Eastern Stars has been a joint effort, a cooperative venture. I hope throughout your life you will have the joy of service. Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Supreme Faith, Supreme Inspector in Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. After you have spoken will you remain standing because the Rainbow Girls from El Paso have a selection to dedicate to you.

Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers. The Grand Assembly of Texas, Order of the Rainbow for Girls feels very honored to be invited to bring Greetings to the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. The word 'sponsor' may not be the correct term, or even the one used, through the years each girl has felt and respected that love and support of the sponsorship through groups and individual members of the Grand Chapter.

To have had the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and many Grand Officers and Appointments attend the 1977 Grand Assembly Session, proved their support. Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron, brought Greetings and the Benediction on Tuesday evening — also presenting a very generous gift of \$500.00, which will be used wisely — we were also delighted to have Mrs. Mary Brown, Associate Grand Matron, bring Greetings and the Benediction on Wednesday evening.

We were especially pleased to honor Mrs. Roberts at two Rainbow Joint Meetings, one in El Paso and one in Dallas. Her presence, message and comments meant a very great deal to every one who attended, we do thank her for the courtesy and kindness.

Membership has fallen far more than we care to realize — girls, Masons, and Eastern Stars are not doing their part in giving many girls the opportunity of becoming Rainbow Girls. If each one here tonight would attend one more Assembly Meeting, I feel sure that you would feel it worth while and want some young girls to share a fraternal relationship with you. If each one would bring in just one petition, our ranks could grow in quality as well as in membership. Too, it would increase interest in girls wanting to become members of your Chapter.

Each Assembly has financial, charitable and social projects, you would enjoy having a part in them. Grand Assembly has similar projects, especially active are the W. Mark Sexson Fund, for girls to receive loans with no interest for furthering their education and the Lets Be Thankful Fund from contributions of our thankfulness and to do for others. Some of the pleasures — the 'Davis Quints' and recently \$100.00 to the Order of the Eastern Star Home for cosmetics, etc. Tonight we present to Mrs. Roberts for the Endowment Fund of the Grand Chapter a check with our love and affection to you.

Again every Rainbow Girl, present, past and future, is grateful to each of you.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. Mrs. Whitfield, will you please remain standing while the Rainbow Girls of El Paso dedicate a selection to you?

(The Rainbow Girls, in their white formals, dedicated a selection to Mrs. Whitfield)

Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield. Thank you, Mrs. Roberts. This has meant a great deal to me. I know that you all enjoyed it but I am going to take some of it unto myself. Thank you girls very much.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. In today's highly competitive world, intellectual integrity is more vital than ever. We must have the moral courage to stand firmly for the things in which we believe. The truly great successes in life have come from men with deep moral and ethical convictions who have applied them to their respective affairs. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron, for having moral convictions and for standing by them.

I am happy to present Mr. J. Perry Smithwick, Worthy Grand Patron of Texas, who will bring Greetings.

Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you Molly, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers and Friends: It is with pleasure that I Greet you this evening on this, the 95th anniversary of the founding of our Order.

We are familiar with the part that Masonry has played in the development of Texas — from Austin's Colony unto today. I like to believe that somewhere during that period of time, about 95 years ago, the men of Texas joined in sharing and promulgating the teachings of Masonry so far as they knew it.

I think that it is fitting this evening to start the concluding series of Sessions in this beautiful "Sun City" of El Paso because it began one year ago in my home town — the place where the Eastern Star Grand Chapter of Texas was born — Fort Worth.

What a fitting climax it is to have you present in El Paso this evening to see the culmination of a year's work. We thank you and hope you have a very enjoyable time and that we have a very fruitful session.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. Worthy Grand Matron, this is the setting of the Sun of your year's work. After this week, the grandeur will remain but without the intensity. You have brought a special kind of leadership and integrity to this year of service. You have followed high standards of sincerity and truth. Your warmth and unfailing courtesy, your inner core of courage, illustrates that magnanimity, compassion and concern for others are born of realism and strength. Only on this kind of foundation can the growth and happiness of our membership be built.

I take pleasure in presenting Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron of Texas, who will bring Greetings.

Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you Master of Ceremonies, Mrs. Molly Goodpasture and my beloved Friend; Worthy Grand Patron; Past Most Worthy Grand Matron; Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Sister Thelma Bailey; Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Josephine Ruhsam; The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Mr. Herman Vineyard.

This is Opening Night and Oh, when I look out at all of you, how beautiful it is; and to all other dignitaries who are here, I also say welcome to my town — my Sun City — and also welcome to this 95th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. It is my fondest hope that you will find this week a memorable and rewarding experience. May the Sun of Happiness warm your every day with the bright rays of Friendship.

Energy is a quality that can only be measured in its effect on other things. All of us are affected by either the lack of energy or by its abundance. The greatest source of energy known to man is that which radiates from the Sun — swirling gases which light our sky by day and illuminate the darkness by night are a vital and integral part of our civilization. We stand in the glory of its magnificence and the marvel of its powers.

Many have labored in that force which turns the wheels of life, and like the energy it radiates, they have planted the fields of endeavor with fertile fruits of achievement. They have worked without material reward for the benefit of all who are assembled here. To the members of the Arrangement Committee and my Executive Committee, I say a very special, heartfelt "Thank You" for a job well done. Your untiring efforts in the creation of this, The Sun — A Source of Light, Life and Fruitfulness Session, has not gone unnoticed, for the progress of your efforts are everywhere about us.

I also want to thank the members of my other Committees whose hours of preparation of their duties encountered during this Session have formulated a smooth and efficient foundation.

To all of you who have come from near or far, your presence here is truly appreciated for you are the force which keeps the Order of the Eastern Star a vital and living factor in the hearts of all who follow its teachings and principles.

I feel that I am a most fortunate person to have been given this opportunity to witness the many manifestations of service. You, my friends, are truly "fairest among thousands, altogether lovely". Thank you.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. Associate Grand Matron, Horace said: He will through life be master of himself and a happy man who from day to day can have said, "I have lived", tomorrow the Father may fill the day with black clouds or with cloudless sunshine. Every person present wishes for you a year of cloudless sunshine and a year well lived. Mrs. Mary Brown, Associate Grand Matron, will bring a response to our welcomes.

Associate Grand Matron. Thank you Master of Ceremonies, Sister Molly Goodpasture — not only for your introduction but for your wishes.

It is my pleasure to respond to the welcome of our Host. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, for according me this courtesy. I feel deeply humble to the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas for placing me in this position that I might respond for the distinguished visitors whom you have here in the City of El Paso.

No doubt your citizens are aware of our presence and the fun we are having. We have filled your hotels, your restaurants, your streets, and your shops. We are basking in the sunshine of your warm welcome to your beautiful SUN CITY. If there is anything that adds to our delight of being in El Paso, it is knowing that you are happy we came. Thank you for giving us this reassurance.

Honorable Don Ponder, Mayor Pro Tem, we deeply appreciate the welcome that you extended to our membership.

Brother Carl Horst, Potentate of El Maida Shrine, how grateful we are for your words of welcome and for the performance of your Drum and Bugle Corps. As some of you probably know, I play the "snare drum" so I always enjoy the Drum and Bugle Corps.

To Brother Glen Taylor, Chairman of the Executive Committee, thank you, not only for your welcome this evening but for the help you have given to those who are working with me to prepare for the Installation. I particularly appreciate you having the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of District 2, Section 10, as a part of your welcome for they are my Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. It gave a very special meaning to me for them to participate.

To Brother Herman Vineyard, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M., we are honored with your presence. We are grateful that you made that trip from McAllen to El Paso. We are especially appreciative of your words and I feel we will benefit from them.

Just recently I read in your Texas Free-Mason, the reading you shared with us. On an impulse I wrote to you and expressed my appreciation for such a man who would give to us such inspiring words. I want you to know, Most Workshipful Herman Vineyard, hearing you give them is far more inspiring than reading them. I want to pledge to you in the coming year an effort to give to the Grand Lodge of Texas less than three problem situations with Eastern Stars. We are hoping that it will be "zero".

To Sister Martha Marie Whitfield, Supreme Faith, Supreme Inspector of Texas, Order of Rainbow for Girls, we appreciate your words of welcome and we enjoyed with you having these young girls pay a Tribute for we, like they, appreciate the many, many years you have given to training our young people in the way they should go. We stand with those young people and say "Thank you". Of course, you know how much I and all of the members of Texas appreciate the donation to our Endowment Fund.

To our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Roberts and Brother Smithwick, we have been looking forward to coming to El Paso for a long time because it is the SUN CITY of our SUN QUEEN. We have enjoyed serving with you and we know that this Session is going to be a fine example of the leadership that you have shown throughout the year. As you well know, the Eastern Stars are fine Christian people and we are deeply appreciative of your preparation for our coming and for every courtesy you have extended. Please be assured that we shall leave your fine excellent facilities in the same condition in which we found them. We plan to come again and when we do we want you to be just as pleased at our coming. Thank you.

The Distinguished Masons who have not been presented, I am pleased to invite them to come and give us a word of greeting. Mr. A. R. Casebolt, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. (He did not come). Mr. Ed Polocek, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

Mr. Ed Polocek. Most people out there that know me are probably wondering what is he doing up here. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Past Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Officers, Past and Present, Sisters and Brothers, Distinguished Guest, I am here in behalf of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companion Earl R. Chitwood, of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas. Companion Chitwood honored me to represent him at this Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, as he has had a conflicting engagement in another part of Texas. Companion Chitwood is a Past Patron of his Chapter and has served in other Grand Chapter appointments. I would now like to state from the Illustrious Companion.

"Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of the Grand Council of Texas, Greetings and best wishes for a successful Grand Chapter. May you have many wonderful years of remembrances."

Thank you very much.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. I am happy to present Mr. Ferman Vinson, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Mr. Ferman Vinson. Thank you, Sister Molly. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Grand Chapter Officers, Ladies and my Brethren, all. This is indeed an unexpected privilege to be allowed to address this distinguished gathering here this evening. As a matter of fact I had not expected to, until I heard my name mentioned, so this will be strictly extemporaneous. But, I am sure that after I get through, my wife will have plenty of advice to offer me as to what I should have said. Possibly the words that I would express would be directed more to next year than to the past and I think that is a great thing for any of us to do, to look to the future and be proud of the past. These words will be directed more to Sister Mary Brown. I am looking forward very much to working with you and with the Grand Chapter of Eastern Star through the coming year. Thank you very much.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. Thank you, Mr. Vinson. I now present Mr. J. B. (Buddy) Baccus, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas.

Mr. J. D. (Buddy) Baccus. Thank you Sister Master of Ceremonies. I'll try this side — it's not working. If it doesn't come out right, we can blame it on the microphone.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Members of the Eastern Star and friends all. It's a great honor for me to be here representing the some 28,000 Knights Templar in the State of Texas, many of whom are sitting right out here in the audience this evening. To show you that the Knights Templar do look upon the Eastern Star with much favor; sitting up here in the East are three Past Worthy Grand Patrons who are also Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas. They are: Brother Dick Porter, Brother J. T. Sanders, and Brother Hal Burnett. You can see that we have a lot in common. I am also proud to be here as a member of my fine Chapter, one of the best, I think, and that's Park Place No. 731 in Houston. My Worthy Matron, Sister Pat Gay, Worthy Patron, Brother Dick Hunt, and some thirty others of us are here from Park Place. I just hope that the peace and harmony and unity prevail among the other Eastern Star Chapters and their Blue Lodges as much as prevails between Park Place Lodge and Park Place Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. We have so much unity there — it's hard to explain — and I just hope this is everywhere throughout this State. Worthy Grand Matron, I know you have had a wonderful year and I wish for you a most successful Grand Chapter here. I really appreciate the invitation to come and be with you. I wish I could stay through the entire meeting, but I must leave in the morning. I see so many, many of my friends. When you go to a Masonic gathering like this, about ninety percent of the people you've seen at other Masonic gatherings, because it seems that they're active in all phases of Masonry. In departing, I want to say this: "I am most proud above all things to be a Master Mason. I am also proud that I am a Knight Templar, a member of the York Rite, a member of the Scottish Rite, a member of the Shrine, and last but not least, I am proud to be a member of this fine Organization, the Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you".

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. Have I missed any of our elected distinguished Masons I should not have missed? Thank you (gavel).

The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers and Officers of Grand Chapter, the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Texas will form the "Heavenly Spectrum" directed by Mrs. Nancy Johnson, Grand Marshal, during which Narration will be given by Mrs. Alma Carter, Poet Laureate, and a Solo by Mrs. Grace Findley, Grand Soloist, and at the close of the formation, Mrs. Edna Earl Duke, Past Grand Matron, will bring the Benediction.

HEAVENLY SPECTRUM FORMATION

The formation was in keeping with our Worthy Grand Matron's theme "The Sun-Source of Light". The Grand Officers, Officers of Grand Chapter, Grand Pages, Assistant Grand Warders, Assistant Grand Sentinels, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of West Texas participated in the formation. Present on the Grand Chapter floor was a beautiful refraction of light emerging from the sun in the southeast corner and filtering through the clouds. The colors radiating from the sun were apricot, tourmaline, orange, and burnt orange. The entire formation was fringed with the blue of the sky framed with a black border.



Narration

Mrs. Alma Carter, Poet Laureate

In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth — the Universe.

The cosmos of the Universe is made up of an intermingling of colors. We look into space, but our human eyes can not perceive anything but a world of blackness. We may wonder then — where is the color? What is there in that void of the unknown? Can we not understand that we cannot see? Where then lives the brightness to guide man.

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Then in the twinkling of the bright and vibrant stars we see the color leap forth. The void becomes filled and the light exposes the darkness with the infinite radiance. The planets vivid in their individual color.

And God said, "Let there be light", and there was light, and God saw the light, that it was good, and God divided the light from the darkness.

The twinkling of the stars and the golden glow of the moon become God's night lights.

As the daylight comes, the sun bursts forth as its fiery rays hurl themselves into space — their infinite light and warmth filling the universe with their vividness. A conglomerate of color ascends on the firmament providing the world with God's sunlight. Its brightness and beauty form a kaleidoscope of colors and become a heavenly spectrum.

BENEDICTION

Mrs. Edna Earl Duke. Our Heavenly Father, we come to you with praise and thanksgiving for your love and merciful goodness to us. We ask your continued blessings upon our Order. Especially, Lord, we do ask your blessings upon our leaders now and throughout this Grand Chapter session. We pray that in your arms we may all be lifted up to know the peace that passeth all understanding as we serve you with gladness. Again we ask your blessing. Father, as we go our separate way. Guide us, protect us, and bring us together again in love for you and for one another, for the sake of Him, through whom all things were made, Thy Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

RECESS

Musical Selections Mr. Leonard Ellington
Mrs. Lucille Rowland

(During the recess beautiful selections were rendered by Mr. Leonard Ellington and Mrs. Lucille Rowland.)

CEREMONIAL OPENING

8:25 P.M.

Call to Order Mrs. Amy Goebel, Past Grand Matron
Mr. Ed Sharpe, Past Grand Patron

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. Would you please take your seats. We cannot start this Ceremony until you are all in your seats. We are going to start.

Sisters and Brothers, it is my happy privilege to present at this time Mrs. Amy Goebel, Past Grand Matron, and Mr. Ed Sharpe, Past Grand Patron. I present you the gavel.

Mrs. Amy Goebel. Thank you, Mistress of Ceremonies, Sister Molly Goodpasture.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers. Through the kindness of our Worthy Grand Matron, it is our honor to call to order this Ceremonial Session of "THE SUN — A SOURCE OF LIGHT . . . LIFE . . . FRUITFULNESS", the 95th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. For this gracious courtesy and the special honor that is ours, Worthy Grand Matron, my friend, Brother Ed Sharpe, Past Grand Patron, and I are most grateful. Sisters and Brothers, this year's administration has been one of rare privilege and rare purpose. It is drawing to a culmination of worthy accomplishments and high promises for the future and we congratulate you both. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we are indeed honored to be here with you this evening. We are delighted to have this opportunity to greet each of you. We are honored and blessed by the presence of our distinguished General Grand Chapter Officers and Committie Members, as well as many guests from other Grand Jurisdictions. Thank you for adding your own lustre of light to this Session. Needless to say, many of us have been looking forward to this particular Session in El Paso, and we are grateful to the Host Chapters for your labor of love. Those of us who live in cities who are regular hosts are fully aware of the time and effort that you have exerted and we share with you in the glory and beauty of your setting, and we thank you for all of your plans. McCauley has said that history has its foreground and background. Much of the heritage evidenced here may be credited to those Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons presiding over their session in this same City. It is interesting to read accounts of those sessions. If we could but look back upon the happenings of these, I know we would find the same enthusiasm, the same dedication, the same happiness prevalent as we have in this 95th Session as in that first Grand Chapter Ses-

sion that was held in El Paso 68 years ago and presided over by Sister Fannie B. Ward, Worthy Grand Matron of 1908 and 1909. Now we have come again to El Paso, not only to prepare to enjoy your Sun City, but to write another page into the history of our Order, a page of history as presented by the artist in the being of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Worthy Grand Matron, you have given the membership of this great State challenging thoughts for service in our Order, stressing the creed of love as the crowning grace of humanity. Christian graces are like perfumes — the more they are possessed, the sweeter they smell, like stars that shine brightest in the dark; like trees which, the more they are shaken, the deeper the roots they take and more fruit they bear. As grace is first from God, so it is continually from Him as much as light is all day from the Sun — as much as the first dawn of that sun rising. Both you and the Worthy Grand Patron have exhibited the Christian graces of kindness, devotion, patience, courage, justice, and mercy. Shining through as from the sun have been the rays of love and beauty, and as we hear the pages of history added from this year's service, we will rejoice with you in the fruitful harvest which is yours. Thank you again for inviting me to join with Brother Ed Sharpe in Calling to Order this Ceremonial Opening of our 95th Grand Chapter Session. May we now hear from our Past Grand Patron, Brother Ed Sharpe.

Mr. Ed Sharpe. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. I am pleased to have this opportunity to greet the very fine membership of our Grand Chapter. Twenty years ago it was my great pleasure to serve as your Worthy Grand Patron, and it is always heartwarming to see our members from all parts of this great State. It is nice to have the opportunity to personally and publicly extend my words of congratulation to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron upon the fine accomplishments during their term of office, and also to extend words of appreciation to the members of the Executive and Arrangements Committees of the Grand Chapter of Texas. We know whereof we speak when we say their service is a labor of love. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of assisting my good friend, Sister Amy Goebel, Past Grand Matron, in calling to order the Ceremonial Opening of our 95th Grand Chapter Session and to extend to you personally my deepest respect and admiration. Thank you.

Mrs. Amy Goebel. Thank you, Past Grand Patron. May we now have a report from the Credentials Committee. Sisters and Brothers, it is my privilege to present Mr. J. E. Johnston, Chairman of the Credentials Committee.

PARTIAL REPORT — CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Mr. J. E. Johnston. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers, it is our pleasure to report that we have representatives of more than 478 Chapters in attendance, constituting a quorum, to open this Grand Chapter for the transaction of its business. Signed by the five members of your Credentials Committee:

J. E. Johnston
 Mrs. Hazel "Johnnie" Crutcher
 Mrs. Electa Lowery
 Mrs. Dortha Burnett
 Mrs. Opal Robinson

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Amy Goebel. Thank you, Brother Johnston. Sisters and Brothers, the Credentials Committee having reported that we have a quorum present, I now call to order this Ceremonial Opening of THE SUN — A SOURCE OF . . . LIGHT . . . LIFE . . . FRUITFULNESS Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

SCINTILLATING RAYS DRILL

The Lady Grand Officers in their Regal Champagne Chiffon gowns with jeweled bodice, and the gentlemen in black Tux, and the personal pages in beautiful flowing sky blue formals executed the Scintillating Rays Drill under the direction of the Grand Marshal, Mrs. Nancy Shurley Johnson.



The March in its formation at the Altar symbolized the sun exploding its rays of light and then drawing them back to the sun, their source of power, in order to proceed to shed more light. The Day Spring March was played during this formation — same having been composed by Mrs. Johnson, Grand Marshal.

The Ceremonial Opening of the 95th — the Sun, A source of . . . Light . . . Life . . . Fruitfulness Session — followed. The Assembly joined with the Grand Choir in singing the Opening Ode "Heavenly Sunlight".

The Flag of our Nation was impressively presented by the Grand Marshal. The Pledge of Allegiance was then led by the Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Perry Smithwick.

Before the singing of the Patriotic song, "This is My Country", by the Assembly, the Grand Choir Director, Mr. Crawford Mearns, requested the privilege of directing a special number to the memory of a great American, Bing Crosby. An unusual arrangement of "The Bells of Saint Mary" was enjoyed by the Assembly.

The Session was declared open for the transaction of business by the Worthy Grand Matron at 8:45 P.M.

FILLING OF VACANCIES

Worthy Grand Matron. It is with regret that Brother Kendall Baker cannot be with us at this Grand Chapter Session. He is just out of the Hospital and the doctor advised him not to make the trip to El Paso. It is with pleasure that I appoint Sister Cloe Morris to represent District Four on the Registration Committee for the Grand Chapter Session. Thank you Sister Cloe.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

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



Grand Conductress. Worthy Grand Matron, it is with a great deal of pride that I present Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas.

Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Mildred Haney Harris, how many years I have enjoyed seeing your lovely face and your lovely being in this same position at the Altar. To have sailed as a sun above the earth in a chariot of gold is a distinction of which very few can claim. Yet you have spread the light of your countenance upon each of us, and we welcome your radiance within our hearts. Thank you so very much for being here. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron to the East. Sisters and Brothers, with pride I introduce to you Sister Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Join with me in according her Grand Honors.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the elected and appointed floor officers of the General Grand Chapter at the Altar.

Grand Conductress. Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure that I present Sister Thelma Bailey, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron; Sister Josephine Ruhsam, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress; Brother Ray McRoberts, Worthy Grand Chaplain; Sister Sally Matranga, Worthy Grand Organist; Sister Eva Vogel, Worthy Grand Electa, of General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Worthy Grand Matron. My Sisters, how beautiful you look and how proud we are that you are visiting our Grand Chapter. You know, a wealth of energy is stored with you and it flows outward to touch us in magnetic qualities. Your presence here brightens our world of the Order of the Eastern Star with the sparkling effervescence of your smiles. Thank you for being with us tonight. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our General Grand Chapter Officers to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, with pleasure and with pride, I introduce to you Sister Thelma Bailey, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron; Sister Josephine Ruhsam, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress; Brother Ray McRoberts, Worthy Grand Chaplain, Sister Sally Matranga, Worthy Grand Organist; and Sister Eva Vogle, Worthy Grand Electa, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Please join with me in according them Grand Honors.

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

Grand Conductress. Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure that I present Sister Lois M. Ross, Member of Estarl Committee of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Utah; Sister Hazel W. Martin, Heart Foundation, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of New Mexico; Brother J. Victor Jones, Member of International Temple Committee, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Texas; Brother Herbert L. Arnold, Member of Jurisprudence Committee, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Texas; Sister Harriett C. Richardson, Chairman of Registration Committee, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of New Mexico; Brother Preston Caldwell, Member Registration Committee, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Tennessee; Brother M. Edwin Cox, Chairman Ritual Committee, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Oregon; Sister Ruby Enloe, Member of Ritual Committee, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas. Brother Charles Harpool, Member of the Shriner's Hospital Committee, General Grand Chapter, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma; Sister Ruth Cameron, Chairman of the Welfare Committee of General Grand Chapter, Past Grand Matron of Tennessee; Order of the Eastern Star.

Worthy Grand Matron. Toiling in the glorious rays of God's eye, you have given your time and service to insure the vitality of our Order throughout the world. I extend to you a hearty greeting and thank you so much for being here. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these distinguished members to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure that I introduce to you Sister Lois M. Ross, Estarl Committee and Past Grand Matron of Utah; Sister Hazel Hardin of the Heart Foundation, Past Grand Matron of New Mexico; Brother J. Victor Jones of International Temple Committee and Past Grand Patron of Texas; Brother Herbert L. Arnold of Jurisprudence Committee and Past Grand Patron of Texas; Sister Harriett Richardson, Chairman of the Registration Committee and Past Grand Matron of New Mexico; Brother Preston Caldwell of Registration Committee and Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee; Brother Edwin Cox, Chairman of the Ritual Committee and Past Grand Patron of Oregon; Sister Ruby Enloe, Ritual Committee and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Brother Charles Harpool, Shriner's Hospital Committee, and Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma; and Sister Ruth Cameron, Chairman of the Welfare Committee and Past Grand Matron of Tennessee. Please join with me in according these very fine members our Grand Honors.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.

Grand Conductress. Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure that I present: Sister Rosalie Batchelder, Worthy Grand Matron of Arkansas and Sister Marguerite E. Butler, Worthy Grand Matron of Utah.

Worthy Grand Matron. My Sisters, how proud I am to see you. Sister Rosalie how wonderful of you to be here. We have transacted quite a bit of business between ourselves this year and I appreciate your help and your assistance. What a joy it is to have you with us. And the beauty of your sunlight shines from your faces and we are engulfed in the warm beams of your friendship. We extend to you the hand of welcome and offer you our most gracious hospitality. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Sisters to the East.

With pleasure I introduce Sister Rosalie Batchelder, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, and Sister Marguerite Butler, Worthy Grand Matron of Utah. Please join me in according them Grand Honors.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Jurisdictions behind the Altar.

Grand Conductress: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure I present these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Sister Frances Todd, Past Grand Matron of Georgia; Sister Florence Wood, Past Grand Matron of British Columbia, Yukon; Sister Madeline Foster, Past Grand Matron of New Mexico; Sister Mae S. Klecker, Past Grand Matron of New Mexico; Sister Ruth Sorenson, Past Grand Matron of New Mexico; Sister Mary Elizabeth Warner, Past Grand Matron of Virginia; Brother Thomas D. Henderson, Past Grand Patron of Arizona; Brother Ammie Marlow, Past Grand Patron of Arizona; Brother Carroll McCleary, Past Grand Patron of New Mexico; Brother Frank Benoist, Past Grand Patron of Tennessee; Brother Haskel M. Clark, Past Grand Patron of Tennessee; Brother Ray G. Osborn, Past Grand Patron of Tennessee; Brother William J. Ross, Past Grand Patron of Utah, Order of the Eastern Star.

Worthy Grand Matron: My friends, like the dancing light of the aurora borealis, you light our sky with many hues. You glitter in the raiment of success. We are most pleased to have you within our midst. Thank you so very much for visiting us this evening. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these distinguished members to the East.

My Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure I introduce to you Sister Frances Todd, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Georgia; Sister Florence Wood, Past Grand Matron of British Columbia, Yukon; Sister Madeline Foster, Past Grand Matron of New Mexico; Sister Mae S. Klecker, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico; Sister Ruth Sorenson, Jr., Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Virginia; Brother Thomas D. Henderson, Past Grand Patron of Arizona; Brother Ammie Marlow, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Arizona; Brother Carroll McCleary, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico; Brother Frank Benoist, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee; Brother Haskell M. Clark, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee; Brother Ray Osborn, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee; and Brother William J. Ross, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Utah. Sisters and Brothers, join with me in according them Grand Honors.

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

Grand Conductress: Worthy Grand Matron, it is indeed an honor to present these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Sisters Viva S. Huffman, Cynthia Mae Watts, Lillian Barnard Parker, Lallah Mae Vollus, Mildred Garlitz, Mary Ella Shoverling, Eunice Connell, Lois Burnett, Katherine Poulis, Mary Katharine Smith, Agnes Lee Howard, Thelma Chandler, Molly Goodpasture, Amy Goebel, Edna Earl Duke, Nancy Bailey, Frances Key Herrin, Aliene Houston, Thelma Joyce Alsup, Pat Neinast, and Doris Easterling, Past Grand Matrons; Brothers Charles Bairfield, Dr. R. O. Fuqua, Gerald Allen, Hal Burnett, James Goettee, J. T. Sanders, Dick Porter, Harold Todd, Bill Holmes, Paul Huffhines, and O. D. Christian, Past Grand Patrons, of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

Worthy Grand Matron. My precious sisters and brothers, how beautiful it is to see so much history standing at that Altar. It is as though you were seated on the back of Pegasus. You have soared among the clouds of attainment. Through your continued interest and service to our Order you have graced our lives with yours and you have guided us to achievements of success. I offer you my heartfelt welcome and with all my love, I say: I am so happy you are here. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these fine people to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, with pleasure and a great deal of pride I introduce to you our beautiful Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Sisters Viva S. Huffman, Cynthia Mae Watts, Lillian Barnard Parker, Lallah Mae Vollus, Mildred Garlitz, Mary Ella Shoverling, Eunice Connell, Lois Burnett, Katherine Poulis, Mary Katharine Smith, Agnes Lee Howard, Thelma Chandler, Molly Goodpasture, Amy Goebel, Edna Earl Duke, Nancy Bailey, Frances Key Herrin, Aliene Houston, Thelma Joyce Alsup, Pat Neinast, Doris Easterling, Past Grand Matrons - oh, aren't they gorgeous? Brothers Charles Barefield, Dr. R. O. Fuqua, Gerald Allen, Hal Burnett, Jim Goettee, J. T. Sanders, Dick Porter, Harold Todd, Bill Holmes, Paul Huffhines, and O. D. Christian, Past Grand Patrons of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Please join me in according them Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the floor officers and elective Boards of other Grand Jurisdictions behind Esther's Station.

Grand Conductress: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure I present the elective and appointive officers of other Grand Jurisdictions. Sister Joan Matthews, Associate Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Arizona; Sister Ruby Taylor, Associate Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas; Sister Adele Durnell, Associate Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico; Brother W. Homer Young, Associate Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico; Sister Irene McCormack, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Quebec; Sister Mabel Johnson, Grand Treasurer of Nova Scotia; Sister Mary Alice Tait, Grand Conductress of the

Grand Chapter of Arizona; Sister Theda Ezell, Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas; Sister Joyce Bradberry, Associate Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico; Sister Martha Lee Simpson, Grand Marshal of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas; Sister Margarette Walker, Grand Martha of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas; Sister Thelma Ashmore, Grand Warder of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas; Brother Lyle A. McGee, Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Nevada; Brother Allan A. Wood, Grand Trustee of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, Order of the Eastern Star.

Worthy Grand Matron: My Sisters and Brothers, as spirals of fire leap from the surface of the sun and emblazon the infinite regions with flames of brilliance, you bring the glow of fellowship into our midst. We present to you a sincere salutation. Thank you so much for being with us. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our distinguished members to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, with pleasure I introduce to you Sister Joan Matthews, Associate Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Arizona; Sister Ruby Taylor, Associate Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas; Sister Adele Durnell, Associate Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico; Brother W. Homer Young, Associate Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico; Sister Irene McCormack, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Quebec; Sister Mabel Johnson, Grand Treasurer of Nova Scotia; Sister Mary Alice Tait, Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of Arizona; Sister Theda Ezell, Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas; Sister Joyce Bradberry, Associate Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico; Sister Martha Lee Simpson, Grand Marshal of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas; Sister Margarette Walker, Grand Martha of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas; Sister Thelma Ashmore, Grand Warder of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas; Brother Lyle A. McGee, Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Nevada; Brother Allan A. Wood, Grand Trustee of the Grand Chapter of Nevada; Brother Allan A. Wood, Grand Trustee of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, Order of the Eastern Star. Sisters and Brothers, join me in giving them a hearty welcome.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the visiting Grand Representatives.

Grand Conductress: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present the Grand Representatives from other Grand Jurisdictions. Sister Billie Deal, Grand Representative of Texas in Alabama; Sister Edith Sherwin, Grand Representative to Texas in Alberta; Brother Frederick, H. Fletcher, Grand Representative of Alberta in Arizona; Sister Georgia Kieren, Grand Representative of Oklahoma in Arizona; Sister Goldie L. Dickson, Grand Representative in Texas near Arizona; Sister Wilma Layne, Grand Representative of New Mexico in Arkansas; Sister Letha Musgrove, Grand Representative to New York near Arkansas; Sister Margaret Beddingfield, Grand Representative of Oklahoma in Florida; Brother Joe Todd, Grand Representative of Illinois in Georgia; Sister Betty Gillian, Grand Representative of Montana in Georgia; Sister Bille Faubian, Grand Representative of Texas near Georgia; Sister Adelaide Farnens, Grand Representative of Texas in Illinois; Sister Effie G. Hibbs, Grand Representative of Texas in Kentucky; Sister Beth Pringle, Grand Representative of Texas in Montana; Sister Esther Patchell, Grand Representative of Oklahoma in New Mexico; Sister Penni Sinclair, Grand Representative of New Hampshire in New Mexico; Sister Delores Mapstone, Grand Representative of Texas in New York; Sister Gertrude L. Watters, Grand Representative to Texas in Nova Scotia; Sister Christine Hayes, Grand Representative to Texas in Quebec; Sister Maudie McCleary, Grand Representative of New Mexico in Saskatchewan; Sister Theira Flood, Grand Representative of Florida in Tennessee; Sister Patsy Harrah, Grand Representative of New Mexico in Tennessee; Sister Louise Osborne, Grand Representative of Oklahoma in Utah; Brother Larry Butler, Grand Representative of Texas in Utah; Sister Helen Anita France, Grand Representative of Texas in Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star.

Worthy Grand Matron: My Sisters and Brothers, you light the glistening points of sunlight upon the ripples of ever moving stream. You bring to us the greetings of cheer from many Grand Jurisdictions. We hope that your stay with us will reflect our happiness in having you as guests within our Texas home. Thank you so very much for being here. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our distinguished guests to the East.

My Sisters and Brothers, with pleasure I introduce to you Sister Billie Deal, Grand Representative of Texas in Alabama; Sister Edith Sherwin, Grand Representative to Texas in Alberta; Brother Frederick H. Fletcher, Grand Representative of Alberta in Arizona; Sister Georgia Kieren, Grand Representative of Oklahoma in Arizona; Sister Goldie L. Dickson, Grand Representative in Texas near Arizona; Sister Wilma Layne, Grand Representative of New Mexico in Arkansas; Sister Letha Musgrove, Grand Representative to New York near Arkansas; Sister Margaret Beddingfield, Grand Representative of Oklahoma in Florida; Brother Joe Todd, Grand Representative of Illinois in Georgia; Sister Betty Gillian, Grand Representative of Montana in Georgia; Sister Bilye Faubian, Grand Representative of Texas near Georgia; Sister Adelaide Farrans, Grand Representative of Texas in Illinois; Sister Effie G. Hibbs, Grand Representative of Texas in Kentucky; Sister Beth Pringle, Grand Representative of Texas in Montana; Sister Esther Patchell, Grand Representative of Oklahoma in New Mexico; Sister Penni Sinclair, Grand Representative of New Hampshire in New Mexico; Sister Delores Mapstone, Grand Representative of Texas in New York; Sister Gertrude L. Watters, Grand Representative to Texas in Nova Scotia; Sister Christine Hayes, Grand Representative to Texas in Quebec; Sister Maudie McCleary, Grand Representative of New Mexico in Saskatchewan; Sister Theira Flood, Grand Representative of Florida in Tennessee; Sister Patsy Harrah, Grand Representative of New Mexico in Tennessee; Sister Louise Osborne, Grand Representative of Texas in Tennessee; Sister Stella Pappas, Grand Representative of Oklahoma in Utah; Brother Larry Butler, Grand Representative of Texas in Utah; Sister Helen Anita France, Grand Representative of Texas in Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star. My sisters and brothers, join me in according these fine people Grand Honors.

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

Grand Conductress: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present the Grand Representatives of Texas. Sister Lena May Hoover, Grand Representative to Alabama; Sister Alvaretta Matthys, Grand Representative of Alberta; Brother Duke Weaver, Grand Representative to Arkansas; Sister Alice Fair, Grand Representative to California; Sister Ora Stoneback, Grand Representative to Florida; Sister Clara Klein, Grand Representative to Georgia; Sister Eula Reed, Grand Representative of Idaho; Sister Alice Mathews, Grand Representative to Indiana; Sister Jocie Jones, Grand Representative to Iowa; Sister Charlene Faulk, Grand Representative to Kansas; Sister Marie Harcum, Grand Representative to Maine; Sister Lydia Nell Wilson, Grand Representative to Massachusetts; Sister Pauline Barnett, Grand Representative to Montana; Sister Frances Christian, Grand Representative to Nebraska; Sister Lovena Grigg, Grand Representative to Nevada; Sister Annie Conner, Grand Representative of New Brunswick; Sister Cassie Slinger, Grand Representative to New Hampshire; Sister Margaret Pribble, Grand Representative to New Mexico; Sister Ann Thompson, Grand Representative to New Mexico; Sister Mary Horton, Grand Representative to New York; Sister Edna Littig, Grand Representative of North Dakota; Brother Frederick Herrin, Grand Representative to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Juanita McFarland, Grand Representative to Puerto Rico; Sister Harriet Austin, Grand Representative to Rhode Island; Sister Lena Wise, Grand Representative to South Carolina; Sister Cloe Morris, Grand Representative to Tennessee; Sister Pauline Calloway, Grand Representative to Utah; Sister Ella Mae Adcock, Grand Representative to Vermont; Sister Virginia Campbell, Grand Representative to Virginia; Sister Elsie Bills, Grand Representative to Wyoming, all in the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Worthy Grand Matron: My Sisters, the song of the lark rises above the sunlit meadows and soars skyward to enrich our lives with pure, clear notes of friendship. As ambassadors of our good will towards others, I greet you with warm affection and ap-

preciation for all you have done for the Grand Chapter of Texas and its subordinate Chapters. How wonderful it is to have so many of you with us this evening and my love goes to each of you. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these distinguished members to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, with pleasure I introduce to you the Grand Representative of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions. Sister Lena May Hoover, Grand Representative to Alabama; Sister Alvaretta Matthys, Grand Representative of Alberta; Brother Duke Weaver, Grand Representative to Arkansas; Sister Alice Fair, Grand Representative to California; Sister Ora Stoneback, Grand Representative to Florida; Sister Clara Klein, Grand Representative to Georgia; Sister Eula Reed, Grand Representative of Idaho; Sister Alice Matthews, Grand Representative to Indiana; Sister Jocie Jones, Grand Representative to Iowa; Sister Charlene Faulk, Grand Representative to Kansas; Sister Marie Harcum, Grand Representative to Maine; Sister Lydia Nell Wilson, Grand Representative to Massachusetts; Sister Pauline Barnett, Grand Representative to Montana; Sister Frances Christian, Grand Representative to Nebraska; Sister Lovena Griggs, Grand Representative to Nevada; Sister Annie Conner, Grand Representative of New Brunswick; Sister Cassie Slinger, Grand Representative to New Hampshire; Sister Margaret Pribble, Grand Representative to New Mexico; Sister Ann Thompson, Grand Representative to New Mexico; Sister Mary Horton, Grand Representative to New York; Sister Edna Littig, Grand Representative of North Dakota; Brother Frederick Herrin, Grand Representative to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Juanita McFarland, Grand Representative to Puerto Rico; Sister Harriet Austin, Grand Representative to Rhode Island; Sister Lena Wise, Grand Representative to South Carolina; Sister Cloe Morris, Grand Representative to Tennessee; Sister Pauline Calloway, Grand Representative to Utah; Sister Ella Mae Adcock, Grand Representative to Vermont; Sister Virginia Campbell, Grand Representative to Virginia; Sister Elsie Bills, Grand Representative to Wyoming; all in the Grand Chapter of Texas. My Sisters and Brothers, join me in saluting these fine members with Grand Honors.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the presiding Grand Officers of Masonic Bodies behind Esther's station. If we have any presiding Grand Officers of the Masonic Bodies would you please stand? Thank you. There are none present at this time.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield behind Esther's station.

Grand Conductress: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Supreme Faith and Supreme Inspector in Texas, Order of Rainbow Girls.

Worthy Grand Matron: My precious friend, how wonderful it is to have you as the representative of the Rainbow for Girls in Texas and how proud I am that you are one of my Floor officers. You are a very fine woman and a great example and I thank you with all my heart for being with us. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield to the East.

My Sisters and Brothers, I am proud to introduce to you Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Supreme Faith, Supreme Inspector in Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Please join me in giving her a hearty welcome.

We will now have our response to the Welcomes by Mrs. Thelma Bailey. Thank you.

My Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure that I introduce to you a very beautiful lady, who in not too long a time will represent the Eastern Star throughout this world. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Thelma Bailey, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.

Mrs. Thelma Bailey: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Honored East, Sisters and Brothers. I'll be very brief because I know the hour is late and I'll have to tell you that the Distinguished Guests back here are all hungry and they are just waiting till I get this over with so they can go eat. I told on you. We, your Distinguished Guests, Worthy Grand Matron feel privileged to be sharing in this wonderful week of friendship and inspiration. We greatly appreciate the sincere words of welcome, the many expressions of kindness and friendship and the thoughtful courtesies you have extended to each of us. I greatly appreciate being in the home Grand Chapter of our Beloved Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mildred Haney Harris. Sister Mildred, what a joy it is to be with you tonight and Sisters and Brothers, the graciousness of this lovely lady and her influence for good will be felt throughout the Eastern Star world for a long time to come. It's a joy to be with you, Sister Mildred. Sister Joyce, your theme, "A-Source of Light, Life and Fruitfulness" is an inspiration. It is a very meaningful theme. Without the sun there would be no light. Without the miracle of the sunbeam, there would be no food, no air to breathe. To me light is a symbol of faith and we in our Order are striving to have a greater faith so that our light will shine, — illuminate the pathway of those who need the light to help guide them on their way. This lovely session in Texas will be among the happiest memories, Sister Joyce, of your distinguished guests and it is our hope that it will be the fulfillment of all your dreams.

Worthy Grand Patron, may I say "May God's Light shine on your lives and be a great blessing to you". Sister Joyce, it has been a wonderful joy to know you, to have you in my California Grand Chapter and to especially bring to you folks this evening the greetings of the General Grand Chapter. May God bless you in your service. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Thelma. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Executive and Arrangements Committee behind Esther's station.

Grand Conductress: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present the Executive and Arrangements Committees of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you. My friends, how beautiful you look, not a bit tired, although I know you are. To my Executive Committee, you are the best. I am not saying among the best, you are the best; and with all my heart and on behalf of this Grand Chapter of Texas I thank you for all that you have done to make this session a success. To the Arrangements Committee: Brother Lloyd and your Committee, my very special thank you. I know when you retired a short time ago, you thought you were going to rest and go fishing, but I promise you after November first I'll let you go. And I thank you, fine, fine people. You have worked for the last four years and with all my heart I thank you, too. Sisters and Brothers would you join me in saluting these very fine members.

Thank you, Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be seated in the Grand Chapter room.

My special thanks to two beautiful Conductresses. Thank you. (Applause)

APPOINTMENT OF TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, On the Telephone and Telegram Committee I would like to appoint: Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, Chairman; Mrs. Pat Neinast, Mrs. Thelma Chandler, and Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsip.

We will now have our Benediction, given to us by Brother Victor Jones.

BENEDICTION

Mr. J. Victor Jones: Our most Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the noble qualities of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, and the Divine guidance Thou has given them through this year. Give them wisdom, strength, and courage as they assume the responsibilities of this Grand Chapter. Use us as individuals in accordance with Thy Divine Will. May we open our own hearts to Him, that He may see our own earnest desires, and a real love for our fellow man. Endue our great fraternity with the ability of Thy wisdom that we may be better enabled to display the beauties of godliness to the Honor of Thy Holy Name. Dismiss us with Thy love, strengthen us by Thy power, and lead us by Thy spirit. In the name of our Blessed Lord we Pray. Amen.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Warder.

Grand Warder: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter Session from Labor to Rest and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

(The Session was called from Labor to Rest at 12:04 A.M.)

TUESDAY MORNING

October 25, 1977

8:45 A.M.

Musical Selections Mr. Leonard Ellington
 Mrs. Lucille Rowland

Escort Mrs. Nancy Shurley Johnson,
 Grand Marshal

Mrs. Frances Key Herrin,
 Past Grand Matron
 Mrs. Viva Huffman,
 Past Grand Matron

Mr. Victor Jones,
 International Temple, Gen. Grand Chapter
 Mrs. Thelma Chandler,
 Past Grand Matron

Mrs. Amy Goebel, Past Grand Matron

CALL TO ORDER

9:00 A.M.

Mrs. Frances Herrin: Good morning, my Sisters and Brothers, Last evening this convention center was a "Garden of Happiness". We witnessed the beautiful Informal and Formal Opening of this 95th "The Sun—A Source of Light, Life, Fruitfulness" Session. I am happy to be the first to formally welcome you to this Tuesday session. I have not forgotten the many deeds of kindness shown to me by you during the year of my service to our great State. We will now enjoy a drill by the Pages, Assistant Grand Warders, and Assistant Grand Sentinels.

(A beautiful drill "Solar Magnificence" was directed by the Grand Marshal, Mrs. Nancy Shurley Johnson. The drill was presented by the Assistant Grand Warders, who in their gold day dresses formed a SUN, the Pages in day dresses of yellow represented the RAYS extending from the Sun. The Assistant Grand Sentinels in dark suits FRAMED this formation).



Mrs. Frances Herrin: Sisters and Brothers, these beautiful drills do not just happen. Please join me in showing them our pleasure and appreciation. (Applause)

Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

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

Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present to you our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Roberts, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Perry Smithwick. You will join me in according them Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Matron, we are now ready to begin the business which is to confront us. May each of us be given the wisdom and understanding to plan and accomplish wisely during the next few days. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce, you have conducted yourself with grace and dignity, performed your duties well, made your decisions fairly and justly and the membership of Texas loves you. Always, at just the right moment, your delightful sense of humor has eased serious or tense moments.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Perry, your long years of service to our Order is well known and respected. You are held in high esteem by your Sisters and Brothers.

One of the highlights of opening this Session of our Grand Chapter is the pleasure of sharing the East with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother J. Victor Jones. Frederick and I treasure the friendship of Brother Victor and Sister Jocie and we shall always be grateful to the membership of Texas for granting me the privilege of serving with this fine and distinguished gentleman.

Brother Victor, the Worthy Grand Matron was most gracious to me in asking you, my own Worthy Grand Patron, to assist me in opening this Session.

Mr. J. Victor Jones: Thank you very much, Frances, and may I say to you how very proud I am to be once again standing with you as you open a Session of the Grand Chapter. Your dedication to the Order of the Eastern Star and your administrative abilities have left an indelible mark upon the Grand Chapter of Texas. I am happy to say "Good Morning" to this fine delegation and to express to one and all my best wishes as we begin this Tuesday morning session of the 95th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for affording me the honor of once again presiding with my own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Frances Key Herrin. It's good to be in El Paso and I am looking forward to the week here. For nearly thirty years I have been coming to El Paso on a regular basis and I can never get enough of it. Worthy Grand Matron, I am glad that you have given the membership an opportunity to sample the charm of this beautiful city by bringing the Annual Session here. It is also good to have Grand Chapter here in our own District 2, the first time in twenty-five years, when it was held in my home town, in Amarillo.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, you have both served with distinction this year of 1976-1977. We honor you for your service and for your concern for the membership. I wish for you both a harmonious, loving, and inspiring week of deliberations as you bring your tenure to a close. Thank you. (Applause).

Mrs. Frances Key Herrin: At this time our beloved Sister Viva Huffman, Past Grand Matron, will bring our devotional. Sister Viva Huffman.

Mrs. Viva Huffman: The sun, the heavenly body around which the earth travels and from which it receives light and heat, was recognized by early Semites as part of the handiwork of God; Genesis 1:16 "And God made the great lights, the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night, he made the stars also." People were aware of its rising; Genesis 19:23 "The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar". And its setting. Genesis 15:12 "As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram, and lo, a dread and great darkness fell upon him." It has ability to foster agriculture. Deut. 33:13 "With the choice fruits of the sun and the rich yields of the months." Its convenience for telling time on sun dials. Isa. 38:8 "Behold, I will make the shadow cast by the declining Sun on the dial of Ahaz turn back ten steps — So the sun turned back on the dial the ten steps by which it had declined." Its noonday heat. Ps. 121:6 "The sun shall not smite thee by day nor the moon by night." Its radiance was a figure used to describe deity. Ps. 84:11 "For the Lord God is a sun and shield; He bestows favor and honor, no good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly." The righteous shone as the sun. Matt. 13:43 "Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father". The sun was as a strong man running a race, having a circuit to the ends of the earth, whose remotest portions it heated. Ps. 19:5 "The Heavens are telling of the Glory of God, in them He has set a tent for the sun, which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and like a strong man runs its course with joy". Realizing the essential qualities of the sun, the Hebrews, like other Semites, at times worshipped sun images. In the Nile Valley worship of the sun was especially popular and influential. (The punishments of Disobedience. Lev. 26:30 "And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your incense altars, and cast your dead bodies upon the dead bodies of your idols; and my soul will abhor you". One of the most beautiful descriptions of the Messiah longed for by the Hebrews appears in the last Chapter of the Old Testament. Mal. 4:2 "But for you who fear my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings". So may the truths of our Eastern Star gleam with undiminished light throughout our lives. (Applause)

Mrs. Frances Herrin: Thank you, Sister Viva Huffman. Worthy Grand Matron, thank you again for this honor of opening this Tuesday morning Session, and I hand you your gavel.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Frances Herrin, our lovely Past Grand Matron, for that beautiful opening and setting the pace for the morning, and to Brother Victor Jones, our very own District 2 Past Grand Patron, my very particular thanks to you. I would ask our Worthy Grand Patron if he would also like to give his thanks to these fine people.

Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Indeed I will be most happy to express my gratitude to these very gracious people. I was privileged to serve on the Board of Grand Trustees under them and I shall always revere them as two of my people and just let me say thank you for a job well done. (Applause).

Worthy Grand Matron: To Sister Viva Huffman, my precious friend, how much I admire you. My Sisters and Brothers, do you realize that this very fine Past Grand Matron is in her nineties? (Applause)

Mr. Crawford Mearns: Worthy Grand Matron. She has been to El Paso the three times that Grand Chapter has been here in El Paso. This is the third time that she's been here. (Applause).

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Crawford. I believe now you're going to sing.

(The Grand Choir gave a beautiful rendition of "The Awakening Chorus")

Thank you, Brother Crawford, and your very fine choir. Sister Grand Warder.

Grand Warder: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Sun-A Source of Light, Life, Fruitfulness Session of the 95th Session of Grand Chapter from rest to labor, and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED FROM REST TO LABOR

9:42 A.M.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Thelma Chandler, Past Grand Matron of Texas will bring the invocation.

Mrs. Thelma Chandler: May we stand and humbly bow our heads in gratitude for this, another day. Our Heavenly Father, we are grateful to Thee for the blessings of another day. We bow in gratitude for all the manifestations of Thy goodness and mercy and for the countless blessings which we have received from Thee. We thank Thee for friends; we thank Thee for our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron and their corps of officers, and for our membership who have helped to make our beloved Order great and strong for all of us. Bless those who are our leaders this year and may they be endued with wisdom from on high and be given strength to solve the problems which continue to face us in this changing world in which we live. Help each of us that we may do our part in upholding the principles and the precepts of our beloved Order, and that we may work together in peace and harmony. So, dear Lord, bless our coming together and may we be given strength in Thy service. For all of this we ask in the name of Christ and for His sake. Amen.

INTRODUCTIONS

Worthy Grand Matron: Do we have any Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, or any distinguished members who were not introduced last night? I know we have our own Past Grand Matron, Sister Millie Sharpe, do we have others? Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our distinguished member at the Altar.

Grand Conductress: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present Sister Mildred Sharpe, Past Grand Matron of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Mildred, my precious friend of many years, it doesn't seem that long since I was looking at you in the East and I am so very proud that you are here with us this morning and that you feel better. We will try and take better care of you. Sisters Conductress and Associate Conductress, you will escort our Past Grand Matron to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, with pleasure I introduce to you Sister Mildred Sharpe, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas. You will join me in according her Grand Honors.

I will now call for the adoption of the Estarl Report. Sister Lyda Lawhorn, General Chairman.

ESTARL REPORT

Mrs. Lyda Lawhorn: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, My Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, may I express my deepest gratitude for the privilege of serving as Chairman of ESTARL this year. The heart warming experiences will be a pleasant memory always.

The five special people who you appointed to serve on this committee with me were the most efficient and cooperative group that I have had the pleasure of working with. I shall cherish their friendship. At this time it is my honor to present them to you. I would like each one to come to the microphone and give their name and District.

Mrs. Hettie Lou Fields — District No. 1 — Dallas, Texas
 Mrs. Nell Casparis — District No. 2 — Odessa, Texas
 Mrs. Maurice Moran — District No. 3 — Grandview, Texas
 Mrs. Mary Kathryn Prather — District No. 4 — Silsbee, Texas
 Mrs. Catherine Athey — District No. 5 — Beeville, Texas

The ESTARL Committee would like to thank the Chapters for their generous contributions. While our records will reveal the number of Scholarships awarded and the names of those who received them, these records can never show the countless number of lives that will be touched through those who will be assisted in their training by ESTARL. This committee is grateful to you, the membership, for making it possible, to grant 56 scholarships this year.

The ESTARL Committee met in Arlington, on August 5th and after prayerful and earnest consideration, the following 49½ awards were given. The offering at the ESTARL services was \$1,015.15. So with this money and the amount that came in later we were able to give 56 scholarships. There were eighty eight applications to be considered at this time.

The "SERENITY OF FAITH" ESTARL SERVICE was held at the Theatre of the Civic Center on Sunday, October 23, 1977 at 10:00 O'clock. Reverend Robert V. Miser, son-in-law of our Grand Sentinel, Mrs. Clifford Malone and Mrs. Malone, delivered the message. He was assisted by Reverend D. Nick Scholars. Several recipients were present to receive the awards. Many of these fine young people have duties which they had to perform in various churches in order to supplement their income and could not come.

We wish to express our appreciation to Mr. W. C. Mearns, Grand Choir Director, Mrs. Josephine Fraser, Grand Organist; Mrs. Grace Findley, Grand Soloist; The Grand Choir, Miss Fran Merbeth, Mr. Leonard Ellington; The Ushers and all of those who assisted with the arrangements for the Sunday Morning Service.

Thank each and every one for making this investment in Christian Leadership. Our lives will be made richer and our faith stronger as we leave our work in God's hands.

Fraternally submitted,
Lyda Lawhorn, Chairman
Hettie Lou Fields
Nell Casparis
Maurice Moran
Mary Kathryn Prather
Catherine Athey

The following Chapters have given full scholarships or more:

District 1	District 4
Templar No. 374	Bethlehem No. 728
(3 scholarships)	(2 scholarships)
Mt. Auburn No. 755	Oak Forest No. 1080
District 2	Jacques De Molay No. 1094
Odessa No. 447	District 5
(2½ scholarships)	Wimodausis No. 141
Mulshoe No. 792	Harlandale No. 750
(2 scholarships)	Star No. 782
District 3	Capitol No. 803
Graham No. 668	Prospect Hill No. 817
	Schertz No. 911

Thank you for making it possible for so many to receive assistance. Each chapter has played a part in securing our future in a Christian way.

ESTARL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 1977-1978

STUDENT

1. Jay Ron Adkins
2. James Albright
3. Peter Anton
4. William Ascol
5. Frederick Ater
6. Gary Baldwin
7. Thomas Baughn
8. Ina Sue Boyd
9. Edwin Brown
10. Daniel Carfrey
11. Nelson Chamberlain
12. Jack Chew
13. Steven D. Coffman
14. Michelle Cooper
15. Ronald Croom
16. Robert Daily
17. Thomas H. Davis, Jr.
18. Timothy Demy
19. Robert DeWolfe
20. Laylonie L. Drake
21. Robert Ellis
22. Edward Frankenfeld
23. William Gandin
24. Lon Gregg
25. Bennie Hayden
26. Terry M. Hefley
27. Mark Jones

SCHOOL

- Southwestern Baptist Theo. Seminary
Southwestern Baptist Theo. Seminary
Hellenic
Southwestern Baptist Theo. Seminary
Southwestern Baptist Theo. Seminary
Southwestern Baptist Theo. Seminary
Austin Presbyterian Theo. Seminary
Princeton Theological Seminary
Southwestern University
Dallas Theological Seminary
Dallas Theological Seminary
Southwestern Baptist Theo. Seminary
Texas Wesleyan College
Texas Tech University
Perkins School of Theology
Perkins School of Theology
Brite Divinity School
Dallas Theological Seminary
School of Theology University of the South
McMurry College
Southwestern Baptist Theo. Seminary
Southwestern Baptist Theo. Seminary
Perkins School of Theology
Dallas Theological Seminary
Southwestern Baptist Theo. Seminary
Howard Payne College
Southwestern Baptist Theo. Seminary

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| 28. David E. Love | Southwestern Baptist Theo. Seminary |
| 29. Walt Marcum | Perkins School of Theology |
| 30. John R. Miller | Perkins School of Theology |
| 31. Gary Newman | Texas Wesleyan College |
| 32. James Neil Norman | Texas Wesleyan College |
| 33. Gary Lynn Norris | Hardin Simmons University |
| 34. Stacy Patty | Lubbock Christian College |
| 35. Richard F. Paul, Jr. | Dallas Baptist College |
| 36. Darylene Perkins | Houston Baptist University |
| 37. Robert Randel | Southwestern Baptist Theo. Seminary |
| 38. Bernard Ritchie | Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Ga. |
| 39. Walter C. Rittle | Graduate Seminary of Phillips Univ., Okla. |
| 40. Kyle Robertson | Southwestern Baptist Theo. Seminary |
| 41. James Russell | Southwestern Baptist Theo. Seminary |
| 42. Marvin Runte | University of Dubuque Seminary, Iowa |
| 43. Douglas Nick Sholars | Texas Christian University |
| 44. Tommy Thompson | Texas Christian University |
| 45. James W. Thorp | North Texas State University |
| 46. Larry Tinsley | Perkins School of Theology |
| 47. George Warren | Perkins School of Theology |
| 48. Jimmy Weatherly | Wayland Baptist College |
| 49. Richard Young | McMurry College |
| 50. John Lynn Youngblood | Austin Presbyterian Seminary |



RECIPIENTS GRANTED AT GRAND CHAPTER

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|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Steven L. Mansen | Texas Christian University |
| Carola Moore | Belmont College |
| James Wither Moore | Lamar University |
| Lon Weldon Palmer | Union Theo. Seminary |
| David M. Shelby | Oral Roberts University, Oklahoma |
| James W. Van Rite | Brite Divinity School, TCU |

I move the adoption of the Estarl Committee Report.



Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Estarl Committee. All in favor signify by raising your hand. Those opposed. Motion carried.

Do we have anybody on the By-Laws Committee here? I know Carolyn Paul is not here. Is Doris Efird in the room please? Is Lorrell Earnest in the room? I shall call for that Report later. I ask Mr. John Gillispie, Chairman of the Chapters U.D. Committee to give his Report.

Mr. John Gillispie: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guest, my Sisters and Brothers. We, the Committee on the Chapters Under Dispensation, make the following Report.

CHAPTERS U. D. COMMITTEE REPORT

First, Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to introduce these two lovely ladies who served with me this year. Mrs. Alma Emerson and Mrs. Ruth Breedlove. We would like to express our appreciation for the honor and privilege of serving you and Grand Chapter this year. It has been a year of learning as well as serving. Our lives have been enriched by the association with you and Brother Perry.

Worthy Grand Matron, your most capable Worthy Grand Patron has Instituted Lonnie L. Blake Chapter at Grand Prairie June 30, 1977, assisted by thirteen Grand Officers and five pro tem officers. I had the privilege of attending this meeting.

Amistad Chapter was Instituted August 26, 1977, assisted by twelve Grand Officers and six pro team officers.

Worthy Grand Matron, those two Chapters have not been Instituted the required length of time to receive a Charter by this Grand Chapter.

We recommend they be held over until 1978 Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,
John Gillispie, Chairman Chapter U.D.
Ruth Breedlove
Alma Emerson

We, the Committee, recommend that they be carried over to 1978 Grand Chapter. We recommend that this Report be forwarded to the right Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Gillispie. You have heard the Report of the U.D. Committee. The Chapters that were instituted this year have not served sufficient time to receive their Charter at this Grand Chapter, but will at the next Grand Chapter.

It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the U.D. Committee Report, all in favor please signify by raising your hand, those opposed same — Motion carried.

Thank you, Brother Gillispie.

I now recognize Sister Molly Goodpasture, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to introduce these fine members of the Jurisprudence Committee. All of them have very fine minds. All of them have very legal minds and they all speak their piece and everything that I have answered that I've sent to the Worthy Grand Matron this year, I've asked them. I've sent a copy to each one of them and I've asked them that if they do not agree to please notify the Worthy Grand Matron and me within three days and if they didn't agree, I'll guarantee you we heard from them. And this is what we wanted. I want to present Mr. Ed Sharpe, Past Grand Patron, a member of the Jurisprudence Committee from District 1; Mr. Dick Porter, Past Grand Patron, from District 3; Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, Past Grand Matron, from District 4; and Mr. Oliver Chamberlin, and an attorney, from District 5. And, I think you couldn't have had a finer committee throughout all of Grand Chapter than these people who have worked with us this year. (Applause)

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT No. 1

This is Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 1.

To the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star:

As provided by law, the Jurisprudence Committee is to report on unfinished business left over from the 1976 session of Grand Chapter at this time.

1. To the Jurisprudence Committee was referred the study and recommendations concerning the Purposes and Policies Committee, that the law be amended or deleted as Grand Chapter sees fit.
2. The probation for a year of Livingston Chapter No. 723 shall be reviewed at the 1977 Grand Chapter session by the Jurisprudence Committee to see if the terms of the probation have been fulfilled, and report at this Grand Chapter session.

Both of these recommendations will be presented later in the week.

Respectfully submitted,
 Edwin L. Sharpe
 Richard T. Porter
 Lallah Mae Vollus
 Oliver B. Chamberlin
 Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

I move the adoption of this Report No. 1.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt the Report No. 1 of the Jurisprudence Committee. All those in favor please signify by raising your hand, those opposed same - Motion carried.

Thank you Sister Molly Goodpasture, and we shall look forward throughout this week to the Jurisprudence Committee's decisions and thoughts on all our matters. You are a marvelous group and I have enjoyed working with each of you so much this year. Thank you so much. Your report has been adopted.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: Worthy Grand Matron, I have one more. With your permission.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT No. 2

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of Grand Chapter: Your Jurisprudence Committee, in conformity with the duties imposed on it by law, recommend the following distribution of annual reports:

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION:

That portion of the Worthy Grand Matron'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, the Grand Chapter Benevolences, and the Grand Chapter funds.

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 B. Chamberlin
 Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

I move the adoption of this Report.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt Report No. 2 of the Jurisprudence Committee, any discussion, all in favor please signify by raising your hand, opposed same sign — Motion carried.

Thank you, Sister Molly and your fine Committee.

I now call on Sister Doris Efird, Member of the By-Laws Committee.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Doris Efird. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I wish that the Chairman of this Committee could be here today, Sister Carolyn Paul, because actually she's the one who has done all the work. We've just really enjoyed it. But, I would like to read to you her report at this time. Of course, it is our report.

REPORT OF GRAND CHAPTER BY-LAWS COMMITTEE FOR 1976-1977

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of this Grand Chapter:

I have the privilege to present the other members of the By-Laws Committee: Mrs. Lorrell Earnest and Mrs. Doris Efird.

We of this Committee wish to thank you and express our sincere appreciation for the opportunity to serve with you for Grand Chapter this year. It has truly been an educational experience and the associations have been most pleasant. The Chapters whose By-Laws have been approved by the Committee and the Worthy Grand Matron have been made available to you in the Worthy Grand Matron's advance report on page 87-88, and list included here. These, together with the Supplemental Report which I will read now, will require this Grand Chapter's vote of approval in order to validate our action. A total of 141 Chapter By-Laws Amendments have been reviewed and approved.

Expenses for the year for postage, phone calls, and supplies amounted to \$91.05. Amount received from Grand Secretary was \$100.00.

Respectfully submitted,
By-Laws Committee
Mrs. Carolyn Paul, Chairman
Mrs. Lorrell Earnest
Mrs. Doris M. Efird

BY-LAWS APPROVED 1976-77

Leakey No. 18	Luling No. 155	Sunshine No. 399 (3)
Floydada No. 31	Winnie No. 160	Gonzales No. 403
Vashti No. 32	Aransas Pass No. 162 (2)	Florence No. 440
Tulia No. 33 (2)	Brady No. 167	Odessa No. 447
Quanah No. 47	Salttillo No. 173	Snyder No. 450
Bertram No. 48	Hadassah No. 188	Bishop No. 452
Angleton No. 54	Boerne No. 200	Mineola No. 454
Alice No. 61	Commerce No. 208	Bangs No. 467
Bastrop No. 64	Orange No. 214	Henrietta No. 474
Pampa No. 65	Canadian No. 227	Seymour No. 488
Beaumont No. 71	Arlington No. 249	Throckmorton No. 500
Gate City No. 77 (2)	Shiner No. 272	Sinton No. 515
Frisco No. 93	Marlin No. 286	N. Zulch No. 531
Knox City No. 119	Jasper No. 291	Seguin No. 555
Hope No. 124	Spurger No. 315 (2)	Monahans No. 561
Joshua No. 131	Columbus No. 324	Taylor No. 578
Pleasanton No. 133	Gilmer No. 355	Moran No. 591
Ransford No. 135	Lufkin No. 382	Bellville No. 611 (2)
Brenham No. 144	Fidelity No. 383 (2)	League City No. 621

Liberty No. 634	Dimmitt No. 819	Mike H. Thomas No. 951
So. San Antonio No. 691 (2)	Seagraves No. 829	Memorial No. 958
Rosebud No. 694	Gladewater No. 831	Ashland No. 961
Quitman No. 695	Riverside No. 834 (7)	Frost No. 965
Arlington Hts. No. 702	So. Hills No. 835	Mary Martha No. 981
W. Columbia No. 705	Ocotillo No. 837	James L. Burgess No. 983
Magnolia No. 706	Talco No. 846	Rule No. 989
E. Dallas No. 715	Andrews No. 849	Hillcrest No. 1000 (2)
Galveston No. 716	Bluebell No. 856 (8)	Gatesville No. 1005
Sulphur Springs No. 718	Celina No. 857	Clute No. 1011
O'Donnell No. 725	Groom No. 861 (2)	Frank W. Lynn No. 1015
Bethlehem No. 728	Lindale No. 864	Castleberry No. 1028
La Feria No. 732	Galena Park No. 884	Highland Park No. 1029
Woodbine No. 738	Crosbyton No. 891	Loyalty No. 1036
Wedgwood No. 756	Honey Grove No. 901	Fairbanks No. 1041
Rob Morris Daylight No. 759	Schertz No. 911 (2)	Lakeside No. 1054
A. C. Garrett No. 774	W. University No. 913	Colmesneil No. 1068
Irving No. 777	S. Houston No. 915	Almeda No. 1081
Wrightsboro No. 778	Sundown No. 926	Roy Stanley No. 1086
Grosbeck No. 810	Lewisville No. 935	Jacques De Molay No. 1094
Borger No. 811	Alvord No. 946	Lake Worth No. 1109
Rio Hondo No. 815 (2)	Carlton No. 949	Gun Barrel City No. 1114

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Kerrville No. 24 (full code)	Clarksville No. 662
Plainview No. 37	Bonham No. 852
Houston Heights No. 258	Schertz No. 911 (2)
Bronson No. 337	Groves No. 953
Sweetwater No. 352	Winnsboro No. 967
Wells No. 400	Bullard No. 972 (2)
Florence No. 440	Bogata No. 1084
Cleveland No. 465	De Soto No. 1089 (4)
Jourdanton No. 581	Sam P. Cochran No. 1097

I move the adoption of this Report.

Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you Sister Doris Efird, and thank you for presenting the Report in the absence of Sister Carolyn Paul. Sisters and Brothers it has been moved and seconded that we adopt the By-Laws Committee report, any discussion — all in favor please signify by raising your hand, those opposed same. — Motion Carried.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S REPORT

Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Patron, will you please preside for the reading of my report.

REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Other Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers:

Traveling through life's many experiences is a journey of memories, action, and aspirations. We, like the sun, spring anew into a world which is fresh with the scents of discovery. We know not what each step will bring us, but in our travels across the day of our life-span, we learn to expect the unexpected. Our innocence to the tribulations that surround us is broken into awareness by our own experiences, and we begin to mature into a person, that, through memories of past encounters, can cope with unexplored situations.

We discipline ourselves to act in a manner suitable to the demands of our society; and, we find comfort among those of like convictions. Our own being presses upon us to search for a more elevated plane. In this ambitious surge, we reach for higher goals, and strive to fulfill our aspirations.

As the sun of our life reaches the apex of its race with time, we cannot relax the force of our efforts to success, for in the sunset of our existence, we must strive to glow as brightly as we did upon the dayspring of our birth.

We must continue to spread the sunshine of our smile across the blue, cloudless skies that depict the courage of Adah.

As Ruth did, the golden rays of our compassion and love should seek out those who stand in the shadows of loneliness and despair.

As Esther acted only upon her genuine concern for others, so should we.

And, as we have learned from Martha, even death can be overcome by the well-spring of faith.

Finally, like Electa, in the rosy, red hues of sunset, we must remember that charity and hospitality create an atmosphere of love that cannot be replaced by any other form of friendship.

I have traveled many roads and have passed many miles in the last year. Fifty schools have come and gone, and I have found that our Order has been well-blessed with people who care. These dear ones have made this journey a memorable experience that I shall treasure for the rest of my life.

To each member of the Order of the Eastern Star I say, "thank you", and may you continue to radiate the principles of love and service throughout your life.

I would leave you with this one last thought:

"Love is the purification of the heart from self. It strengthens and ennobles the character, gives a higher motive and worthier aim to every action of life, and makes both men and women courageous. The power to Love truly and devotedly, is the highest gift with which a human can be endowed."

IN MEMORIAM

Death this year claimed the lives of two of our fine Past Grand Patrons, Dr. H. C. Sloop and Mr. Frank Holt. I asked Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsop, Past Grand Matron, to represent me at the Memorial Service for Dr. H. C. Sloop. In her report to me she stated, "No matter how great the distance, we can be bound together by prayer" and "God is greater than any problem we have."

I asked Mrs. Amy Goebel to represent the Worthy Grand Matron at the funeral of Mr. Frank Holt. Mrs. Goebel reported to me that Mr. Dick Porter, Past Grand Patron was also in attendance.

We lift our hearts in gratitude to the Giver of Life that the circle of Grand Officers has been permitted to remain unbroken during the year and my deep and sincere sympathy to each and every member who has suffered a loss in their family. We know that Gods arms are around them and through His wonderful love, they will be given strength to understand.

This past Eastern Star year has claimed lives of my precious Sun Queens, members of our Grand family and many subordinate Chapter members. In this memoriam, we extend loving sympathy to all members of the Eastern Star who have been separated from loved ones.

DEDICATION

This year of service was dedicated 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 sacristy, 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 fellowman and in so doing, have elevated my scale of being.

THE NAME OF THE YEAR

"The Sun — a source of Light, Life, Fruitfulness."

THEME PRESENTATION

The Sun

Light Light Light Light
 Life Life Life Life
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THE SUN,
A SOURCE of
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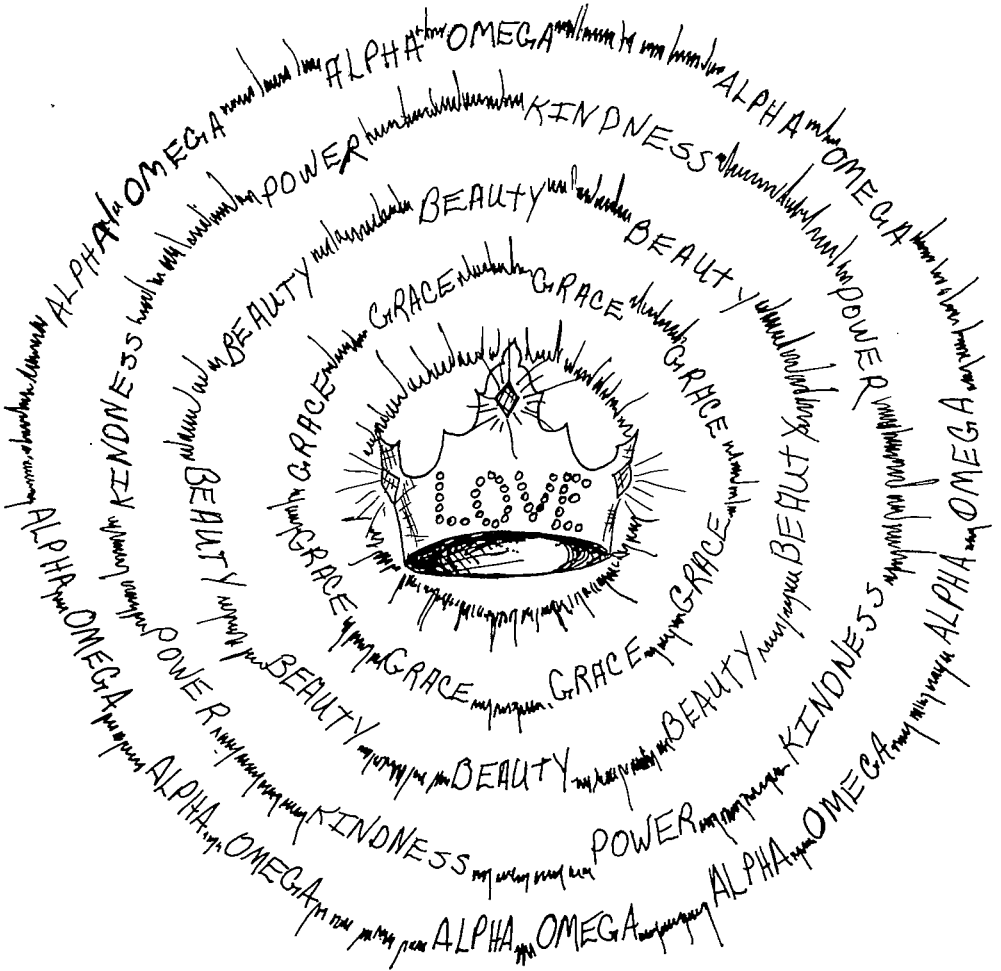
LOVE
CIRCLE WITHOUT END

LOVE.....
Crowning Grace of Humanity,

LOVE.....
In action: "Nothing so Kingly
as Kindness."

— Cary

LOVE.....
Crown and Beauty of Power,



LOVE.....
A MIRACLE!

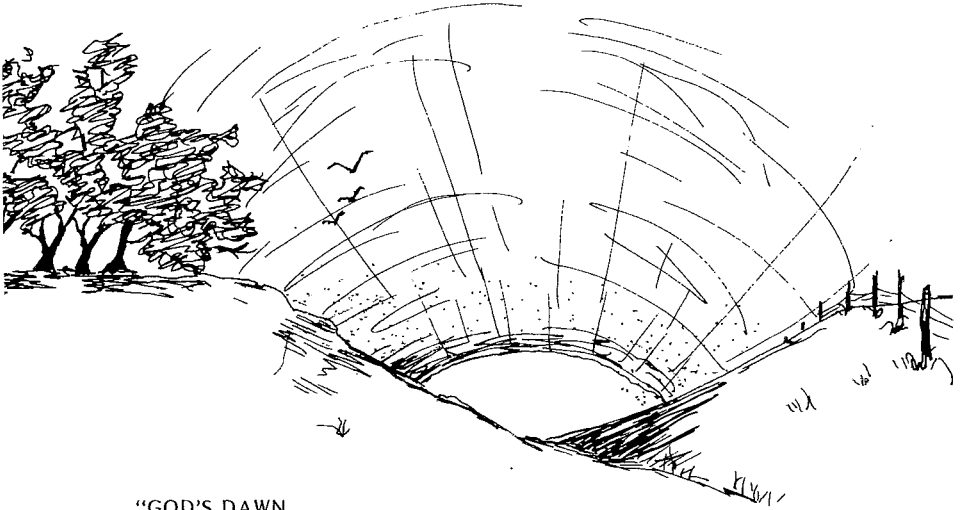
LOVE.....
The More You give
The more You Possess.

LOVE.....
without beginning,

LOVE.....
without end,
Alpha and Omega of Life.

DAYSPRING LIFE!

Springs Above the circle of the Earth

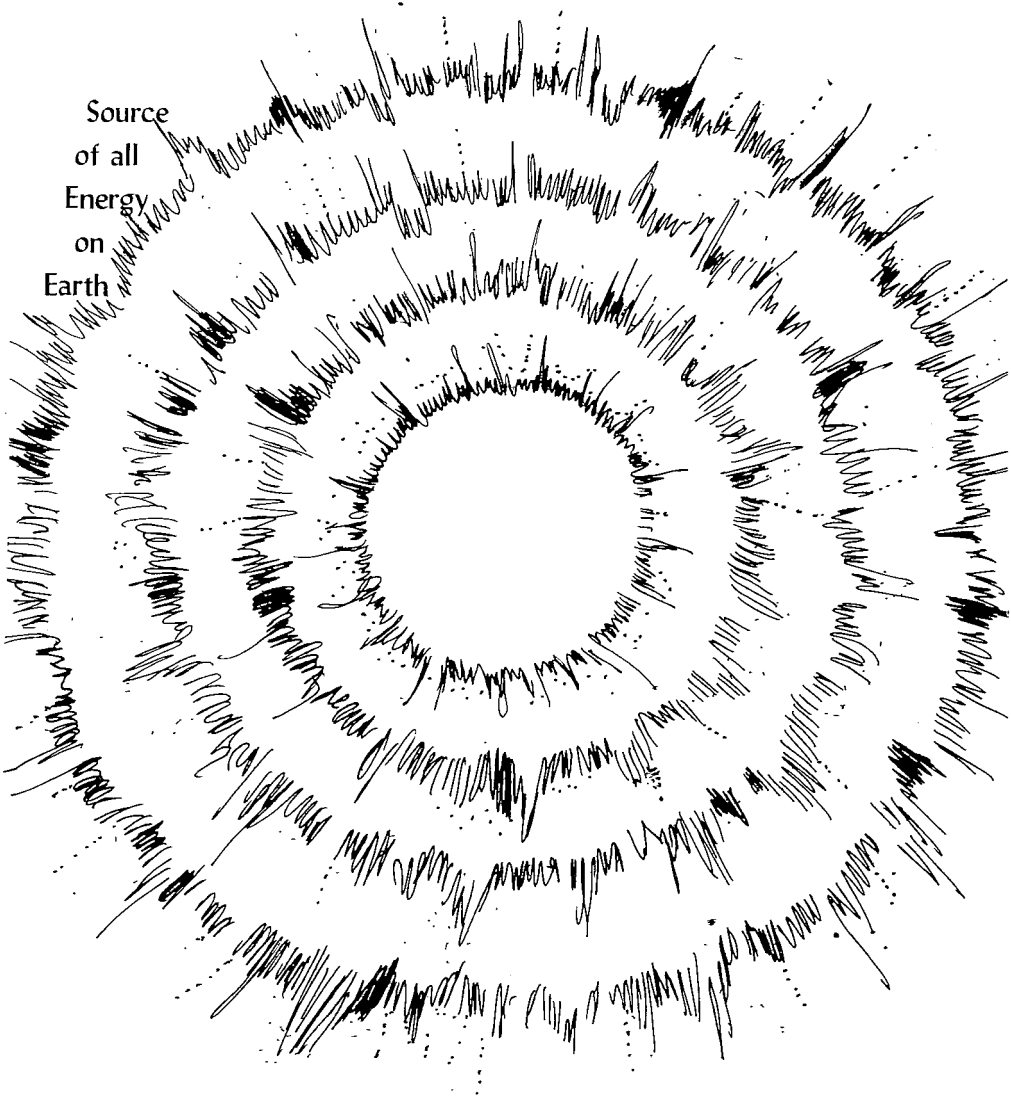


"GOD'S DAWN. . . .
Comes bursting out.
His Heaven
fills nook and cranny,
Bids darkness flee,
And stirs to Life. . . .
. . . .A million things
. . . .and me!"
—cushman

In its brief hours are found
All the Wonders and Realities
of Living
The INTEGRITY of FIDELITY
The DEVOTION of CONSTANCY
The STRENGTH of LOYALTY
The SERENITY of FAITH
The SPLENDOR of LOVE

Live! All the days of thy LIFE!

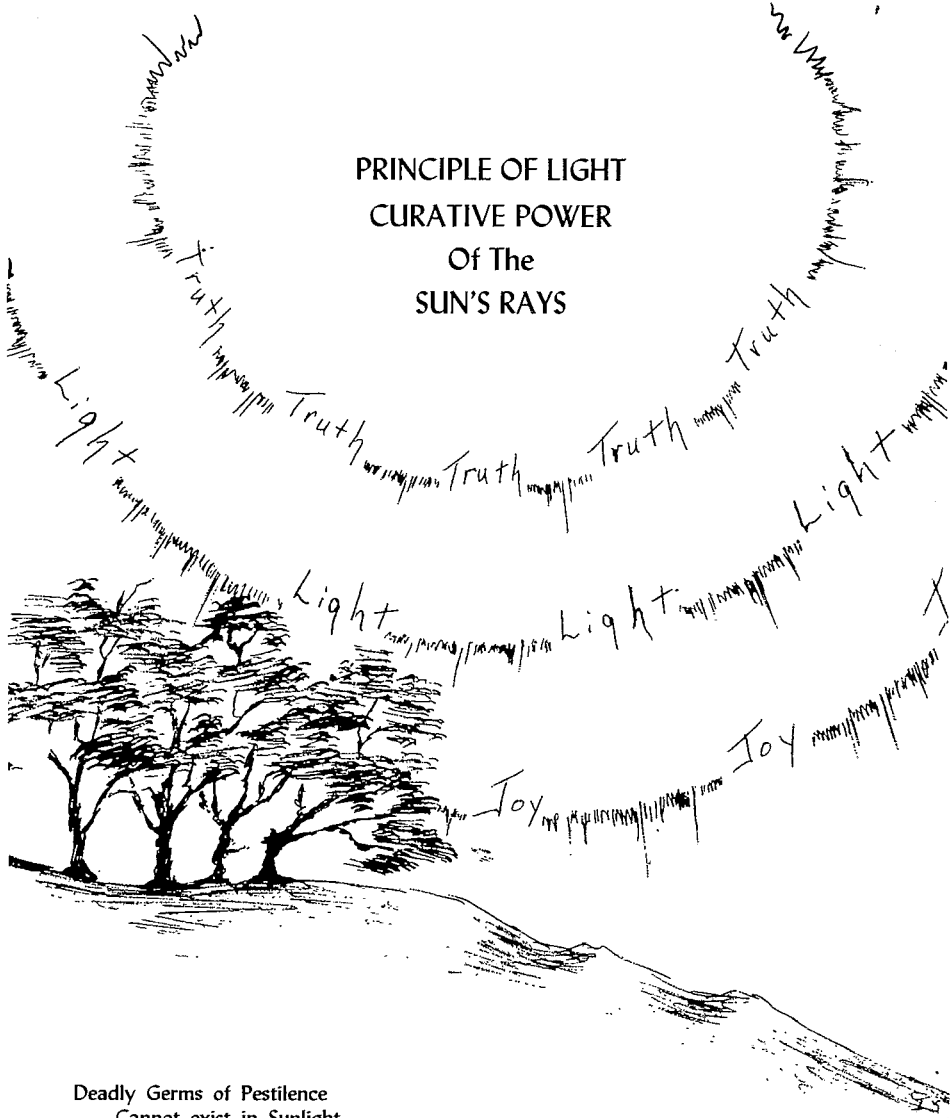
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of all
Energy
on
Earth



THE SUN

... a revolving mass of Light

PRINCIPLE OF LIGHT
CURATIVE POWER
Of The
SUN'S RAYS



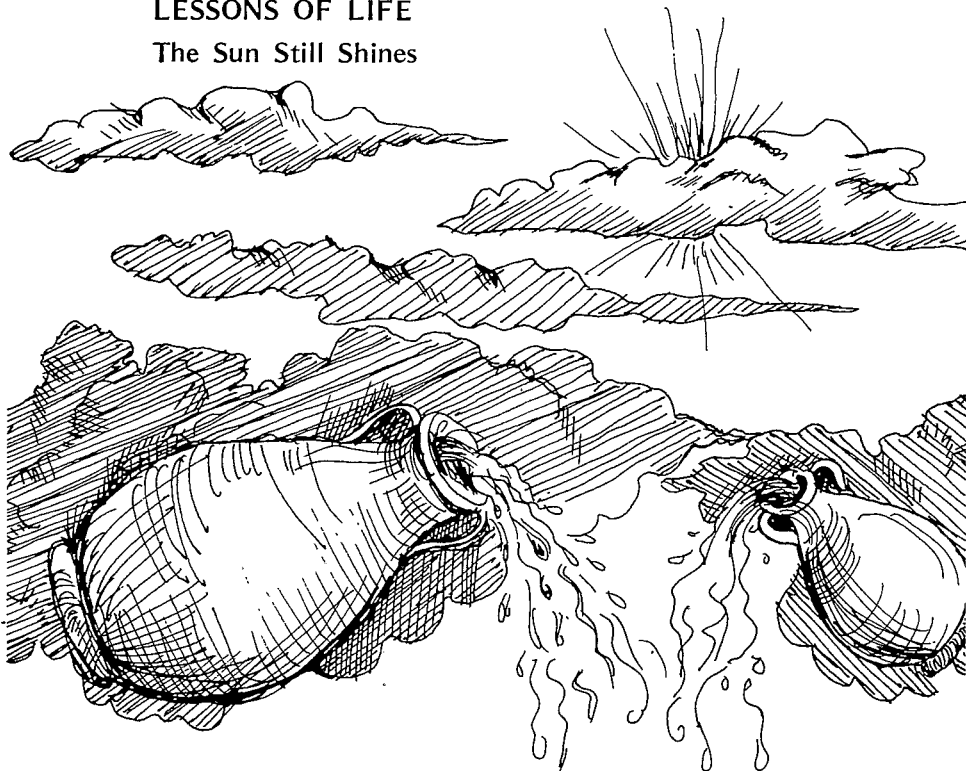
Deadly Germs of Pestilence
 Cannot exist in Sunlight.
 One Ray of Light exposes Darkness,
 but.....
 One Ray of Darkness has no effect
 over Light.

TRUTH
 Shines through a Life!
 When a TRUTH enters a mind, it gives
 A Light to see that which has
 never been perceived before.

The Joy of watching the Light come!

LESSONS OF LIFE

The Sun Still Shines



Who is wise enough to number all the clouds?
 Who can tilt the Water Jars of Heaven?
 —Job 38:37

Clouds that are heavy with
 RainStorm clouds through
 which the rays cannot pass
 for days
 Yet above and beyond, the
 sun is still shining!

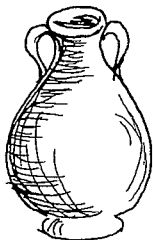
GOD'S LAWS:
 After rain, the sun will shine,
 After Darkness, Light appears.

. . . .the storm breaks and
 serves but to purify the
 air as the sunlight reaches
 the plain beneath.

—For every Dark Cloud,
 There is one with a Silvery Lining.

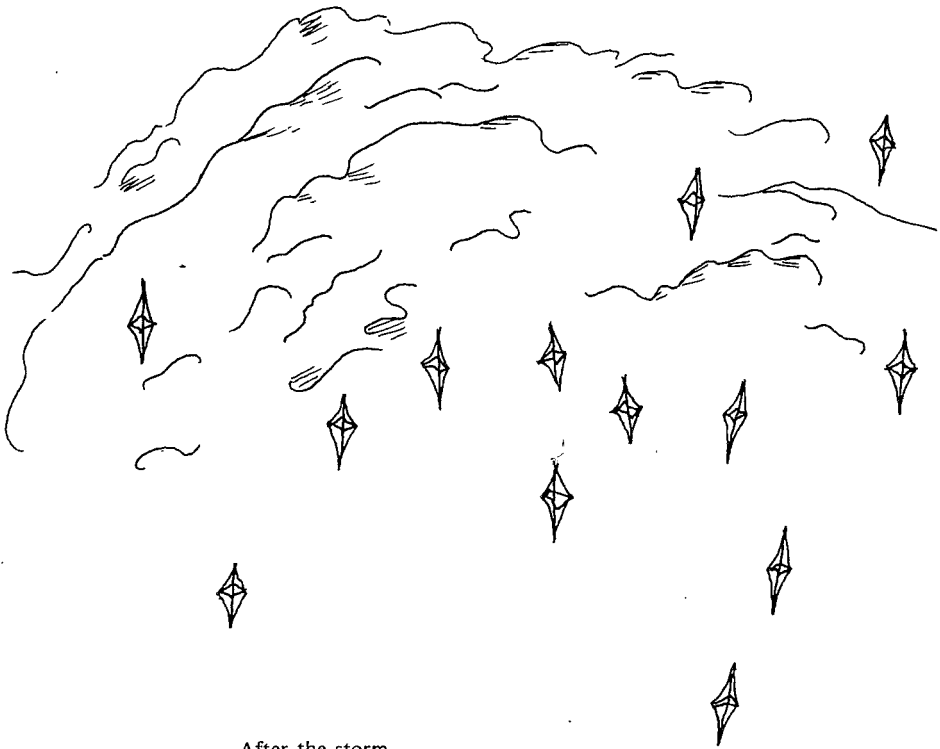
“Afterward.
 I knew it was good
 To be drenched by the
 Rain of Life.”

— Longfellow



The great peace of a soul who knows
 That the sun still shines!

LEARN TO BE HAPPY!



After the storm
 Clouds of wondrous splendor
 Tiny Wisps of Crystaled Air
 Catching the Rays of Sun
 Bouncing them back and forth
 until the cloud itself
 is light

HAPPINESS
 A Light reflected with
 Redoubled Brightness in the
 awareness of
 The "Little Blessings" of Life
 Companions. . . Friends. . .
 Shelter. . . Food. . . Raiment
 . . . "Little" . . . only because
 At times, We overlook their importance.

"Happiness Renders men
 Kind and Sensible: That
 Happiness is always shared."

—Montesulieu

NATURE'S GREAT PHENOMENON OF LIFE

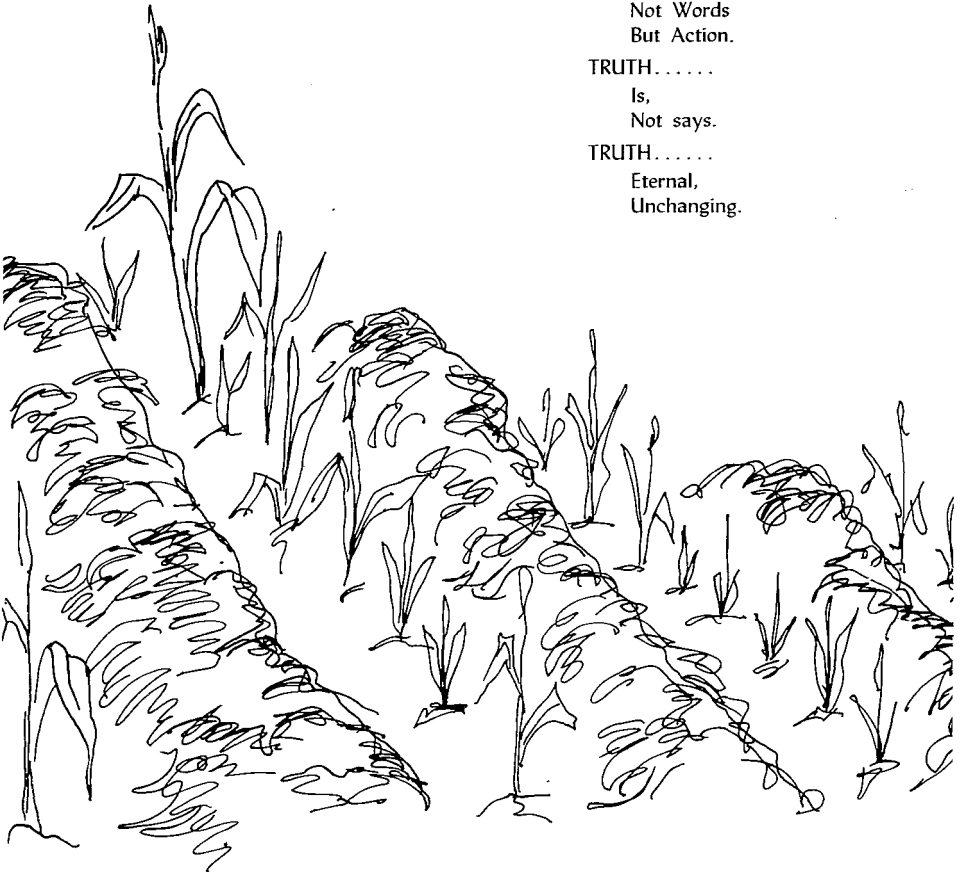
From what is planted must come
 What is to be. From the soil of
 the Earth, the Sun Brings forth
 Life.
 Seeds sprout,
 Tiny plants rise to meet the light.

Principles planted in open minds take root;
 Light brings forth TRUTH

TRUTH.
 Not Words
 But Action.

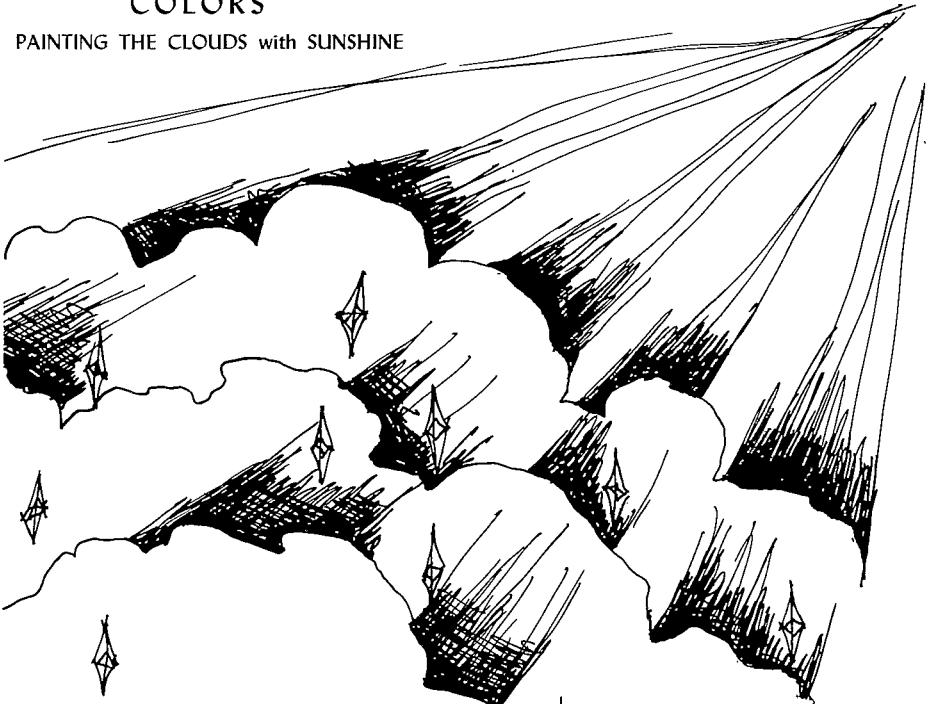
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 Is,
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TRUTH.
 Eternal,
 Unchanging.

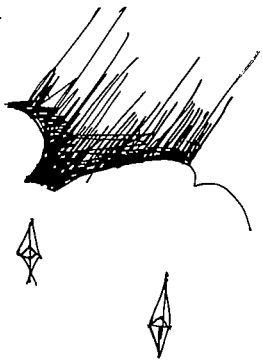


COLORS

PAINTING THE CLOUDS with SUNSHINE



Golden Colors of the SUN
 Creams....to Yellow....
 Yellows....to Corals....
 AND
 A Gem of Heaven
 The Sapphire Blue of the Sky



Flowers
 in
 The colors of the Sun

"The Sun's Rays are all gold
 And his beauties are best
 As painting the skies,
 He sinks down in the West,
 And foretells.....
 A Bright Rising Again!"

— Watts

LIFE'S SUNSET

The Measure of Fruitfulness

The HARVEST
A Display of Quantity
. . . .And Quality of Fruit



THE FRUIT

"For good lieth not in pursuing,
Nor gaining of great nor of small,
But just in the doing, and doing
As we would be done by, is all."

— Cary

The very Nature of the Seed of Love
brings a joyful Harvest.

"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."

— Cary

"Write me as one that loves his fellowman."

— Hunt

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In March 1976, I held a three day conference with the five whom I would later appoint as District Deputy Grand Matrons. They are beautiful, conscientious, qualified ladies. Later, I met for two days of study with the Deputy Grand Matrons of each District. To fulfill the laws of our Constitution and Laws, I met on Friday morning after the 1976 Grand Chapter Session, for more study and to distribute the needed supplies.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GRAND EXAMINERS

The ideals and principles of our Order glow with color and luster, showing the polish of much preparedness, as we leave lasting impressions of worthwhile accomplishments.

... And He began to teach them many things.

Mark 6:34

Through the courtesy of the members of our great State, I thank our Grand Chapter for giving you to me as a co-worker. I shall look forward to sharing many happy occasions with you. We will be working in close association, not only in the Eastern Star Schools, but in the miles we travel in each of your respective Districts and in many social enjoyments.

Study carefully the Code of Laws Pages 71, 72, and 73, Articles 83 through 87 that you may clearly understand your duties.

The Code of Laws Page 57, Article 19, gives the Worthy Grand Matron supervision over all Boards and Committees. Please know it is my desire to give you every assistance possible.

I have instructed the Deputy Grand Matrons to secure lists of helpers from the Worthy Matrons of each Chapter in their Section, and that they must hold "A" Certificates. I request the line officers not to be used; they need to be in the School Room. Also, I have requested that you have two Pages assigned to assist you and to see to your special needs.

The Resolution passed at Grand Chapter in Houston, October, 1974 states: "Reports: The members of the Board of Examiners shall keep an accurate record of those passing satisfactory examinations and receiving Certificates of Proficiency at the Schools and at Grand Chapter, and within (30) days after the Eastern Star Schools are completed in a District, the member of the Board from that District shall send the Associate Grand Matron and the Grand Conductress a complete list of members, in alphabetical order, giving names and addresses, Chapter and Number, of those receiving "A" or "B" Certificates, also stating whether Present or Past Matrons, Present or Past Patrons. The member of the Board at Large shall furnish the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect and the five District Examiners a like list by District of those passing examinations at Grand Chapter. A combined report of all certificates issued during the year, arranged Chapter by Chapter, shall be made to the Grand Secretary by the Board of Grand Examiners within ten days after the close of each Grand Chapter Session. The members with "A" Certificates shall be listed together under a sub-heading, "Members with "A" Certificates" and "Members with "B" Certificates."

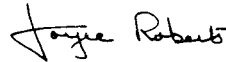
Registration for the School will commence at 8:00 A.M., and the School will be called to order at 9:30 A.M. I would ask you to be seated in the East with the other School Officers by 9:15 A.M.

To your discretion will be left the opening and closing of the Examining Room and leaving the Room in charge of assistants. In order that you may enjoy the time of rest and recreation, do arrange to close the Examining Room when the School closes at 3:30 P.M. You will give your partial report prior to the closing.

The Examining Room will open for the Fraternal Visit at 7:15 P.M. You will add any additional certificates to the number issued during the School and send the final report to the School Secretary to be read under "The Good of the Order."

Please know that anytime you desire my assistance, you need only to ask.

Sincerely and fraternally,



JOYCE ROBERTS

Worthy Grand Matron

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

Our great business is undoubtedly not to see what dimly lies ahead,
but what clearly lies at hand.

—Selected

It was with careful consideration that you were chosen to serve as District Deputy Grand Matron. Each of you have a special place in my heart.

As District Deputy Grand Matron, you have a busy year ahead of you. In the work of the Grand Chapter, you are a very essential and important officer. Your major duties are to hold Eastern Star Schools in each Section of your respective District. We depend upon you to present and promote the gaining of knowledge by the members in the study of the Ritual, Constitution and Code of Laws and Legal Code.

Let us make our active participation in the work of our Grand Chapter an open acknowledgement of the high esteem in which we hold our membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Our interest is ever in your work, and our appreciation of your efforts and love for you are ever an expression of our wish for your happiness as we serve together this year.

Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go, keep her; for she is thy life.
Proverbs 4:13

CORRESPONDENCE

The ten Deputies will be working closely under your direction, much of your correspondence will be to them, planning the Schools and working with the membership. In answering questions regarding our work, make reference to the Page Number in the Ritual or the Page, Article and Paragraph in the Constitution or Code of Laws. If you are unable to answer the question, inform them you have referred the matter to the Worthy Grand Matron. Send the Worthy Grand Matron a copy of your reply. Please do not give an opinion unless the Ritual or Constitution substantiates it. Study well the Instructions to the Deputy Grand Matrons.

REPORTS

Please refer to the Constitution, Page 96 & 97, Articles 140-142. You will find the duties of the District Deputy Grand Matron. Give prompt attention to the mailing of Reports. Your Monthly Report must be mailed in time to insure delivery to the Worthy

Grand Matron and the Associate Grand Matron by the 10th of each month. Weigh all mail to see that postage is adequate, thereby assuring prompt delivery. Financial reports must balance. Your annual report must be made and mailed on or before August 31.

FUNDS

Grand Chapter appropriates an amount necessary for the expenses of each District. This will come to you soon after Grand Chapter. Immediately divide this fund with the ten deputies. Your expenditures shall not exceed the appropriation for carrying out your official duties. You and the Deputy Grand Matrons will be allowed three cents (3c) per mile when traveling on official business except when traveling in the Grand Chapter car. Any unused portion of such appropriation shall be returned, through the Grand Secretary's Office, to the "General Fund of the Grand Chapter."

MINUTE BOOK

A "Minute Book" will be furnished by Grand Chapter, obtained from the Grand Secretary's Office, and kept by you. The "Minute Book" should contain a concise and accurate record of the transactions of the Schools held in your District. The Minute Book must be in every School Room and Fraternal Visit held in conjunction with the Schools. This record shall be forwarded to the Associate Grand Matron within thirty (30) days after the close of the Schools in your District. To assist in preparing annual reports, I suggest you make two copies of the Minute Book.

SCHOOLS

Work closely with your Deputies in planning your Eastern Star Schools and School Schedules in your District. As soon as possible, submit the place and date of your Schools to the Worthy Grand Matron for approval. When the Schedule has been approved, send the Worthy Grand Matron three (3) copies one (1) to the Worthy Grand Patron and one (1) to each of the Installed Grand Officers, Grand Examiners, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

Be sure that the Schedule for your District and Visits reaches the Grand Secretary's Office on or before the 8th of the month previous to the month in which your Schools will be held.

As you plan your Itinerary, if invitations have been extended by our gracious members to enjoy the hospitality of their homes we will be most happy to accept, or stay in hotels or motels. In either case, send name, address and telephone number to the Worthy Grand Matron. This should also include dates, time of arrival and departure. All confirmations must be sent to the Worthy Grand Matron before leaving on School Schedule. Send the Complete Itinerary to:

- Worthy Grand Matron — five (5)
- Worthy Grand Patron — two (2)
- Grand Secretary — one (1)
- Installed Grand Officers — one (1) each
- District Deputy Grand Matrons — one (1) each
- Grand Examiners — one (1) each

Have sufficient copies printed in the event of additions to this list.

In any week, do not plan more than four Schools preferably only three. Plan the Schedule carefully to avoid retarding miles.

Inform the Deputy Grand Matrons and School Officers of their respective parts in carrying out instructions and demonstrations of the work.

This year, we are having EASTERN STAR SCHOOLS — NOT SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION.

The School will be opened with one blow of the gavel. The School is a closed meeting for the purpose of the Study of the Work. A Charter and Quorum are not required for the School itself. The Salutation Sign is NOT given on entering or leaving the Chapter Room during the School; but it is given at the Fraternal Visit. the Schools will be in Session from 9:30 A.M. until 12:00 Noon, and from 1:30 P.M. until 3:30 P.M.

You are to preside and conduct the Schools. The Worthy Grand Matron will assist in any way; however, the School is under your direction. Study carefully your Ritual, Constitution and Laws and Legal Code so that you may become conversant with all the rules of the Order.

If Line Grand Officers are present, and space permits, invite them to share the East.

We have Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who have given years of service. Anytime you feel you need their assistance, do not hesitate to ask.

FRATERNAL VISIT

Charters and Quorums are required for the Fraternal Visit. The School Secretary shall be responsible for obtaining this information. Through your contacts with the Chapters in your District, encourage all Chapters to participate in the Joint Fraternal Visits.

FORMULA FOR SUCCESS

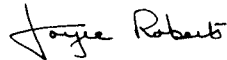
Know yourself
Take time to think
Use good judgement

Make plans
Give yourself to your task
Love God and Man.

The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul.

Proverbs 13:19

Sincerely and fraternally,



JOYCE ROBERTS
Worthy Grand Matron

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
TO
DISTRICT DEPUTY AND DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS**

In the case of members making inquiry about certain regulations concerning the work of our Order, or what does the Constitution or Ritual say about thus and so — or, an inquiry concerning a problem in the Chapter, human relations, etc. — SUGGESTED

COMMENT: Generally, for the good of the Order, one could answer along these lines: "Sisters and Brothers, I can surely see that you do have a problem, and to give it the consideration it deserves, let me suggest that you write a letter to me surrounding the circumstances and let me have this to be able to better help you." It is better to approach it this way than to make a hasty comment or decision and have to back up because we may be wrong.

The Worthy Grand Matron is the only one who has the authority to interpret the Ritual, Constitution and Code of Laws. **Only** answer when you can use Page or Article Number.

The District Secretary is **not** a School Officer. She is appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron to assist with correspondence whenever and wherever it is convenient for both. She is a member of the Secretarial Committee of Grand Chapter and has specific duties to perform that do not pertain to our Eastern Star Schools.

FRATERNAL VISITS:

Only the Worthy Grand Matron makes a Fraternal Visit. The invitation and/or program would read:

Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron
And
Honoring The Worthy Grand Patron

REPORT OF REGISTRATION AND INVITATION COMMITTEES:

The Chairman of these two committees will read the reports as printed and move the adoption of the reports.

Registration will continue at the Fraternal Visit and the Chairman will give the report and move its adoption and file with the School Secretary.

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REQUESTS FOR FRATERNAL VISITS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON:

I realize the Worthy Grand Matron will not be able to accept all requests for individual Fraternal Visits during the School Schedule. All requests for Fraternal Visits will be given to the District Deputy Grand Matron. She will follow up these requests and try to work out a date for a visit. This will apply for the entire year and not just during School Schedule.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

On God for all events depend;
You cannot want when God's your friend
Weigh well your part and do your best;
Leave to your Maker all the rest.

—Selected

The ideals and principles of our Order glow with color and luster, showing the polish of much preparedness, as we leave a lasting impression of worthwhile accomplishments.

The pages of another year have been added to the history of Grand Chapter. A new year is beginning. It is with joy, pride, and confidence that I greet you as my personal representative in your respective Section. I urge you to put forth your best efforts this year and endeavor to make your Chapter Visits interesting to all members. Study the Ritual, Constitution and Code of Laws and Legal Code so that you may become conversant with all the rules of the Order.

Our desire is to be kind and just in all our dealings, impartial in our decisions and to promote true fraternalism within the Chapters.

CORRESPONDENCE

Write an official letter to each Chapter in your Section immediately following your return from Grand Chapter, suggesting a date for your Official Visit to the Chapter. Use your Official stationery which will be sent to you through the Grand Secretary's Office immediately following your official appointment as Deputy grand Matron at Grand Chapter. Keep a calendar record of the stated meetings of the Chapters in your Section. This information is in the Directory of Subordinate Chapters in your Deputy Book. Also, you will find Chapter Numbers and the Chapter Secretary's name and address. Your letter should be sent to the Chapter, in care of the Chapter Secretary. The Salutation would be "Dear Sisters and Brothers". See Sample Letter in your Deputy Book.

I suggest you keep a separate file for each Chapter in your Section, one for the Worthy Grand Matron and one for the District Deputy Grand Matron.

Please keep a copy of all correspondence. Answer all questions regarding work by reference to page number in Ritual or Constitution. Do not give an opinion where there is not a definite law. Refer questions that require an opinion to your District Deputy Grand Matron, who will forward them to the Worthy Grand Matron. Because a grateful heart shall never lack, do not fail to write the Chapter after each Visit, expressing your appreciation for every courtesy extended.

FUNDS (Page 97, Article 145, Code of Laws)

Your District Deputy Grand Matron will soon send you a check for expenses incurred during the year for official use only. Any unused amount will be returned to your District Deputy Grand Matron by August 1 when your Annual Report is due. Three Cents (3c) per mile is allowed for traveling expenses, if not traveling in the Grand Chapter car. Be careful to submit only allowable expenses. The amount of expenditure shall not exceed the appropriation made by Grand Chapter. (Code of laws, Page 98)

CHAPTER INSPECTION

As Deputy Grand Matron, you are authorized to make only one Official Inspection, unless instructed to return by the Worthy Grand Matron. Read Page 149, Code of Laws, Article 281, Paragraph 2.

Notify the Chapter in advance the time of your arrival and departure; what books and data you will need (Secretary's Minute Book, Treasurer's Cash Book, Chapter By-Laws, Diagram of the Labrinth and Secret Work).

Give your instructions under the "Good of the Order." Find out from the Worthy Matron what instructions are needed most. In your inspection, you will read the minutes of each meeting since the visit of the previous Deputy Grand Matron. Place the

date and your signature after the last minutes and in the Treasurer's cash book. Notice any "irregularities" which were recorded for the previous year; check carefully to see that these have been corrected.

The Masons observe two Saints John Days, December 27th and June 24th. These are very sacred days to our Masons. It is their wish that **NO MEETINGS** be held on either of the above days. Stress to all Chapters the importance of observing Public School Week (first week in March, 7th through 11th). Only **stated** meetings are to be held with no program or refreshments.

Thoroughly absorb the Worthy Grand Matron's **Welfare Program** so that you may present it in such a manner to make the Chapters (through the manner in which it has been presented and explained) feel the real need and "give", because they are made aware that we exist for charitable and benevolent purposes, from the generosity of their hearts. (Mention the goal of \$1.00 per member to be 100% in the Welfare Program.)

Be sure to study and understand the Instructions to Subordinate Chapters 1976-1977. "STUDY AND PREPARE" your work so that you may present it in an interesting and informative manner. You will want to devote your time to instruction and demonstration where you deem necessary, either by observation or request from the Worthy Matron. Make the members feel your spirit is of helpfulness, tact and diplomacy; and that you are not there to criticize.

Check to see that each Chapter has three (3) copies of the Diagram of the Labyrinth and three (3) copies of the Secret Work. These are for the use of the Worthy Patron, Associate Patron and the Conductress. Instruct the Chapter Secretary to ask each of these officers to sign their names and the numbers of each copy and keep this record on file in a safe place. Check with the Worthy Matron to see if she has received the copy of "Instructions to Subordinate Chapters" from the Grand Secretary's Office. The Deputy will give a copy to the Associate Matron and remind her that this is for her use in preparing for her term in the East.

REPORTS

Please study carefully our Constitution, Pages 97 and 98, concerning your reports. Be sure that your report reaches your District Deputy Grand Matron on time and is accurate. Your report **must** balance. She depends on **you** for the punctuality and accuracy of her report which must reach the Worthy Grand Matron by the 10th of each month. Make two copies of the "Monthly Report of the Deputy Grand Matron", keeping one copy for your files and the other for the District Deputy Grand Matron. Your monthly report is due on the **FIRST** of each month. Your **ANNUAL REPORT** is due August 1.

SCHOOLS AND FRATERNAL VISITS

The Deputy Grand Matron has the responsibility of planning and preparing for the "Eastern Star Schools". The District Deputy Grand Matron is in charge of the Schools. The time, place and schedule for all schools and visits must be approved by the Worthy Grand Matron. When your School Program and plans are completed, send all details to your District Deputy Grand Matron, including the time, address (include directions and telephone number of the place where the School, Fraternal Visit, housing, and related events) are to be held. Include in these arrangements the name of the School, Banquet, Luncheon, etc. to possibly avoid conflict and to get approval from the Worthy Grand Matron. The District Deputy Grand Matron also must have names of those serving as Chairman of Registration, Invitation, School Secretaries, etc. Upon arrival, please have five School Programs, banquet programs, etc. Be careful in your wording — we are using "Eastern Star Schools" **NOT** "Schools of Instructions".

Make a careful estimation of the proposed budget and expenses of the School and Visit so that you will not have to ask for additional funds. An itemized statement of the expenses of the School shall be furnished each participating Chapter. Conduct the School activities as economically as possible.

You are Chairman of the School. Appoint a Co-Chairman if you feel you need one. The Eastern Star School will be in Session from 9:30 A.M. until 12:00 Noon, and from 1:30 P.M. until 3:30 P.M. Discuss all plans concerning the School and Visit with the Worthy Matrons. I would ask that the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons participate in all the work appertaining to the School in their Section including program, decorations, luncheon, banquet, badges, etc. If the Associate Matrons are needed to participate (and I suggest they are invited), they should be included in the meetings.

I suggest you use the Junior Past Matrons on the Registration Committee. You are to name the Chairman. They shall be on duty at 8:00 A.M. Instruct the Committees that they will also serve for the Fraternal Visit and must be on duty at 7:00 P.M. A partial Registration Report will be given prior to the close of the School. They will send their final report to the one who is serving as Secretary for the Fraternal Visit for reading under "Good of the Order."

The Associate Matrons compose the Invitation Committee. Select a Chairman. Instruct the Chairman on both Registration and Invitation Committees that you will supply the necessary forms. (These forms are in your Deputy Book.)

Select an efficient and capable School Secretary. (In some of the larger Schools, it may be necessary to have two.) The School Secretary is to record the Minutes of the School and Visit. These must be recorded in the School Minute Book (which the District Deputy will bring) by the close of the meeting. The District Deputy Grand Matron must take the Minute Book with her as she leaves the meeting. Please see that the Secretary is at her station 30 minutes prior to the Visit so that the Matrons of the Hostess Chapters can report concerning their Charter and Quorum. **YOU** will send a copy of the Minutes to each participating Chapter. Please do not confuse the School Secretaries you appoint with my District Secretary.

A Charter and Quorum are not necessary for the School; but they are required for the Fraternal Visit. It is suggested to bring the Charter for the School so that if it were forgotten there would be ample time to send for it.

You are the hostess for the School in your Section. You will call the School to Order and extend a brief Welcome. The District Deputy will respond. Except when your duties require you to be elsewhere, please remain in the School Room and assist in the demonstrations.

If the Fraternal Visit is on the stated meeting night of a participating Chapter, the Worthy Grand Matron **CANNOT** give permission or grant dispensation for the Chapter to dispense with its meeting.

The duties of the Grand Examiner are many. Therefore, make every effort to see that she has a comfortable place to work with sufficient helpers. You should request a list of helpers for the Examining Room, which you would get from the Worthy Matrons in your Section. These must be members holding current "A" Certificates. Have two Pages assigned to the Grand Examiner to see to her special needs, such as transportation to the School, Luncheon, etc. Write to the Grand Examiner offering your assistance.

Try to avoid placing Line Officers on Committees so that they may benefit from the School. Also, secure more than one Sentinel so that no one will miss the entire School.

The Salutation Sign will NOT be given on entering and leaving the School Room. The Salutation Sign will be given when entering or leaving the FRATERNAL VISIT.

It will be your duty to make reservations for the School Officers; Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Examiner, District Deputy Grand Matron. Also, you would make reservations for the District Secretary if she is traveling with the Worthy Grand Matron. Make reservations in Hotels, Motels or in Homes. If reservations are in Hotels or Motels, it is most necessary that written confirmations be sent to the District Deputy Grand Matron before we leave on our Schedule for your District.

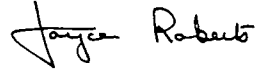
Please send an invitation to our Worthy Grand Patron and his wife and see if he wishes you to secure reservations for them. Please extend every courtesy to them while they are in your Section.

CONCLUSION

I am sincerely grateful to you for accepting this important position of trust. Your rewards will be great; the strong friendships you will form will fill your days with joy untold.

May your days be full of sunshine
And the sky always blue.
Because, in all the world, I will find
No better friends than you.

Sincerely and fraternally,



JOYCE ROBERTS
Worthy Grand Matron

We are, this Grand Chapter year, having competition of the Chapters who have the highest number of certificates per members on the rolls. It does not matter whether they are "A" Certificates or "B" Certificates. The Worthy Grand Matron is asking each Chapter Secretary to fill out a very short form stating the Chapter Name and Number, the District and Section, the Total Membership on the rolls as of May 31, 1976, the total number of certificates received and the percentage of your members which earned a certificate. Simply divide the total membership by the number which earned certificates to arrive at your percentage. The Chapters with the highest percentage will receive special recognition at Grand Chapter. Worthy Matrons, it would be a good idea to get your Chapter started studying EARLY and try to be 100% in your Chapter.

The Chapter Secretary is asked to fill out the following form and mail it to the District Deputy Grand Matron before May 31, 1977.

Chapter Name and Number-----

District-----Section-----

Total Membership on rolls as of May 31, 1976-----

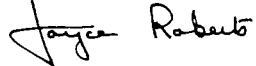
Total Nubmer of Certificates earned-----

Percentage of your Membership which earned certificates-----

Mail this form to your District Deputy Grand Matron before May 31, 1977.

DDGM's: It will be your duty to see that each Chapter completes this form. If you do not get the report, contact the Deputy Grand Matron to assist in getting it to you. We want all Chapters to actively participate in this.

Sincerely and fraternally,



JOYCE ROBERTS
Worthy Grand Matron

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR EASTERN STAR SCHOOL

Attention: Deputy Grand Matrons
Please do not change opening times

MORNING SESSION

- 8:30 A.M. Registration
- 9:00 A.M. Musical Selection
- 9:15 A.M. W.G.M., W.G.P., G.E., D.D.G.M. and
D.G.M. will be seated in the East

- Entrance of School officers
- Drill (if desired)
- 9:30 A.M. Call to Order & Welcome D.G.M.
- Presentation of D.D.G.M. D.G.M.
- Opening of School. D.D.G.M.
- Invocation Any Member
- Opening Ode
- Presentation of Flag
- Pledge of Allegiance W.P.
- Patriotic Song
- Presentation of W.G.M. D.D.G.M.
- Presentation of W.G.P. D.D.G.M.
- Presentation of G.E. D.D.G.M.
- Rendition of Secret Work G.E.
- Announcements (regarding luncheon, etc.)
- Study of Ritual, Constitution and Code of Laws. D.D.G.M.
- 12:00 Noon Call from Labor to rest. D.D.G.M.

LUNCHEON

Place _____

Time _____ Tickets _____

Ticket Chairman _____

Hosts _____

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:30 P.M. Call from Rest to Labor D.D.G.M.
- Resume Study of Ritual and Constitution D.D.G.M.
- Reports of School
 - Invitation Mrs. _____
 - Registration (Partial) Mrs. _____
 - Grand Examiner (Partial) Mrs. _____
- Special Courtesies
- Announcements

- 3:30 P.M. Closing of School D.D.G.M.
- (Banquet and details, etc.)

EVENING SESSION

- 7:15 P.M. (or 7:00 p.m. if lengthy drill is planned)
- Drill if desired
- 7:30 P.M. Welfare Program
- 8:00 P.M. Joint Fraternal Visit of Worthy Grand Matron
- 8:00 P.M. Ritualistic Opening Program
- Final Report)
- Registration) (All reports to be given by School Secretary)
- Grand Examiner)

- Greetings
 - Worthy Grand Patron
 - Worthy Grand Matron
- Ritualistic Closing

Hostess Chapters and Officers for the School and Fraternal Visit with the office each will hold may be listed on additional pages.)

Attention: Deputy Grand Matron
Please give this form to the School Secretary and see that it is completed and mailed.

FOR SECRETARY OF SCHOOL

Please complete this form and return it to the Secretary-at-Large. (Note: Not the Grand Secretary). See name and address listed in the November 1976 Official Bulletin. List all participating Chapters, being sure to mark those who have a quorum and Charter. In addition to filling out and mailing this form, be sure that this information is included in the Minute Book.

JOINT MEETING — FRATERNAL VISIT

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

DATE _____

District Number _____ Section Number _____

D.D.G.M. _____ D.G.M. _____

Address _____ Address _____

City & Zip _____ City & Zip _____

Chapter Name	Chapter Number	Location	Charter	Quorum

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR EASTERN STAR SCHOOL

(outside cover may be designed as Deputy Grand Matron and Worthy Matron wish)

EASTERN STAR SCHOOL

District _____

Section _____

Date _____

Place _____

Location _____

HONORED GUESTS

Mrs. Joyce Roberts Worthy Grand Matron
 _____ Worthy Grand Patron
 _____ Grand Examiner
 _____ District Deputy Grand Matron
 _____ Deputy Grand Matron
 _____ Co-Chairman of School
 (if other than D.G.M.)

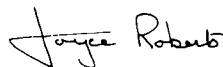
FEDERAL TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER DATA

In making each Official Visit the Deputy Grand Matron will check every Chapter to be sure it has a Federal Identification Number. This ID Number is necessary to comply with Federal Law. The forms are available from your local Social Security Office or your local Internal Revenue office. Fill out the form and mail it as directed. Within a few weeks your Chapter will receive it's Identification Number.

After the Chapter receives the ID Number, the Chapter may then apply for a Federal Income Tax Exemption. (See IRS Publication No. 557). Each Chapter is responsible for its own exemption or possibly be subject to paying Federal Income Tax. The Grand Chapter of Texas does have an Identification Number for Grand Chapter; however, each Subordinate Chapter must have it's own number. It is the duty of each Chapter Secretary to see this is done as soon as possible. We realize that we are living in a changing world, a world where numbers and computers are vitally important. All banks and many other places of business are required to use this Identification Number on all our accounts; so it is vitally important that we comply!

You may also apply to the State of Texas Comptroller's Office (after you have received the above ID number) for a State Tax Exemption Number which will entitle each Chapter not to pay the State Sales Tax; however, the State, too, must have your Federal Identification Number AND Federal Income Tax Exemption Number in order to process the form.

Much of this can be handled by mail and since we all want to comply with our State and Federal Laws, and save our Chapters money too, we will send in the forms, even though we might feel that it's just "some more red tape".



MRS. JOYCE ROBERTS
Worthy Grand Matron

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

PREFACE

It is not the intent of this Book of Instructions to take the place of the Ritual and Code of Laws but to make easier the exemplification of the Ritualistic Ceremonies and the observance of the laws concerning these ceremonies.

The Ritual designates what shall be done but in many instances fails to make clear the method of doing certain things. It is the purpose of the instructions herein to cover these points WITHOUT departing from the Ritual and Code of Laws IN ANY RESPECT.

It is desired to impress upon the Subordinate Chapters the fact that uniformity and beauty of the Ritualistic work are based upon strict conformity to the Ritual.

The Officers and Members are urged to study these instructions TOGETHER with those found in the Ritual under "General Regulations" and the fine print throughout.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS 1976-1977

(These instructions will be mailed to each Chapter Secretary following the Grand Chapter Session of 1976. Upon receipt, each Chapter Secretary will pass these instructions on to the Worthy Matron, who will see that they become effective immediately. A second copy will be presented to the Associate Matron by the Deputy Grand Matron at the time she makes her Official Visit to the Chapter.)

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

Matthew 5:16

The purpose of our Great Order is to help make this a better place in which to live and to make our lives richer and nobler through the ideals that inspire our efforts.

May we be ever mindful of our Obligation to LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS:

Read, study, and follow the Ritual, including the fine print, the Constitution and Code of Laws, Legal Code and Chapter By-Laws. That our work may be more uniform, that all general practices may be emphasized and that a more clear interpretation may be given all phases of our work, the following suggestions are made:

THE CHAPTER ROOM: RITUAL, PAGE 166-167

The Chapter Room should be furnished as described in the Ritual on Page 166. The furniture should be arranged according to the diagram on Page 167 of the Ritual. The Chair, not the pedestal, is the station and the inside front leg of each chair should be on an angle of the pentagon. Esther's chair should be directly in back of the point of the white ray. The matter of placing pedestals has been made permissive in the Ritual so that you may arrange these to the best advantage in your Chapter Room. The chairs must face East.

The Officers' badges should be placed in the preparation room and all officers should enter the Chapter Room wearing their badges.

The SIGNET must be placed in the Northeast Corner of the Chapter Room, and the FLAG is placed in the East on a level with and at the right of the Presiding Officer. The SIGNET must not be placed in such a position as to obscure the Flag.

OPENING OF THE CHAPTER: RITUAL, PAGE 23 AND CODE OF LAWS, PAGE 142-146

The Worthy Matron has many duties to perform prior to a meeting. Therefore, the Worthy Grand Matron suggests that the Associate Matron, Conductress and Associate Conductress have charge of preparing the Chapter Room under the direction of the Worthy Matron.

Requirements necessary for the opening of a Chapter and for the transaction of business will be found in the Code of Laws, Page 142, Article 275.

Ritual Page 23: In the "Opening of the Chapter" first paragraph, it is noted that four officers assume their stations before the remaining officers are invited to enter the Chapter Room. The Worthy Grand Matron asks that the four officers assume their stations as per Ritual, without ceremony, in the following manner:

The Worthy Patron, Associate Patron, Associate Conductress and Organist (in that order) will form a line inside the door to the Chapter Room. The Worthy Patron would go directly to his Station by marching down the South Marching Line. The other three officers would follow only as far as the West Marching Line, turn left, the Associate Patron would stop at his station, The Associate Conductress and Organist continue to the North Marching Line to their stations. (If the instrument were located elsewhere, the Organist would line up in the same order as listed above, and go directly to the station.) The Worthy Patron should reach the dais after the other officers have been seated and proceed as per Ritual.)

The Chapter By-Laws state the time the Chapter is to be called to Order. Please start on time; do not keep the membership waiting. Bible presentations, programs and processions are permissible **provided** the Ritualistic Opening begins on time.

The entrance march may be elaborated upon as long as the officers assume the positions as listed in our Ritual, Page 24, at the conclusion of the drill. The Code of Laws, Article 305, Paragraph 1, Page 152 and Ritual Page 24 state that "if the line is formed inside the Star Point chairs," meaning inside all of the chairs (inside Adah and Electa and in front of Esther's chair). The Conductress when requested by the Worthy Patron to conduct the Worthy Matron to the East, turns right behind Adah's chair. If the lines are formed outside of the chairs, they would all be outside the chairs. In either instance, the Conductress merely turns right to the South Marching Line and proceeds to a point opposite Esther's Station, turns right to approach the Worthy Matron.

The Conductress, with the Worthy Matron, may either continue straight across to the North Marching Line, then East; or, through the Labyrinth to the East, turns South until even with the Worthy Matrons Station. As the Worthy Patron is assisting the Worthy Matron to ascend the dais, the Conductress goes directly to her position by marching in a straight line across the East then turns West to her former position at the head of the south line of officers. The Worthy Patron steps behind the Podium to assist the Worthy Matron, and hands her the gavel. The Worthy Matron gives her charge to the officers and immediately seats the Chapter.

If the line is formed inside the chairs, the officers will leave the Labyrinth between Adah and Electa, by marching around these two stations, and go directly to their station. If the line is formed outside the chairs, the officers go the line of march in the East and countermarch. In either case, they will go directly to their station and be seated immediately.

All vacancies should be filled by the presiding officer prior to the Opening of the chapter. Article 278, Code of Laws, Page 143 & 144 and Ritual Page 39 tell us who may preside in the absence of the Worthy Matron.

PROVING CHAPTER: RITUAL, PAGE 26

Proving the Chapter is done under the direction of the Associate Matron. If the Associate Matron cannot vouch for all present, she will instruct the Conductress and Associate Conductress to assist her. They will commence in the East, the Conductress on the South Side, and the Associate Conductress on the North. They will begin proving Chapter in the East. After the report, the Conductress and Associate Conductress bow to each other and return to their station. Proving a Chapter is of great importance, the responsibility is upon the officer whose duty it is to see that all present are members of the Order. As members, we want to cooperate with these officers by having our receipt for dues or a valid demit, countersigned.

If a visitor from New York or New Jersey (Ritual Pages 11 and 161) has to be examined, the Chairman of the Examining Committee would ask the eligibility and from

whom the member attained eligibility for membership. The Ritual Page 161 is very specific on "Eligibility for Membership." The Ritual, Page 11, tells us our relationship to the two above states.

ALTAR SERVICE: RITUAL PAGES 16, 41, 42, & 43

When the Conductress attends the Altar, she leaves her station from the East side of the pedestal, turns west and marches to the point opposite Esther's Station, turns and goes directly to the Altar. She opens the Bible slowly, being careful NOT to pick up the Bible and with **both hands** places the Square and Compasses on the Bible, gives the Salutation Sign (Worthy Matron responds), and retires to the circle of Star Point Officers between Esther and Ruth, returning to the line of march by backing out, looking directly at Electa (See Diagram Page 3 of the Ritual — the **CIRCLE OF STAR POINT OFFICERS** is the **DARK LINE**, the **EDGE OF THE LABYRINTH** is the **LIGHTER STRAIGHT LINE**.)

The Chaplain leaves her/his station, turns to the North Marching Line, turns and marches west entering the Labyrinth in the same manner as the Conductress, by turning opposite Esther's Station, going directly to the Altar as making a triangle. After the prayer, she/he retires to the circle of Star Point Officers between Martha and Esther by backing out, looking directly at Adah.

Both the Conductress and Chaplain approach the Altar slowly, without hesitation, with hands down by their sides.

All officers and members face the Altar during Altar Services. They should assume the Reverent Attitude (loose clasped hands) as the Conductress enters the Labyrinth to attend at the Altar, also during Obligations and Devotionals and in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

During the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, the Reverent Attitude (Loosely clasped hands with bowed head) is held during the Prayer and until the Response is given. The Reverent Attitude will be held until the Conductress and Chaplain step back into the semi-circle, the Conductress between Ruth and Esther, the Chaplain between Esther and Martha. Then all **members** turn and face the East for the next order from the Worthy Matron.

The Conductress and Chaplain will remain in the semi-circle until the Worthy Matron instructs the Warder that the Chapter is open and the Warder replies.

In the Closing Ceremony, when the Warder so informs the Sentinel, the Chapter is closed.

**FLAG CEREMONY AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: PAGE 142, ARTICLE 275(e)
AND PAGE 191**

The Flag of the United States shall be present in the Chapter Room and the Pledge of Allegiance given at every meeting.

If the Flag is presented, it should be done immediately after the Warder responds to the Worthy Matron and the Conductress and Chaplain have returned to their stations. The Flag must be retired just preceding the Closing Ceremony.

If not presented, it shall be placed on a level with the Worthy Matron or the Presiding Officer.

In presenting the Flag, which shall be inside the Chapter Room at the Northwest entrance, the Worthy Matron will say "Sister Marshal, you will present the Flag of our

Country". The Marshal rises, takes two steps to the left, faces west, and marches to a point halfway between Esther and the Associate Matron, turns North and marches to a point opposite the Preparation Room Door. The Associate Patron shall have the Flag in readiness for the Marshal. The Marshal receives the Flag with the right hand, holding the staff at about eye level and the left hand holding the staff just below the waist and close to the side.

The Marshal then marches East by entering the Labyrinth between Esther and Martha, pausing at the Altar, then marches directly to the East and places the Flag in the standard. The Marshal then steps back and faces the Flag while all give the Pledge of Allegiance. The salute is given by placing the right hand over the heart and the left hand at one's side, facing the Flag. The salute is held while the Flag is in motion and during the Pledge of Allegiance. The salute is not held during the singing of the National Anthem or Flag Song.

When the Flag Ceremony is completed, the presiding officer seats the Chapter; and the Marshal returns to her station around the outside of the Labyrinth and turning right angles.

RETIRING THE FLAG: PAGE 191 CODE OF LAWS

The Marshal marches outside the Labyrinth to the East to the Station of the Flag and takes the Flag from the standard. The Worthy Matron calls up the Chapter, and the Marshal returns it outside of the Labyrinth to the West where she places it in the standard and returns to her/his station.

ESCORTING AND INTRODUCTIONS: CODE OF LAWS, PAGE 144-145

It is the duty of the Conductress, assisted by the Associate Conductress, to "present, introduce and escort members and visitors". This is done under the direction of the Worthy Matron and should follow carefully the instructions as given in the Code of Laws, Pages 144 & 145.

The Conductress should remember that she always escorts by offering her RIGHT ARM to a Sister and her LEFT ARM to a Brother, thus placing the person whom she is presenting on the inside or nearest the Altar. The Associate Conductress offers her LEFT ARM to the Distinguished Member.

Before presenting EACH GROUP of Distinguished Members, the Conductresses will meet in the West and wait for the next order from the Worthy Matron. The Conductresses bow to EACH OTHER ONLY TWICE: Once to begin introductions and once when all introductions have been completed.

In the Grand Chapter of Texas, we have titles of Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Matron, Past Patron, Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron. It is WRONG to use "Past Worthy Matron" or "Past Worthy Patron" or "Past Worthy Grand Matron" or "Past Worthy Grand Patron". If one is holding the gavel of authority, one is "Worthy". When one's successor has been installed, one becomes PAST, but NEVER BOTH PAST AND WORTHY.

In General Grand Chapter, the "Past" and "Worthy" are retained. The title "Past Most Worthy Grand Matron (or Patron)" is correct.

In the Grand Chapter of Texas, we recognize only Past Matrons, Past Patrons, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. We do not recognize any Past Officer or Past Grand Officer except those listed above. ALL OTHER TITLES EXPIRE at the end of that term of office.

Only a Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officer, Past Grand Matron, Past Grand Patron and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M. are presented at the Altar. All other Distinguished Members are presented behind Esther's station. The Distinguished Members presented at the Altar are escorted through the Labyrinth to the East. With the exception of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, all who are presented at the Altar are accorded Grand Honors. It is suggested that the names and titles of all entitled to be presented at the Altar be called.

The Conductresses meet in the West and bow to each other. The Conductress offers her LEFT ARM to the Associate Conductress. If there are Distinguished Members on both sides of the room, each Conductress would pick up those on her side, regardless of title. If there are Distinguished Members only on one side of the room, the Conductresses would go together, first to the Distinguished Member on the East end of the line, bowing to the member. The member steps into the line with the Conductress leading the line with the Associate Conductress at the end of the line. Each Distinguished Member will line up single file. If there is only one to present, the Conductresses go together and upon reaching the member bow, turn together with the Conductress offering her RIGHT ARM to the member and the Associate Conductress offering her LEFT ARM to the member. The Conductresses, with the Distinguished Member(s), would go either to the Altar or behind Esther's station. The Distinguished Members are presented by the Conductress, welcomed by the Worthy Matron and the Conductresses instructed by the Worthy Matron to bring them to the East or seat them. The Conductresses remain in the East until all Distinguished Members are introduced, until Grand Honors or a hearty welcome is given. (Grand Honors Page 17 Ritual). Distinguished Members presented at the Altar are escorted through the Labyrinth to the East.

The Deputy Grand Matron, on her Official Visit ONLY, would be presented alone behind Esther's station and conducted to the East along the North Marching Line immediately following introduction of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. (Page 144, Article 281, Paragraph 2).

All Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards will be presented behind Esther's station and their names and titles called by the Conductress. After being welcomed by the Worthy Matron, they are escorted to the East, introduced by the Worthy Matron, and given a hearty welcome.

All Distinguished Members who have been introduced behind Esther's station are escorted along the North and South Marching Lines, ladies on the North, gentlemen on the South, the Conductress with the ladies, the Associate Conductress with the gentlemen. The Worthy Matron calls up the Chapter as the Distinguished Members approach the East. After they are introduced in the East, and if the Conductresses are on the same side, and if the members are to remain in the East, the Conductresses turn together, the Conductress offers her LEFT ARM to the Associate Conductress, and they return to the West. If the Distinguished Member is to be escorted back to her/his seat, the Associate Conductress steps behind the Conductress, the Conductress offers her RIGHT ARM to the Distinguished Member and the Associate Conductress offers her LEFT ARM to the Distinguished Member.

If there is a small group of Officers of Grand Chapter, Committees and Grand Representatives, the Worthy Matron may accord the same honor to them. If the group is large, the Worthy Matron would ask them to stand, and beginning in the Southeast with the back row, invite each Distinguished Member to give his/her name and title. The Conductresses would remain in the West during these introductions. When all names and titles have been given, the Worthy Matron completes the introduction by adding "Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star." The Assembly is called up and the Distinguished Members are given a hearty Welcome.

After Introductions have been completed in the East, and in seating each group in the Chapter Room, the Conductresses go as far East or West as necessary to take them to their seats, then bow to the group to seat them. Each Conductress would seat those on her respective side; or if all are seated on the same side, the Conductresses would go together.

BALLOTING: RITUAL, PAGE 13-15; CODE OF LAWS, PAGES 131-137

We, as members of the Order, who desire to promote the Welfare and prosperity of our beloved Order have had many sacred trusts placed in our hands. The Golden Rule should be remembered at all times, especially when balloting.

Officers and members, study carefully the instructions given on Pages 13-15 of the Ritual and Code of Laws, Pages 131-137.

The ballot may **only** be taken at a STATED meeting. A Brother must be present and occupy the Worthy Patron's station.

Petitions must be disposed of by ballot unless the Committee reports ineligible.

Requests for Demits may be withdrawn anytime before it is automatically granted.

There are two methods of balloting: (1) Balloting at the Altar, (2) Passing the Ballot.

When balloting at the Altar, the Salutation Sign is given to the BIBLE, not to the Worthy Matron. The Worthy Matron responds to each member balloting. The members approach the Altar between Ruth and Esther, in front of the Bible, give the Salutation Sign TO THE OPEN BIBLE, (with eyes upon the Bible) as a public renewal of their Obligation reminding all to vote for the good of the Order.

The Worthy Matron, Associate Matron and Associate Conductress are the **ONLY** ones who physically handle the Ballot. The Worthy Patron and Associate Patron EXAMINE IT. The Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron and Associate Patron must all be in accord in their report before the Ballot is destroyed. **THE WORTHY MATRON DESTROYS THE BALLOT.**

The Worthy Matron calls up the officers with two (2) blows of the gavel and instructs them to approach the Altar and cast their ballot. They approach the Altar in the following manner:

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| (1) Associate Matron | (7) Ruth |
| (2) Associate Patron | (8) Esther |
| (3) Conductress | (9) Martha |
| (4) Secretary | (10) Electa |
| (5) Marshal | (11) Treasurer |
| (6) Adah | (12) Chaplain |

The Associate Matron, Associate Patron, Secretary, Marshal and Conductress leave their stations simultaneously. When Adah starts to leave, it is a cue for the officers on the North side to leave. Ruth and Esther turn at the same time and fall into position, as the preceding officer passes her, keeping three steps apart.

The officers shall form a line by marching from their stations to the southwest corner of the Chapter Room. (Each member pauses at the edge of the Labyrinth while the preceding one is casting her/his ballot.) After making the Salutation Sign to the Open Bible, the Officer ballots, takes one step back, turns left, pauses at the edge of the Labyrinth between Esther and Martha, and returns to her/his station.

The Officers will all remain standing until they are seated by the Worthy Matron.

It is the duty of the Associate Conductress to see that only MEMBERS of the Chapter enter the Labyrinth to ballot and that EACH member pauses at the edge of the Labyrinth while the preceding member is balloting.

The Associate Conductress is on guard at the back of Ruth's chair, facing the Altar. If there are members in the room who are crippled or infirm, the Associate Conductress (by order of the Worthy Matron) will pass the ballot to the crippled or infirm member before placing the ballot on the Altar.

The Associate Conductress is in charge of the Ballot Box under the direction of the Worthy Matron. The Ballot Box is kept at the station of the Associate Conductress when not in use.

PASSING THE BALLOT:

The Associate Conductress casts her ballot while the ballot box is on the Worthy Matron's stand.

Balloting begins in the East. The Associate Conductress stands on the right of and in front of the Worthy Matron, facing West. The Worthy Matron ballots first and the Worthy Patron is seated at this time. The Worthy Patron ballots while the Worthy Matron is seated.

The Associate Conductress then continues along the North, West, and South sides of the room, passing the ballot to all members and officers as she reaches them.

See Code of Laws, Page 134. In order to conform with Landmark No. 7, members rise and deposit their ballots.

After all members present, except the Sentinel, have voted, the Associate Conductress shall assume a position behind Esther's Chair. She faces East until the Sentinel is called in to vote; then she shall turn toward the Sentinel for his/her ballot.

When all have voted, the Associate Conductress, at the order from the Worthy Matron, places the Ballot Box on the pedestal in the West. She stands at the right and in front of the Associate Matron, facing East.

The Associate Conductress presents the Ballot Box to the members with her right hand and faces the direction in which she is proceeding.

On Page 15 of our Ritual, there are two DECLARATIONS stated by the Worthy Matron; one is **Clear**, the other is **Not Clear**. The statement made by the Worthy Patron is **NOT** the declaration. The Ballot is **NOT FINAL** until it has been declared by the Worthy Matron.

CEREMONY OF INITIATION: RITUAL, PAGES 49-92 AND CODE OF LAWS, PAGES 121-132

This is a wonderful opportunity to make deep and lasting impressions upon the candidates. If we are to make first impressions good and lasting we should memorize our work and make it beautiful.

The Associate Conductress has the responsibility of preparing the Candidate(s) for the ceremony of Initiation. She should inform the candidate(s) (Ritual Page 50) that hats and gloves are not worn in the Chapter Room while in Session. Explain the symbolic significance for this: that we think of God above us therefore a hat or headcover-

ing would be a symbol of something between us and God; that we should meet our Sisters and Brothers with an open hand of friendship and wearing gloves would be something between us and our friends.

All emblems are placed on the center of the pedestals in the manner shown in the front of the Ritual. Page 3. The point of the sword, the stem of the sheaf (if it is a flat sheaf), the crown (with the head of the Scepter pointed toward the Northeast) and the broken part of the column are pointed toward the Altar. All emblems should be picked up with the right hand and supported with the left hand.

Note carefully "Altar Services" Ritual Pages 16 & 17. All Officers and Members should face the Altar when any Prayers, Obligation or Ceremonies are directed there and assume the attitude of prayer. After the Obligation, the Worthy Patron should be careful not to reach across the Open Bible; but he may reach across the corner of the Altar and assist the members to arise using the right hand only.

When forming the Prayer Circle, the Star Point Officers always go **behind** their chairs (Diagram of Labyrinth Figure No. 9). When the officers have formed the prayer Circle, and joined hands, the Conductresses move forward with the members to complete the circle. When the Chaplain says the words "Golden Chain", the joined hands are raised shoulder high as if links of a chain. (See Ritual Pages 78 & 79). The dropping of the hands should be timed so that the Worthy Matron drops her left hand as the Chaplain says "Amen". The Chaplain should give the prayers slowly enough to enable the officers to drop their hands one by one and finish at the conclusion of the prayer. The Chaplain rises when she/he has completed the prayer and stands directly back of the Altar during the singing of the hymn. When the hymn has been completed, the Conductresses and members move out of the circle first. This makes room for the Worthy Matron to turn left and go directly to her station. The Chaplain and Officers merely step back out of the Labyrinth and return to their stations. The Worthy Patron should not seat the Chapter until all Officers are back in their stations.

The Candidates are not to be seated during the Worthy Patrons optional lecture unless there is a good reason for doing so. If there is an emergency which makes it necessary to seat one or more of the candidates, the Conductress would NOT be seated.

The Conductress and Associate Conductress should practice together often. The Conductresses should always keep a straight line with the new members when the Star Point Officers deliver their lectures so that there is a perfect triangle at the station of each officer. See Diagram of the Labyrinth. One point of the triangle is the Star Point Officer (not the chair or pedestal, but her body). The second point of the triangle is the Conductress, the third is either the Associate Conductress, if there is more than one candidate; or the third point is the candidate, if there is only one. These lines would be kept straight..

ATTENTION CONDUCTRESSES: Read carefully the Ritual Page 58 (fine print) concerning the portion of the Secret Work that is given audibly to the candidate. Not all of No. 1 is given orally. As the Conductress audibly gives this instruction, she and the Associate Conductress demonstrate the manner of placing the hands on the Bible. Then they place the Bibles in the candidates hands in the proper position, working in unison.

STAR POINT OFFICERS: During the ceremony of Initiation, you will remain standing until the candidates and conductresses have passed your station after the Lecture, holding your emblem. Then you place the emblem on your pedestal and be seated. The Ritual, Page 49 (fine print) states that gestures may be used when giving the lectures. If one officer uses the gestures, then all Star Point Officers should use them. You will hold your sign until after the pass is given. Figure 9 of the Diagram of the Labyrinth and Pages 78 & 79 of the Ritual show each officer where he or she will stand.

ATTENTION WORTHY MATRON, WORTHY PATRON AND WARDER: Members should not enter or leave the Chapter Room during the ceremony of Initiation unless **EXTREME** emergency, especially during the lectures. This is very distracting to the candidates and to the Officers.

NEWLY AFFILIATED MEMBERS: CODE OF LAWS, PAGE 145, ARTICLE 281 (7)

Signing of the By-laws is the completion of their affiliation of the Chapter and should be done after the introductions of Distinguished Members. We have no provision for affiliated members to sign the By-Laws with new members who have just received the degrees.

CHAPTER COURTESY: CODE OF LAWS, PAGE 145, ARTICLE 283.

Officers and members should remember not to walk between the Altar and the East when the Bible is open except as provided in the Ritual.

Members should not enter the Labyrinth save as required by the Ritual except when presenting the Flag of our Country, draping the Altar, presenting Grand Officers, Balloting and entrance and retiring marches. Please avoid using the Labyrinth area for special programs and **never** wind the Labyrinth except in the ceremony of Initiation.

There are five times when **BOTH HANDS SHOULD BE EMPTY:**

1. Making the Salutation Sign
2. Holding the Reverent Attitude and Attitude of Prayer
3. Balloting
4. Giving the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, while saluting the Flag or while singing the National Anthem
5. Giving the Signs and Passes.

No member should leave the Chapter Room when Chapter is in Session without permission from the presiding officer. All members when addressing or being addressed by the presiding officer should rise and face the East.

CHAPTER MEETINGS: CODE OF LAWS, PAGE 140 & 141, ARTICLE 264-271.

STATED MEETINGS: Stated Meetings are those meetings held at the time prescribed by the By-Laws of the Chapter.

SPECIAL MEETINGS: The Worthy Matron of the Chapter (or in the case of her absence, the Associate Matron, the Worthy Patron or Associate Patron) may call a special meeting. Any business may be transacted at a special meeting which may be required or allowed by the Ritual, Constitution and Code of Laws except that which **must** be transacted at a stated meeting. No business may be transacted at a special meeting except that for which the meeting was called. A notice of a called meeting may be published in the newspaper; or a card or letter stating the date and purpose of meeting mailed to each resident member at least 3 days before the date of the meeting, shall constitute due notice of a called meeting.

TWO MEETINGS HELD ON THE SAME DAY: Two meetings may be held on the same day **ONLY** for: Funerals, Memorials, Installation, or called by the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron or Deputy of one of these.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE: CODE OF LAWS, ARTICLE 167, PAGES 105 AND 106

Any member wishing to speak in a Chapter Meeting shall rise and address the presiding officer and wait for recognition.

If two members rise at the same time they will wait until the presiding officer addresses the one entitled to speak first.

If the presiding officer does not recognize the member who wishes to speak, the member shall announce her or his name.

A member cannot speak more than once on the same subject unless permission is given by the presiding officer.

When a motion has been made, it must be seconded before the question is open for debate or action.

If a member is not satisfied with the form of motion, which has already been seconded, and wishes to change the motion, it may be done by an amendment. The amendment to the original motion may be amended.

It is not permissible to have more than two amendments pending at the same time over the main motion. The amendment to the motion must be voted on first, then first amendment as amended. Then, the original motion would be voted on last. (Code of Laws, Article 167 (4) Page 106-107).

A motion can be withdrawn after it has been stated by the presiding officer but only by the person who made the motion. A motion can also be withdrawn by the mover, after having been stated by the presiding officer, if there is no objection. If there is an objection to its withdrawal, the withdrawal must be voted on. Code of Laws Page 106, Article 167. A motion to "lay on the table" shall be decided without debate. Business "laid on the table" to be considered again must be upon a motion to take from the table, with a second to the motion, if not taken from the table before the close of the next regular meeting; then it kills the business.

The manner of voting on all questions shall be by raising the right hand unless otherwise ordered by the Constitution and Laws or by vote of the body.

These are Roberts Rules of Order by which our Code of Laws were written. For quick use, there is a handbook of "Roberts Rules of Order" on the market or E. C. Utter's "Parliamentary Procedure at a Glance" is available.

All of the above is a simplified way of understanding Parliamentary Procedure that I have provided with the hope of assisting our membership; however, this is based strictly on our Code of Laws, Article 167, Pages 105 & 106.

CHANGE TO CHAPTER BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS: CODE OF LAWS, PAGES 146-148, ARTICLE 290-292

Any two members may submit to the Chapter a proposed change to the Chapter By-Laws. This must be submitted in writing. It could be amended at either the first or the second reading. It would be read to the Chapter and voted on. If it is defeated on the first reading, it is dead. If it passes on the first reading, it lies over for 4 weeks, and is read and voted on a second time. If it fails the second time, it is dead. If it passes on the second reading, it is sent (under seal of the Chapter) to the Chairman of the By-Laws Committee of Grand Chapter. *See November Bulletin for the name and address of the Chairman of the By-Laws Committee of Grand Chapter; **Do not send to the Grand Secretary's Office.** The Chairman of the By-Laws Committee sends it directly to the Worthy Grand Matron for approval or disapproval. If the Worthy Grand Matron approves, it will be sent directly back to the Chapter. When the Chapter has received the approved change back from the Worthy Grand Matron, the change then and there becomes effective until ratified at Grand Chapter. When it has been voted and approved at the next Grand Chapter Session, it becomes a permanent part of the Chapter By-Laws.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: CODE OF LAWS, PAGE 137, ARTICLE 252-256.

The election of officers of a Subordinate Chapter will be held under the heading of New Business, at a Stated Meeting, next preceding April 30th, or if at a later date, under Special Dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron (Code of Laws, Page 141, Article 252).

The Secretary, prior to the meeting, will see that there is sufficient paper, pencils, tally sheets and forms for Tellers' reports.

The Worthy Matron may ask the Worthy Patron to preside for the election of officers.

The Presiding Officer shall appoint the Tellers, naming one as Chairman. The Chairman will supervise the election and report the following to the Presiding Officer:

- (1) Number of votes cast.
- (2) Number necessary to elect.
- (3) Number each candidate received.

The result is given by the Presiding Officer.

Usually three (3) Tellers are sufficient. However, if the membership is large, I suggest that you appoint five. These Tellers shall report to the Secretary's desk where the ballots are counted.

The Presiding Officer should ask for a count of members present by having them rise and number, beginning with the Worthy Matron and the Worthy Patron, and having them seated as each one numbers. If there are members who arrive during the election (after the election has started), they may not enter if it is during an election where there are more than two candidates. The Warder shall report to the Worthy Matron and await instructions from the Presiding Officer.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MEMBERS

(Please read aloud)

1. In nominating a candidate, only the name of the person and the office for which she or he is nominated may be given.
2. Nominations need not be seconded.
3. Before a nomination is made, the members will rise, address the Presiding Officer, and wait for recognition. After allowing sufficient time for nominations, the Presiding Officer may declare the nominations closed and proceed to elect by acclamation if there is only one candidate.
4. It is not necessary to move the nominations cease and the person be elected by acclamation.

After general instructions have been given, and the Tellers are ready, the Presiding Officer says:

"Nominations are now in order for the office of Worthy Matron of this Chapter for the ensuing year."

A member rises, addresses the Presiding Officer, waits for recognition, and says:

"I take pleasure in nominating (or, I wish to nominate) Sister _____ for the office of Worthy Matron of _____ Chapter for the ensuing year."

Presiding Officer: "Sister _____ has been nominated for the office of Worthy Matron of this Chapter for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations?" (Allow a reasonable length of time for other nominations.)

Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed, and we will proceed to elect by acclamation." (Viva voce-by the voice.)

All in favor of electing Sister _____ as Worthy Matron of this Chapter for the ensuing year let it be known by saying 'Aye'. Those opposed 'No'."

Sister _____ having received a majority of votes (or unanimous vote) I declare her elected Worthy Matron of this Chapter for the ensuing year.

The Worthy Patron and Associate Matron are usually elected in like manner. For illustration, we will use the office of Associate Patron as having more than one nominee.

Presiding Officer: "Nominations are now in order for the office of Associate Patron of this Chapter for the ensuing year."

A Member: (Rises, addresses the Presiding Officer, waits for recognition, and says) I nominate Brother _____ for the office of Associate Patron of this Chapter for the ensuing year."

Presiding Officer: "Brother _____ has been nominated. Are there other nominations?" (Allow sufficient time for nominations.)

Another Member: (Rises, addresses the Presiding Officer, waits for recognition, and says): "I nominate Brother _____ for the office of Associate Patron of this Chapter for the ensuing year."

Presiding Officer: "Brother _____ has been nominated. Are there other nominations?" (Again, allow sufficient time for other nominations.) "Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed, and we will proceed to elect by ballot."

The Tellers will distribute ballots.

Presiding Officer: "Has each member cast his ballot?" (Pause for reply in case one or more has not.) "I now declare the ballot closed."

After the Tellers have counted the ballots, the Chairman of the Tellers addresses the Presiding Officer and reads the report.

Number of votes cast _____
 Necessary to elect _____
 Brother _____ received _____
 Brother _____ received _____

The Chairman then hands the report to the Presiding Officer who reads the report of the Tellers and declares who is elected by saying: "Brother _____ having received a majority of all votes cast is duly elected Associate Patron of this Chapter for the ensuing year."

If, on any ballot, no candidate has received a majority vote, I refer you to Page 141, Article 253, Paragraph 1 of the Code of Laws.

Proceed with the ballot as above, with the Secretary, Treasurer, Conductress and Associate Conductress.

A member cannot be elected or appointed to fill two stations at the same time. If an elective officer refuses to be installed, leaves the jurisdiction of the Chapter, dies or notifies the Chapter that he or she is unable or unwilling to serve, the Chapter may by majority vote of all members present at a stated meeting, under seal of the Chapter, request the Worthy Grand Matron to issue a Special Dispensation to hold an election to fill the office. The election of the officer is held at the next stated meeting after receiving the Dispensation.

Any member of the Chapter including installed officers is eligible to election to fill the vacancy except the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. If another elective officer is elected to fill the office declared vacant by the Worthy Grand Matron, causing another vacancy — that vacancy may be filled at the same meeting without a Dispensation. Such newly elected officers must be installed. The Chapter Secretary must notify the Grand Secretary's Office of these changes.

PRO-TEMS: CODE OF LAWS, PAGE 139, ARTICLE 256

Pro-tems can only be appointed to fill an office for one meeting at a time. They may not be appointed for a year in advance.

If the Worthy Matron appoints an officer who is present to fill another station pro-tem, the minutes must record the officer present in his or her station. If present, the installed officer must be in his/her station during the opening and closing ceremonies, but may relinquish their station at other times.

PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEK AND SAINTS JOHN DAYS:

As members of the Order of the Eastern Star, we are appreciative of the protection and support of our Masonic Brothers. Long may we continue to believe in the all powerful potency of the Masonic Fraternity which they so perfectly honor and dignify. We will cooperate with the Masonic Lodge in every wish, rule, and regulation set out by this Fraternity for the use of their sacred temples (Buildings).

The first full week in March is Public School Week. **ONLY** Stated Meetings may be held as prescribed by our Laws, but no special meetings, programs or special refreshments are to be held during this week. Please encourage your membership to visit a Public School during this week.

December 27 and June 24 are Saints John Days. These days have special significance for the Masons. It is their wish that **NO** meetings be held in the Lodge Rooms on either date.

DRAPING THE ALTAR: CODE OF LAWS, PAGE 151, ARTICLE 300 (2)

The Altar of a Subordinate Chapter shall be draped for a period of thirty (30) days for a deceased Installed Grand Officer who was serving as such at the time of her/his death and for deceased Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Ceremony would be held just prior to our closing ceremony. An appropriate drape of any size or color would be at the Conductress' Station, properly folded. The Associate Conductress and Chaplain participate in this ceremony under the direction of the Worthy Matron. The Worthy Matron may follow the same outline as used for Draping the Altar, except substitute proper wording.

When directed to assume positions for Draping the Altar, the Conductress, Associate Conductress and Chaplain will rise. The Chaplain leaves her (or his) station immediately and approaches the Altar in the same manner as prescribed in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. The Worthy Matron calls up the Chapter as the Officers enter the Labyrinth.

The Conductress walks slowly in front of Ruth's station to the South Side of the Altar, carrying the drape over her arm. The Associate Conductress, at the same time, is slowly approaching the North side of the Altar in front of Martha's station.

General Grand Chapter's Book of Instructions states: "Only the Conductress moves the Bible EXCEPT she may be assisted by the Chaplain during a Memorial or Draping of the Altar."

The Chaplain reverently lifts the Bible while the Conductresses places the drape upon the Altar. The Chaplain reverently replaces the Bible then kneels to pray. The Conductress and Associate Conductress assume the Attitude of Prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayer, all three officers slowly step back to the edge of the Labyrinth facing the Altar, then return to their stations. If the Square and Compasses should be disarranged, the Conductress would rearrange them. The Worthy Matron seats the Chapter.

The drape on the Altar would be removed for storage at the close of the Chapter and replaced at the next meeting PROVIDED the meeting is within (30) days. Please remember that our Code of Laws tells us thirty (30) days, not a number of weeks.

If it is necessary to drape the Altar again within 30 days, the Worthy Matron would follow the same ceremony. Another 30 day period would begin as of the second draping. The Conductress and Associate Conductress would each lay a small flower or piece of greenery upon the already draped Altar as a tribute to the second deceased member. The Worthy Matron would announce that the Altar would be draped an additional 30 days.

If the Charter and Altar are both to be draped, the Charter would be draped first.

DRAPING THE CHARTER:

The Charter may be draped for a deceased member of a Subordinate Chapter for a period of thirty (30) days. The ceremony should be just prior to the closing ceremony. Should the Charter and Altar be draped at the same meeting, the Charter would be draped first. The Worthy Matron may use the suggested ceremony for both by substituting proper words when necessary.

Before the Chapter is opened, the Charter should be placed at the right of the Associate Matron's station. The drape would be at the Marshal's station and a spray of evergreen at the Chaplain's station.

The Resolution of Respect would be read by the Secretary preceeding the following suggested ceremony.

The Marshall would pick up the drape and the Chaplain the evergreen. Both would be prepared to assume their positions when directed to do so by the Worthy Matron. The Marshal's position is to stand beside the Charter, facing East. The Chaplain would approach the Altar in the same manner prescribed during Opening and Closing Ceremonies, but pauses at the edge of the Labyrinth until the Worthy Matron directs her.

Worthy Matron:

"In this great family of ours, the sorrow of one is the sorrow of all. With submission to the Will of Him who doeth all things well, let us pause and gently drape our Charter."

(The Worthy Matron may now either read a short tribute to the deceased or have an appropriate song rendered.)

THE TRAVELER

He has put on invisibility
 Dear Lord, I cannot see—
 But this I know, although the road ascends
 And passes from my sight,
 That there will be no night;
 That you will take him gently by the hand
 And lead him on.
 Along the road of life that never ends,
 and he will find it is not death but dawn.
 I do not doubt that You are there as here,
 And You will hold him dear.

Our life did not begin with birth,
 It is not of the earth:
 And this that we call death, it is no more
 Than the opening and closing of a door—
 And in Your house how many rooms must be
 Beyond this one where we rest momentarily
 Dear Lord, I thank You for the faith that frees
 The love that knows it cannot lose its own:
 The love that, looking through the shadows, sees
 That You and he and I are ever one!

James Dillet Freeman

Worthy Matron:

"Sister Marshal, you will arrange the drape on the Charter." (The Marshal would place the drape over the frame only.)

"As a token of love and remembrance to our departed loved ones, let us bow our heads in prayer." (The Chaplain approaches the Altar, places the spray of evergreen beside the Bible, then should kneel to pray.)

At the conclusion of the prayer, the officers return to their stations and the Worthy Matron seats the Chapter.

Should it be necessary to drape the Charter again before the 30 days have expired, the above ceremony would be repeated. However, the Charter would remain draped and the Marshal would pin a flower or piece of greenery on the drape and the Worthy Matron would announce that the Charter would be draped for an additional 30 days.

If the Charter were draped and it was necessary to have your Charter in another place (example — Joint Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron), the Charter would remain draped.

INSTALLATION:

Explicit directions for the Installation Ceremony (both open and closed) are given in the Ritual, Pages 93-98.

Open Installation may be held only by vote of the Chapter at a previous meeting. (Note the word **Open**, not **Public**.) See Ritual Page 96.

Only members of the Order may take part in the Ritualistic part of the Installation Ceremony. The Installing Officer must hold at least the rank of Present or Past Matron or Present or Past Patron. The rank of the Installing Officer determines the title of all officers assisting. See Ritual, Page 94. It shall be the prerogative of the Worthy Matron-Elect to select all Installing Officers. Code of Laws, Page 138, Article 254.

By action of the Chapter at a stated meeting or special meeting, the Chapter may vote to hold an open meeting for the purpose of Installation of Officers. If the Open Installation of Officers is to be held in a Masonic Lodge Building, permission must be obtained from the Master of the Lodge.

All special courtesies are extended only after the Installation of all Officers has been completed. Only members may assist in the actual Installation Ceremony; however non-members may assist in the presentation of the Bible, candle-lighting, etc. provided such preliminaries preceded the time the Worthy Patron calls the meeting to order. See Ritual Page 96, fine print.

No officer may be installed by proxy. See Code of Laws, Article 254, Page 138. No member shall be installed who has not paid Chapter dues for the year he or she shall serve in office.

The Ritual, Page 97, Paragraph 2, stipulates that the Conductress reverently opens the Bible without ceremony. It is suggested that the Conductress leave her station on the east side of the pedestal, march west and approach the Altar by entering the Labyrinth in front of Ruth's station, retiring in the same manner.

The Installing Chaplain would enter the Labyrinth by marching straight in to the Altar by turning left in front of Martha's station and retire in the same manner for the Installation Prayer.

The Installing Marshal approaches the Altar between Ruth and Esther's stations to declare the Officers installed. She places her left hand on the Bible and with the right hand uplifted makes the proclamation. She (or he) returns to her or his station by leaving the Labyrinth between Esther and Martha. Code of Laws, Article 254, Paragraph 3, Page 138.

When a dispensation is necessary for the Installation, it is not necessary to have it read. The Worthy Matron will inquire at the proper time if same has been granted. Please remember that the Worthy Grand Matron may grant dispensation for the Installation to be held **after** June 15 but not **before** June 1.

Please refer to the Ritual Pages 101 and 102 for the proper manner in presenting officers at the Altar for Installation.

Refer to Figures 15 and 16 of the Diagram of the Labyrinth for the method of conducting the Star Point Officers to their stations.

Attention is called to the wording of the instructions of Pages 93 and 94 of the Ritual. You will note the word **Star** and not **Electric Signet** — may be lighted.

Extra chairs should be placed for the following:

Installing Chaplain (to the right of the Chaplain's station)
 Installing Marshal (to the left of the Marshal's station)
 Installing Organist (near the instrument)
 (See Ritual, Page 94, fine print).

Please study very carefully Pages 94, 95, and 96 of the Ritual and our Code of Laws, Article 254, Page 139 for the titles of the Installing Officers.

The Installing Officer must be satisfied that the incoming Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron know the Secret Work. (Code of Laws, Page 138, Article 254.)

The Installing Officer shall examine and sign the Annual Report prepared by the retiring Secretary together with the certification of the names of the officers installed. Only the names of the officers actually installed on that date shall appear on the certification. (Code of Laws, Page 138, Article 254). The Annual Report should be mailed immediately after the Installation by the Secretary who prepared the report. The Installing Officer should mention to the Secretary that the names of those officers installed at a later date must be sent to the Grand Secretary's Office immediately after they have been installed.

SUGGESTED OUTLINE FOR OPEN INSTALLATION:

Musical Selections (if desired)

Candle Lighting

Bible Presentation (non-members may be used for the above preliminaries)

Entrance of Worthy Patron, Associate Patron and Organist

Call to Order by Worthy Patron

Officers enter and assume their stations

(If the Worthy Matron and Associate Matron will exchange sides in the march, it will be more convenient for the Worthy Matron to take her position in the East when she reaches her station.)

Worthy Matron calls up the members and visitors

Bible is opened

(The Worthy Matron instructs the Conductress to open the Bible. See Ritual, Page 97, Paragraph 2. The Square and Compasses will be placed on the Bible.)

The Lord's Prayer is repeated in unison

Worthy Matron strikes one blow of the gavel and declares the Chapter open for the Ceremony of Installation of Officers. (If a dispensation is required, the Worthy Matron would inquire of the Secretary if it has been granted. It is not necessary to have it read.)

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country, in unison

Singing of the National Anthem

Members and Visitors are seated

Worthy Matron extends a Welcome. Distinguished Guests may be escorted to the East or may stand and be introduced from their seats. (Grand Honors may be given to those entitled to receive them; however it is suggested that Grand Honors not be given at an Open Installation.)

Presentation of Installing Officer by the Worthy Matron. If the Installing Officer has not been escorted to the East as a Distinguished Guest the Worthy Matron may instruct the Marshal to escort her or him to the East.

Introduction of Assisting Installing Officers by the Installing Officer. They rise, acknowledge introduction and are seated.

A recess is called by the Installing Officer (to prepare for Installation).

Outgoing Officers and Assisting Installing Officers retire.

It is suggested that the Conductress and Associate Conductress escort the retiring Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron to reserved seats in the East or to reserved seats near the East.

Installing Marshal places badges on the Altar, chairs are placed in the proper position (in an arc with no break in the chairs) in the West.

Installation Ceremony is called to Order by the Installing Officer, and the Assisting Installing Officers assume their stations.

Immediately following the proclamation, the Worthy Matron instructs the Conductress to close the Bible.

Closing Ode is sung. (Worthy Matron would announce the name of the song.)

Mizpah Benediction repeated in unison.

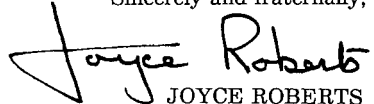
Worthy Matron seats the Chapter.

Program.

Master of Ceremonies is permissible (non-members may be used on program).

Greetings by Worthy Matron
 Greetings by Worthy Patron
 Presentation of Past Matron's Jewel
 Presentation of Past Patron's Jewel
 Benediction

Sincerely and fraternally,


 JOYCE ROBERTS
 Worthy Grand Matron

NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY AND SCOTLAND

It is not permissible for any Chapter under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter to invite any Chapter using a different ritual from that used by the General Grand Chapter to confer the degrees by courtesy; nor can any Chapter under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter confer the degrees by courtesy on members from a jurisdiction using a different ritual from that used by the General Grand Chapter. All other courtesies shall be extended to visitors from Grand Jurisdictions using a different ritual from that used by the General Grand Chapter.

A petition for affiliation, when accompanied by a demit from a Chapter chartered under the Grand Chapters of New York, New Jersey or Scotland, may be received. (Ocobock, 1919, pp. 218-219.)

All Petitions for Affiliation from New York and New Jersey state to the Investigating Committee before said petition comes to ballot what the Masonic relationship is upon which their Eastern Star Membership is based, and if it does not conform to the requirements of the General Grand Chapter, such petitions shall not be considered. (Constitution, Rules and Regulations.)

NIECES

The membership of the Order of the Eastern Star and those who are eligible to membership is plainly stated in the adopted Ritual of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S., and no recognition is given to others not so qualified. This will be found on page 161 under Membership of the adopted Ritual of the General Grand Chapter. This precludes Nieces.

THE CODE OF FLAG DISPLAY AND USE

Paying homage to the flag and to the national anthem offers you an opportunity to reflect thoughtfully on the democratic principles which have made our Nation great. The meaning of freedom, the dignity of the individual, the pursuit of happiness, and national unity all come to mind when you think of the flag. Here is the symbol of all the people, their land, and their institutions. When you salute the flag you salute the Nation.

On June 14, 1977, Congress adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field". The flag's present design, with seven red and six white stripes, and fifty stars, has existed since 1960, the date of Hawaii's admission to the Union.

In everyday life individuals conform more or less closely to a code of conduct which constitutes good manners, without which our relationships with one another would become unbearably crude and confused. So too our conduct toward the flag, symbolizing the nation itself, is governed by a code of rules conveniently termed flag etiquette.

The code of flag etiquette, as it is known today, is a comparatively recent development, in which such agencies as the United States Flag Association, the American Legion, and the Daughters of the American Revolution, among others, have played leading roles. In 1942, Congress assumed the task of bringing together "existing rules and customs pertaining to the display and use of the flag of the United States of America."

Public Law 829 — 77th Congress
Chapter 806 — 2nd Session
H.J. Res. 359

JOINT RESOLUTION

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled, That public law number 623, approved June 22, 1942, entitled "Joint resolution to codify and emphasize existing rules and customs pertaining to the display and use of the flag of the United States of America", be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstuffs in the open. However, the flag may be displayed at night upon Special occasions when it is desired to produce a patriotic effect.

The flag should be displayed on all days when the weather permits, especially on New Year's Day; Inauguration Day; Lincoln's Birthday; Washington's Birthday; Easter Sunday; Mother's Day; Memorial Day (half staff until noon); Flag Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Constitution Day; Columbus Day; Armistice Day; Thanksgiving Day; Christmas Day; such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States.

The flag should be displayed in or near every polling place on election day.

The flag should be displayed during school days in or near every schoolhouse.

When the flag is displayed otherwise than by being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out, or so suspended that its folds fall as free as though the flag were staffed.

When used on a speaker's platform, the flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker. When displayed on the speaker's platform, the flag should occupy the position of honor and be placed at the speaker's right as he faces the congregation or audience.

That no disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America; the flag should not be dipped to any person or thing.

The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor.

The flag should never be used as drapery of any sort whatsoever, never festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free. Bunting of blue, white, and red, always arranged with the blue above, the white in the middle, and the red below, should be used for covering a speaker's desk, draping the front of a platform, and for decoration in general.

The flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture or drawing of any nature.

The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. It should not be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like, printed or otherwise impressed on paper napkins or boxes or anything that is designed for temporary use and discard; or used as any portion of a costume or athletic uniform.

That during the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or in a review, all persons present should face the flag, stand at attention and salute. Men should remove the headdress with the right hand holding it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Men without hats should salute in the same manner. Women should salute by placing the right hand over the heart. The salute to the flag in the moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.

That the pledge of allegiance to the flag, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all", be rendered by standing with the right hand over the heart.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

I believe the root of all happiness on this earth to lie in the realization of a spiritual life with a consciousness of something wider than materialism; in the capacity to live in a world that makes you unselfish because you are not overanxious about your personal place that gives you tranquility without complacency because you believe in something so much larger than yourself.

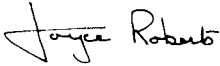
Sir Hugh Walpole

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him.

II Corinthians 9:7

Thank you for serving on one of the Worthy Grand Matrons' Committees. The Code of Laws for the Government of the Grand Chapter of Texas (Page 56, Article 15-19) provides for the appointment of such Committees; there is no appropriation for expense or mileage.

The service you render the Grand Chapter and the Worthy Grand Matron is a labor of unselfish devotion and love of our Order. The program of 1976-1977 would be impossible to achieve without your help. I know no great men or women except those who have rendered service to the human race. Thank you, sincerely.



JOYCE ROBERTS
Worthy Grand Matron



J. PERRY SMITHWICK
Worthy Grand Patron

THE FOUNDER'S DAY COMMITTEE

GOLDEN SERVICE

Just as the Sun never sets on the work of the Order of the Eastern Star, so may the light of our principles prove a beacon to all people of the Earth and may our Loving Father direct our paths toward increased opportunities for service and enlarge our power to benefit mankind.

This Committee will prepare for the Founder's Day Celebration to be held at the Eastern Star Home in Arlington, August 6, 1977, as an observance of the birthday of Dr. Rob Morris, the master Builder of the Order of the Eastern Star. (Ritual, Page 10, Paragraph 1). The purpose of the Founder's Day program will be to observe the birthday of our illustrious founder, to visit our Eastern Star Home, to enjoy the fellowship of our members from every area in Texas and to enjoy financial profit from the Founders Day Projects which will be used to increase the beauty and efficiency of our Eastern Star Home.

Under the direction of the General Chairman, each District Chairman will organize her District in its responsibilities for the Founder's Day Programs. Chapters desiring to have a part in the projects will give 10c per member. The Committee will also be responsible for the special entertainment on the evening prior to Founder's Day.

All checks will be made payable to the Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S., designating Founder's Day Fund. All plans must be approved.

The O. E. S. Bulletin will carry the news, progress and plans for this project.

The Founder's Day Observance will be at the Eastern Star Home in Arlington, Texas, August 6, 1977. Before naming a project where the Founder's Day money will be used, it is necessary that the General Chairman meet with the Board of Grand Trustees at their convenience. Your Chairman, Mrs. Zena Wilson, will be contacting you for a preliminary meeting of the Committee sometime in January to begin plans for a great Founder's Day. The General Chairman will give the Founder's Day plan to each District Chairman who will have assigned the Chapters to the Section Chairman. The District Chairman will pass this information to the Section Chairman who will need to contact the Chapters assigned them and ask the Worthy Matron to appoint a Chapter Chairman who will be working within the Chapter toward the Founder's Day Observance.

For a Chapter to be 100% in the Founder's Day Program, it only takes one dime per Chapter Member.

Contributions made by the Chapter for Founder's Day will be made payable to:

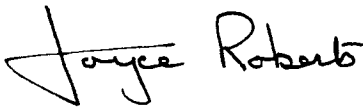
Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S., specify: Founder's Day.

The General Chairman will keep records of all money received — issue and mail receipts to the Chapters. The General Chairman will get receipt pads from the Grand Secretary, if any are left over, please return to the Grand Secretary. The money received for the Founder's Day Committee is under the supervision of the Board of Grand Trustees, See Code of Laws, Page 68, Chapter 5, Article 81, Section 3.

Expenses for notices and postage for the Founder's Day Celebration will be taken from the FUNDS RECEIVED FOR FOUNDER'S DAY. A complete and accurate report of money received and disbursed will be given to Grand Chapter with an itemized statement attached. Please make four (4) TYPED DOUBLE SPACED COPIES, giving 1 each to:

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| (1) Grand Secretary | (3) Your Files |
| (2) Grand Chapter Reporter | (4) Worthy Grand Matron |

Each Section Chairman will be responsible for Chapters in her respective Section. Each Worthy Matron is asked to appoint a Chapter Chairman for Founder's Day. The Section Chairman will see that the Chapter members has all available information.



MRS. JOYCE ROBERTS
Worthy Grand Matron



J. PERRY SMITHWICK
Worthy Grand Patron

CHAIRMAN
Zena Wilson
P.O. Box 11466
Fort Worth, Texas 76110

HOME BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

It is a pleasure to welcome you as a member of the Eastern Star "Home Beautification Committee". This is a new Committee this year, and it has a very ambitious and worthwhile goal — to enhance the physical appearance of our Eastern Star Home in Arlington.

While there are many things we could do at the Home to make it more beautiful, we believe we should take on a very basic project this year — to raise enough money to install an automatic water sprinkler system. This will enable the maintenance staff at the Home to keep the grounds green and lush while at the same time saving many manhours.

We believe we can raise enough money this year to purchase and install a water sprinkler system with the cooperation of our entire membership. So, in order to accomplish this goal we are asking each Chapter in the State of Texas to organize a special fund-raising project for the Home Beautification committee. There is a multitude of kinds of projects that could be employed, such as bake sales, garage sales, other kinds of sales, "pot-luck" dinners, craft and bazaar markets, etc. Chapters should be able to dream up fun projects that will bring in profits anywhere from \$100 to \$1000 and plus dollars.

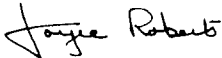
As a member of this Committee, it will be your duty to visit each of the Chapters assigned to you to stress the importance of our Home Beautification project and build some enthusiasm for what we are trying to do. You should ask each Worthy Matron to appoint a Chapter Chairman and a special project Committee. By all means, give these project Chairmen and Committees as much help as you can.

Stay in touch with each of your designated Chapters. Learn the types of projects they are having and the dates. It would be worthwhile if you could attend each Chapter project. Make sure that each Chapter Chairman is aware that all proceeds should be sent to the General Chairman of the Home Beautification Committee. Of course, all checks are to be made payable to the "Grand Chapter of Texas" and designated to the Home Beautification Committee project.

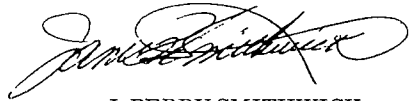
You should make proper reports of each Chapter project to your District Chairman as they are completed. This will enable the District Chairman to compile a complete list of all Home Beautification Committee projects in your District — and then pass them on to the General Chairman who will make a complete report at Grand Chapter of all projects held and funds raised.

All Chapters participating in this worthwhile endeavor will participate in the special report and drill of this Committee at Grand Chapter in El Paso as well as the Committee members.

With all of us working together, we will accomplish our goal. This automatic water sprinkler system will be a valuable asset of the Eastern Star Home for many years to come. We consider this one of the most practical projects we could attempt to undertake. We have been given the opportunity to improve our Home today and build toward it's "Golden Tomorrows".



MRS. JOYCE ROBERTS
Worthy Grand Matron



J. PERRY SMITHWICK
Worthy Grand Patron

CHAIRMAN
Mrs. Maudine King
4221 McNeil
Dallas, Texas 75227

TIME AND TALENT COMMITTEE

The goodwill is full of light and positive talent. A good deed is never lost. He who sows courtesy, reaps friends; and he who plants kindness, gathers love.

The purpose of the Time and Talent Committee is directed to our Eastern Star Home in Arlington and to comparable homes for the elderly in other areas of the State. The program of the Pink Ladies and Pink Ties will be continued. All members of the Order may participate in the work by payment of \$1.00 dues annually. Our goal this year is 20,000 members. All monies collected will be used in special projects by the suggestion of the Home Officials and approved by the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences and the Worthy Grand Matron. Records and accounting will be through the Chairman of the Time and Talent Committee.

RECORDS AND SERVICE HOURS

Keep names of members on individual cards, filed by Chapter Number, District and Section. This information will help locate the card record of the member so please include all information when you make reports or send any correspondence. Addresses are not required for individual members, only Chapter Chairman. State if he or she is a new member or a renewal.

Checks or Money Orders must be made payable to GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, O.E.S., DESIGNATING TIME AND TALENT, and sent to the General Chairman of Time and Talent. All dues cards and emblems will be mailed to the Chapter Chairman, and she or he will, in turn, distribute them to the members at a Chapter meeting.

The initial service hour emblem is earned by 40 hours of service, 20 of the hours must be for work at the HOME, or for the HOME, such as sitting, reading, writing, attending to special needs, errands, outings and the like. If you are not near the OES Home in Arlington, your hours may be earned at a Home in your area doing work for the ladies and gentlemen there.

Our project is the HOME, and all our funds, other than for minor expenses, are spent for the ladies there; but service hours are earned for all benevolent service in any area.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Suggest that each Worthy Matron in your area appoint a Chapter Chairman for the Time and Talent Program. The Chairman will, in turn, encourage the members of her/his Chapter to participate by becoming Pink Ladies and Pink Ties by donating \$1.00 dues. Remit all dues to the General Chairman of Time and Talent. Membership cards will be returned to the Chapter Chairman for distribution. All checks must be made payable to the GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, O.E.S., designating "Time and Talent" and mailed to the General Chairman.

Visit as many Chapters as possible, correspond with others, encourage all members to participate in this program — enlighten all members about the work of this Committee.

Send all correspondence to the Chapter Secretary. It is her duty to receive and read all correspondence to the Chapter.

The ladies living in our Eastern Star Home (and other homes throughout the State) love Programs — light, amusing, happy and musical. In our Home in Arlington, Church Services are provided on Sundays and Wednesdays; so all other programs should be kept on a light and happy note.

Encourage the members in each Chapter to send periodically — jams, jellies, preserves, cake, fruit, hand lotion, toothpaste, Polident, tissues, etc. For the hospital, send patient bibs (18" x 27" towels with ties), draw sheets hemmed 36" x 78", gowns, etc.

RECORDS & SERVICE HOURS

Count Service Hours as follows:

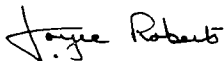
Attending a Funeral	1 Hour
Attending Interment	1 Hour
Food for bereaved family	1 Hour
Food for the sick	1 Hour

Sewing, Mending for those unable to help themselves _____, Actual Time
 Shopping trips, trip to Doctor, reading, writing, errands, _____
 ___ outings, visiting _____ Actual Time

Mail the reports to the General Chairman of Time and Talent on service hours earned by members of your Chapter. Send total hours ONLY.

A complete and accurate report of money received and disbursed will be given to Grand Chapter with an itemized statement attached. Please make four (4) TYPED DOUBLE SPACED COPIES, to be given to the Grand Secretary, the Grand Chapter reporter, the Worthy Grand Matron and one for your files.

With JOY, let us perform the work that is ours to do.



MRS. JOYCE ROBERTS
Worthy Grand Matron



J. PERRY SMITHWICK
Worthy Grand Patron

CHAIRMAN
Polly Dugger
4758 Greene Ave.
Fort Worth, Texas 76133

FRATERNAL FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Fraternal Friendship committee is linked with the 1976-1977 Grand Chapter year as "Treasurers of Friendship". I doubt that there is one member of the Order of the Eastern Star in the State of Texas that could say she/he had not formed one new friendship through their membership. In order to continue to form these lasting ties, you must make an effort. In order to have a friend, you must BE a friend! Go to another Chapter and visit — and, receive a treasure — that of a new friend!

Your duties are to stimulate interest by encouraging "Friendship Visits" to other Chapters. We will work as groups. For Chapters with membership of 250 and under, to qualify for a Friendship Visit will require 5 visiting members. Do not count Honorary Members. Actual members of your Chapter are all that will count. For Chapters with membership of 251 and over, 8 members present are required. For each member over the required number, count three additional points. Use the membership number as shown on your 1976 Annual Report. Count points as follows:

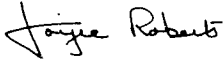
1. Friendship Visit 10 points
(5 members present for membership of 250 and under)
(8 members present for membership of 251 and over)

Each member present over a Friendship Visit, count an additional 3 points.

Each member of this Committee is expected to go to all Chapters assigned prior to January 15. Explain in your own words BRIEFLY (3 minutes should be sufficient) how the point system works. If you cannot go, contact your Section Chairman. Each Worthy Matron is to appoint a Chapter Chairman. The Chapter Chairman is to make a monthly report to the Grand Chapter Committee Member of that Chapter's number of points by the first day of each month. The Grand Chapter Committee Member will report to the Section Chairman by the 10th of each month. The Section Chairman will report to the District Chairman by the 20th day of each month. The District Chairman will report monthly to the General Chairman before the last day of each month. The General Chairman will report to the Worthy Grand Matron every three months and just prior to Grand Chapter.

We will have a program report at Grand Chapter recognizing those Chapters who have compiled the largest number of points. There is fun in competition!

Forms have been printed for the use of the Chapter Chairman, Committee Members, Section Chairmen, District Chairman and the General Chairman.



MRS. JOYCE ROBERTS
Worthy Grand Matron



J. PERRY SMITHWICK
Worthy Grand Patron

CHAIRMAN
Mrs. Grace Hartwell
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MASONIC NOBLEMEN COMMITTEE

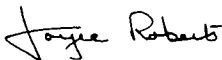
The duties of the members of this Committee are many and varied. Your main concern is to help cement the ties of fraternalism between the Order of the Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge.

I am asking that each Chapter in Texas be visited by a member of this Committee, either in the month of February or March, whichever is more convenient for you and the Worthy Matron. I have prepared two talks for you to use as a guide; however, you may alter these to more nearly suit the needs of a particular Chapter.

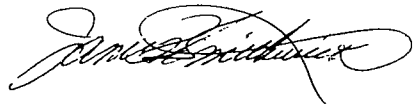
Please divide up the Chapters within each Section, making sure that each Chapter receives a visit from a member of your Committee. When you have completed a visit, report the fact to the Section Chairman. Section Chairmen, you will report to the District Chairman. District Chairmen will report to the General Co-Chairman. The General Co-Chairman and the General Chairman will collaborate in preparing the report to me and to Grand Chapter.

If there is some reason for a Chapter not having been visited, or which you are unable to visit, follow the same procedure as outlined above, beginning with the Section Chairman, District Chairman, etc.

Thank you for your service to our Order. Thank you for the support and protection your Fraternity offers our Order.



MRS. JOYCE ROBERTS
Worthy Grand Matron



J. PERRY SMITHWICK
Worthy Grand Patron

GENERAL CHAIRMAN
Mr. Fred D. Nation
4200 Parrish Road
Fort Worth, Texas 76117

In every living body there is a pulse of life. . . - a heartbeat.

The Order of the Eastern Star is a body, pulsing with life, and consisting of many parts, organized to work independently, or, in conjunction with each other.

The Ritual is the brain of the body. It is the supreme commander in all decisions. There are twelve sections of this brain that are called the Landmarks. They are the whole thinking process of our Order. These Landmarks bind us to rules of conformity and regiment our ideals and practices. We, therefore, do not operate in conglomerate of ideas, but may follow the same paths as trod by others.

Although all parts act in conjunction with the other, and control the actions of the body, the brain alone is of no use unless it can function. We, then, provide the brain with eyes. The eyes of General Grand Chapter. It is the duty of the General Grand Chapter to exercise supreme authority in all matters that come within its limits of power. Through its eyes we are guided.

To hear and to speak are qualities of life. Our Grand Chapter of Texas brings us the interpretations of our Constitution and its laws. It speaks to us through its members and Officers, and gives our members the ability and opportunity to live and learn the Eastern Star way of Life through the leadership and direction of those who have obtained wisdom and experience. Through the Grand Chapter Officers and membership the wishes of the Worthy Grand Matron are brought to the attention of all members of our Order, thus giving us the mouth and ears of our organizational body.

The Sub-ordinate Chapters act as the torso and limbs of our body. The membership of our Order spreads the meaning of "what it's all about in the Order of the Eastern Star" throughout the world by acts of charity, kindness, and love to their fellow-members and their families. It is as though millions of compassionate hands were reaching out together to those who are lonely and in despair, offering them hope for a better day, and strength to carry them through their troubles. The feet of the Sub-ordinate Chapter membership walk many miles by the side of those who are faltering and stumbling on the road of Life. Their bodies support the weight of the down-trodden, and down-hearted. The mobility of our Order depends upon the Sub-ordinate Chapters.

Lying deeply hidden within this created body is the heart-beat. . . . barely heard yet extremely vital to the life of our body. Our Obligation is the pulse-beat of our Order. It is the ever-beating heart that pumps the flow of our standards and practices through the arteries of our organization.

When we proclaimed our acceptance to the Order of the Eastern Star's ideals and examples by repeating the words of the Obligation, we vowed ourselves to loyalty. We pledged ourselves to a life of truth so that we are dedicated to the defense of our Sisters and Brothers, and that we may live a life that exemplifies purity of thought and action. We put our shoulder to the wheel of service and bound ourselves to the needs of others, declaring that we would come to their aid.

Every member of the Eastern Star in this world has repeated the vows of the Obligation. It lies quietly within the mind and heart of each of us, and we must always heed its insistent gentle beating.

Our body, and its many parts depends upon you to keep it alive. We have before us a thing of beauty. Care for our Order. Keep it healthy and happy. Respect its gentle strength. Admire its quiet compassion. Stand firm in your convictions, but yielding in your decisions. Treat our Order with love and respect, and you will find that your rewards are far greater than your disappointments.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE BY DISTRICT 76 — 77

DISTRICT ONE

Feb. 5	Gainesville
Feb. 8	Henderson
Feb. 10	Mt. Pleasant
Feb. 12	Paris
Feb. 15	Mineola
Feb. 17	Trinidad
Feb. 19	Dallas
Feb. 22	Jacksonville
Feb. 24	Denison
Feb. 26	Garland

DISTRICT TWO

March 31	Wichita Falls
April 2	Pampa
April 4	Amarillo
April 7	Spur
April 14	Monahans
April 16	Odessa
April 19	Plainview
April 23	Abilene
April 30	Brownfield
May 7	El Paso

DISTRICT THREE

March 1	Springtown
March 3	Cleburne
March 5	Waco
March 12	Breckenridge
March 15	Brownwood

March 17	Eastland
March 19	Fort Worth
March 22	Belton
March 24	Burnet
March 29	Hamilton

DISTRICT FOUR

Nov. 16	Elgin
Nov. 18	Sugarland
Nov. 20	Baytown
Nov. 27	Groves
Nov. 20	Hearne
Dec. 2	Hempstead
Dec. 4	Galveston
Dec. 7	Shepherd
Dec. 9	Center
Mar. 26	Houston

DISTRICT FIVE

Jan. 4	San Angelo
Jan. 6	Ozona
Jan. 8	Austin
Jan. 11	Jourdanton
Jan. 13	Corpus Christi
Jan. 15	Harlingen
Jan. 17	Eagle Pass
Jan. 19	Kerrville
Jan. 22	Beeville
Jan. 29	San Antonio

No greater joy comes to a Worthy Grand Matron than the close association she has with her District Deputy Grand Matrons, Deputy Grand Matrons and the Grand Examiners. The kindness extended to me in each Section and District, played an important part in the happiness of my term of office. Their integrity of purpose and fine spirit of cooperation, together with eagerness, will always bring repeated words of gratitude.

Special Dispensations

No fees were charged for Special Dispensations for fraternal visits of the Worthy Grand Matron.

FRATERNAL VISITS

I was privileged to attend 89 Fraternal Visits during this year. It was a special joy to have our Worthy Grand Patron in attendance at so many of these delightful visits as well as the Past Grands and members of our Grand family, to add to our happiness. The generous hospitality, beautifully decorated Chapter rooms, inspirational programs, delicious food, together with excellent Fraternal spirit that existed throughout our state, will always fill my heart with love.

FRATERNAL VISITS
District One

Section One

Belle Moon Chapter No. 90
Bowie Chapter No. 16
Boyd Chapter No. 897
Bridgeport Chapter No. 346
Chico Chapter No. 433
Decatur Chapter No. 543
Denton Chapter No. 259
Lewisville Chapter No. 935
Nocona Chapter No. 62
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Section Two

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Collinsville Chapter No. 674
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Honey Grove Chapter No. 901
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McKinney Chapter No. 518
Plano Chapter No. 703
Whitesboro Chapter No. 708
Whitewright Chapter No. 939
Wylie Chapter

Section Three

Paris Chapter No. 5
Deport Chapter No. 1045
Sulphur Springs Chapter No. 718
Caddo Mills Chapter No. 82
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Greenville Chapter No. 189
Quinlan Chapter No. 170
Saltillo Chapter No. 173
Sulphur Bluff Chapter No. 246

Section Four

A. C. Garrett Chapter No. 774
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Blueboonnet Chapter No. 717
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 Marshall Chapter No. 356
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 Waskom Chapter No. 812

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 Mineola Chapter No. 454
 Quitman Chapter No. 695
 Van Chapter No. 840
 Wills Point Chapter No. 366
 Winnsboro Chapter No. 967

District Two

Section One

Pampa Chapter No. 65
 Miami Chapter No. 98
 Canadian Chapter No. 227
 Stinnett Chapter No. 347
 Shamrock Chapter No. 384
 Spearman Chapter No. 721
 Borger Chapter No. 811
 Wheeler Chapter No. 942
 Adobe Walls Chapter No. 1059
 Top-O-Texas Chapter No. 1064

Section Two

Dalhart Chapter No. 1051
 Dumas Chapter No. 653
 Stratford Chapter No. 960
 Tascosa Chapter No. 1052
 A. E. Shirley Chapter No. 986
 Bonita Chapter No. 184
 Skellytown Chapter No. 1066
 Amarillo Chapter No. 787
 Sunray Chapter No. 869

Section Three

Plainview Chapter No. 37
 Floydada Chapter No. 31
 Petersbury Chapter No. 1001
 Silvertown Chapter No. 900
 Lemond Chapter No. 38
 Friona Chapter No. 990
 Hereford Chapter No. 312
 Canyon City Chapter No. 105
 Muleshoe Chapter No. 792
 Dimmitt Chapter No. 819
 Lockney Chapter No. 437

Section Four

Abernathy Chapter No. 877
 Brownfield Chapter No. 785
 Denver City Chapter No. 863
 Levelland Chapter No. 797
 Littlefield Chapter No. 742
 Lubbock Chapter No. 76
 Morton Chapter No. 841
 O'Donnell Chapter No. 725

Plains Chapter No. 862
 Ralls Chapter No. 169
 Sundown Chapter No. 926
 Tahoka Chapter No. 743
 Truth Chapter No. 941
 University Chapter No. 1082

Section Five

Spur Chapter No. 164
 Paducah Chapter No. 506
 Wellington Chapter No. 238
 Childress Chapter No. 101

Section Six

Bluegrove Chapter No. 978
 Burkburnett Chapter No. 655
 Electra Chapter No. 539
 Faith Chapter No. 713
 Holliday Chapter No. 851
 Iowa Park Chapter No. 42
 J. A. Kemp Chapter No. 970
 Quanah Chapter No. 47
 Seymour Chapter No. 488
 Vernon Chapter No. 424
 Wichita Falls Chapter No. 237

Section Seven

Abilene Chapter No. 30
 Anson Chapter No. 867
 Colorado Chapter No. 58
 Cora Posey Chapter No. 1072
 Hamlin Chapter No. 460
 Merkel Chapter No. 212
 Queen Esther Chapter No. 833
 River Oaks Chapter No. 1013
 Snyder Chapter No. 450
 Sweetwater Chapter No. 352
 Roby Chapter No. 25

Section Eight

Andrews Chapter No. 849
 Big Spring Chapter No. 67

Coahoma Chapter No. 499
 Crane Chapter No. 816
 Floyd Easterling Chapter No. 1074
 Friendship Chapter No. 1008
 Goldsmith Chapter No. 854
 LeMesa Chapter No. 363
 Laura B. Hart Chapter No. 1019
 Midland Chapter No. 253
 Norman Read Chapter No. 1010
 Odessa Chapter No. 447
 Seminole Chapter No. 855
 Stanton Chapter No. 409

Section Nine

Monahans Chapter No. 561
 Fort Stockton Chapter No. 230
 Pecos Chapter No. 81
 Imperial Chapter No. 882
 Alpine Chapter No. 132
 Kermit Chapter No. 845
 Grandfalls Chapter No. 744
 Wink Chapter No. 937

Section Ten

Harmony Chapter No. 244
 El Paso Chapter No. 4
 Van Horn Chapter No. 514
 Pleiades Chapter No. 620
 Rose Croix Chapter 701
 Woodbine Chapter No. 738
 Rob Morris Chapter No. 750
 Fabens Chapter No. 764
 Ocotillo Chapter No. 837
 Ysleta Chapter No. 991
 Ft. Hancock Chapter No. 992
 Dell City Chapter No. 1057
 Thunderbird Chapter No. 1087
 Wallace Hughston Chapter No. 1100

District Three

Section One

Arlington Chapter No. 249
 Arlington Heights Chapter No. 702
 Azle Chapter No. 899
 Castleberry Chapter No. 1028
 Crescent Chapter No. 820
 Everman Chapter No. 624

Fort Worth Chapter No. 681
 Grapevine Chapter No. 326
 Haltom City Chapter No. 982
 Handley Chapter No. 617
 Hurst Chapter No. 1099
 Keystone Chapter No. 9
 Lake Worth Chapter No. 1109
 Mansfield Chapter No. 876

North Fort Worth Chapter No. 684
 Polytechnic Chapter No. 420
 Richland Hills Chapter No. 1040
 Ridglea Chapter No. 999
 Riverside Chapter No. 834
 South Hills Chapter No. 835
 Wedgwood Chapter No. 756
 White Settlement Chapter No. 1053

Section Two

Springtown Chapter No. 498
 Weatherford Chapter No. 21
 Millsap Chapter No. 1042
 Prudence Chapter No. 44

Section Three

Jacksboro Chapter No. 390
 Breckenridge Chapter No. 659
 Throckmorton Chapter No. 500
 Graham Chapter No. 668
 Albany Chapter No. 733

Section Four

Callahan Chapter No. 242
 Cisco Chapter No. 461
 Clyde Chapter No. 308
 DeLeon Chapter No. 693
 Desdemona Chapter No. 512
 Dublin Chapter No. 910
 Eastland Chapter No. 280
 Gorman Chapter No. 443
 Moran Chapter No. 591
 Ranger Chapter No. 275
 Rising Star Chapter No. 277
 Sipe Springs Chapter No. 416
 Strawn Chapter No. 361

Section Five

Bangs Chapter No. 467
 Brownwood Chapter No. 116
 Indian Creek Chapter No. 255
 Coleman Chapter No. 360
 Santa Anna Chapter No. 247
 Comanche Chapter No. 310

Section Six

Bertram Chapter No. 48
 Burnet Chapter No. 425
 Marble Falls Chapter No. 435

Lampasas Chapter No. 295
 Lometa Chapter No. 871
 Llano Chapter No. 216
 Star Mountain Chapter No. 966
 San Saba Chapter No. 191

Section Seven

Regina Chapter No. 283
 Walnut Springs Chapter No. 401
 Evant Chapter No. 962
 Gatesville Chapter No. 1005
 Hamilton Chapter No. 215
 Hico Chapter No. 419

Section Eight

Belton Chapter No. 589
 Temple Chapter No. 153
 Vashti Chapter No. 32
 Rosebud Chapter No. 694
 Florence Chapter No. 440
 Hadassah Chapter No. 188
 Round Rock Chapter No. 316
 Taylor Chapter No. 578

Section Nine

Waco Chapter No. 7
 Mexia Chapter No. 57
 Mart Chapter No. 109
 Marlin Chapter No. 286
 McGregor Chapter No. 427
 McLennan Chapter No. 639
 E. C. Canon Chapter No. 825
 Centennial Chapter No. 842
 Walter Baldwin Chapter No. 929
 Bellmead Chapter No. 980

Section Ten

Whitney Chapter No. 930
 Ruth Chapter No. 20
 Blum Chapter No. 931
 Burleson Chapter No. 431
 Covington Chapter No. 1007
 Glen Rose Chapter No. 171
 Godby Chapter No. 922
 Grandview Chapter No. 828
 Joshua Chapter No. 131
 Mertens Chapter No. 604
 Rio Vista Chapter No. 343
 Venus Chapter No. 923

District Four

Section One

Timpson Chapter No. 396
 Broaddus Chapter No. 889
 Joaquin Chapter No. 903
 Lufkin Chapter No. 382
 Burke Chapter No. 1098
 Cushing Chapter No. 368
 Nacogdoches Chapter No. 428
 John Gillespie Chapter No. 257
 Center Chapter No. 348

Section Two

Anahuac Chapter No. 649
 Beaumont Chapter No. 71
 Bridge City Chapter No. 1038
 Evadale Chapter No. 1111
 Groves Chapter No. 953
 Jasper Chapter No. 291
 Kirbyville Chapter No. 263
 Kountze Chapter No. 724
 Lakeside Chapter No. 1054
 Nederland Chapter No. 1079
 Orange Chapter No. 214
 Port Arthur Chapter No. 262
 Port Neches Chapter No. 677
 Silsbee Chapter No. 298
 Sour Lake Chapter No. 75
 South Park Chapter No. 1056
 Spurger Chapter No. 315
 Vidor Chapter No. 914
 Winnie-Stowell Chapter No. 1076
 Wisteria Chapter No. 823

Section Three

Colmesneil Chapter No. 1068
 Corrigan Chapter No. 631
 Crockett Chapter No. 509
 Huntsville Chapter No. 240
 Shepherd Chapter No. 1003
 Woodville Chapter No. 462

Section Four

Archives Chapter No. 1095
 Cedar Bayou Chapter No. 11
 Channelview Chapter No. 954
 Cleveland Chapter No. 456
 Crosby Chapter No. 261
 Dayton Chapter No. 233
 Deer Park Chapter No. 1063
 Galena Park Chapter No. 884
 Goose Creek Chapter No. 798
 Huffman Chapter No. 1112

Hull Chapter No. 737
 Humble Chapter No. 415
 La Porte Chapter No. 683
 New Caney Chapter No. 1093
 Pasadena Chapter No. 711
 Seabrook Chapter No. 1096

Section Five

Memorial Chapter No. 958
 Mt. Houston Chapter No. 1034
 Norma D. Allen Chapter No. 1050
 North Shore Chapter No. 1058
 North Side Chapter No. 651
 Oak Forest Chapter No. 1080
 Park Place Chapter No. 731
 Ransford Chapter No. 135
 Rosewyn Chapter No. 927
 Rothwell Chapter No. 669
 Spring Branch Chapter No. 984
 East Houston Chapter No. 955
 Eastwood Chapter No. 1077
 Fairbanks Chapter No. 1041
 Frank W. Lynn Chapter No. 1015
 Garden Oaks Chapter No. 987
 Houston Chapter No. 385
 Houston Heights Chapter No. 258
 Jacques DeMolay Chapter No. 1094
 Magnolia Chapter No. 706
 Melrose Chapter No. 920
 Aldine Chapter No. 1088
 Alma M. Walker Chapter No. 1101
 Almeda Chapter No. 1081
 Andral Vann Chapter No. 741
 Bellaire Chapter No. 1021
 Bethlehem Chapter No. 728
 Bluebell Chapter No. 856
 Sunshine Chapter No. 399
 South Houston Chapter No. 915
 West University Chapter No. 933
 Woodland Chapter No. 696

Section Six

Rockdale Chapter No. 23
 Bryan Chapter No. 222
 Franklin Chapter No. 311
 Calvert Chapter No. 563
 Hearne Chapter No. 722
 North Zulch Chapter No. 531
 Madisonville Chapter No. 193
 Centerville Chapter No. 1002
 College Station Chapter No. 1026

Section Seven

Hempstead Chapter No. 510
 Waller Chapter No. 1047
 Mary Martha Chapter No. 981
 Spring Chapter No. 1105
 Cypress Chapter No. 1102
 Tomball Chapter No. 838
 Navasota Chapter No. 309
 Bellville Chapter No. 611
 Sealy Chapter No. 285
 Willis Chapter No. 1017

Section Eight

Smithville Chapter No. 39
 Bastrop Chapter No. 64
 Elgin Chapter No. 241
 Somerville Chapter No. 245
 Lexington Chapter No. 996

Section Nine

Bay City Chapter No. 380
 Columbus Chapter No. 324

Edna Chapter No. 692
 El Campo Chapter No. 535
 Rosenberg Chapter No. 429
 Sugar Land Chapter No. 1107
 Wharton Chapter No. 389

Section Ten

Alvin Chapter No. 15
 Brazoria Chapter No. 74
 Clute Chapter No. 1011
 Dickinson Chapter No. 1024
 Galveston Chapter No. 716
 Hitchcock Chapter No. 1085
 Lake Jackson Chapter No. 1009
 La Marque Chapter No. 979
 League City Chapter No. 621
 Mizpah Chapter No. 2
 Pearland Chapter No. 1065
 Sweeny Chapter No. 873
 Velasco Chapter No. 220
 West Columbia Chapter No. 705
 Texas City Chapter No. 626

District Five**Section One**

Christoval Chapter No. 761
 Concho Chapter No. 826
 Bronte Chapter No. 1048
 San Angelo Chapter No. 10
 Brady Chapter No. 167
 Robert Lee Chapter No. 187
 Balinger Chapter No. 266

Section Two

Fort McKavett Chapter No. 783
 Ozona Chapter No. 287
 Sonora Chapter No. 575

Section Three

Kerrville Chapter No. 24
 Bandera Chapter No. 643
 Boerne Chapter No. 200
 Fredericksburg Chapter No. 113
 Johnson City Chapter No. 376
 Junction Chapter No. 497
 Medina Chapter No. 988
 Summerland Chapter No. 322

Section Four

Del Rio Chapter No. 204
 Eagle Pass Chapter No. 250
 Sabinal Chapter No. 407
 Sarah Chapter No. 353
 Uvalde Chapter No. 297

Section Five

Plesanton Chapter No. 133
 Lytle Chapter No. 335
 Jourdanton Chapter No. 581
 Poteet Chapter No. 913
 Cotulla Chapter No. 1004

Section Six

Leander Chapter No. 73
 Luling Chapter No. 155
 Lockhart Chapter No. 210
 San Marcos Chapter No. 276
 Austin Chapter No. 304
 Travis Chapter No. 472
 Seguin Chapter No. 555
 Creedmoor Chapter No. 607
 New Braunfels Chapter No. 771
 Capitol Chapter No. 803
 Dripping Springs Chapter No. 860

Martha Chapter No. 883
 Fidelis Chapter No. 963
 Loyalty Chapter No. 1036
 Canyon Lake Chapter No. 1103

Section Seven

Adah Chapter No. 49
 Alamo Chapter No. 665
 Alamo Heights Chapter No. 734
 Army Chapter No. 664
 Bethany Chapter No. 912
 Bexar Chapter No. 616
 Harlandale Chapter No. 750
 Highland Hills Chapter No. 1075
 Logos Chapter No. 998
 Prospect Hill Chapter No. 817
 Radiant Chapter No. 636
 San Antonio Chapter No. 3
 South San Antonio Chapter No. 691
 Star Chapter No. 782
 Texas Chapter No. 35
 Valley Hi Chapter No. 1104
 Wimodausis Chapter No. 141
 Floresville Chapter No. 271
 Schertz Chapter No. 911
 Somerset Chapter No. 730

Section Eight

Beeville Chapter No. 422
 Cuero Chapter No. 618
 Kenedy Chapter No. 36
 Violet Chapter No. 158
 Pt. Lavaca Chapter No. 373
 LaVernia Chapter No. 436

Yoakum Chapter No. 282
 Seadrift Chapter No. 602
 Helena Chapter No. 289

Section Nine

Aransas Pass Chapter No. 162
 Corpus Christi Chapter No. 354
 Independence Chapter No. 1044
 Ingleside Chapter No. 1037
 Kingsville Chapter No. 325
 Laredo Chapter No. 86
 Oso Chapter No. 868
 Portland Chapter No. 1108
 Robstown Chapter No. 540
 Rockport Chapter No. 479
 Sinton Chapter No. 515
 Taft Chapter No. 218
 Woodsboro Chapter No. 678

Section Ten

Brownsville Chapter No. 124
 Donna Chapter No. 644
 Edcouch Chapter No. 859
 Edinburg Chapter No. 473
 Harlingen Chapter No. 641
 LaFeria Chapter No. 732
 McAllen Chapter No. 14
 Mission Chapter No. 527
 Raymondville Chapter No. 748
 Rio Grande City Chapter No. 843
 Rio Hondo Chapter No. 815
 San Benito Chapter No. 565
 San Juan Chapter No. 726
 Weslaco Chapter No. 722
 Zapata Chapter No. 1106

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 El Paso Chapter No. 4
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 Sierra Blanca Chapter No. 154
 Dell City Chapter No. 1057

November 12, 1976

North Fort Worth Chapter No. 684

November 19, 1976

Goose Creek Chapter No. 798

December 11, 1976

Aurora Chapter No. 799

April 5, 1977

Happy Chapter No. 562

April 21, 1977

Norman Read Chapter No. 1010
 Midland Chapter No. 253

May 16, 1977

Houston Heights Chapter No. 258

May 18, 1977

Bethlehem Chapter No. 728

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May 27, 1977

Sinton Chapter No. 515

May 28, 1977

North Side Chapter No. 651

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Many honors have come to me, but none more appreciated than the distinction of being elected an Honorary Member in the Subordinate Chapters. Priceless gifts, because they came unsolicited and in each case was an expression of the members love and esteem. To those Chapters who so honored me in such a beautiful way, I express my most heartfelt appreciation.

To conserve space, I am not listing here the Honorary Memberships I received but they will appear in the proceedings.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS RECEIVED FROM CHAPTERS

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 Richland Chapter No. 392
 Teague Chapter No. 408
 Tennessee Colony Chapter No. 102
 Wortham Chapter No. 96

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 Frankston Chapter No. 1113
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 Lindale Chapter No. 864
 Mabank Chapter No. 821
 Mount Sylvan Chapter No. 595
 Rose Garden Chapter No. 975
 Rusk Chapter No. 79
 Troup Chapter No. 421
 Tyler Chapter No. 112
 Wells Chapter No. 400

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 Carthage Chapter No. 747
 Hallsville Chapter No. 995
 Henderson Chapter No. 579
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 Pine Hill Chapter No. 675
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 Starlight Chapter No. 1016

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 Avinger Chapter No. 478
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 Quitman Chapter No. 695
 Van Chapter No. 840
 Wills Point Chapter No. 366
 Winnsboro Chapter No. 967

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DISTRICT 2**Section One**

Adobe Walls Chapter No. 1059
 Borger Chapter No. 811
 Canadian Chapter No. 227
 Darrouzett Chapter No. 790
 Higgins Chapter No. 300
 Miami Chapter No. 98
 Pampa Chapter No. 65
 Perryton Chapter No. 161
 Shamrock Chapter No. 384
 Sperman Chapter No. 721
 Stinnett Chapter No. 347
 Top O' Texas Chapter No. 1064
 Wheeler Chapter No. 942

Section Two

Claude Chapter No. 104
 Bonita Chapter No. 184
 Vega Chapter No. 528
 Texline Chapter No. 640
 Dumas Chapter No. 653
 Panhandle Chapter No. 760
 Amarillo Chapter No. 787
 White Deer Chapter No. 802
 Groom Chapter No. 861
 Sunray Chapter No. 869
 Stratford Chapter No. 960
 A. E. Shirley Chapter No. 986
 Dalhart Chapter No. 1051
 Tascosa Chapter No. 1052
 Channing Chapter No. 1078

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 Tulia Chapter No. 33
 Plainview Chapter No. 37
 Hereford Chapter No. 312
 Happy Chapter No. 562
 Muleshoe Chapter No. 792
 Dimmitt Chapter No. 819

Olton Chapter No. 847
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 O'Donnell Chapter No. 725
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 Denver City Chapter No. 863
 Abernathy Chapter No. 877
 Ropesville Chapter No. 880
 Idalou Chapter No. 890
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 Sundown Chapter No. 926
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 Odessa Chapter No. 447
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Walnut Springs Chapter No. 401
 Copperas Cove Chapter No. 1070
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Belton Chapter No. 589
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 Temple Chapter No. 153
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 Rosebud Chapter No. 694
 Bartlett Chapter No. 293
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Mexia Chapter No. 57
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Archives Chapter No. 1095
 Cedar Bayou Chapter No. 11
 Channelview Chapter No. 954
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 LaPorte Chapter No. 683
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Aldine Chapter No. 1088
 Alma W. Walker Chapter No. 1101
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 East Houston Chapter No. 955
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 Magnolia Chapter No. 706
 Melrose Chapter No. 920
 Memorial Chapter No. 958
 Mt. Houston Chapter No. 1034
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 North Side Chapter No. 651
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 Park Place Chapter No. 731
 Rosewyn Chapter No. 927
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Alvin Chapter No. 15
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 Galveston Chapter No. 716
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 Lake Jackson Chapter No. 1009
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 League City Chapter No. 621
 Mizpah Chapter No. 2
 Pearland Chapter No. 1065
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Ballinger Chapter No. 266
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 Carlsbad Chapter No. 1092
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Big Lake Chapter No. 752
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Bandera Chapter No. 643
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 Fredericksburg Chapter No. 113
 Johnson City Chapter No. 376
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Cotulla Chapter No. 1004
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 Dripping Springs Chapter No. 860
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Adah Chapter No. 49
 Alamo Chapter No. 665
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 Bethany Chapter No. 912
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 Logos Chapter No. 998
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 Sommerset Chapter No. 730
 South San Antonio Chapter No. 691
 Star Chapter No. 782
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 Valley Hi Chapter No. 1104
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Beeville Chapter No. 442
 Cuero Chapter No. 618
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 Helena Chapter No. 289
 Kenedy Chapter No. 36
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Alice Chapter No. 61
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 Falfurrias Chapter No. 146
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 Independence Chapter No. 1044
 Kingsville Chapter No. 325
 Laredo Chapter No. 86
 Mathis Chapter No. 874
 Oso Chapter No. 868
 Portland Chapter No. 1108
 Robstown Chapter No. 540
 Rockport Chapter No. 479
 Sinton Chapter No. 515
 Taft Chapter No. 218
 Woodsboro Chapter No. 678

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Donna Chapter No. 644
 Edcouch Chapter No. 859
 Edinburg Chapter No. 473
 Harlingen Chapter No. 641
 Hope Chapter No. 124
 La Feria Chapter No. 732
 McAllen Chapter No. 14
 Mission Chapter No. 527
 Raymondville Chapter No. 748
 Rio Grande City Chapter No. 843
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 San Benito Chapter No. 565
 San Juan Chapter No. 726
 Weslaco Chapter No. 772
 Zapata Chapter No. 1104

CONSTITUTION OF U.D. CHAPTERS

It was my privilege to serve as Installing Officer at the Constitution of Frankston Chapter No. 1113 on the evening of December 10, 1976. Also Gun Barrell Chapter No. 1114, the evening of December 13, 1976.

My congratulations to you as you take your place among the Subordinate Chapters of Texas.

INSTITUTION OF NEW CHAPTER

By invitation from the Worthy Grand Patron, I attended the institution of Grand Prairie U.D. the evening of June 30, 1977.

May you grow in the years to come and prove a joy and pride to this Grand Chapter of Texas.

ANNIVERSARIES

I deeply regret that due to bad weather, I was unable to attend the 75th celebration of San Angelo Chapter No. 10.

I had the privilege of attending two Chapters to help celebrate their 50th Anniversary, they were: Goose Creek No. 798 and Aurora No. 799.

My sincere congratulations for achievements in the past and best wishes for continued success in the future.

CONSOLIDATION OF CHAPTERS

Completion of Consolidation of George West Chapter No. 658 with Oakville Chapter No. 521.

Wiergate Chapter No. 749 consolidated with Jasper Chapter No. 291.

McLean Chapter No. 239 consolidated with Shamrock Chapter No. 384.

Sudan Chapter No. 806 consolidated with Littlefield Chapter No. 742.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED WITHOUT FEE:

Moving Place of meeting due to St. John's Day

Sinton Chapter No. 515

South Hills Chapter No. 835

Channelview Chapter No. 954

Palestine Chapter No. 395

Holding Late Election:

Slaton Chapter No. 585

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS GRANTED WITH FEES:

Change Place of Meeting:

Robert Lee Chapter No. 187

Wharton Chapter No. 389

Vidor Chapter No. 914

Change Place of Meeting for Installation:

Zapata Chapter No. 1106

Thunderbird Chapter No. 1087

Gonzales Chapter No. 403

Creedmoor Chapter No. 607

Freer Chapter No. 848

Malakoff Chapter No. 1012

Sam P. Cochran Chapter No. 1097

Cleveland Chapter No. 465

Holding Late Installation:

Deer Park Chapter No. 1063

Walter Baldwin Chapter No. 929

Whitewright Chapter No. 939

Roby Chapter No. 25

Loyal Chapter No. 648

Waller Chapter No. 1047

Fredericksburg Chapter No. 113

East Dallas Chapter No. 715

Winnie Chapter No. 160

Brownfield Chapter No. 785

Dripping Springs Chapter No. 860

Pleasanton Chapter No. 133

Kirbyville Chapter No. 263

Center Chapter No. 348

Moving Charter of Special Meeting:

Capitol Chapter No. 803

Killeen Chapter No. 490
 Wharton Chapter No. 389
 Brownsboro Chapter No. 902
 Desdemona Chapter No. 512
 Austin Chapter No. 304
 Cora Posey Chapter No. 1072
 Kaufman Chapter No. 866
 Travis Chapter No. 472
 Loyalty Chapter No. 1036
 Cooper Chapter No. 885
 Quinlan Chapter No. 170
 Sierra Blanca Chapter No. 154
 Norton Chapter No. 28
 Cleveland Chapter No. 465
 Lexington Chapter No. 996
 Troup Chapter No. 421
 Mabank Chapter No. 821

Richland Springs Chapter No. 264
 Freer Chapter No. 848
 Sarah Chapter No. 353
 North Zulch Chapter No. 531
 Camellia Chapter No. 994
 Richardson Chapter No. 921
 Holding Late Election:
 Happy Chapter No. 562
 Iraan Chapter No. 832
 Matador Chapter No. 66
 Quitaque Chapter No. 878
 Alvord Chapter No. 946
 Runge Chapter No. 106
 Shepherd Chapter No. 1003
 Tulia Chapter No. 33
 McLean Chapter No. 239

Electing a Worthy Matron:

Dunn Chapter No. 358
 Sam P. Cochran Chapter No. 1097
 Bridgeport Chapter No. 346

Mathis Chapter No. 874
 Seymour Chapter No. 488
 Camellia Chapter No. 994

Electing a Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron:

Richardson Chapter No. 921

Electing a Worthy Patron:

Helena Chapter No. 289
 Seymour Chapter No. 488

Troup Chapter No. 421
 Somerville Chapter No. 245
 Sierra Blanca Chapter No. 154

Electing Associate Matron:

Norman Read Chapter No. 1010

Joaquin Chapter No. 903

Electing Associate Patron:

Galveston Chapter No. 716
 Electa Chapter No. 872
 Jourdanton Chapter No. 581
 Kermit Chapter No. 845

Nixon Chapter No. 339
 Seymour Chapter No. 488
 Plainview Chapter No. 77
 West University Chapter No. 933

Electing an Associate Patron and Treasurer:

Carlsbad Chapter No. 1092

Electing Secretary:

Lockney Chapter No. 437
 Luling Chapter No. 155
 Areme Chapter No. 736
 Tulia Chapter No. 33
 Dublin Chapter No. 910
 Lakeside Chapter No. 1054
 Jourdanton Chapter No. 581
 New Braunfels Chapter No. 771
 Colorado Chapter No. 58
 Mineola Chapter No. 454
 Seymour Chapter No. 488

Electing Conductress:

Hillcrest Chapter No. 1000
 Thunderbird Chapter No. 1087
 Corpus Christi Chapter No. 354
 Wallace Hughston Chapter No. 1100
 Decatur Chapter No. 543
 Winnie Chapter No. 160
 Rose Croix Chapter No. 701
 Cockrell Hill Chapter No. 971
 El Campo Chapter No. 535
 Mt. Sylvan Chapter No. 595
 Burkburnett Chapter No. 655

Electing Treasurer:

Electa Chapter No. 872
 Richland Hills Chapter No. 1040
 Pittsburg Chapter No. 381
 Longview Chapter No. 610
 Camellia Chapter No. 994

Electing Associate Conductress:

Beaumont Chapter No. 71
 Dayton Chapter No. 233
 Southern Star Chapter No. 707

Andral Vann Chapter No. 741
 Areme Chapter No. 736
 San Saba Chapter No. 191
 Top O'Texas Chapter No. 1064
 Belton Chapter No. 589
 Rob Morris Daylight Chapter No. 759

Burnet Chapter No. 425
 Midland Chapter No. 253
 Texas Chapter No. 35
 Ingleside Chapter No. 1037
 Areme Chapter No. 736

Electing Associate Matron and Associate Patron

Frank W. Lynn Chapter No. 1015
 Taft Chapter No. 218
 Denton Chapter No. 259
 Collinsville Chapter No. 674

Electing Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Treasurer and Conductress

Bronte Chapter No. 1048

Electing Associate Matron, Associate Patron and Associate Conductress

Templar Chapter No. 374

Electing Associate Matron, Associate Patron, Conductress and Associate Conductress

Mt. Auburn Chapter No. 755

Electing Conductress and Associate Conductress

Harmony Chapter No. 244 Electa Chapter No. 872 Ysleta Chapter No. 991

Replacing two copies of Secret Work and two copies of diagram of Labyrinth:

Belle Moon Chapter No. 90

Replace Copy of Secret Work

Sarah Chapter No. 353
 Gladewater Chapter No. 831
 Blum Chapter No. 931
 Jeff Davis Chapter No. 336
 Oso Chapter No. 868

Huffman Chapter No. 1112
 El Campo Chapter No. 535
 Galveston Chapter No. 716
 White Settlement Chapter No. 1053

Replace Copy of Diagram of Labyrinth

Belton Chapter No. 589
 Colorado Chapter No. 58
 Troy Chapter No. 72
 Columbus Chapter No. 324

Killeen Chapter No. 490
 Avinger Chapter No. 478
 Wisteria Chapter No. 823

Replace Secret Work and Diagram of Labyrinth

Areme Chapter No. 736
 Ruth Chapter No. 20
 Coahoma Chapter No. 499
 Galveston Chapter No. 716
 Groesbeck Chapter No. 810
 Columbus Chapter No. 324

Center Chapter No. 348
 Alpine Chapter No. 132
 Wimodausis Chapter No. 141
 Forney Chapter No. 557
 Oak Cliff Chapter No. 303
 Somerset Chapter No. 730

Waiving Physical Disability Over:

Petitioner who cannot speak plainly:

Waco Chapter No. 7

Petitioner Who Cannot Kneel:

Richland Hills Chapter No. 1040

Petitioner must use wheel chair:

Frankston Chapter No. 1113

Petitioner with only one arm, who uses false arm:

Thunderbird Chapter No. 1087

Petitioner with Lame Left arm and walking with limp:

Sweeny Chapter No. 873

Petitioner with artificial larynx:

Kirbyville Chapter No. 263

Petitioner with voice box amplifier:

Freedom Chapter No. 898

Petitioner with lame hands:

Oak Cliff Chapter No. 303

Dispensations Refused

Iola Chapter No. 458.....Permission to change time of meeting
Graford Chapter No. 905.....Permission to install Treasurer

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED

Alvord Chapter No. 946
Almeda Chapter No. 1081
La Feria Chapter No. 732
San Antonio Chapter No. 691
Lindale Chapter No. 864
Riverside Chapter No. 834
Leakey Chapter No. 18
Bangs Chapter No. 467
East Dallas Chapter No. 718
Gate City Chapter No. 77
Galveston Chapter No. 716
Rob Morris Chapter No. 759
Bethlehem Chapter No. 728
Sequinn Chapter No. 555
Bastrop Chapter No. 64
Saltillo Chapter No. 173
Andrews Chapter No. 849
Angleton Chapter No. 54
N. Zulch Chapter No. 531
Frisco Chapter No. 93
Memorial Chapter No. 958
Seagraves Chapter No. 829
Crosbyton Chapter No. 891
Mary Martha Chapter No. 981
Sulphur Springs Chapter No. 718
Lufkin Chapter No. 382
Marlin Chapter No. 286

Woodbine Chapter No. 738
Springer Chapter No. 315
Monahans Chapter No. 561
Tulia Chapter No. 33
Seymour Chapter No. 488
Aransas Pass Chapter No. 162
Frank Lynn Chapter No. 1015
Bertram Chapter No. 48
Taylor Chapter No. 578
Magnolia Chapter No. 706
So. Houston Chapter No. 915
Pampa Chapter No. 65
Groom Chapter No. 861
Frost Chapter No. 965
Bellville Chapter No. 611
Knox City Chapter No. 119
Rosebud Chapter No. 694
Gladewater Chapter No. 831
Tulia Chapter No. 33
Boerne Chapter No. 200
O'Donnell Chapter No. 725
So. Hills Chapter No. 835
Ransford Chapter No. 135
Bishop Chapter No. 452
Talco Chapter No. 846
Sunshine Chapter No. 399
Clute Chapter No. 1011

Bellville Chapter No. 611
 Celina Chapter No. 857
 Pleasonton Chapter No. 133
 Fairbanks Chapter No. 1041
 Quitman Chapter No. 695
 Florence Chapter No. 440
 Odessa Chapter No. 447
 Gatesville Chapter No. 1005
 Throckmorton Chapter No. 500
 Honey Grove Chapter No. 901
 Gonzales Chapter No. 403
 Sundown Chapter No. 926
 Rio Hondo Chapter No. 815
 Aransas Pass Chapter No. 162
 Arlington Heights Chapter No. 202
 Moran Chapter No. 591
 Groom Chapter No. 861
 Sinton Chapter No. 515
 James L. Burges Chapter No. 983
 Mineola Chapter No. 454
 Castleberry Chapter No. 1028
 Lewisville Chapter No. 935
 Schertz Chapter No. 911
 Hillcrest Chapter No. 100
 Boerne Chapter No. 200
 San Antonio Chapter No. 691
 Snyder Chapter No. 450
 Quanah Chapter No. 47
 Shriner Chapter No. 272

Alice Chapter No. 61
 Hereford Chapter No. 819
 Rule Chapter No. 989
 Jacque de Molay Chapter No. 1074
 Hope Chapter No. 124
 Spurger Chapter No. 315
 Bluebell Chapter No. 856
 Loyalty Chapter No. 1036
 Ocotillo Chapter No. 837
 Canadian Chapter No. 227
 Gun Barrel Chapter No. 1114
 Beaumont Chapter No. 71
 Grosebeck Chapter No. 810
 Brenham Chapter No. 144
 Irving Chapter No. 777
 Borger Chapter No. 811
 Oran Chapter No. 214
 Hodges Chapter No. 31
 Winnie Chapter No. 160
 Lake Worth Chapter No. 1109
 Ashland Chapter No. 161
 Lakeside Chapter No. 1054
 Schertz Chapter No. 911
 Colmesneil Chapter No. 1068
 Henrietta Chapter No. 74
 Mike H. Thomas Chapter No. 951
 A. C. Garrett Chapter No. 774
 Carlton Chapter No. 949

CHARTERS

Orange Chapter No. 214 — Retrace Charter
 San Angelo Chapter No. 10 — Retrace Charter

SPECIAL COURTESIES

Waivers of Territorial Jurisdictions requested of Grand Chapter of Texas by other Grand Jurisdictions

On November 19, 1976, the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma requested a waiver of jurisdiction over Miss Cecelia Roslyn Hensley and Brooks A. Hensley of Houston, Texas for Prague Chapter No. 127, Prague, Oklahoma. This request was granted February 23, 1977.

On January 6, 1977 Texarkana Chapter No. 78, Texarkana, Arkansas requested a waiver of jurisdiction over Mrs. Bertie L. Roberts of Texarkana, Texas. This request was granted.

Waiver of Territorial Jurisdictions requested of other Grand Jurisdictions

On March 7, 1977, Maud Chapter No. 879, Maud, Texas requested Texarkana Chapter No. 78, Texarkana, Arkansas to waive jurisdiction over Miss Lucille Kennedy. This request was granted July 21, 1977.

On December 18, 1977, Atlanta Chapter No. 151, Atlanta, Texas requested Sidney Chapter No. 255, Fouke, Arkansas to waive jurisdiction over Mrs. Catherine Brown. This request was granted April 20, 1977.

Fraternal Courtesies requested of other Grand Jurisdictions**Courtesy Investigations**

On December 18, 1976 — request was made of the Grand Chapter of California to conduct a courtesy investigation in the case of Jean Wolfe for Wedgewood Chapter No. 156.

The Grand Chapter of California completed their investigation March 23, 1977.

On March 30, 1977 — request was made of the Grand Chapter of Arizona to conduct a courtesy investigation in the case of Mrs. Beyy Millers Macier for Alvin Chapter No. 15.

The Grand Chapter of Arizona completed their investigation May 24, 1977.

On April 29, 1977 — request was made of the Grand Chapter of California requesting a courtesy investigation in the case of Mrs. Bobbie Nell Ray Shaeffer for Denton Chapter No. 259.

The Grand Chapter of California completed their investigation July 21, 1977.

On May 24, 1977 — request was made of the Grand Chapter of California to conduct a courtesy investigation in the case of Mrs. Ruby Lee Freeman Jeffress for Arlington Heights Chapter No. 702.

The Grand Chapter of California completed their investigation June 23, 1977.

On June 2, 1977 — request was made of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma to conduct a courtesy investigation in the case of Mrs. Margaret Byron for Borger Chapter No. 811.

The Grand Chapter of Oklahoma completed their investigation July 12, 1977.

On June 3, 1977 — request was made of the Grand Chapter of Washington to conduct a courtesy investigation in the case of Jane S. Stephenson for Galveston Chapter No. 716.

The Grand Chapter of Washington completed their investigation July 21, 1977.

Fraternal Courtesies request of Grand Chapter of Texas by other Grand Jurisdictions

On January 29, 1977, a request was made of Lindale Chapter No. 864 to conduct a courtesy investigation in the case of Mrs. Mary Ethel St. Peter for the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

Lindale Chapter No. 864 completed their investigation April 10, 1977.

On February 10, 1977, a request was made of Lewisville Chapter No. 935 to conduct a courtesy investigation in the case of Mrs. Madie B. Evans for East Gate Chapter No. 367, Kansas City, Missouri.

Lewisville Chapter No. 935 completed their investigation April 20, 1977.

On March 21, 1977, a request was made of Pampa Chapter No. 65 to conduct a courtesy investigation in the case of Mrs. Lenoria Lasater for Electa Chapter No. 13, New Mexico.

Pampa Chapter No. 65 completed their investigation June 7, 1977.

**Courtesy Initiations requested by Grand Chapter of Texas
by other Grand Jurisdictions**

On October 20, 1976 a request was made of John L. DeGrazier Chapter No. 881, to confer degrees by courtesy on Mrs. Dana L. Walker for Berkley Chapter No. 52, Virginia.

The degrees were conferred upon Mrs. Walker on January 18, 1977 by John L. DeGrazier Chapter No. 881.

On May 31, 1977 a request was made of Beaumont Chapter No. 71, to confer degrees by courtesy on Kathleen E. and Merlin Ralph Freeland for Arabian Chapter No. 1, Saudi Arabia.

The degrees were conferred upon Mr. and Mrs. Freeland June 10, 1977 by Beaumont Chapter No. 71.

Fraternal requests the Grand Chapter of Texas was not able to complete

On October 6, 1976 request was received from the Grand Chapter of Florida to Wisteria Chapter No. 823 to confer degrees by courtesy on Mr. James A. Scott.

Wisteria Chapter No. 823 was unable to complete the request as Mr. Scott now resides outside our jurisdiction.

On December 18, 1976, a request was made to the Grand Chapter of Florida requesting a courtesy investigation in the case of Mrs. Elicabeth Tibles for San Angelo Chapter No. 10.

The Grand Chapter of Florida was unable to complete this investigation as they were unable to locate Mrs. Tibles at the address provided.

DECISIONS

In regard to a lady from Cleburne who asked for an investigation in regard to her rejection by a Chapter and her not being eligible to serve on the Rainbow Board. My opinion was that Landmark 11 answers the question of every member having the right to decide who may belong, and no one must give an answer as to why they rejected a petitioner.

In regard to a couple who had been indicted on charges of theft by check, the Chapter asked that it be kept within their own Chapter and Section and asked my advice. I replied that even though they had been indicted, it still did not prove their guilt until it was proven in a court of law; however, any member of the Chapter may file charges against the couple if they wish to do so.

In regard to a lady who lives in Donna, Texas, but belongs to Oso Chapter No. 541 in Lawton, Oklahoma. This lady had mailed letters to 102 Masonic Lodges in Texas, every Air Force, Naval and Army Unit in Texas and also put an advertisement in the Corpus Christi newspaper, advertising for a male companion. Upon advice of the Jurisprudence Committee, I wrote the Worthy Grand Matron of Oklahoma, with a copy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron, sending them each a copy of one of her letters, saying I believe she could be tried, either in Donna, Texas or in Lawton, Oklahoma. If Lawton chose not to try her, I believe she could be tried in Texas on moral turpitude, which our civil law says is vileness of principle or action, shameful wickedness, or anything done contrary to justice, honesty, modesty or good morals. What she had done was against the high principles which the Order of the Eastern Star teaches and is repugnant to our organization and the principles of our organization. She had not shown any high standards of morality and what she had done was repugnant to me and I believe to every member of our Order, as well as to the Masonic Lodge of Texas. I received a letter in return from Mrs. Madge Ford, Worthy Grand Matron of Oklahoma, stating that her Jurisprudence Committee had advised her they believed the offense was committed in Texas, and should be tried in Texas; and that she had instructed Oso

Chapter No. 541 in Lawton, Oklahoma to refuse to issue Mrs. Coleman another dues receipt. My recommendation is that this be referred to the incoming Jurisprudence Committee to be disposed of the way the incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Jurisprudence Committee sees fit.

In regard to a lady from Indian Creek Chapter No. 255 of Brownwood, who only moved her lips during the Obligation. Our laws state the candidate repeats the Obligation after the Worthy Patron, it does not say it must be audible. My decision was she had conformed to the Laws of our Order.

Concerning a member of a colored race from Wichita Falls who called and wished to make application with a Chapter in Wichita Falls, I directed the Chapter to ignore the request. She cannot make application without being recommended by two members of the Chapter; and if, as they feared, a group should arrive to make trouble, I suggested they close the Chapter and go home, repeating the action as many times as necessary.

Concerning the Chapter from District 4, Section 5, where the principal representative of the Chapter to Grand Chapter gave her report orally and did not prepare a written report; I directed that the report should be written and filed with the Chapter Secretary.

In regard to the ballot in Fidelity Chapter No. 383 in Dallas, where four petitions were presented, and only one was admitted; the Worthy Patron stated that Article 245, No. 4 was not complied with. I directed they declare the ballot void and have it balloted upon at the next meeting, with the Deputy of that Section being present at the meeting.

In regard to a visitor of a Chapter in Dallas whose presence had been objected to, later a woman came to him and informed him she was the person who had made the objection, and he would never again be permitted to attend one of their stated meetings. My decision was that secrecy about the objection shall be observed in the same manner as when a black ball is cast, and the lady definitely had broken the laws and was subject to reprimand, suspension or expulsion from the Order.

Concerning a lady who petitioned for membership in Cora Posey Chapter No. 1072 as the widow of a deceased Master Mason; she had since remarried and divorced, assuming her deceased husband's name. When she remarried, she was no longer the widow of a deceased Master Mason, and was no longer eligible.

In regard to the petition of a lady to Woodland Chapter No. 696; the Committee found she had made an erroneous statement in her petition and declared the petition ineligible and did not ballot upon the ballot. I ruled that the petition could only be disposed of by ballot.

In regard to the Committee of Past Grands appointed by the President of the Past Grands Association to study the budgets of the Board of Grand Trustees and the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences and make recommendations for improvement, I referred the Committee to Page 151, Code of Laws, Article 296 — Extraneous Degrees, where it states Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Clubs or Associations are permissible as long as such Clubs or Associations shall not infringe upon the privileges or prerogatives of the Grand Chapter or of a Subordinate Chapter or any of the Officers of same. I ruled the Committee to be an illegal one.

A lady petitioned Atlanta Chapter, which required a territorial waiver of jurisdiction. The waiver of jurisdiction was granted and then the lady asked that her petition for affiliation be returned. I ruled it must be balloted upon unless it was declared an ineligible one, and she was eligible.

In regard to the election of officers of Sam P. Cochran Chapter, then some of the elective officers later stated they could not serve. At the next stated meeting, another

election was held before the written special dispensation had been received by the Chapter. I ruled the election void and directed them to elect officers at the next stated meeting after receiving the special dispensation.

In regard to Borger Chapter No. 811, whose membership left their stated meeting because of a tornado alert and therefore the names of those due suspension for nonpayment of dues could not be read. My decision was that even though it was by an Act of God the names were not read, they would have to carry the names on their roll and pay the per capita tax for the ensuing year.

I was asked for an opinion from the Chairman of the Transportation and Mileage Committee, Mr. Pickett, who wanted my interpretation of the last line of Article 180 — Mileage which reads: "shall receive actual mileage providing they attend upon all business sessions of the Grand Chapter." I stated the actual business of Grand Chapter starts on Monday evening with the opening of Grand Chapter and ends Thursday evening with the installation of Officers. I do not believe any Worthy Grand Matron wanted to police the delegates to see if they are present at every session of the Grand Chapter. I directed him that he could not direct the Transportation and Mileage Committee to withhold a mileage check at any time during the Grand Chapter session.

In regard to a petitioner who had died before the petition was read; the Chapter asked my direction on what should be done with the petition. I directed the Chapter to leave the petition in the Chapter files, explain to the membership the reason why, and return the money to the deceased petitioner's family.

In regard to a lady petitioning Hurst Chapter No. 1099 who was paralyzed from the waist down and confined to a wheelchair. I granted a waiver of physical disability and suggested the Associate Conductress assist by pushing the wheelchair during the initiation ceremony, which would allow the Conductress to walk beside her.

In regard to a question from Waller Chapter No. 1047, asking if they may have an Assistant Secretary. I directed that there was nothing wrong with someone assisting the Chapter Secretary or wearing a Chapter dress, but she would not be called an Assistant or an Officer.

In regard to a member from Jourdanton Chapter who was under investigation by the Masonic Lodge, the Deputy Grand Matron of that Section wanted to know what disposition should be made of the member. Since I had not received any information or notification from Jourdanton Chapter, I directed that charges could be preferred with the procedure outlined in the Legal Code, but since the Masons were handling the situation, I felt the Eastern Star members should do nothing or say nothing, and let the Masonic Lodge handle the situation.

In regard to the petitions for affiliation from a Sister and Brother to Love Field Chapter, which petitions were rejected; and at the same time friends of the rejected petitioners petitioned for the degrees but refused to have a Committee visit them, and requested that their petitions be withdrawn; I directed the Chapter to inform those who petitioned for the degrees that their petitions could not be withdrawn, and a visit by a Committee was necessary to complete the requirements for acting on the petitions.

In regard to a member from Fairfield Chapter No. 331 who requested a demit without a receipt for dues being enclosed; the secretary issued a duplicate receipt and the demit was granted May 10. I declared the demit illegal, and declared the action of the Chapter void. The same member had applied for membership on May 3 to Park Place Chapter No. 731, enclosing her receipt for dues paid until May 31. She was elected on transfer of membership on June 3, 1977, with her membership only paid up until May 31. I declared the election to membership of the lady to Park Place Chapter to be void. Neither Chapter had paid her per capita tax. I therefore directed Fairfield Chapter to pay her tax, and directed the member to pay her dues to Fairfield Chapter. She could then apply for a transfer of membership if she still desired to do so.

I recommend that the Jurisprudence Committee bring a Resolution at this Grand Chapter Session that would take care of these and other similar situations.

Concerning the retiring Secretary of Canyon Lake Chapter No. 1103, who refused to relinquish the Secretary's cash book; and is challenging the validity of an audit made by a committee who examined the Warrants, Treasurer's book, bank statements and receipts of money from the Treasurer. I declared the audit to be a legal one and directed the retiring Secretary to relinquish the Chapter records to the Chapter immediately.

A Memorial Service of a member of Bandera Chapter No. 643, whose body had been donated to science, asked if they could have a Memorial Service using either one of their own or the ritualistic funeral ceremony. My advice was it was perfectly legal to use either one. I do not believe the member should be deprived of an Eastern Star funeral, ceremony, even though her body was not present.

I received another letter from Mrs. Madge Ford, Worthy Grand Matron of Oklahoma, stating that her Jurisprudence Committee had advised her that, in their opinion, it was Texas' responsibility to bring charges against Mrs. Pamelie Coleman of Donna, who belongs to Oso Chapter No. 541 in Lawton, Oklahoma. I wrote the Worthy Grand Matron of Oklahoma and advised her that my Jurisprudence Committee Chairman had advised it was the State of Oklahoma's obligation since that is where she belongs.

DISCIPLINE

"Justice is the idea of God; the ideal of men; the rule of conduct, writ
in the nature of mankind."

Theodore Parker

Concerning East Dallas Chapter No. 715 and the called meeting in which they reprimanded a Past Matron of the Chapter; I wrote the Chapter how charges must be filed in compliance with the Legal Code, and that they had not complied with the laws of our Order.

I directed that the minutes of the called meeting be expunged and reprimanded East Dallas Chapter No. 715 for willful violation of the laws of our Order.

If I allowed a Chapter in Texas to willfully break the laws, or to break the laws because of being unaware of them, it would be condoning such action and encouraging such violations of the laws all over the State of Texas.

I received information that a member from Hurst Chapter No. 1099 had a typed copy of the Secret Work, which they sent to me. They did not give me the name of the lady who had the Secret Work; however, I sent a letter to Hurst Chapter with a stern reprimand to the member.

SPECIAL COURTESIES & PROCLAMATIONS

TEXAS MY TEXAS

PROCLAMATIONS

March 4 - 5, 1977 Eastern Star Days — Waco
 April 7, 1977 Joyce Robert's Day in Spur by Mayor Calloway
 April 30, 1977 Joyce Robert's Day in Brownfield by Mayor Lytle

KEYS TO CITIES

November 30, 1976..... Hearne	March 26, 1977..... Houston
February 12, 1977..... Mt. Pleasant	April 16, 1977..... Odessa
February 18, 1977..... Dallas	May 7, 1977..... El Paso
February 19, 1977..... Malakoff	

CERTIFICATE OF CITIZENSHIP

November 27, 1976..... Groves	March 11, 1977..... Breckenridge
November 29, 1976..... Booger County	March 21, 1977..... Belton
November 30, 1976..... Hearne	March 25, 1977..... Houston
January 5, 1977..... Ozona	April 7, 1977..... Spur
February 7, 1977..... Henderson	April 21, 1977..... Midland
February 18, 1977..... Dallas	April 23, 1977..... Abilene

HONORARY DEPUTY SHERIFF

December 2, 1976..... Waller County	February 18, 1977..... Dallas
December 4, 1976..... Galveston	May 28, 1977..... Houston

HONORARY HARBORMASTER

December 4, 1977..... Port of Galveston
 April 1, 1977..... Official Top O'Texas Certification
 January 29, 1977.. Proclamation: La Ciudad de La Villita Alcalde Mayor, San Antonio

HONORARY DEGREE

November 20, 1976..... Lee College Baytown Title of "Associate in Arts".

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Representatives in their "Resplendent World" sow seeds of love and friendship into the hearts of our sisters and brothers in other Grand Jurisdictions and in turn, each of us are blessed with the fruits of their labors.

It is my desire that the following members of our Grand Jurisdiction, which I had the pleasure to recommend for appointments, will avail themselves of the privileges as well as the responsibilities of this honor, thereby bringing credit and happiness to themselves and others:

Arkansas.....	T. L. "Duke" Weaver
California.....	Mrs. Alice Fair (Unexpired term)
Connecticut.....	Mrs. Ruth Palmer
Delaware.....	Mrs. Flo Sullivan
Florida.....	Mrs. Ora Stoneback

Idaho	Mrs. Eula Reed
Illinois	Mrs. Agnes Jolly
Indiana	Mrs. Alice Mathews
Kentucky	Mrs. Violet Lowrey (Unexpired term)
Manitoba	Mrs. Joy Shackelford
New Hampshire	Mrs. Cassie Sligar
New Mexico	Mrs. Ann Thompson
North Dakota	Mrs. Edna Littig
Nova Scotia	Frederick Herrin
Ohio	Mrs. Ola Cathey
Oklahoma	Mrs. Ollie Mae Welch
Puerto Rico	Mrs. Juanita McFarland
Rhode Island	Mrs. Harriet Austin
Wyoming	Mrs. Elsie Bills

The following have been appointed and their Commissions prepared and mailed with Badges to their respective Jurisdictions:

Alberta	Mrs. Edith Sherwin
Arkansas	Mrs. Inez Pointer
Colorado	Mrs. Harriet Durand
Connecticut	Frank Gallaway
District of Columbia	Mrs. Evelyn O. Newman
Georgia	Mrs. Billye Faubion
Idaho	Mrs. Virginia Layne
Illinois	Mrs. Adelaide C. Farrens
Iowa	Mrs. Maxine Tye
Louisiana	Mrs. Audrey Dougherty
Maine	Mrs. Lorna P. Ingraham
Maryland	Mrs. Doris B. Stewart
Michigan	Mrs. Joyce Monteith
Mississippi	Mrs. Mary Kersh
Montana	Mrs. Elizabeth Pringle
Nebraska	Mrs. Beverly Hermelbracht
Nevada	Mrs. Eugenia Palmer
New Hampshire	Mrs. Louise E. French
New Mexico	Miss Clara Jester
New York	Mrs. Dolores M. Mapstone
North Carolina	Joel E. Walker
North Dakota	Mrs. Alyce Winje
Oklahoma	Mrs. Faye E. Archer
Oregon	Mrs. Georgia McCaskey
Pennsylvania	Mrs. Jean T. Stevens
Rhode Island	Charles Garabedian
Saskatchewan	Mrs. Isabella Bellamy
Scotland	T. Renton Gordon
Tennessee	Mrs. Louise Osborne
Utah	Lawrence Butler
Vermont	Mrs. Barbara G. Schell
Virginia	Mrs. Anita France
Wisconsin	Mrs. Ione Duranceau
Wyoming	Mrs. Iris Smylie

CORRESPONDENCE

Many and varied are the letters contained in the mailbox of a Worthy Grand Matron during a year. The many personal cards and messages of love and encouragement and good wishes, will always remain a source of continued happiness long after this year is over.

I was prompt and expedient in answering official letters, for it was my desire to do all things for the good of the Order. It often became necessary to consult with our Jurisprudence Committee before I felt qualified to render the proper decision.

If any correspondence that I had with my Sisters and Brothers has been helpful and strengthened the bonds of Love and Friendship, I am indeed grateful.

SECRETARIES

A Worthy Grand Matron can fully appreciate the work and worth of her District Secretaries and Secretary at Large.

I most sincerely express my gratitude for your cooperation and priceless assistance throughout this year. You were always willing to respond to all my requests, and your frequent anticipation of my needs, made your service invaluable.

EXCHANGE VISITS

One of the greatest pleasures of a Worthy Grand Matron, is that of an Exchange Visit with their neighboring States. Such honor was ours when at my first Joint Fraternal Visit in El Paso, November 6, 1976, we were honored by an exchange visit by the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Ruth Sorenson and Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Marion Gates and their Grand Officers of the Grand Jurisdiction of New Mexico.

June 4, 1977, the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, floor officers and members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, enjoyed a delightful visit in Alamogordo, New Mexico.

ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

One of my most pleasant experiences this Eastern Star year, was the presentation of a beautiful white Bible by Miss Carolyn Cox, Grand Worthy Advisor, at my Installation in Fort Worth. I shall always treasure the memory.

April 25, 1977, I was honored at a Joint Visit by the assemblies of El Paso, Ysleta and Fabens.

May 13, 1977, I was honored at Lockwood Assembly in Dallas.

August 12, 1977, I was honored at a Joint Visit by the assemblies of Dallas.

ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS OF NEW MEXICO

Words cannot express the happiness that was mine when I received Honorary Membership from two assemblies in New Mexico, Alamogordo No. 18 and Chapparel No. 44 and of their kindness in including my beloved husband, Joe.

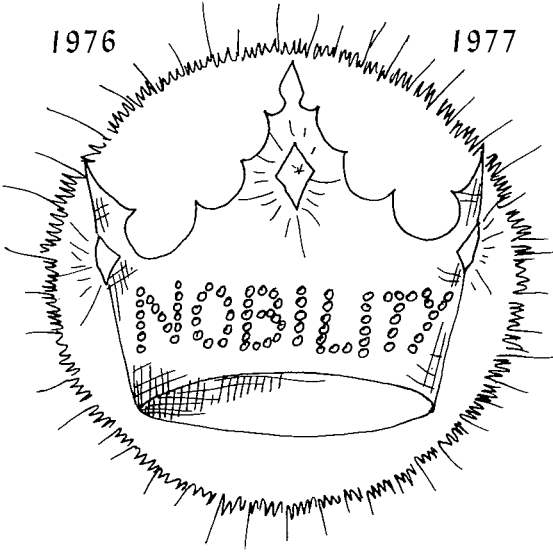
It was my privilege to attend and to bring greetings from The Grand Chapter of Texas to the annual session of the Grand Assembly, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, June 27, 28, & 29th, 1977, held in Fort Worth.

My most sincere appreciation to Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Supreme Faith, Supreme Inspector in Texas, for the many courtesies extended to me over the years, your friendship means so very much to me. Thank you my own darling Grand Electa for your love and devotion. It was with much pleasure that I was able to give a gift of \$500.00 to this Grand Assembly for their Scholarship Fund.

WELFARE PROGRAM

1976

1977



There's nothing so Kingly as Kindness

True worth is in being not seeming in doing, each day that goes by

Some little good Not in dreaming of great things To do by and by

-A. Cary

WELFARE PROGRAM: NOBILITY

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

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 our home offers. Our Home is not an institution, it is a HOME that provides for physical, mental, and spiritual welfare of our guests.

2. **ENDOWMENT FUND**

The Eastern Star Endowment Fund, under the supervision of the Board of Grand Trustees, 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**

Very few families among our fraternity or elsewhere will escape that dreadful disease, cancer, during the coming year. Each of us in the past have lost loved ones near and dear to us.

Firmly believing that investigative chemotherapy 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 of and cures for cancer, and who knows, maybe yours or my child or grandchild may be benefited because of this project.

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.

MRS. JOYCE ROBERTS
Worthy Grand Matron

REPORT OF THE EASTERN STAR HOME ACTIVITIES

Giving so generously of Time and Talents, showing a feeling toward all mankind, and serving as a guiding light, showing the polish of much preparedness, as we leave lasting impressions of worthwhile accomplishment.

My most heartfelt thanks to the committees who unselfishly gave of their time to show love and respect to the beautiful ladies who reside in our HOME.

SCHEDULE:

December 12, 1976	Christmas Party, Sun Queens Dist. 3, Sec. 1
February 13, 1977	Valentine Party, Sun Queens Dist. 1, Sec. 5
April 10, 1977	Easter Party, Mrs. Pauline Dugger, Chairman Time & Talent
May 15, 1977	Mothers Day and Homecoming Party, Mrs. Maudine King, Chairman Home Beautification Committee & Sun Queens Dist. 1, Sec. 4
August 6, 1977	1977 Founder's Day, Mrs. Zena Wilson, Chairman Founder's Day Committee

To Mrs. Potsey Sawyer, Administrative Superintendent OES Home:

First Things:

- The mind that understands and creates
- The Spirit that suffers and sacrifices and loves and is at peace with itself
- The fellowship of the pure and free and transparent
- The joy of conversation and reason and sharing
- The soul that rejoices in beauty and grace and being
- The goodwill that is full of Light and positive intent!

APPROPRIATIONS FOR WORTHY GRAND MATRON

I received a check for \$3,000.00 to help defray the expenses of The Worthy Grand Matron in the interest of Grand Chapter. I was also given a check for \$500.00 for Secretarial expense for the year. Due to the tremendous increase in operating expenses, I found it necessary to request an additional \$500.00 drawn from the Worthy Grand Matrons contingency fund.

IN APPRECIATION

To the Worthy Grand Patron

In a few short hours the duties and responsibilities of service which brought us together, in our Order, will be entrusted to others. Your willingness to help at all times has been appreciated. You have given much to our order. I am deeply grateful for your support. Sharing the East with you has been a pleasure. You have served the Grand Chapter well.

To the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron: Sister Mary and Brother Murray, the dawn of your years in the Grand East is at hand, in a few days the mantle of authority will fall upon your shoulders. My best wishes to both of you for a beautiful and productive year.

“May he who guides on all journeys,
Guard and protect your way
Among all peoples and places;
Bless and keep you each day.”

To the Grand Secretary: Sister Agnes Lee, My special thanks goes to you for your helpfulness and willingness at all times. I have appreciated your cooperation and assistance so very much.

To our Grand Treasurer: Sister Jettie: Your loyalty and zeal have been evident in your service to our Order. Bless you; each hour; each day, each year.

There is a signature of wisdom and power impressed on the works of God which evidently distinguishes them from the feeble imitations of man. Not only the splendor of the Sun . . . but the glimmering light of glow . . . warm proclaims His Glory . . . Newton

To the Grand Conductress and the Associate Grand Conductress: Sister Rennie and Sister Kathy: You will soon be one step nearer the Grand East, my best wishes go with you both.

A BLESSING: The coming of Day and the sureness of the returning night, and all the dimensions of meaning that each of us finds in this cycle of movement, which sustains and holds fast in the security of its rhythms . . . Thurman.

To My Appointive Officers: You are mine by choice, each of you have a very special place in my heart. I can never tell you all that you mean to me. For your many kindnesses; your loyalty, love and friendship, I shall be ever grateful.

These things are ours . . . For God creates within our soul a mystic sense of wonder . . . that we may hear allegro tunes . . . among tall cattails, see splendor twinkling in a dewdrop . . . and feel freedom of wind wings . . . watch clouds and winds . . . And all of earth's living things . . . Unfold . . . each day . . . a miracle! . . . Frostic

To our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons: You have always been a source of inspiration to me, and I sincerely appreciated your presence at our schools and meetings during the year. Thank you for your friendship and invaluable advice, support and encouragement.

To the Hostess Chapters and Session Committees: You have worked many hours for this moment so that this Session might function and progress smoothly. My thanks go to each of you, and may you be rewarded in the realization that your efforts are deeply appreciated.

To my Executive and Arrangements Committee who have given so much of their time and talent to add to the beauty and success of our “The Sun, A Source of Light, Life and Fruitfulness” Session my sincere appreciation.

To My Beloved Husband and Son: Thank you for being so generous, giving me this year to travel over our beautiful State. I am truly grateful for your patience, your faith and encouragement.

I know that you have been lonesome, For I have been lonesome too.
Now — in a few short hours, I'll be home with you.

To the Elected Board Members & All Grand Chapter Committees, Welfare Projects and Service: We have many fields of service in which we can labor as members of our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star. This year we asked the Chapters to continue their

support of our Eastern Star Home, Endowment Fund, Cancer and Estarl, Founder's Day, Time and Talent, Home Beautification and Fraternal Friendship. The response has been gratifying.

Your devotion to our Order, your long hours of service, your thoughts and plans carry us forward toward the objectives for which we strive, I thank you for every task assumed and every one completed.

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him." II Cor. 9:7

To Sun Queen's — Perry's Peers, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons
1976 — 1977

To our memories, we keep, tied fast with strings of our heart, a golden friendship formed from faithful service, added with dignity and intelligence, that weaves more closely the tie that binds us in sisterly and brotherly love.

My best wishes always will be with you and the memory of our pleasant association will ever remind our "Dayspring", my beloved friends.

ASSISTANT GRAND WARDERS, SENTINELS AND PAGES.

I am grateful for your service and all that you are doing to make this Session run smoothly. Thank you for your friendship and every labor that you perform.

GRAND CHOIR.

Thank you for your beautiful songs, we shall look forward to listening and relaxing as you perform.

BULLETIN MESSAGES

NOVEMBER

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

We have entered the dawning of a new day and a new year. Our tasks lay before us and we must assume the responsibilities entrusted to our care in our performance of these duties.

We all realize the necessity of energy, for we constantly are made aware of its shortage in our world today. We have the "Energy Crisis" and the "Energy Crunch". Scientists are feverishly working to devise some means of supplanting the existing forms of energy with other devices that will be less costly in their use and more effective in their output. One of the greatest producers of energy known to Man is that of the Sun. Man is attempting to harness that power.

Solar energy is a God-given gift that many of us take for granted without ever realizing what our world would be like if the Sun ceased to exist. If this were to happen all life would cease to be. There would be no growth, no re-vitalization — no warmth, and no light. The world would be plunged into complete and utter darkness. Gradually it would become a frozen mass of desolate oblivion.

We, like the Earth, depend upon energy to carry us through the rigors of the day and the plans for the future. It is by the use of this energy that we accomplish the goals we set before us to create our own growth in our society and environment.

To maintain this level of activity, we must constantly re-charge our batteries. To do this, we must seek a power, far greater than that of ourselves. We must seek God's help that we may remain an integral part of the world in which we work and live.

We are now faced with new obligations to our Order, whether we be Officers of Grand Chapter, Officers of Subordinate Chapters, or one of our vast membership. We must attack our responsibilities with renewed vigor and attention in order to make this new year a successful one. There is so much to be done in service to our order and to our fellow members that often we think the job ahead is insurmountable; but each of us has the potential to surmount any obstacle that may lie ahead if we will only remember these things . . . To let the light of our service shine forth into the hearts of others;

. . . To create within ourselves a love that lives and grows and knows no bounds;

. . . And, when our energy output reaches a crisis level, to look to God for strength and guidance.

If we are active and energetic, then we need never fear the collapse of our beautiful world . . . the Order of the Eastern Star.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Joyce Roberts
Worthy Grand Matron

J. Perry Smithwick
Worthy Grand Patron

DECEMBER

“And there were shepherds, keeping watch . . .”

This is a time of expectation. It is the season of joy and festivities when the world focuses its attention on the act of giving and receiving. The eyes of the children are alight with the reflections of shining lights and glistening ornaments. Their minds are churning with secret wishes of long awaited treasures. Meanwhile, the adults are making furtive trips to the upper reaches of closets, and the dark recesses of cabinets. Secret meeting and whispered conversations are the rule rather than the exception.

Above the glitter and array of this Holiday Season there hovers a silent prayer. Its wings of hope cover the earth and flutter in the wind of many voices. It is the upward bound cry of many people keeping watch for the day when all men might experience the good will of each other and peace upon the earth.

We, who have been led by that Star in the East, can be as the shepherds of old. Through our demonstrative efforts of service and love to mankind, we may exemplify the meaning of God's greatest gift to humanity. It is our obligation to God and Man that we should hold aloft the principles of Truth, Honor, and Justice throughout every day of our daily lives. We must be as shepherds and keep watch over our flock, never slumbering, never sleeping.

May God's blessing be with each of you and your loved ones, and may the Spirit of Christmas light your every hour.

Joyce Roberts
Worthy Grand Matron

J. Perry Smithwick
Worthy Grand Patron

JANUARY

Greetings to each of you on this momentous occasion, the beginning of a New Year.

As the hands of time have ticked us into a new cycle of history, we should stop and think of our plans for the future.

Shall we, at the end of this year, 1977, be able to say: “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the Faith; hence forth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing.”? If we can truly say this, then we can “Add to our faith, virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, LOVE!”

To enrich our hearts and minds throughout this New Year, I would offer this prayer by Mary Carolyn Davies:

Let Me Be A Giver

God, let me be a giver, and not one
Who only takes and takes unceasingly;
God, let me give, so that not just my own,
But other's lives as well, may richer be.

Let me give whatever I may hold
Of what material things of life may be heaping
Let me give raiment, shelter, food, or gold
If these are, through Thy bounty, in my keeping.

But greater than such fleeting treasures, may
I give faith and hope and cheerfulness
Belief and dreams and joy and laughter gay
Some lonely soul to bless.

Joyce Roberts
Worthy Grand Matron

Perry Smithwick
Worthy Grand Patron

FEBRUARY

There is nothing quite so cheery on a cold February evening as a dancing fire in an open hearth. The crackling sound of burning embers evokes the pleasant sensation of relaxation to its admirers, while the flickering light from the fire-lit logs paints a darkened room with various shades of color and shapes.

Fire has played an important part in Man's life.

During the bitter winter of 1777, as the snow lay deep and silent across the war-torn battlefield at Valley Forge, men warmed themselves against meager campfires. Their clothes, thin and tattered from constant wear, were little protection from the savage cold that bit deep into their flesh. They were becoming disheartened, but their leader, suffering along with them in deprivation, warmed the hearts and bodies of his men with a dream of long sought-for freedom. George Washington brought his men through this trying time by the heat of love and determination that only a great man, like he, could impart.

Moving on through history we find a tall and lank youth positioned before a glowing fire. He is painstakingly writing on the back of a wooden shovel with a piece of charcoal. His brow is furrowed in concentration, and his marks are made with precision.

This was the beginning of a giant among men . . . Abraham Lincoln. Were it not for the role fire played in his life, he would not have had the knowledge to perform the great acts of human kindness that made him a man beloved by all people, for all times.

Put the warmth of companionship in your hearts, and light the fires of leadership among your own that others may bask in the heat of your love. Spread the light of Eastern Star into the darkened recesses of despair and glow with the satisfaction of worthwhile service to others. You will then be an important part in the life of Mankind, and you, too, will always be lovingly remembered by all who knew you.

Joyce Roberts
Worthy Grand Matron

Perry Smithwick
Worthy Grand Patron

MARCH

Modeling clay is a fascinating media. As it warms in our hands, we are able to create the designs and forms that leap from our minds. We can shape and re-shape the clay into whatever we might choose to make, yet the final product is only as good as the effort we made in its creation.

For five days of a week, during a ten-month span of the year, the children of Texas attend Public Schools. Their lives are being shaped and molded into the citizens of the future. We have entrusted the development of their minds and bodies to men and women dedicated to the betterment of our world through education. The majority of these educators are total strangers to us, yet we send our children to them to be taught how to live and succeed within our society.

Have you ever stopped to think of how much faith we have placed in the hands of teachers? It is a staggering amount of responsibility, but this trust is not misplaced.

The quality of education has improved over the years of Public School service, and through the dedicated and sympathetic efforts of these educators, the quality continues to better itself. Our Public Schools now offer vocational opportunities by on-the-job training programs in many area. Our children can learn to build, to create, to repair, and to sell. Those seeking higher education in the colleges and universities across our land receive intensive training in the fields of Humanities, Science, and Mathematics. The whole curriculum of education is geared to reach the needs of every child. No one can deny that we are living in a time of progress and purpose.

If you have never visited your child's instructors, or your child's school, please take this month to do so. Through personal contact you can fully discuss your child's achievements or failures. You can aid in his or her development by working with the teacher, and by encouraging your child to help. Give the teachers praise where praise is due, and do not be quick to criticize. Our system of education is a true gift of Democracy and we should constantly support it with our interest and our prayers.

Joyce Roberts
Worthy Grand Matron

Perry Smithwick
Worthy Grand Patron

APRIL

Picture, if you will, the early hours of a Spring morning. The dew is still wet upon the tender leaves of trees and grass across the low Judean hills. The birds speak in whispers as the first fresh rays of sunlight streak the Eastern sky.

It is a time of re-birth. All about one can feel the stirring pulse of Life. Gone are the days of depressing coldness, broken only by an occasional thaw. Here, now, is the surge of new growth, warmed by the gentle winds of promise and hope.

As two grieving women slowly make their way toward the tomb of their beloved Jesus, their hearts are still gripped in the icy fingers of numbing cold. Their thoughts are filled with personal loss and anguish, and they are blind to the beauty that surrounds them.

Suddenly, their whole world is changed by the presence of a miracle. The huge sealing stone has been rolled away from the entrance of the black tomb of hopelessness, and inside, two angels of God are proclaiming, "He is not here, but is risen."

Many carry the burdens of sorrow within their breast. Their heads are bent in agony, and their hearts are bruised from despair. They creep into their inner selves to shield themselves from the cruelties that they feel Life has dealt them. They, like the grieving women, can not see the loveliness of the world.

This is opportunity that we must take to help these people find joy in the evidence that surrounds them of God's promise to man. We must open their eyes to the glories of Nature and to the miracle of re-birth. We must help them to cast off the shadowy cloak of despair and to walk uprightly in the radiance of Life.

Roll away the stone of hopelessness from their hearts, and bring them into the sunlight of God's love, and you, too, will know the miracle of re-birth within your own life.

Fraternally,

Joyce Roberts
Worthy Grand Matron

Perry Smithwick
Worthy Grand Patron

MAY

Spring is in the air and the last snows of winter are but a memory. The earth is straining against the chilling bonds of frost to burst forth in its resplendent array of Life. With the surge of renewed growth springing up about us, we should feel the quickening pulse of activity beating in our veins. It is a time for us to walk among God's beauties of Nature and to reflect upon our responsibilities to this great and glorious world.

"I am going your way, so let us go hand in hand.
You help me and I'll help you. We shall not be here
forever. One day the kind old nurse will come and
rock us all to sleep. Let us help one another while
we may."

Author Unknown

Hold my hand, for the warmth of your hand reassures me that you are by my side; that you will steady my balance if I were to stumble upon some unseen obstacle. I, too, will help you, if you falter along the way, for my hand touches yours in the contact of love. I am as dependent upon your strength as you may be upon mine. Together we may travel for many miles, never tiring because of the distance, nor wearying of each other.

Our time together is a relatively short time, and to gain the very essence of each moment, we must apply ourselves with fervency to the tasks that still await fulfillment. Let us strive to diligently use this time for the execution of our duties to their fullest extent, and having done so, we will have followed the path of glory to its apex. Together, we may then enjoy the pleasure of our achievements.

Joyce Roberts
Worthy Grand Matron

Perry Smithwick
Worthy Grand Patron

JUNE

It is with great pleasure that we say "Congratulations" to the new Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons who are assuming the roles of leadership within the Subordinate Chapters of our State. You have taken over the reins of responsibility from able and accomplished veterans, and it is now your duty to continue the efforts of these capable leaders in creating an even more beautiful world in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Daniel Webster said, "A sense of duty pursues us ever. It is omnipresent, like the Deity. If we take to ourselves the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, duty performed or duty violated is still with us, for our happiness or our misery. If we say the darkness shall cover us, in the darkness as in the light our obligations are yet with us."

The year ahead will be filled with joys and disappointments, successes and failures; but, each of you must remember that this path of leadership has been trod upon by others, who, like you, have needed the prayers and support of their membership, and having received it, have added to their life, golden pages of memories.

Stand fast in your duty with tolerance for others. Do not let the darkness of any defeat sway you in your determination for success, for God does not close one door that He opens another.

May God always walk by your side.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Joyce Roberts
Worthy Grand Matron

Perry Smithwick
Worthy Grand Patron

*Webster, Daniel, *Argument of the Murder of Capt. White* (Ap. 6, 1830)

JULY

This month of July gives us an opportunity to reflect upon the many rights and privileges that we enjoy as citizens of the United States. Our freedoms were bought for us at the high price of human life, but the qualities have remained as a lasting part of our inheritance.

As we travel across our state, our nation, or across the ocean to distant Hawaii, we cannot help but realize how fortunate we are to be called Americans. There are no check points on the perimeter of a city that require us, at gunpoint, to stop that our papers of credibility may be examined. There is no requirement for a visa that could thwart our attempts to visit other states. We are free to go where we may and when we may without the threat of punishment or imprisonment. We have a choice of lodging, entertainment, and food. We may go as far as we like, and stay as long as we desire. If trouble does happen to strike, we have access to all forms of communication and the assistance of Law-Enforcement groups all across our land. We are never really alone for our fellow-man is always willing to help without fear of reprisal from any quarter.

Take time to look about you whether you travel far or near, by car or plane, bus or train. Take notice of the many freedoms that you do enjoy, and thank God that there were those, in years gone by, that would lay down their lives for those of us they would never know, that we might enjoy the blessed life that we live in the United States of America.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Joyce Roberts
Worthy Grand Matron

Perry Smithwick
Worthy Grand Patron

AUGUST

There was a man who had a dream, and in his dream, he envisioned a unity of minds and hearts that would encompass the world in the bonds of service and love. His dream was not built upon cloud-castles in the sky, but upon a concrete foundation of hope, centered about the betterment of mankind.

This man of vision was Dr. Rob Morris, creator and founder of our beloved Order of the Eastern Star. It was his dream that brought about this strong fraternal order of men and women, that through its teachings, the standards and principles of Masonic beliefs could be strengthened and implemented.

All who are members of our Order are in some degree acquainted with its teachings; and those of us, who are women, realize that, though we do not know the secrets of Masonry, we have been bountifully blessed by our association with its Brotherhood.

It is with unmeasured thankfulness that we honor Dr. Morris, and pledge to his memory our faithfulness to preserve his precious dream: to keep it ever alive by our service to others, and to encourage its growth by our vigilance in attendance and concern of its prosperity.

We, also, will not build upon cloud-castles of unrealistic ventures, but will always seek to find the stable and unswerving evidence of Truth, Charity, and Loving-kindness.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Joyce Roberts
Worthy Grand Matron

Perry Smithwick
Worthy Grand Patron

SEPTEMBER

The hot days of summer are gradually moving over to be replaced by the hint of change to come. The nights and early mornings greet us with a cooling breeze that bespeaks of hidden mysteries. We wonder, "What lies ahead?"

For those who have children, the house echoes back their absence for our youngsters have been busily at work in school. There is a strange emptiness that pervades both home and countryside as we realize that vacation time has dwindled away.

I hope that our Chapters across the State have seen an increase in attendance for it is always fun to be away, but nothing will ever replace the joy of being home again. To be with those you love is an irreplaceable experience that each of us should never take for granted.

If you have gotten back into the regularity of service to our Order, waste no time in readjusting your schedule for you are badly needed. Each of you is an important cog in this great wheel of endeavor, and each of you is dear to someone else. Give, once more, of your time and effort to others and reap the glories of being home again.

Sincerely and Fraternally yours,

Joyce Roberts
Worthy Grand Matron

Perry Smithwick
Worthy Grand Patron

OCTOBER

The days grow short, not only by the standards of our Seasons, but also by the fact that this month I step down from this beautiful position you have allowed me to hold as Worthy Grand Matron.

The Worthy Grand Patron and I wish to thank all of you for making this past year of our service to the membership of the Order of the Eastern Star an experience of loveliness that shall not be forgotten. Your expressions of hospitality and love offered us on our travels across Texas will always be remembered with tenderness and affection.

As you well know, we are on the verge of a new Eastern Star year, and to those of you who will be serving our Order in whatever capacity you might fill, I know that you will always be guided by the hand of Him Who guides us all and be led along the paths of success. May the days of your contributions to the good of our Order be filled with the joy of seeing your dreams come true.

Again, I say thank you for your considerations, your efforts, and your compassions. I shall always be looking forward to the time that we may meet again and clasp each other in the fraternal bonds of love and friendship that stretch across time and space in this, our Order of the Eastern star.

Sincerely,

Joyce Roberts
Worthy Grand Matron

Perry Smithwick
Worthy Grand Patron

SPECIAL COURTESIES

GAVELS

The beautiful gavels used during this Session are priceless treasures. At the time of my Installation, Mrs. Daphne Thrasher, my lovely Grand Martha, presented me with an exquisite handmade gavel, made by her husband, Harbour. I am grateful to my Grand Sentinel and his precious wife, Millie, for the hand tooled gavel they made me. At the time of our School in Hearne, I was presented with a handmade gavel by my beautiful Deputy and her husband, Juanita and William Tippitt.

GRAND CHAPTER CAR

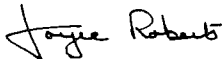
At close of the 94th Grand Chapter Session in Fort Worth, I was presented the keys to a 1976 Mercury Marquis by Mr. Paul Fitch, Vice Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees. My special thanks to the members of our Grand Chapter for granting me this privilege.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The dearest gift of all, was given to me by my home Chapter, Harmony No. 244, when they presented me with a Life Membership. I shall always be grateful for this honor and I pray that I may ever merit your trust and confidence and prove worthy of your love.

H. W. Beecher said: The sun does not shine for a few trees and flowers, but for the wide worlds' joy. So God sits, effulgent in heaven, not for a favored few, but for the universe of life, and there is no creature so poor or low that he may not look up with childlike confidence and say, "My Father, thou art mine."

Worthy Grand Patron, I move this report be referred to the proper committees.



Mrs. Joyce Roberts
Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

As I approach the end of this time, this year as your Worthy Grand Matron, I am overcome with a sense of sadness. This sadness is not because of any regrets, rather it is caused by the fact that such a beautiful time of my life is quickly drawing to a close.

Throughout this past year, I have travelled many miles across this State of ours and have spent many happy hours being with you. You have always opened your arms of hospitality to me and have been compassionate to my needs and faithful to my cause.

You have brought the beauty of love into our meeting places and have enriched our Order with your talents and stately graces. You, my dear friends, are the embodiment of what the Order of the Eastern Star really means and without you, there could be no such Order.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve you and an experience of joy I will always treasure. We dream many dreams, but seldom do our dreams become reality. My dreams became reality and in reality became greater than my dreams.

I shall look forward to another day when our paths will cross again, may we always clasp hands in the bonds of friendship and love.

Thank you my precious friends, for giving me this beautiful year of service. May God walk beside you all the days of your life.

ABSENCE FROM STATE

I deputized Sister Mary Brown, Associate Grand Matron, to act for me and perform the duties of the Worthy Grand Matron, during my absence from the State, August 14th through August 22nd, 1977, and October 15th through October 18, 1977.

My special thanks to Sister Mary.

SWITZERLAND TRIP

On August 14th to August 22, 1977, 376 members and friends joined the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on a most memorable vacation to Switzerland.

Switzerland is a truly unique country, located in Europe among the awe-inspiring Alps.

During the eight days and nights, we travelled by bus, train and boat to such places as Lucerne, Lugano, Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein and Italy.

Travel gives a character of experience to our knowledge and the use of travelling is to regulate imagination by reality and instead of thinking how things may be, to see them as they are.

My special thanks to Sister Lallah Mae Vollus and Sister Agnes Lee Howard for their work in planning this trip for us. Trans National Travel Service will present a check to the Order of the Eastern Star which will be applied to the Endowment Fund.

Fraternal Courtesies Requested of the Grand Chapter of Texas By Other Grand Jurisdictions

COURTESY INVESTIGATIONS

By request of Mrs. Rosalie Batchelder, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, Angleton Chapter No. 54, made a Courtesy Investigation on Bobby L. Warren and Mrs. Audrey Warren.

On August 5, 1977, Mrs. Rosalie Batchelder, Worthy Grand Matron of Arkansas, requested a Courtesy Investigation on Mrs. Helen Elizabeth Hopper of Sherman, Texas. Carpenters Chapter No. 183, made the Courtesy Investigation.

WAIVER OF JURISDICTION

Upon request of the Worthy Grand Matron of Arkansas, Border Chapter No. 211, granted a Waiver of Jurisdiction over Allen E. Adams, Gilbert Wallace Odell and Sarah Nell Odell.

**Fraternal Courtesies Requested By The Grand Chapter of Texas
Of Other Grand Jurisdictions**

COURTESY INVESTIGATIONS

By request of Eastland Chapter No. 280, I requested through the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Arizona, Mrs. Mable Nolte, a Courtesy Investigation on Mrs. Lee Ella Anderson. On advice from Mrs. Nolte, this Courtesy Investigation was complied with.

Tascosa Chapter No. 1052, requested a Courtesy Investigation on Mr. Millard L. and Mrs. Betty Kelly. I requested this Courtesy Investigation through Mrs. Delaine R. Able, Grand Secretary of the Grand Jurisdiction of Louisiana. Mrs. Able complied with this request.

Trinity Chapter No. 186, requested a Courtesy Investigation on Mrs. Bobby Jean Johnson. This request was also made through the Grand Secretary of Louisiana and was complied with by her.

WAIVER OF JURISDICTION

Border Chapter No. 211, requested Waiver of Jurisdiction over Travis and Lillian Thompson and it was granted by Texarkana Chapter No. 78, Texarkana, Arkansas.

COURTESY INVESTIGATIONS

By request of Pleiades Chapter No. 620, I requested from the Grand Chapter of California, an Courtesy Investigation on Mrs. Ruth Lee. This Courtesy Investigation on Mrs. Lee was complied with by Woodbridge Chapter No. 118, of California.

DECISIONS

Pertaining to a controversy in Teague Chapter No. 408, regarding their By-Laws. The implication in their first "protest" was that there had been changes made in the By-Laws and they were not read in open Chapter for approval. Their last "letters" showed there were no changes in the By-Laws.

Since the By-Laws are incorporated into their yearbook, I sent them a letter advising the By-Laws did not have to be read.

DISCIPLINE

A partial handwritten copy of the Secret Work was found in Valley-Hi Lodge by a Masonic Brother who was also an Eastern Star.

Since I knew of no way to find out who wrote this, I informed the Secretary of Valley-Hi to read aloud from the Constitution, Page 136, Article 251 and I strongly suggested the Chapter abide by this law.

INSTITUTION OF NEW CHAPTER

By invitation from the Worthy Grand Patron, I attended the Institution of Amistad Chapter U.D. on August 26, 1977, in San Antonio.

May you grow in the years to come and prove a joy and pride to this Grand Chapter of Texas.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS GRANTED WITH FEES:

Electing an Associate Matron:

Schertz No. 911 La Marque No. 979 Cora Posey No. 1072
 Somerset No. 730

Electing an Associate Patron:

Waco No. 7 Teague No. 408 Rosewyn No. 927
 Sunshine No. 399 Bexar No. 616 Frank W. Lynn No. 1015

Electing a Secretary:

Wheeler No. 942 Mamie D. Crane No. 1018 Killeen No. 490

Electing a Treasurer:

Tarrant No. 8 Areme No. 736

Electing a Conductress:

Cedar Bayou No. 11 Nocona No. 62 Harmony No. 244

Electing an Associate Conductress:

Sealy No. 285

Electing Worthy Matron, Associate Matron and Conductress:

Bridgeport No. 346

Electing Associate Matron and Associate Patron:

Fort Stockton No. 230 Cockrell Hill No. 971 Laura B. Hart No. 1019

Electing Associate Patron and a Conductress:

Cisco No. 461

Waiving Physical Disability Over:

Petitioner in Wheelchair

Hull No. 737

Petitioner With Only One Hand

Willis No. 1017

Replace Copy of Secret Work:

Smithville No. 39 Timpson No. 396
 El Paso No. 4

Alvarado No. 656
 Garden Oaks No. 987

BY-LAWS

Kerrville No. 24
 Plainview No. 37
 Sweetwater No. 352
 Wells No. 400
 Florence No. 440
 Clarksville No. 662
 Groves No. 953
 Van No. 840
 Houston Heights No. 258
 Jourdanton No. 581
 Bogata No. 1084

Turkey No. 569 (2)
 Schertz No. 911 (2)
 Bonham No. 852
 Bullard No. 972
 Winnsboro No. 967
 DeSoto No. 1089
 Sam P. Cochran No. 1097
 Bronson No. 337
 Faith No. 713
 Mansfield No. 876
 Cleveland No. 465
 Beeville No. 422

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES MADE IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Alabama	Mrs. Billie Deal
Kansas	Mrs. Joan Meili
New Jersey	Mrs. Alice K. Brown
Washington	Mrs. Frances Riley

Worthy Grand Patron, I move this report be referred to the proper Committee for adoption.

Worthy Grand Patron. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion that the Report of our Worthy Grand Matron in its entirety be referred to the proper committee. All that favor referring this report to the proper committee will let it be known by saying "Aye" Those Opposed "No" — Motion carried.

Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

INTRODUCTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present Sister Potsy Sawyer at the Altar.

Grand Conductress. Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to present Sister Potsy Sawyer, Grand Representative of West Virginia in Texas.

Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Potsy, our lovely Grand Representative, also the Superintendent of our very fine Home, how much I appreciate you being here with us this morning, and what an addition you make to this Grand Chapter Room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Grand Representative to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, with pleasure I introduce to you Sister Potsy Sawyer, Grand Representative of West Virginia in Texas. You will join with me in according her Grand Honors.

We will now have the Report of the Worthy Grand Patron.

REPORT OF WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. As provided by law, your Worthy Grand Patron has filed a report of his actions and activities with the Grand Secretary. That report in its entirety is printed in the Advance Annual Report, starting on page 102.

GREETINGS FROM THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

As we reach the sunset of another Eastern Star year, we pause and reflect on the many ways the teachings of our Order have touched our lives. As we look toward another year, the lessons we have been taught have been preserved and given to us untarnished by time. We pass this golden way of life to our successors in the same condition in which we received it.

In the sunrise of our individual Eastern Star lives we were taught to live our obligations and to extend the hand of service whenever and wherever it was needed. Friendship, fraternity and brotherhood are words expressive of the Order of the Eastern Star as well as the desire of all human beings.

While we still have the sun shining brightly above in our Eastern Star lives, a source of light and energy, let us continue to support our individual chapters with a zeal for its principles, and a desire to help those who need our help. Not only in an intrinsic way, but in a spiritual way. Living the teachings of our Order, sharing with one another the best that is in ourselves, we become Eastern Stars in reality and not just in name.

This is a high challenge to the membership of the Eastern Star, and the way in which we meet these challenges will govern the prosperity of our Order.



Perry Smithwick
Worthy Grand Patron

REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

One year ago, you honored me by entrusting to me the performance of the duties of the Worthy Grand Patron. I have been mindful of the many duties and responsibilities of this high office, and shall always treasure this year as the most outstanding of my Eastern Star life.

I shall be ever grateful for the privilege that was mine in serving Grand Chapter this year with Sister Joyce Roberts, whose charm and personality, together with her knowledge of and devotion to the work of our great Order, has captivated the entire membership over the State of Texas.

I trust that in my official record, you will find something that will merit your favorable consideration and approval.

CHAPTERS CONSTITUTED

On December 10, 1976, it was my privilege to constitute Frankston Chapter No. 1113 with the following Grand Officers assisting in the ceremony:

- Mrs. Joyce Roberts Worthy Grand Matron
- Mr. Perry Smithwick Worthy Grand Patron
- Mrs. Mary Brown Associate Grand Matron
- Mr. Murray Watson, Jr. Associate Grand Patron
- Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard Grand Secretary
- Mrs. Maydelle Grubbs Grand Treasurer, pro tem
- Mrs. Wanda Smith Grand Conductress, pro tem
- Mrs. Kathy Johnston Associate Grand Conductress
- Mrs. Opal Lee Kelly Grand Chaplain
- Mrs. Jackie Wilder Grand Marshal, pro tem
- Mrs. Josephine Frazier Grand Organist
- Mrs. Betty Bumgardner Grand Adah, pro tem
- Mrs. Arthur Mae Lemon Grand Ruth
- Mrs. Helen Smithwick Grand Esther
- Mrs. Daphne Thrasher Grand Martha
- Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield Grand Electa
- Mrs. Sue Ainsworth Grand Warder
- Mr. Clifford Malone Grand Sentinel

On December 13, 1976, it was my privilege to constitute Gun Barrell City Chapter No. 1114 with the following Grand Officers assisting in the ceremony:

Mrs. Joyce Roberts	Worthy Grand Matron
Mr. Perry Smithwick	Worthy Grand Patron
Mrs. Rachel Smith	Associate Grand Matron, pro tem
Mr. J. E. Johnston	Associate Grand Patron, pro tem
Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	Grand Secretary
Mrs. Maydelle Grubbs	Grand Treasurer, pro tem
Mrs. Donna Reed	Grand Conductress, pro tem
Mrs. Kathy Johnston	Associate Grand Conductress
Mrs. Opal Lee Kelly	Grand Chaplain
Mrs. Jackie Wilder	Grand Marshal, pro tem
Mrs. Josephine Frazier	Grand Organist
Mrs. Gene Nation	Grand Adah, pro tem
Miss Ruth Baggett	Grand Ruth, pro tem
Mrs. Helen Smithwick	Grand Esther
Mrs. Daphne Thrasher	Grand Martha
Mrs. Lola Wallace	Grand Electa, pro tem
Mrs. Dortha Burnett	Grand Warder, pro tem
Mr. Clifford Malone	Grand Sentinel

CHAPTERS INSTITUTED

It was my privilege on the evening of June 30, 1977, to institute Lonnie L. Blake Chapter U.D., Grand Prairie, Texas. The Grand Officers assisting in the ceremony were as follows:

Mrs. Joyce Roberts	Worthy Grand Matron
Mr. Perry Smithwick	Worthy Grand Patron
Mrs. Mary Brown	Associate Grand Matron
Mr. Murray Watson, Jr.	Associate Grand Patron
Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	Grand Secretary
Mrs. Marjorie Johnson	Grand Treasurer, pro tem
Mrs. Rennie Ofton	Grand Conductress
Mrs. Kathy Johnston	Associate Grand Conductress
Mrs. Opal Lee Kelly	Grand Chaplain
Mrs. Nancy Johnson	Grand Marshal
Mrs. Josephine Frazier	Grand Organist
Mrs. Jackie Wilder	Grand Adah, pro tem
Mrs. Arthur Mae Lemon	Grand Ruth
Mrs. Helen Smithwick	Grand Esther
Mrs. Daphne Thrasher	Grand Martha
Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield	Grand Electa
Miss Ruth Baggett	Grand Warder, pro tem
Mr. Clifford Malone	Grand Sentinel

It was my privilege on the evening of August 26, 1977, to institute Amistad Chapter U.D., San Antonio, Texas. The Grand Officers assisting in the ceremony were as follows:

Mrs. Joyce Roberts	Worthy Grand Matron
Mr. Perry Smithwick	Worthy Grand Patron
Mrs. Frances Key Herrin	Associate Grand Matron
Mr. Murray Watson, Jr.	Associate Grand Patron
Mrs. Hattie Filipone	Grand Secretary, pro tem
Mrs. Maurine Jackson	Grand Treasurer, pro tem
Mrs. Rennie Ofton	Grand Conductress
Mrs. Kathy Johnston	Associate Grand Conductress

Mrs. Opal Lee Kelly	Grand Chaplain
Mrs. Jerre Lucas	Grand Marshal
Mrs. Josephine Fraser	Grand Organist
Mrs. Eunice Connell	Grand Adah, pro tem
Mrs. Arthur Mae Lemon	Grand Ruth
Mrs. Helen Smithwick	Grand Esther
Mrs. Maydelle Grubbs	Grand Martha, pro tem
Mrs. Dorothy Vernon	Grand Esther, pro tem
Mrs. Sue Ainsworth	Grand Warder
Mrs. Clifford Malone	Grand Sentinel

I was honored and greatly pleased to have my Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, present with me at the Constituting and Instituting Ceremonies. I realize how much it meant to the membership of these Chapters to have the Worthy Grand Matron conduct the election and install the first corps of officers.

To the Grand Secretary, who is all the name implies, a Grand Secretary, I am indebted to you for sharing with me your vast knowledge of our Order. For your assistance in the Constituting and Instituting Ceremonies, I shall be forever grateful. "Gratitude is the fairest flower which springs from the soul of man, and the heart knoweth none more fragrant."

I received a request for a dispensation to organize a chapter in Kosse. After my investigation, I advised those desirous of forming this new chapter that I must deny their request at this time.

SCHOOLS AND FRATERNAL VISITS

I was able to be in attendance at forty three of the Schools and Joint Fraternal Visits. The Worthy Grand Matron charmed the membership with her demonstrations of the work, her instructions, and knowledge of the teachings of our Order.

The Schools were beautiful, well conducted, and the performances of our District Deputies, Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Examiners were outstanding. Truly you are Fairest Among Thousands.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Love cannot be bought or sold, but it can be found most anywhere. Much love and happiness was brought into my life as more than seven hundred Honorary Memberships were presented to me this year. Thank you for this expression of fraternal love.

I also received Honorary Membership from the Grand Jurisdictions of New Mexico and Claifornia for which I am deeply grateful.

CIVIC PRESENTATIONS

I am amazed at, and gratified by the many Civic Presentations made this year honoring the Office of Worthy Grand Patron; Honorary Citizenships, Deputy Sheriffs, Police Chiefs, Fire Chiefs, Harbour Master and keys to many of your Cities. For these presentations I am truly appreciative.

SPECIAL COURTESIES

A deep sense of gratitude is here expressed for the many, many special courtesies extended to me as Worthy Grand Patron. These occasions will be among my most cherished memories of this past year. My life has been enriched by each of these experiences. Many invitations were received from all over the State. I consider each one a very special honor, though it was impossible to be present and participate in each event. The association with friends, where the spirit of fraternity and fellowship prevailed, has been a joy for me.

OUR EASTERN STAR HOME

Our Grand Chapter, together with the membership of Texas, can be justly proud of Mrs. Patsy Sawyer, Administrator-Superintendent, for the work she and her efficient staff are doing in the care of and concern for the residents there. A special thank you to all at the Home for the many courtesies extended to Helen and me on our visits.

GRAND JURISDICTION OF NEW MEXICO

On June 4, 1977, it was our privilege to join the Worthy Grand Matron and members of Texas for the Exchange Visit of Texas in New Mexico, at which time the Worthy Grand Matron of New Mexico paid her official visit to her home chapter in Alamogordo. We enjoyed the fraternal fellowship that exists between our Grand Jurisdictions. This was truly a rewarding experience.

ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

I attended the Grand Assembly of Texas, Order of Rainbow for Girls, in Fort Worth, June 27, 28 and 29, 1977. It was my pleasure to welcome this Grand Assembly on behalf of the Eastern Star Chapters of Fort Worth. I am always impressed by the beauty, dignity and loveliness of the Rainbow meetings. Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Supreme Faith and Supreme Inspector in Texas, thank you for every courtesy extended to Helen and me during this Session of Grand Assembly.

APPRECIATION

I thank our Heavenly Father, who watched over, protected and guided us through the year, for good health and strength to perform the duties that were mine as Worthy Grand Patron. Surely my pathway has been strewn with God's richest blessings, the love of the membership, and a most enthusiastic and faithful Grand Family.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, many, many thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve our Order. Your capable, friendly and gracious personality has won for you much admiration, respect and love from the membership all over the State. A beautiful friendship has been strengthened between you and your fine husband, Joe, and Helen and me. We are looking forward to many years of continued happiness.

To my wife Helen, our Grand Esther, who has encouraged me throughout my Eastern Star life, thank you for permitting me to travel the State of Texas this year. How pleased the membership and I were when the week-ends came along and you were able to join us. I appreciate you more than you will ever know.

To North Fort Worth Chapter No. 684, I owe the honors that have come to me as Worthy Grand Patron. Any good that I have done is, in a great measure, due to your confidence and your prayers. I am proud of the honor of belonging to you, and ask that you accept my love in return. Your support and encouragement have made this year complete. The beautiful Gold Life Membership Certificate presented to me by the Chapter will be cherished always.

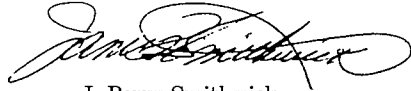
November 6, 1976, it was my honor to be in Harmony Chapter No. 244, when the Worthy Grand Matron made her Fraternal Visit to her home Chapter and the Exchange Visit of New Mexico in Texas. Your plans and beautiful tributes for this special meeting will be a memorable occasion to all who attended. Thanks to the members in El Paso for accepting Helen and me as one of you.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, you are the Rays of our Star that have been my inspiration for many years. Thank you for your counsel and advice. Your years of service have made our Order what it is today.

To the Grand Family, our friendships have been enriched by many pleasant experiences during this year of service to the Grand Chapter. You have shown your love in so many ways, and I know that the close ties of friendship which we have enjoyed will grow dearer year by year.

To each of the Sun Queens and Perry's Peers, thank you for your loyal support, love, friendship, and all of the many courtesies extended Helen and me. You will always be special to us. The greatest satisfaction that can come into one's life is the knowledge of duties well performed. This satisfaction is surely yours.

To the membership of Texas, you are the greatest. The hours I spent with you have a very special place in my book of memories. I shall always remember you and thank you for your courtesies to me.



J. Perry Smithwick
Worthy Grand Patron

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the Report of the Worthy Grand Patron. Any discussion. All in favor please signify by raising your hand, those opposed same. — Motion carried.

Sister Grand Secretary, we are ready for your Report, I very happily introduce our lovely Grand Secretary, Sister Agnes Lee Howard.

Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard. The following report from the Office of the Grand Secretary for the year 1976-1977 is printed in your Report, and I hope you will read it. There are only these things I'd like to mention. Please look at page 109. It has to do with the Chapters filing late reports. The following Chkapters failed to comply with the Code of Law, page 144, Article 261, paragraph 6, by filing late annual reports.

Hedley Chkapter No. 414
Hawkins Chapter No. 598

Fort Hancock Chapter No. 992
Aldine Chapter No. 1088

The reports from these Chapters were received prior to July 15, 1977. I, therefore, recommend that the Chapter vote be restored to each. I'd like for you to look on page 123 of the Gifts and Bequests. I'd especially mention it, so that you will know that Grand Chapter is remembered from time to time by Wills and Bequests. The one listed first by Mrs. Florence Reed for \$10,000 was a gift to the Home Endowment Fund with specific instructions for investment in government securities. Same was handled as she requested.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

Sisters and Brothers: I submit the following Report from the Office of the Grand Secretary for the Year 1976-1977.

IN MEMORIAM

The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great Light.

Isaiah 9:1

It was with regret I recorded the deaths of two Past Grand Patrons during the year. Dr. Hiram Columbus Sloop, who served as Worthy Grand Patron in 1950-1951 with Mrs. Lucile Dufner, Worthy Grand Matron, died on November 4, 1976 and Mr. Frank Holt, who served as Worthy Grand Patron in 1926-1927 with Mrs. Margery Wofford, Worthy Grand Matron, died on November 28, 1976. The required Memorial Cards were mailed and emblematic floral tributes were sent.

MEMBERSHIP

The trend of decrease in membership in Texas continues as reflected by the 1976-1977 Annual Reports.

Membership on May 31, 1976	118,875		
INCREASE			
Initiated	3,143		
Affiliated	1,009		
Reinstated	357	4,509	123,384
DECREASE			
Demitted	764		
Transferred	664		
Suspended	1,583		
Died	2,187		
Expelled	0		5,198
Membership on May 31, 1977			118,186*
*127 Members reside in the Eastern Star Home and the Home for Aged Masons (exempt of Per Capita Tax)			
Loss of Membership for the Year			689
Chartered Chapters			755
Chapters Under Dispensation			2**
**These two Chapters are not six months old and are, therefore, ineligible to petition for Charters.			

The following Chapters consolidated:

Buda No. 453 with Lockhart No. 210 on June 1, 1976
 George West No. 658 with Oakville No. 521 on June 1, 1976
 Iredell No. 850 with Walnut Springs No. 401 on June 1, 1976
 Granger No. 836 with Taylor No. 578 on April 18, 1977
 Sudan No. 806 with Littlefield No. 742 on May 17, 1977
 McLean No. 239 with Shamrock No. 384 on May 20, 1977
 Wiergate No. 749 with Jasper No. 291 on May 31, 1977

The Charters, Seals and Copies of the Secret Work and Diagram of the Labyrinth, or explanation of loss of same, were forwarded to this Office.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Some eight hundred letters were written in connection with the Reports during the month of June and the first ten days in July. The Special Assessment levied at the last Session of Grand Chapter on the Membership Roll of May 31, 1976 proved to be a primary factor in the added correspondence.

The following Chapters failed to comply with the Code of Laws, Page 144, Article 261 (6) by filing late Annual Reports:

Hedley Chapter No. 414
 Hawkins Chapter No. 908
 Fort Hancock Chapter No. 992
 Aldine Chapter No. 1088

The Reports from these Chapters were received prior to July 15, 1977. I, therefore, recommend that the Chapter vote be restored to each.

INSTITUTINGS AND CONSTITUTINGS

The following Chapters were instituted during the Year:

Lonnie L. Blake U. D. on June 30, 1977
Amistad U. D. on August 26, 1977

The following Charters were granted at the 1976 Session of Grand Chapter and were constituted:

Frankston No. 1113 on December 10, 1976
Gun Barrel City No. 1114 on December 13, 1976

GRAND DEMITS

Grand Demits were issued to the following Members:

Mrs. Ruby H. Lloyd	Lee Shipp
Mrs. Lamora Page	Mrs. Pearl Springfield
Mrs. Lullene Jarrott Reagan	Mrs. Audrey Whaley

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS ISSUED BY THE GRAND SECRETARY

Under the Law, a provision is made for the Grand Secretary to issue Special Dispensations. However, 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 WORTHY MATRON
(Prior to Installation)
Breckenridge No. 659

TO ELECT A WORTHY PATRON
(Prior to Installation)
Sunray No. 869 Evant No. 962

TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE MATRON AND ASSOCIATE PATRON
Alpine No. 132

TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE MATRON, TREASURER AND CONDUCTRESS
West University No. 933

TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE MATRON
Bowie No. 16

TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE PATRON
Tyler No. 112

TO ELECT A SECRETARY
Barstow No. 822 Lancaster No. 943 Norman Read No. 1010

TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS
Riverside No. 834

**TO INSTALL AN ASSOCIATE MATRON IN BANQUET ROOM OF
MASONIC BUILDING, WRIGHTSBORO, TEXAS
Wrightsboro No. 778**

CHARTER WORK

Under instructions of the Worthy Grand Matron the following Charters, after being cancelled, were returned as historical documents following consolidation with other Chapters:

George West No. 658
Sudan No. 806

LOST COPIES OF SECRET WORK

Ruth No. 20	1 copy	Coahoma No. 499	1 copy
Smithville No. 39	1 copy	El Campo No. 535	1 copy
Wimodausis No. 143	1 copy	Forney No. 557	1 copy
Oak Cliff No. 303	1 copy	Galveston No. 716	2 copies
Columbus No. 324	1 copy	Somerset No. 730	1 copy
Alpine No. 132	1 copy	Arene No. 736	1 copy
Center No. 348	1 copy	Groesbeck No. 810	1 copy
Sarah No. 353	1 copy	Gladewater No. 831	2 copies
Jeff Davis No. 366	1 copy	Oso No. 868	1 copy
Polytechnic No. 420	1 copy	Blum No. 931	1 copy
Killeen No. 490	1 copy	White Settlement No. 1053	1 copy

LOST COPIES OF DIAGRAM OF THE LABYRINTH

Ruth No. 20	1 copy	Killeen No. 490	1 copy
Colorado No. 58	1 copy	Coahoma No. 499	1 copy
Troy No. 72	1 copy	Forney No. 557	1 copy
Wimodausis No. 143	1 copy	Belton No. 589	1 copy
Oak Cliff No. 303	1 copy	Galveston No. 716	1 copy
Columbus No. 324	1 copy	Somerset No. 730	1 copy
Alpine No. 132	1 copy	Arene No. 736	1 copy
Wharton No. 389	1 copy	Groesbeck No. 810	1 copy
Polytechnic No. 420	1 copy	Wisteria No. 823	1 copy
Avinger No. 478	1 copy		

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The following recommendations were made by the Worthy Grand Matron for Grand Representatives in other Grand Jurisdictions:

Arkansas	T. L. "Duke" Weaver
California	Mrs. Alice Fair (Unexpired term)
Connecticut	Mrs. Ruth Palmer
Delaware	Mrs. Flo Sullivan
Florida	Mrs. Ora Stoneback
Idaho	Mrs. Eula Reed
Illinois	Mrs. Agnes Jolly
Indiana	Mrs. Alice Mathews
Kentucky	Mrs. Violet Lowrey (Unexpired term)
Manitoba	Mrs. Joy Shackelford
New Hampshire	Mrs. Cassie Sligar
New Mexico	Mrs. Ann Thompson
North Dakota	Mrs. Edna Littig
Nova Scotia	Mr. Frederick Y. Herrin

Ohio	Mrs. Ola Cathey
Oklahoma	Mrs. Ollie Mae Welch
Puerto Rico	Mrs. Juanita McFarland
Rhode Island	Mrs. Harriet Austin
Wyoming	Mrs. Elsie Bills

The following have been appointed and their Commissions prepared and mailed with Badges to their respective Jurisdictions:

Alabama	Mrs. Billie Deal
Alberta	Mrs. Edith Sherwin
Arkansas	Mrs. Inez Pointer
California	Mrs. Myra Flournoy
Colorado	Mrs. Harriet Durand
Connecticut	Mr. Frank Gallaway
District of Columbia	Mrs. Evelyn O. Newman
Georgia	Mrs. Billie Faubion
Idaho	Mrs. Virginia Layne
Illinois	Mrs. Adelaide C. Farrens
Iowa	Mrs. Maxine Tye
Kansas	Mrs. Joan Meili
Louisiana	Mrs. Audrey Dougherty
Maine	Mrs. Lorna P. Ingraham
Maryland	Mrs. Doris B. Stewart
Michigan	Mrs. Joyce Monteith
Mississippi	Mrs. Mary Kersh
Montana	Mrs. Elizabeth Pringle
Nebraska	Mrs. Beverly Hermelbracht
Nevada	Mrs. Eugenia Palmer
New Hampshire	Mrs. Louise E. French
New Jersey	Mrs. Alice K. Brown
New Mexico	Miss Clara Jester
New York	Mrs. Dolores M. Mapstone
North Carolina	Mr. Joel E. Walker
North Dakota	Mrs. Alyce Winje
Oklahoma	Mrs. Faye E. Archer
Oregon	Mrs. Georgia McCaskey
Pennsylvania	Mrs. Jean T. Stevens
Rhode Island	Mrs. Charles Garabedian
Saskatchewan	Mrs. Isabella Bellamy
Scotland	Mr. T. Renton Gordon
South Dakota	Mrs. Helen Baker
Tennessee	Mrs. Louise Osborne
Utah	Mr. Lawrence Butlet
Vermont	Mrs. Barbara G. Schnell
Virginia	Mrs. Anita France
Washington	Mrs. Frances Riley
Wisconsin	Mrs. Ione Duranceau
Wyoming	Mrs. Iris Smylie

FINANCIAL REPORT

The following figures include the receipts for the year of all revenues of the Grand Chapter from all sources to date. However, since the closing dates for Special Committees differ from the closing dates of per capita dues and other revenues, it would not be possible to have a completed report for the Annual Advance Report. There will be an Auditor's Report together with an itemized listing of every entry on the Grand Secretary's Books for the year 1976-1977 in the next Proceedings.

FUNDS

General		\$ 212,781.18
Home		470,382.73
Benevolent		33,049.30
Home Endowment		22,979.09
Home Endowment Interest		123,177.34
Educational Loan		1,473.72
Time and Talent Committee		10,291.63
Founder's Day Committee		14,952.53
International Temple Committee		4,508.28
Home Beautification Committee		17,162.53
Welfare Committee		
Home	\$ 27,351.24	
Home Endowment	32,022.58	
Grady Goodpasture		
Memorial Cancer Fund	30,492.81	
ESTARL	20,520.60	
Miscellaneous	616.71	111,003.94
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		\$1,021,762.27

Sister Jettie, as Grand Treasurer, I suspect this particular year will always stand out in your memory as a special one of service. In the area of finance and the handling of investments of funds, this year has truly been a revolutionary one for the Grand Chapter of Texas. In the implementation of a new financial structure designed to increase the yield of added interest on all the operational funds, the Board of Grand Trustees may well be pleased with its accomplishments.

Since our Offices served as the "nuclei" in this detailed and complicated transitional and adaptive system, I commend you for your interest and concern. I thank you sincerely for the very prompt and efficient manner in which you have conducted your duties to make my job easier.

FIFTY YEAR CERTIFICATES

A faithful devotion should be measured by HAPPY MEMORIES — not YEARS!

Dallas Chapter No. 1

Mrs. Mary J. Brown
 Mrs. Sarah Cook
 Mrs. Monnie Hackney
 Mrs. Jewell Hill
 Miss Mary C. Murray
 Mrs. Octavia Roberts
 Mrs. Augusta Wahlstrom

Mizpah Chapter No. 2

Mrs. Katherine Fidler
 Mrs. Gertrude John Kirchen
 Miss Estelle P. Stevenson

San Antonio Chapter No. 3

Mrs. Lillian Flatequal
 Mrs. Elizabeth M. Loessberg

El Paso Chapter No. 4

Mrs. Irene Harbin

Paris Chapter No. 5

Mrs. Bleaka Green
 Mrs. Chanice Shipman
 Mrs. Grace Weikel Weaver

Clarendon Chapter No. 6

Mrs. Julia Heuer
 Mrs. Rhoda Naylor

Waco Chapter No. 7

Mrs. Luzera Bailey
 Mrs. Lillian Craddock
 Mrs. Grace Dunn
 Mrs. Valley Kelley
 Mrs. Margaret Little
 Mrs. Virginia Mansell
 Mrs. Lurline Byrd Smith

Cedar Bayou Chapter No. 11

Mrs. Margaret Barber
Mrs. Sue Cowan

McAllen Chapter No. 14

Miss Rachel Harris
Mrs. Ilo Laycock
Mrs. Jeanette Pride
Mrs. Maybelle Smitham

Alvin Chapter No. 15

Mrs. Hollis E. Issacs
Mrs. Ella Morgan Mortenson

Bowie Chapter No. 16

Mrs. Bama LaRue Avery
Mrs. Fleatus Edwards

Saint Jo Chapter No. 17

Mrs. Alpha Summers

Rockdale Chapter No. 23

M. R. Reddell
Mrs. Norma Reddell

Kerrville Chapter No. 24

Mrs. Gladys DeMasters

Floydada Chapter No. 31

A. J. Folley
Mrs. Cleo Andrews Goins

Vashti Chapter No. 32

G. H. Hines
Mrs. Ruth R. Longmire

Tulia Chapter No. 33

Mrs. Daisy Bell

Plainview Chapter No. 37

Joe Ashley

Lemond Chapter No. 38

Mrs. Venie B. Jefferies

Prudence Chapter No. 44

Mrs. Mary Middleton

Quanah Chapter No. 47

Mrs. Ollie Isaaks Edmondson

Adah Chapter No. 49

Miss Ethel M. Berry
Mrs. Eva Louise Brice
Mrs. Annie Drake

Rotan Chapter No. 52

Mrs. Picolla Campbell Foreman
Mrs. Maud Hale

Angleton Chapter No. 54

Mrs. Lela May Davis
Mrs. Mary Nelson Osburn

Mexia Chapter No. 57

Mrs. Anna Henry
Mrs. Vera Lee Johnston
Mrs. Hazel Tidwell

Alice Chapter No. 61

Mrs. Lola Boring

Bastrop Chapter No. 64

Miss Jessie Browning
Mrs. Nelda Erhard Price

Pampa Chapter No. 65

Mrs. Chrystal Hankhouse
Mrs. Ruth Sewell
Mrs. Katie Vincent

Matador Chapter No. 66

Mrs. Nellie Haney

Stockdale Chapter No. 69

Walter Matt Carr
Mrs. Orlena Fatheree Luker

Beaumont Chapter No. 71

Mrs. Mabel Goode

Sour Lake Chapter No. 75

Mrs. Sadie Atkinson

Lubbock Chapter No. 76

Mrs. Bedie Adams
Mrs. Carrie Catching
Mrs. Ada Cocanougher
A. T. Cocanougher
Mrs. Bertie B. Long
Mrs. Tressie Swart

Gate City Chapter No. 77

Mrs. Alice H. Bryant
Mrs. Emma Slaydon

Rusk Chapter No. 79

Mrs. Beatrice Meredith

Winters Chapter No. 80

Mrs. LaBelle Michaelis

Pecos Chapter No. 81

Mrs. Jessie Sue Couch

Caddo Mills Chapter No. 82

Mrs. Louise Hoover

Laredo Chapter No. 86

Mrs. Lillian Balzer
 Mrs. Dena Clifton
 Miss Ruth Green
 Mrs. Edith Kilmartin
 Mrs. Vestal Mouser
 Dr. L. A. Wright

Belle Moon Chapter No. 90

Mrs. Annie Gardner
 H. O. Kinne
 Mrs. Della Martin
 Mrs. Mary Sims
 Mrs. Pearl Thurman

Childress Chapter No. 101

Miss Grace Glover
 Mrs. Nellie Goodson

Claude Chapter No. 104

Mrs. Alda Ruth Longhagen

Tyler Chapter No. 112

Mrs. Sallie Key
 Mrs. Pauline Ray

Brownwood Chapter No. 116

Mrs. Lutie Joyce
 Mrs. Thelma Glover Mays

Corsicana Chapter No. 118

Mrs. Clara A. Hill
 Mrs. Mary P. Holleman
 Mrs. Emma Montford

Knox City Chapter No. 119

Mrs. Sunie Willis

Grapeland Chapter No. 120

Mrs. Willie B. Caskey

Alpine Chapter No. 132

Mrs. Elta Sublett

Wimodausis Chapter No. 141

Mrs. Maud Furman

Brenham Chapter No. 144

Mrs. Irene Ehlert
 Mrs. Eula Gilmore
 Mrs. Gertrude Hahn
 Mrs. Irma Panzer

Atlanta Chapter No. 151

Mrs. Minnie Murph

Temple Chapter No. 153

Mrs. Floretta Ashcraft
 Mrs. Lois Banzhaf
 Mrs. Wilma Boyd
 Mrs. Wilma Matthews
 Mrs. Stella Vaughn

Luling Chapter No. 155

Mrs. Leona Ree Baker
 Mrs. Martha Irene Nixon

Buffalo Chapter No. 157

Mrs. Selma Ploughe

Winnie Chapter No. 160

Mrs. Nannie Beckman
 Mrs. Ruth Martin

Perryton Chapter No. 161

Mrs. Mildred Chunn
 Mrs. Alwayne Claybaugh

Aransas Pass Chapter No. 162

Mrs. Julia Mae Oliver

Brady Chapter No. 167

Mrs. Willie Stevens
 Mrs. Lillie Trigg

Quinlan Chapter No. 170

Mrs. Lois Robinson

Glen Rose Chapter No. 171

Mrs. Mae Lane
 Mrs. Edythe Nickell
 Mrs. Hollis Ward

Garrison Chapter No. 192

Mrs. Winnie Barr

Boerne Chapter No. 200

Mrs. Ida Lee Davis
 Henry Palmie

Commerce Chapter No. 208

Mrs. Leonainie England

Lockhart Chapter No. 210

Mrs. Ella Mae Hodge

Border Chapter No. 211

Mrs. Mildred Bowers
 Mrs. Gladys James
 W. D. Kendall

Llano Chapter No. 216

Miss Minnie Long

Grand Prairie Chapter No. 219
Alpha Taylor
Mrs. Emma Taylor

Bryan Chapter No. 222
Mrs. Marie Cook

Canadian Chapter No. 227
Mrs. Violet Mathers
Mrs. Dora Rhea
Earl E. Rhea
Mrs. Ella Mae Scott

Dayton Chapter No. 233
Madson L. Bagley

Midlothian Chapter No. 234
Mrs. Billie McElroy

Huntsville Chapter No. 240
Mrs. Mattie E. Anders
Mrs. Ruby Hamblen
Miss Edna Prentice

Callahan Chapter No. 242
Mrs. Relah Jester
Mrs. Pauline Terrell

Harmony Chapter No. 244
Mrs. Irene Fish

Arlington Chapter No. 249
Mrs. Kathryn M. Andrews

Indian Creek Chapter No. 255
Mrs. Eulalia Edington

Houston Heights Chapter No. 258
Mrs. Eula K. Cullum
Mrs. Grace McCune
Mrs. Rudelle McKay
Mrs. Frances Watts

Denton Chapter No. 259
Mrs. Mary Sue Duston
Mrs. Mary Jacobson
Mrs. Inez Turner

Crosby Chapter No. 261
Mrs. Alice Noland

Port Arthur Chapter No. 262
Mrs. Mabel A. Harle
Mrs. Mamie E. Willenberg

Kirbyville Chapter No. 263
Mrs. Mattye L. Banks
E. L. Weir
Mrs. Nettie Weir

Ballinger Chapter No. 266
Mrs. Thelma Gabbert

Bock Chapter No. 274
Mrs. Beulah Carraway

Ranger Chapter No. 275
Mrs. Florence Bundick
Mrs. Rose McEver Deffebach
Miss Cora Marie Kohn
Miss Anna McEver

Pearsall Chapter No. 278
Mrs. Carrie Thompson

Yoakum Chapter No. 282
Mrs. Gladys Abbott
Mrs. Estelle Beversdorf
Mrs. Alma B. Johnson
Mrs. Florance Semmelrogge

Regina Chapter No. 283
Mrs. Lena Helm
Willis W. Land

Spanish Fort Chapter No. 284
Mrs. Lela Wilson

Marlin Chapter No. 286
Mrs. Myrtle Tate

Helena Chapter No. 289
Mrs. Ella Louise Jauer

Grand Saline Chapter No. 290
Mrs. Nell Fowler
Mrs. Eva Pinkerton
Mrs. Willie Ramsey
Mrs. Lottie Tierce
Mrs. Pauline Wimpy

Jasper Chapter No. 291
Mrs. Lola Childers
Mrs. Mae Hope Reid
Mrs. Ethie Waters

Uvalde Chapter No. 297
Mrs. Addie E. Beeler Franklin
Mrs. Mattie Jackson
Mrs. Rose Turman

Silsbee Chapter No. 298
Mrs. Irene McGowan
Mrs. Albertine Oldham

Higgins Chapter No. 300
Mrs. Belle H. Lockhart

Oak Cliff Chapter No. 303

Mrs. Frances Griffin

Round Rock Chapter No. 316Mrs. Kathleen Payne
Miss Xenia Voight**Nash Chapter No. 320**

Mrs. Ola Harvey

Columbus Chapter No. 324

Mrs. Emmie Kyle

Kingsville Chapter No. 325

Mrs. Anna Steffens

Fairfield Chapter No. 331Mrs. Lulu Bell Bonner
Mrs. Willa Coleman
Mrs. Lucile Steward**Nixon Chapter No. 339**

Mrs. Helen Ruth Matlock

Giddings Chapter No. 350Mrs. Annie McKeown
Mrs. Ruby Seale**Memphis Chapter No. 351**Mrs. Clara Barnes
Mrs. Lola K. Duvall
Mrs. Florence Fitzgerrald
Mrs. Lenora Greenhaw
Mrs. Julia Howard
Mrs. Della Seales**Corpus Christi Chapter No. 354**

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 Mrs. Margaret Odessa McClure

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 Mrs. Edith Ferguson
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San Benito Chapter No. 565

Mrs. Marion McCord

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 Mrs. Flossie Mae Boatwright
 Mrs. Lou Eva Dumas
 Mrs. Freda Gregory
 Mrs. Anita Maud Miller
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Mrs. Maxine Bruce

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Mrs. Edna Justice

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Mrs. Mary Belle Anderson
 Mrs. Gladys Davis
 Miss Jennie E. Ober

Handley Chapter No. 617

Mrs. Nellie Blair

Pleiades Chapter No. 620

Miss Julia Freije

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Mrs. Leona Wimberly

Jefferson Chapter No. 627

Mrs. Sadie Faviell
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Mrs. Alice Richter
 Mrs. Bess W. Vann

McLennan Chapter No. 639

Mrs. Marie Atkins
 Mrs. Rose Baker
 Mrs. Truel Goodnight

Harlingen Chapter No. 641

D. R. Perry

Loyal Chapter No. 648

Mrs. Texas Dorris

Mrs. Dorothy Harrel

Anahuac Chapter No. 649

Mrs. Vera McIlvain

Mrs. Talbert Wages

North Side Chapter No. 651

Mrs. Julia Hennessy

Mrs. Bessie Oliver

Breckenridge Chapter No. 659

Mrs. Nettye D. Post

Mrs. Eunice Woodruff

Clarksville Chapter No. 662

Mrs. Jessie Sale Dozier

Army Chapter No. 664

Mrs. Ella Ludwig

Alamo Chapter No. 665

Miss Elma E. Chapman

W. C. McClellan

Mrs. Edna May Siemann

Canton Chapter No. 667

Mrs. Tula Mitchell

Graham Chapter No. 668

Mrs. Mildred Penix

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Mrs. Florence Addington

Mrs. Almeda Alexander

Mrs. Bessie L. Anderson

Mrs. Esther Cashion

Mrs. Florence Chumney

J. C. Duvall

Mrs. Mildred Earnest

Mrs. Edrie Entreklin

Mrs. Salome Malone

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Mrs. Irene Miller

Mrs. Eura E. Wylie

LaPorte Chapter No. 683

Mrs. Isa Norris

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Farmers Branch Chapter No. 687

Mrs. Willie Good

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Miss Della Crowley

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Mrs. Alice Gallini

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Mrs. Ionia Jacobson
Mrs. Ola Littlepage
Orme Robitsch
Mrs. Ada Ward
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Gordon Chapter No. 788
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Mrs. Kathryn Downward**Highland Park Chapter No. 1029**

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Loyalty Chapter No. 1036

Mrs. Irma Reed

Lakeside Chapter No. 1054

Mrs. Belvia Taylor

South Park Chapter No. 1056

Mrs. Lee Ann Smith

Adobe Walls Chapter No. 1059

Mrs. Jewell Stevens

Frankston Chapter No. 1113

Mrs. Lucille Garner

Worthy Grand Patron, how pleasant were my duties prescribed by our laws this year in connection with the Constituting and Instituting Ceremonies. You have performed your duties with dedication, I thank you and your lovely wife, Helen, for adding much to my pathway of service this year.

EASTERN STAR HOME

"Without HEARTS there is no HOME." — Byron.

Rob Morris must have been deeply concerned with the needs of his fellowmen and the actions of people toward such needs when he envisioned the Order. In Texas, we, as members of this great Fraternity, are presented the same challenge as he in our Eastern Star Home in Arlington. Our benevolent record speaks for itself always; but it's main "thrust" is, and has always been, the HOME. One great regret of mine is that each member of our Order in Texas can not or has not availed oneself of the opportunity of visiting the Home and making a personal evaluation of it.

Mrs. Sawyer and her excellent Staff through the practice of that great, "new" Commandment "that we love one another" bring meaning into the lives of every resident of the Home. One of the most interesting phases of the work of the Grand Secretary's Office is afforded by the business relationship with the Home. The friendly rapport between the Office of the Administrator-Superintendent is valued. And, Patsy,

Mighty fine, that's only a part
Of all you stand for in my heart;
Mighty helpful and mighty true,
Always "I'll be loving you".



MRS. AGNES LEE HOWARD, P. G. M., GRAND SECRETARY
GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE BUILDING
1111 EAST DIVISION
ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011

August 12, 1977

Mrs. Annie May Adam
5349 Val Verde
Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Sister Annie May:

Under instructions of Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron, and with the approval of her Committee as per our law, it is my pleasure to invite you to serve as the Official Reporter for the coming Grand Chapter Session in El Paso, Texas.

Please advise me as soon as possible if you are willing to assume this responsibility. If so, please include statement for your services when you forward the completed transcript to me.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Agnes Lee Howard
Grand Secretary

ALH/ck

CC: Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron

GIFTS AND BEQUESTS

12-23-76	Gift to the Home Endowment Fund for investment — Mrs. Florence Read	10,000.00
1-6-77	Bequest under the terms of the Will of Mrs. Zera A. Baker	955.54
1-12-77	First Life Insurance Company paid the Grand Chapter of Texas as the Beneficiary on Mrs. Tommie Ryan's Policy	707.66
1-19-77	Bequest under the terms of the Will of Mrs. Nell D. Kelch, deceased . . .	1,000.00
7-13-77	Under the terms of the Will of Miss Dorothy E. Boswell, deceased	
	Cash	12,388.46
	Certificate of Savings	6,347.05
	(Ellis County Savings Association, Waxahachie, Texas 7½% — Maturity date 6-30-78)	
	Certificate of Savings	3,250.00
	(Ellis County Savings Association, Waxahachie, Texas 7½% — Maturity date 3-31-80)	
7-20-77	Under the terms of the Will of Mrs. Clara Slaven, deceased	4,696.29
	Federal Employees Group Life Insurance — No. 17000-G Retirement — Claim No. 1 146 832	

LEGAL ACTS

The necessary Legal Instruments on the following transactions were executed by the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, and attested to by the Grand Secretary.

- 12-13-76
Deed conveying to Orville A. Looney, Dallas, Texas:
 Lot 4, in Block 17/3816 Sunset Addition to the City of Dallas,
 Dallas County, Texas — 2414 Grafton Street, Dallas, Texas.
(This covered the Grand Chapter of Texas' one-fourth interest under the Will of Mrs. Zera A. Baker, deceased).
- 1-26-77
Oil, Gas & Mineral Lease from the Grand Chapter of Texas, OES to AMOCO Production Company, covering tract of land situated in the George Johnson A-359 Survey in Harrison County, Texas. (The Grand Chapter of Texas owns 11.049 acres interest under the terms of the Will of J. W. Briggs).
- 2-1-77
Warranty Deed conveying to Bette Suzanne Brown all of that tract or parcel of land, lying and being situated in Lee County, Texas out of the Thomas Morrow League A-222 and being a part of a 189 acre tract as more fully described in said Warranty Deed. (Above represents the sale of the Cora Bailey property.)
- 7-12-77
Oil, Gas & Mineral Lease from the Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S. to GULF OIL CORPORATION, covering tract of land situated in Yoakum County, Texas — NE/4 of Section 21, Block D, John H. Gibson Survey.

CONCLUSION

Worthy Grand Matron: As you have journeyed "the Sun, a Source of Light, Life and Fruitfulness" pathway of service this year, you seem to have added a new dimension. You have performed your duties with dignity and business related precision. You have been unique in that you never once precluded promptness and efficiency. You will never know how greatly I have appreciated your cooperation and willingness to give even the slightest detail your prompt attention. You were so well organized during the period of preparedness prior to your installation, and during this entire year you met every deadline prior to the scheduled date. Thank you. It has been a pleasure to travel the STAR path of SERVICE with you and the Grand Family of 1976-1977.

Sister Rebecca L. Miles, Grand Secretary Emeritus: We have missed you this year. Your infrequent visits to the Office have been much "too short" and much, much "too far apart".

Office Assistants: I extend my gratitude to you with whom I work daily. To EACH —

I like your pleasant, jovial way;
I like your sunny smile.
I like the friendly things you do
To make the office work worthwhile.

Secretaries of the Subordinate Chapter: I salute you as the liaison between your Chapters and Grand Chapter. I thank you for your cheery attitudes while you serve this all important station, and to "just let you know that you are never more than a thought away".

Members of Grand Chapter: To you, the followers of the STAR, this Report of the activities in the Office of the Grand Secretary for the year just ending is humbly presented with much appreciation for the privilege of serving.

Fraternally submitted:
Agnes Lee Howard
Grand Secretary

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that this Report be referred to the proper Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, our Grand Secretary has moved that her report be referred to the proper committee, and it has been seconded. All in favor signify by saying "Aye". Those opposed "No". Motion carried.

GRAND SECRETARY SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

50 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Tarrant Chapter No. 8
 Mrs. Virginia Ewell
 Mrs. Lillie Belle Hunnicutt
 Mrs. Bertha Jackson
 Miss Audie G. McQuerry
 Mrs. Bernice Hodge Pate

Keystone Chapter No. 9
 Mrs. Ida Breiner
 Mrs. Alice Briggs
 Mrs. Leila Freeman
 Mrs. Ruby Ludington
 Mrs. Jewell Rains

Alvin Chapter No. 15
 Mrs. Charlotte Gove

Plainview Chapter No. 37
 Mrs. Seleta Hamilton

Iowa Park Chapter No. 42
 Mrs. Kathleen Hatten
 Miss Ona Rogers

Devine Chapter No. 43
 Mrs. Gladys Sollock

Bertram Chapter No. 48
 Mr. J. H. Sullivan

Valley Mills Chapter No. 97
 Mrs. Florence Raley

Hope Chapter No. 124
 Mrs. Elizabeth Davis

Sanderson Chapter No. 136
 Mrs. Sadie H. Nance

Athens Chapter No. 177
 Mrs. Iris Cornelius

Carpenters Chapter No. 183
 Mrs. Blanche Inman

San Saba Chapter No. 191
 Mrs. Mary Mays

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 Mrs. Gussie Lebo
 Mrs. Louise Nedbalek
 Mrs. Lalla Dean Randolph Tanner

Dayton Chapter No. 233
 Mrs. Birdie Hastings

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 Mrs. Gladys Richards

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 Mrs. Jessie Lea Brown
 Mrs. Erna Kennedy

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 Mrs. Huldah Rees

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Mrs. Jewel C. Tenney

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Mrs. Dorothy Harrison

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Mrs. Louise Fletcher

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Mrs. Edna Downing

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Mrs. Evelyn Shrader
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No.	Chapter	O.E.S. Home	Endow- ment	Cancer	ESTARL	Heart	Kidney	MDA.	Founder's Day	Home Beautifi.	Time & Talent	Intern'l. Temple	TOTAL
1	Dallas	\$ 155.00	\$ 23.00	\$	\$ 25.00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 29.00	\$	\$ 232.00
2	Mizpah	433.00	.50	.50	8.50						23.00		465.50
3	San Antonio	112.39	132.37	114.87	66.37				33.40		44.00		503.40
4	El Paso	39.00	14.00	23.55					29.70	49.00			155.25
5	Paris		280.00								27.00		307.00
6	Clarendon	95.00	5.00	14.00					13.70	13.70	2.00		143.40
7	Waco	50.00	50.00						50.00	112.00	17.00		279.00
8	Tarrant		540.00							14.65	16.00		570.65
9	Keystone	18.00							30.20	20.00	18.00	54.00	140.20
10	San Angelo	5.00		61.90	10.00				29.70	12.00	7.00		125.60
11	Cedar Bayou		408.00	360.00					33.10	50.00	51.00		902.10
14	McAllen	125.00		107.46	55.00						35.00		322.46
15	Alvin	92.00	67.00	311.00	137.00				27.00		54.00		688.00
16	Bowie	50.00									29.00		79.00
17	Saint Jo	15.00								20.00			35.00
18	Leakey	10.00								13.00			23.00
20	Ruth	138.50	10.00	98.25	78.25				32.40	25.00	42.00	44.00	468.40
21	Weatherford	134.00		15.00	124.00				24.80		19.00		316.80
23	Rockdale	25.50	45.50	25.50	25.50				10.20		17.00		149.20
24	Kerrville	120.00	590.00	125.82	40.00	100.00			22.70	68.00	41.00		1,107.52
25	Roby	42.00	6.00						16.20	5.00	17.00		86.20
28	Norton	26.25	2.35	5.15	1.25				2.70				37.70
29	Sterling			3.90									3.90
30	Abilene	334.00							32.20	100.00	21.00		487.20
31	Floydada		95.00	36.00							19.00		150.00
32	Vashti	114.65	95.15	128.65	99.15					30.00	32.00		499.60
33	Tulia	124.00		10.00							8.00		142.00
35	Texas	7.50	43.00	181.00	130.00				22.30	25.00			408.80
36	Kenedy			25.00						5.00			30.00
37	Plainview	105.00		22.50							16.00		143.50
38	Lemond												
39	Smithville	32.25	32.25	39.75	32.25				13.10	50.00			199.60
42	Iowa Park	23.22											23.22
43	Devine	155.00		9.28	5.00				27.20	34.10	31.00		261.58
44	Prudence		230.00						23.00	95.00	40.00		388.00
46	Thornton	24.75	14.75	14.75	14.75					16.75			85.75
47	Quanah	3.22							13.00		20.00		36.22
48	Bertram	19.25	19.25	19.25	19.25								77.00
49	Adah	44.00	123.75	264.75	122.50				50.00	25.00	36.00	271.00	937.00
52	Rotan	10.00							9.00		7.00		26.00

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54	Angleton	.50	.50	120.50	.50				12.00				134.00
57	Mexia	5.00								8.02	64.00		77.02
58	Colorado	177.00							17.70	25.00			219.70
61	Alice	25.00		2.16					28.30	15.00	16.00		86.46
62	Nocona	30.00	30.00	30.00	31.00				12.10				133.10
64	Bastrop	10.00	10.00	12.50	10.00								42.50
65	Pampa	115.00	60.00	125.00							33.00	65.00	398.00
66	Matador	51.00							11.30				62.30
67	Big Spring	200.00		100.00	166.00				33.10		20.00	4.00	523.10
69	Stockdale			103.00									103.00
70	Itasca				10.00								10.00
71	Beaumont	50.00	50.00	403.55	50.00	9.00			43.00	100.00	25.00		730.55
72	Troy	35.00											35.00
73	Leander	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50				7.30	45.00			130.30
74	Brazoria	.50	.50	103.50	.50						17.00		122.00
75	Sour Lake	69.00	69.00						13.80		11.00		162.80
76	Lubbock	180.00	265.00	85.00	86.00				51.10	70.00	45.00		782.10
77	Gate City		50.00		6.00				48.60	82.75	26.00		213.35
79	Rusk		5.00	1.14					17.30				23.44
80	Winters	18.75	8.75	12.65	8.75								48.90
81	Pecos	25.00		30.00					16.30		32.00		103.30
82	Caddo Mills		45.00										45.00
84	Petrolia	3.22			88.68						3.00		94.90
86	Laredo	239.00		25.16	10.00				18.80	55.32	25.00		373.28
87	Normangee												
90	Belle Moon	100.00									34.00		134.00
93	Frisco			15.00						10.00			25.00
96	Wortham		15.00						6.60	25.00		28.00	74.60
97	Valley Mills				10.00				5.30				15.30
98	Miami	10.00	50.00	20.00	30.00					50.00	26.00		186.00
101	Childress	69.25	31.25	31.25	31.25				28.90	80.00	28.00		299.90
102	Tennessee Colony	17.00	80.00	3.00						15.00	21.00		136.00
104	Claude	116.00							7.10	10.00			133.10
105	Canyon City	39.00	45.00	42.00	35.00						27.00		188.00
106	Runge	5.00		37.00									42.00
109	Mart		142.00						13.20	25.00		43.00	223.20
112	Tyler	20.00	10.00	1.14					46.10		28.00		105.24
113	Fredericksburg	30.00	30.00	33.82	29.00				11.50	100.00	37.00		271.32
116	Brownwood	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00				28.20		48.00		101.20
118	Corsicana	3.00	59.00						38.60	28.00			128.60

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119	Knox City	15.00									7.00		22.00
120	Grapeland			113.00						40.50			153.50
124	Hope	46.00	46.00	53.46	46.00					45.00	27.00		263.46
125	Palacios		102.00	9.00									111.00
127	Lipan	2.00							7.20				9.20
131	Joshua	10.00											10.00
132	Alpine	97.00		15.00	15.00				12.70		26.00	79.00	244.70
133	Pleasanton	2.50	2.50	6.78	2.50				12.50		14.00		40.78
135	Ransford	519.00	15.00	19.00		10.00			61.90	120.00			744.90
136	Sanderson	80.00			5.00								85.00
140	Eldorado	72.00							7.20		39.00		118.20
141	Wimodausis	29.00	5.00	21.00	518.27				25.80	54.35	16.00	18.00	687.42
143	Garden City	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50				3.90	50.50	7.00		99.40
144	Brenham		16.00	2.50	76.50				9.50				104.50
146	Falfurrias	27.75	27.75	32.91	27.75				11.10	50.00	13.00		190.26
151	-Atlanta	102.33	104.83		92.34						24.00		323.50
153	Temple	221.00	36.00	47.00							2.00		306.00
154	Sierra Blanca	40.20		25.00						20.00			85.20
155	Luling		25.00						13.50				38.50
156	Garland	124.75	124.75	124.75	124.75				12.00	64.60	19.00		594.60
157	Buffalo	31.75	31.75	31.75	31.75					50.00		76.00	253.00
158	Violet	83.00	83.00	82.00									248.00
159	Prairie Hill			25.00					4.00	10.00	2.00	28.00	69.00
160	Winnie	73.48	20.52	50.00					14.40	40.77	26.00		225.17
161	Perryton	5.00	5.00	15.00						40.30	13.00		78.30
162	Aransas Pass	42.25	42.25	47.41	77.25						44.00	107.00	360.16
164	Spur	66.00							11.80				77.80
167	Brady	29.00	29.00	32.90	29.00				11.60			7.00	138.50
169	Ralls	19.00		4.00	2.00								25.00
170	Quinlan		5.00	17.50						11.00	20.00		53.50
171	Glen Rose	53.00		52.00							21.00	84.46	210.46
173	Saltillo		58.00								15.00		73.00
176	Rankin	126.00							12.70				138.70
177	Athens	28.75	53.75	29.89	28.75				12.30				153.44
183	Carpenters		25.00										25.00
184	Bonita	105.00	57.00	60.00	123.00				34.50	26.00	20.00	94.00	519.50
185	Tenaha	10.00							7.26				17.26
186	Trinity	10.00	68.00						7.80		13.00	36.00	134.80
187	Robert Lee	31.75	2.50	31.40	2.50				6.70				74.85
188	Hadassah	12.00	131.00						12.50				155.50

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189	Greenville		10.00										10.00
191	San Saba	25.00											25.00
192	Garrison	37.00		22.00									59.00
193	Madisonville	40.00	40.00	40.00	38.00								158.00
194	R. A. Terrell	66.33		56.33	56.34					24.77	12.00		215.77
200	Boerne	51.75	75.75	67.57	51.75				20.70	25.00	67.00	149.15	508.67
203	West	15.00			20.00				6.40	10.50			51.90
204	Del Rio		204.00						19.80	65.00	22.00		310.80
206	Post		25.00	40.00	31.00								96.00
208	Commerce	167.00	20.00						16.70	50.00			253.70
210	Lockhart	42.50	37.50	37.50	47.50				15.00	*110.00	28.00	40.00	358.00
211	Border	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00				42.20		23.00		165.20
212	Merkel	27.25	26.25	26.25	31.25				10.50		21.00		142.50
214	Orange	155.50	20.50	150.50					27.10	25.00	14.00		392.60
215	Hamilton		149.50	15.00					26.70		23.00		214.20
216	Llano	57.75	37.75	37.75	37.75				15.10			108.00	294.10
218	Taft	22.25	22.25	27.41	22.25					33.00	18.00		145.16
219	Grand Prairie	38.50	31.50						38.50	4.77	56.00		169.27
220	Velasco	60.25	72.25	104.25	67.25					200.00	32.00		536.00
222	Bryan	5.00	189.00	23.00							36.00		253.00
224	Newton		12.00	67.00									79.00
227	Canadian	5.00	5.00	10.00					7.60		74.00		101.60
228	Montgomery			88.77					9.00	24.56			122.33
230	Fort Stockton	30.00	25.00	25.00	50.00				12.30		15.00	88.00	245.30
233	Dayton			223.00					19.10	20.00	27.00		289.10
234	Midlothian		96.00						10.00	4.77	16.00		126.77
237	Wichita Falls	3.22		35.00					29.00				67.22
238	Wellington	82.00							8.20	10.00			100.20
240	Huntsville	32.00	277.00	7.00	7.00					30.00	30.00		383.00
241	Elgin		108.00	15.00					13.50	10.00			146.50
242	Callahan	5.00											5.00
244	Harmony	90.00	212.00	90.00	50.00				22.00		29.00	77.00	570.00
245	Somerville			60.50					6.40				66.90
246	Sulphur Bluff		55.00	15.00									70.00
247	Santa Anna	10.00									18.00		28.00
249	Arlington		574.00						56.10	25.00	53.00	20.00	728.10
250	Eagle Pass	10.00	74.00							37.32			121.32
251	Mertzon	55.25	1.25	5.15	1.25				6.10	11.85	12.00		92.85
252	Avery		30.00								23.00		53.00
253	Midland	273.00							26.60	25.00	29.00		353.60

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255	Indian Creek	67.00						6.70		21.00		94.70
257	John Gillespie	25.00	25.00	29.00	25.00			9.90	10.00	11.00		134.90
258	Houston Heights	21.00	15.00	511.00	170.00			214.55	349.00	60.00		1,340.55
259	Denton	50.00	65.00					29.10	20.00	41.00		205.10
261	Crosby	10.00		56.50		10.00		10.00	9.72	25.00		121.22
262	Port Arthur		1,075.00	10.00	118.50			56.70		17.00	13.00	1,290.20
263	Kirbyville			122.00						15.00		137.00
264	Richland Springs											
266	Ballinger	9.00		6.90	15.00			10.90				41.80
269	Stamford	25.00										25.00
270	Santo	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00							20.00
271	Floresville	1.00	100.00						25.00	19.00	42.00	187.00
272	Shiner			9.00					10.00		18.00	37.00
273	Beckville			70.00	23.00			9.30				102.30
274	Brock			5.00								5.00
275	Ranger	5.00						10.10				15.10
276	San Marcos	126.00	30.00						15.00	29.00		200.00
277	Rising Star		7.60	18.00		7.25						32.85
278	Pearsall	104.00		4.28				10.40		22.00		140.68
280	Eastland	3.00	12.00	12.00						13.00		40.00
282	Yoakum	131.00	6.00	31.00						8.00		176.00
283	Regina		120.00					11.10		25.00		156.10
284	Spanish Fort											
285	Sealy		74.00	2.47				7.40		11.00		94.87
286	Marlin			35.00					25.08			60.08
287	Ozona	32.50	32.50	32.50	32.50							130.00
289	Helena	5.00							10.00			15.00
290	Grand Saline											
291	Jasper								55.60			55.60
293	Bartlett	20.00										20.00
295	Lampasas	152.00							109.00	37.00		298.00
297	Uvalde	50.00	23.00	50.00	50.00			96.55		43.00		312.55
298	Silsbee			80.00	191.00			24.10		46.00		341.10
300	Higgins	5.00	5.00	10.00	5.00							25.00
303	Oak Cliff	258.90	53.00	293.10	45.75			65.00	150.00	70.00	21.75	957.50
304	Austin	57.50	57.50	57.50	57.50					26.00		256.00
305	Mt. Pleasant									14.00		14.00
308	Clyde		92.00	3.00	10.00			6.50				111.50
309	Navasota	35.00		32.17				6.60	13.24	11.00	3.00	101.01
310	Comanche	5.00								17.00		22.00

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311	Franklin	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00					100.00			184.00
312	Hereford	10.00	20.00	129.00	20.00					10.00	44.00		233.00
315	Spurger			57.50	57.50				11.50		31.00		157.50
316	Round Rock		85.00						8.50	25.00	26.00	47.00	191.50
317	Augusta												
320	Nash		75.00	5.00					7.00	4.77			91.77
321	Olney								10.00				20.00
322	Summerland	10.00		7.82							8.00	3.00	48.82
324	Columbus	10.00	84.00	59.00						10.00	23.00		186.00
325	Kingsville	6.25	6.25	31.41	6.25				22.10	10.00	25.00		107.26
326	Grapevine		185.00						20.00	50.00	16.00	109.00	380.00
331	Fairfield		25.00						10.30	25.00	14.00		74.30
335	Lytle		25.00	4.28						24.00	40.00		93.28
336	Jeff Davis		52.00						5.20				57.20
337	Bronson			5.00					9.70	10.00			24.70
339	Nixon	15.00			10.00								25.00
343	Rio Vista	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50						32.00		138.00
344	Marfa	71.00							6.50				77.50
346	Bridgeport		25.00						11.70				36.70
347	Stinnett	16.00	6.00	3.00									25.00
348	Center			252.00						17.69	19.00	180.00	468.69
349	Hughes Springs		66.00						14.20				80.20
350	Giddings		52.00	2.50					5.10				59.60
351	Memphis	50.00							10.10				60.10
352	Sweetwater								16.60				16.60
353	Sarah	50.00	25.00	25.00	14.00								114.00
354	Corpus Christi	406.50		220.16						22.40	27.00		676.06
355	Gilmer	143.00							14.20		1.00	71.50	229.70
356	Marshall		238.00									121.25	359.25
358	Dunn	10.00											10.00
360	Coleman	10.00		62.00	15.00						22.00		109.00
361	Strawn	20.00							4.50		19.00		43.50
363	Lamesa								18.20		23.00		41.20
366	Wills Point										25.00	3.00	28.00
368	Cushing	30.00							5.30	20.00	13.00		68.30
373	Port Lavaca	148.40	17.30		17.30					70.45			253.45
374	Templar		5.00	30.00	1,210.40				55.90	300.00	45.00		1,646.30
375	Hemphill	18.92	3.50	81.50	19.50				9.80	10.50	12.00	2.00	157.72
376	Johnson City	25.00	25.00	32.82	20.00				9.20		13.00		125.02
377	Jacksonville	48.00	236.00	79.14					28.70		52.00		443.84

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380	Bay City		250.00	9.00						39.00			298.00
381	Pittsburg	151.00							14.90	5.00			170.90
382	Lufkin			329.00					33.20	41.25	27.00	7.00	437.45
383	Fidelity		10.00	267.00					24.90		26.00		327.90
384	Shamrock	221.00	5.00						12.90	82.50	21.00		342.40
385	Houston	5.00	22.50	4.50	41.00		84.00		128.90				285.90
387	Eden	10.00		13.90						23.00			46.90
389	Wharton	125.00		76.00					13.40		16.00	18.00	248.40
390	Jacksboro	44.55		145.45	15.00				18.60	25.00	15.00		263.60
391	Paint Rock	9.00		3.90					18.40	5.00			36.30
392	Richland			10.00	5.00				4.40				19.40
395	Palestine	15.00	292.50	47.50					35.50	50.00	37.00		477.50
396	Timpson		77.00	10.00						7.00			94.00
398	Meridian												
399	Sunshine	5.00	214.85	173.00					29.70	15.00	26.00	6.00	469.55
400	Wells		10.00	1.14					10.00				21.14
401	Walnut Springs	69.00		50.00					12.30				131.30
403	Gonzales										3.00		3.00
404	Hondo	10.00			2.00				12.40	25.00	12.00		61.40
407	Sabinal	76.00							7.60				83.60
408	Teague	12.00	93.00	21.00					20.00	25.00	30.00	93.00	294.00
409	Stanton	38.00								10.50			48.50
413	Hedley			5.00									5.00
415	Humble			177.00					17.70		21.00		215.70
416	Sipe Springs	3.00	3.00						2.80				8.80
419	Hico	25.00											25.00
420	Polytechnic	250.00	300.00	39.00	100.00					16.00	21.00		726.00
421	Troup		10.00	82.14					9.50				101.64
422	Beeville	48.00	52.00	135.00	193.75					118.75			547.50
424	Vernon	131.62	42.80	21.40	21.40				141.90	21.40			380.52
425	Burnet			176.00									176.00
427	McGregor	31.25	21.25	21.25	21.25					5.00		18.00	118.00
428	Nacogdoches								22.00	100.00			122.00
429	Rosenberg	115.00	11.00	119.00							18.00		263.00
431	Burleson			177.00					16.60		18.00	5.00	216.60
433	Chico				63.70				12.00		14.00		89.70
435	Marble Falls	149.00	15.00	10.00					14.90		32.00		220.90
436	La Vernia	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.00				6.70		10.00		83.70
437	Lockney	32.70		29.65	29.65						19.00	52.00	163.00
440	Florence			55.00							20.00	45.00	120.00

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443	Gorman		7.00						10.00				17.00
447	Odessa	100.00	100.00	120.00	1,019.00				41.50		91.00		1,471.50
449	London	5.00		7.82					4.10				16.92
450	Snyder	80.47	41.53	77.00							57.00	120.00	376.00
452	Bishop			5.16					7.20				12.36
454	Mineola	10.00		85.00							34.00		129.00
455	Cross Plains	5.00									16.00		21.00
458	Iola			2.76					8.30				11.06
460	Hamlin	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25						18.00		35.00
461	Cisco	5.00	46.50										51.50
462	Woodville	210.00		95.00	90.00				18.50	346.73	42.00		802.23
463	Center Point	5.00		7.82									12.82
465	Cleveland			46.76							16.00		62.76
467	Bangs	10.00									11.00		21.00
468	Utopia	15.00	10.00	10.00									35.00
472	Travis	192.50	192.50						38.50	100.00	27.00		550.50
473	Edinburg	72.54		7.46	66.00						65.76		211.76
474	Henrietta	24.22	21.00	21.00					6.20		17.00	23.00	112.42
478	Avinger	48.00									15.00		63.00
479	Rockport	127.25	6.25	11.41	6.25						35.00	5.00	191.16
483	Eagle Lake	22.50	22.50	31.50	22.50								99.00
488	Seymour	3.22	121.00								17.00		141.22
490	Killeen			300.00							43.00		343.00
491	Annona												
493	Douglasville	10.00	20.00	10.00	10.00							33.00	83.00
494	Hylton	20.00		5.00	5.00								30.00
496	Alto	35.86	45.00	26.14	5.00				11.30		7.00	87.00	217.30
497	Junction	37.50	15.00	10.82	8.50						15.00		86.82
498	Springtown			52.50	52.50					35.00	27.00		167.00
499	Coahoma	71.00	77.00	15.00	13.00						59.00	12.00	247.00
500	Throckmorton		121.00		20.00					55.00	103.00		299.00
502	Roscoe												
506	Paducah				10.00				9.40				19.40
508	Ferris			88.00					8.80	77.77	24.00		198.57
509	Crockett		249.00						20.00	30.00	20.00		319.00
510	Hempstead		76.00	2.53					7.60			4.00	90.13
512	Desdemona			5.00					3.60				8.60
514	Van Horn		100.00						7.90		12.00		119.90
515	Sinton	2.50	2.50	17.66	94.50				11.10	97.60	19.00		244.86
518	McKinney	79.00		79.00					15.80	10.00	31.00		214.80

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ville			4.28						21.85	15.00		41.13
ion	25.00	50.00	57.46	25.00				15.00	75.00	35.00		282.46
a	59.00											59.00
nbury	20.00	156.00						17.60	35.00	29.00		257.60
th Zulch	3.00		28.00									31.00
lampo			9.00	20.00				75.00				104.00
tra	10.72	7.50	7.50	7.50						17.00		50.22
stown		100.00	5.16		25.00			10.00	145.00	25.00		310.16
atur			141.00		45.60			12.90		19.00		218.50
neron		100.00						9.60				109.60
uin	79.00	72.00	65.00	5.00					99.50	20.00		340.50
'ney	105.00	7.00							4.77	30.00		146.77
dwell		48.00							4.77			52.77
nahans	33.00	11.00	20.00	6.00				23.40		20.00		113.40
ppy	26.75	26.75	26.75	26.75					10.00	20.00		137.00
vert	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00								68.00
Benito	5.00	5.00	12.46	5.00				13.40	53.25	21.00		115.11
rkey										5.00		5.00
l-Cliff			15.00	38.00								53.00
nora	10.00	80.00								6.00		96.00
iden	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00						42.00		178.00
ylor	21.00	20.00	55.00	20.00				10.40	25.00	15.00		166.40
yah		52.00		5.00				10.70				67.70
rdanton	25.00	25.00	37.28	25.00					13.50	17.00		142.78
ton	72.50		5.00					15.90				93.40
ton	30.00	74.00	20.00						25.00	48.00		197.00
ran	5.00							6.70				11.70
t	30.00	30.00										60.00
Sylvan		5.00	1.14									6.14
iderson	228.00							38.00				266.00
ahachie	31.50	31.50	31.50	31.50				11.80	4.77			142.57
irift	8.00		10.00	6.70						14.00		38.70
tens												
dmoor	83.00	83.00	478.00	83.00				33.50	100.00	46.00		906.50
yview		25.00	5.00					29.00		4.00		63.00
'ille	100.00		28.47					10.60	32.50			171.57
r	5.00	133.00	49.00	108.00				21.90	100.00		3.00	419.90
lley		375.00						38.10	50.00	30.00	7.00	500.10
o	96.00								25.00	7.00		128.00
des		300.00		100.00				38.30	64.21	32.00	222.00	756.51

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e City	50.25	50.25	50.25	60.25				19.50	10.00	16.00		256.50
ian		287.00								114.00		401.00
City	.50	62.75	261.00	52.75				47.70	100.00	19.00	9.00	552.70
son		117.00	10.00					11.70				138.70
re			268.00									268.00
yan	32.25	32.25	32.25	32.25					181.20	15.00		325.20
ty	50.00	5.00	50.00	26.00						10.00		141.00
nt			228.00					21.70	25.00	16.00		290.70
n	25.25	25.25	25.25	25.25								101.00
nnan	62.75	62.75	62.75	62.75				25.10	80.00	35.00		391.10
ne	68.00							6.70	20.00	8.00		102.70
ngen	63.25	63.25	70.71	63.25				25.30	60.00			345.76
e City		75.00										75.00
ara	128.00		7.82	57.50				14.40				207.72
a	58.00		36.46					18.60	20.00	15.63		148.69
l	350.00	360.00						70.00	131.62	115.00		1,026.62
uac	41.00	41.00	1,542.90	41.00	5.00			16.40	200.00			1,887.30
i Side			75.00	115.00				32.40	125.00	53.00		400.40
kshire	97.00	29.50	33.43	29.50								189.43
as	184.00							18.40		33.00		235.40
burnett	78.22	105.00						17.50		20.00		220.72
ado			115.00					10.50	25.00			150.50
cenridge				35.00						15.00		50.00
:sville		10.00						10.40				20.40
y	5.00		213.00					21.80	110.00	42.00		391.80
io	96.00			91.00				18.40	40.00	24.00		269.40
on			60.00									60.00
iam			14.85	533.00				27.70	110.00	12.00	135.25	832.80
twell	5.00	37.50	353.00	30.00	33.36			33.00	150.00	41.00		682.86
s	53.00	15.00	18.90					4.90	41.40		49.00	182.20
:hside		35.00						31.50		25.00		91.50
insville			10.00									10.00
Hill		29.00	18.00	63.94				9.40				120.34
Neches		36.00	210.00	14.00				25.60	100.00	16.00		401.60
dsboro	18.75	3.75	63.97	3.75	10.00					31.00		131.22
l Worth		852.00	10.00					75.70	22.17	52.00	2.00	1,013.87
orte	62.00	62.00	103.82	62.00				24.80		21.00	3.00	338.62
th Fort Worth		55.00	50.00	55.00					38.20			198.20
ip		3.00	1.14					5.20		18.00		27.34
twell									10.00			10.00

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687	Farmers Branch		273.00						35.30	104.77	44.00	9.00	466.07
691	South San Antonio	3.00		150.00	147.00				30.20	127.50	67.00		524.70
692	Edna	23.50	33.50	32.50	36.50				12.60	113.00	25.00		276.60
693	De Leon	33.00	3.00	9.00	55.00				9.90				109.90
694	Rosebud	10.00		10.00									20.00
695	Quitman		17.00						15.10				32.10
696	Woodland		20.00	335.00	5.00			35.00	31.50	100.00	33.00		559.50
697	Seagoville		230.00	20.00					22.90	104.77	21.00		398.67
700	New Boston		166.00	25.00					16.60	25.00			232.60
701	Rose Croix	25.00	145.00						14.30	33.50	19.00		236.80
702	Arlington Heights	164.00	177.50	72.50	42.00				45.60	26.07	32.00	11.00	570.67
703	Plano	75.50	45.50	45.50	45.50				18.20	25.00	21.00	4.00	280.20
705	West Columbia	.50	.50	115.50	.50				38.00	5.00	32.00		192.00
706	Magnolia	126.50	131.50	121.50	126.50				200.00	83.61	35.00		824.61
707	Southern Star	18.00	204.00							158.00	13.00		393.00
708	Whitesboro			81.00	60.00				25.00	25.00	20.00		211.00
710	Conroe	46.50	46.50	73.14	75.50				19.40	33.24	30.00		324.28
711	Pasadena		80.00	130.00					65.10	44.50	38.00		357.60
713	Faith	13.21	300.00	30.00					48.00	51.00	37.00		479.21
715	East Dallas		207.00						16.90	76.75	37.00		337.65
716	Galveston	161.50	6.50	100.50	10.50					50.00			329.00
717	Bluebonnet			15.00	58.00				35.20	112.00	46.00		266.20
718	Sulphur Springs		10.00								7.00		17.00
721	Spearman	5.00		10.00							10.00		25.00
722	Hearne	132.00	5.00							25.00			162.00
723	Livingston		58.00	118.00							13.00		189.00
724	Kountze	30.00	30.00	35.00	31.00						11.00		137.00
725	O'Donnell	40.00		103.50						76.00		40.00	259.50
726	San Juan			57.46					18.40	15.00			90.86
728	Bethlehem		10.00	81.00	810.00				47.60	100.00	18.00	4.00	1,070.60
730	Somerset	5.00		97.00					9.70	25.00			136.70
731	Park Place	200.00	275.00	200.00	203.00				163.20	50.00	162.00		1,253.20
732	La Feria	2.50	2.50	9.96	2.50						7.00		24.46
733	Albany		117.00						11.70		9.00		137.70
734	Alamo Heights	339.00	195.00	68.00	13.00	10.00			39.70	25.00	55.00	3.00	747.70
736	Arema	10.00	38.00								11.00		59.00
737	Hull	10.00		155.00	20.00				12.50		7.00		204.50
738	Woodbine	47.50		331.44	66.06				44.50	24.25	39.00	1.00	553.75
741	Andral Vann		453.00	10.00					234.80	200.00	29.00		926.80
742	Littlefield	20.00	42.00	50.00	42.00				15.40				169.40

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743	Tahoka	132.00							13.10		23.00		168.10
744	Grandfalls	18.00		18.00	18.00								54.00
747	Carthage	22.34	169.34	58.00	6.00	6.00							261.68
748	Raymondville	40.00	40.00	23.46	20.00								123.46
749	Wiergate			10.00									10.00
750	Harlandale	1.00	78.00		400.00				47.60	200.00	38.00		764.60
752	Big Lake	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00				9.60				109.60
755	Mount Auburn			60.00	410.00				35.00	50.00	37.00		592.00
756	Wedgwood	107.50	107.50	107.50	107.50				43.00	75.00	26.00	20.00	594.00
759	Rob Morris	18.00	18.00	19.00	19.00				7.50	25.00	16.00		122.50
760	Panhandle	50.00			66.00				8.40	10.00			134.40
761	Christoval	1.25	1.25	5.15	1.25					16.00			24.90
764	Fabens		80.00						8.00	10.00			98.00
769	Hillsboro	25.00	50.00	25.00	25.00								125.00
771	New Braunfels	217.00	10.00		2.00				23.40	60.00	44.00		356.40
772	Weslaco	136.00		7.46					13.60	31.50	25.00		213.56
774	A. C. Garrett		471.00						46.60	126.25	28.00		671.85
777	Irving	224.00	193.00	188.00					56.50	172.72	31.00	398.00	1,263.22
778	Wrightsboro		10.00							23.00			33.00
782	Star	100.00	200.00	157.50	435.00	119.50			40.00	175.00	51.00		1,278.00
783	Fort McKavett	17.00	17.00	85.00	17.00								136.00
785	Brownfield	80.00	19.00	32.00	35.00				16.60		29.00		211.60
786	Blackwell			38.00									38.00
787	Amarillo	375.50			40.00				70.20	110.00	35.00	201.00	831.70
788	Gordon										11.00		11.00
790	Darrouzett												
792	Muleshoe	124.50			800.00				11.30		32.00	1.00	968.80
793	Tuscola	5.00								1.00			6.00
794	Flora		133.00						50.00		52.00		235.00
797	Levelland	100.00		96.00					19.80	150.00		19.00	384.80
798	Goose Creek	2.00	571.00	165.00	200.00				39.30	100.00	53.00		1,130.30
799	Aurora	44.25	44.25	54.25	44.25						10.00	92.00	289.00
801	Stephenville		10.00							45.00	24.00		79.00
802	White Deer	28.90		27.00	27.00							1.00	83.90
803	Capitol	200.00	200.00		400.00				30.90	30.10	31.00		892.00
806	Sudan	61.00		5.00									66.00
810	Groesbeck									21.31		67.00	88.31
811	Borger	10.00	5.00	44.25	40.00				33.00	50.00	32.00		214.25
812	Waskom		10.00										10.00
813	Flatonia	68.00		2.50						10.00			80.50

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814	Dodson			38.00					18.80			14.00	70.80
815	Rio Hondo	22.25	22.25	29.71	22.25				9.20	7.00			112.66
816	Crane	158.00							15.80	25.00	11.00		209.80
817	Prospect Hill	34.25	34.25	34.25	400.00				24.30	25.00	49.00	148.00	749.05
819	Dimmitt	89.00								15.00			104.00
820	Crescent		350.00						35.00	25.00	46.00	241.00	697.00
821	Mabank	106.00		1.14					10.60				117.74
822	Barstow												
823	Wisteria		373.00	5.00					37.30				415.30
824	Delta			6.00	33.00				20.20	21.35	14.00	18.75	113.30
825	E. C. Canon								25.20	22.00	22.00		69.20
826	Concho	21.50	37.50	81.40	102.50				23.90	52.40			319.20
828	Grandview		62.00						6.20	30.00	18.00		116.20
829	Seagraves	70.00							7.00			19.00	96.00
830	Overton								18.90				18.90
831	Gladewater		128.00						12.80	59.00	16.00		215.80
832	Iraan	19.25	16.25	16.25	16.25								68.00
833	Queen Esther	93.50	81.00	61.00	61.00								296.50
834	Riverside			36.00					54.40	76.00			166.40
835	South Hills		267.00		27.00				30.00	50.00	33.00		407.00
836	Granger	5.00											5.00
837	Ocotillo	32.00	10.00	216.00					23.70	84.93	61.00		427.63
838	Tomball		42.50	186.34	7.50				23.00	15.00			274.34
840	Van		25.00						24.20				49.20
841	Morton	105.00											105.00
842	Centennial	55.00	8.39						15.70	54.45	24.00		157.54
843	Rio Grande City	17.00	17.00	24.46	17.00					11.83			87.29
844	Arp												
845	Kermit	59.25	74.25	59.25	59.25				23.70				275.70
846	Talco								10.00				10.00
847	Olton	66.00									10.00		76.00
848	Freer	5.00		5.16					9.70		12.00		31.86
849	Andrews		128.00							20.00	16.00		164.00
851	Holliday	13.22							11.30		14.00		38.52
852	Bonham		90.00	20.00					11.00	100.00	15.00		236.00
853	Lone Oak		5.00										5.00
854	Goldsmith	50.00	51.00						9.80				110.80
855	Seminole			70.50	70.50						18.00		159.00
856	Bluebell	93.00	80.00	65.00	98.00				26.40	361.85	11.00	8.00	743.25
857	Celina	15.00	8.00	30.00	5.00						18.00		76.00

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858	Rockwall	79.00	61.00	61.00						51.62	13.00		265.62
859	Edcouch			34.46	27.00					10.00	1.00		72.46
860	Dripping Springs	19.00	19.00	44.28	19.00					10.00	21.00		132.28
861	Groom	5.00						5.00					10.00
862	Plains	20.00	2.00		162.00								184.00
863	Denver City	59.00		59.00					11.70				129.70
864	Lindale		22.00	1.14					12.60				35.74
865	Big Sandy		64.00						68.00	10.00			142.00
866	Kaufman				25.00					24.77			49.77
867	Anson	15.00							100.00		14.00		129.00
868	Oso	137.00		130.16	254.00			36.70		235.00		24.00	816.86
869	Sunray	118.00		5.00		5.00		10.80	19.00	20.00			177.80
870	Earth		25.00								56.00		81.00
871	Lometa	15.00	115.00	15.00	5.00						5.00		155.00
872	Electa	10.00	183.13	20.00	20.00			15.40	100.00		25.00		373.53
873	Sweeney	.50	.50	174.50	.50			15.00			34.00		225.00
874	Mathis	5.00	30.00	15.16	10.00						13.00	22.00	95.16
875	Love Field	276.00	30.00	15.00	20.00			32.70			44.00		417.70
876	Mansfield			60.00				12.80	100.00		19.00		191.80
877	Abernathy	25.00		131.00					50.00		8.00		214.00
878	Quitaque	10.00	25.00	15.00									50.00
879	Maud	105.00	20.00	400.00					20.00		16.00		561.00
880	Ropesville			64.00									64.00
881	John L. DeGrazier	35.00		97.00	30.00		10.00	16.00	61.00				249.00
882	Imperial		39.00					3.90					42.90
883	Martha	114.00	10.00	10.00					35.00		62.00	3.00	234.00
884	Galena Park	66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00			26.30	50.00		33.00	19.00	392.30
885	Cooper	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75								15.00
887	Mesquite	60.75	60.75	60.75	60.75			24.30	104.77		47.00		419.07
888	Vienna Buckner		335.00					32.40	105.00		60.00		532.40
889	Broaddus			97.00				9.80	24.13		33.00		163.93
890	Idalou		148.00	105.60							5.00		258.60
891	Crosbyton	14.00		152.00		65.00		10.10			20.00	5.00	266.10
892	Haskell	20.00	13.00					7.00	7.00		12.00		59.00
894	DeKalb	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00						15.00		115.00
895	Ector		43.00										43.00
897	Boyd	112.00						11.40	25.00		26.00		174.40
898	Freedom	191.00											191.00
899	Azle	5.00		15.00	187.00			18.70			52.00		277.70
900	Silverton	26.67	26.66	27.67									81.00

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945	Yorktown	10.00											10.00
946	Alvord		20.00	10.00									30.00
949	Carlton												
951	Mike H. Thomas	206.00	57.00	43.00					39.70	100.00	36.00		481.70
952	Zavalla	86.00							8.40	10.00	19.00		123.40
953	Groves	105.00	300.00						40.80	110.50	80.00	18.00	654.30
954	Channalview	288.00									28.00		405.40
955	East Houston	44.00	32.00	100.00	32.00				20.30	200.00	35.00	144.25	607.55
956	Mt. Vernon		10.00		10.00								20.00
957	Ganado			55.00					5.50	10.00	41.00		111.50
958	Memorial	30.00	60.00	10.00	160.00				23.60	13.45	32.00		329.05
959	Edwin J. Kiest	189.00	179.00	10.00	18.00				34.80	40.00	60.00		530.80
960	Stratford	44.00	24.00	24.00	24.00				9.60				125.60
961	Ashland		104.00							131.54			235.54
962	Evant		29.00		29.00				5.80		19.00		82.80
963	Fidelis	115.00								50.00	18.00		183.00
964	Lawn	31.00											31.00
965	Frost	50.00											50.00
966	Star Mountain	14.00		14.00	14.00								42.00
967	Winnsboro		4.00						10.00				14.00
968	Buna								13.90		26.00		39.90
969	Weldon			40.00									40.00
970	J. A. Kemp	3.22	25.00	122.78					15.10		25.00		191.10
971	Cockrell Hill			50.00					60.00		30.00	300.00	440.00
972	Bullard	26.50	26.50	27.68	26.50				10.60		55.00		172.78
974	Hermleigh	73.00											73.00
975	Rose Garden		10.00	1.14					24.10				35.24
976	Caldwell	14.25	14.25	21.75	14.25								64.50
977	Wylie		109.00				10.00			60.00	54.00		233.00
978	Bluegrove	8.22							5.20	21.18	52.00		86.60
979	La Marque	41.50	46.50	41.50	41.50				15.50		13.00		199.50
980	Bellmead				162.00				16.70	31.78	21.00		231.48
981	Mary Martha	15.00	105.30	3.70					10.80	34.94			169.74
982	Halton City			23.00					41.40	31.50	50.00		145.90
983	James L. Burgess				349.00				10.00	193.00	38.00	240.00	830.00
984	Spring Branch		162.50	162.50					32.50	57.00	57.00		414.50
986	A. E. Shirley			259.00	25.00				25.90	145.30	30.00		485.20
987	Garden Oaks				187.00						12.00		199.00
988	Medina	5.00		7.90	20.00				6.20	50.00	9.00		98.10
989	Rule												

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990	Friona	117.00								50.00			167.00
991	Ysleta	78.50	78.50	593.50	356.00			31.40		100.00	44.00		1,281.90
992	Fort Hancock	10.00								20.00	8.00		38.00
993	Munday												
994	Camellia			202.00				20.00					222.00
995	Hallsville		82.00										82.00
996	Lexington	7.25	16.00	27.50	7.25							44.00	102.00
997	Omaha				76.00			7.40	10.95				94.35
998	Logos	16.00	97.00	5.00	10.00			10.30					138.30
999	Ridglea	111.00	25.00					22.50			43.00	154.00	355.50
1000	Hillcrest		183.00	140.00	87.00			10.00	336.54		39.00		795.54
1001	Petersburg	29.00	58.00	29.00									116.00
1002	Centerville			81.00									81.00
1003	Shepherd	129.00									20.00		149.00
1004	Cotulla	74.00		4.28							22.00		100.28
1005	Gatesville			25.00	25.00			12.40		15.00	15.00		77.40
1006	Lucinda Conner		338.00		99.00				141.00	80.00	22.00		658.00
1007	Covington	20.00						7.60		22.00	22.00		49.60
1008	Friendship	111.00		131.00	111.00			33.30	119.25	42.00	42.00		547.55
1009	Lake Jackson	.50	15.50	189.50	55.50			13.90		15.00	15.00		289.90
1010	Norman Read	61.00	61.00	61.00				23.30	25.00				231.30
1011	Clute City	45.00	30.00	30.00	30.00			15.00			15.00		165.00
1012	Malakoff	39.60	39.60	9.90	9.90			9.90	40.00	5.00	5.00		153.90
1013	River Oaks	54.00	29.50	36.50	21.50				45.00	16.00	16.00		202.50
1014	Duncanville	113.50		107.50				21.20	204.77	28.00	28.00		474.97
1015	Frank W. Lynn	68.00	77.00	68.00	5.00				100.00	22.00	22.00		340.00
1016	Starlight	50.00		45.00	96.00			49.20					240.20
1017	Willis	40.75	20.75	23.55	20.75			9.00	18.20				133.00
1018	Mamie D. Crane	7.50	7.50										15.00
1019	Laura B. Hart	34.25	34.25	34.25	34.25			13.40	50.50	25.00	25.00	12.90	238.80
1020	Coolidge			38.00									38.00
1021	Bellaire		135.00	130.00				26.50	300.00	52.00	52.00		643.50
1023	Waelder	5.00						6.40		3.00	3.00		14.40
1024	Dickinson	.50	92.50	37.50	42.50			9.60	20.00	37.00	37.00		239.60
1025	Pilot Point	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00							44.00	64.00
1026	College Station		61.00		52.00			10.90			19.00		142.90
1027	Sanger	10.00								4.00	4.00		14.00
1028	Castleberry	197.00								33.00	33.00		230.00
1029	Highland Park	10.00	171.00	12.50				17.10	100.00	29.00	29.00		339.60
1030	Village	47.00											47.00

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1031	Hooks	40.00	60.00	16.00					11.60		4.00		131.60
1032	Clara Mills	47.00											47.00
1033	Ore City	38.00	38.00		10.00				7.40				93.40
1034	Mt. Houston	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00				18.10				198.10
1035	Groveton	78.00											78.00
1036	Loyalty	112.00											112.00
1037	Ingleside	58.25	28.25	33.41	28.25				11.30		32.00		191.46
1038	Bridge City	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00						32.00		172.00
1039	Vickery			72.00	72.00				14.40	116.55	38.00	109.00	421.95
1040	Richland Hills		289.00	25.00						90.00	21.00		425.00
1041	Fairbanks		151.00						15.10		21.00		187.10
1042	Millsap	26.00	6.00	31.00	26.00					15.00			104.00
1043	Cumby												
1044	Independence			657.16	30.00				25.90	35.00	61.00		809.06
1045	Deport	55.00		150.00					5.50		2.00	43.00	255.50
1046	Dawson			5.00						10.00			15.00
1047	Waller			2.73					8.20	25.00	15.00		50.93
1048	Bronte	44.14	1.25	5.15	1.25				5.00	23.00			79.79
1050	Norma D. Allen		10.00	133.00					37.60		25.00		205.60
1051	Dalhart	53.50		78.50					21.40	107.00	107.00	79.00	446.40
1052	Tascosa	17.00	50.00	88.00	13.00					62.25	24.00		254.25
1053	White Settlement	35.00							15.50		68.00		118.50
1054	Lakeside		15.00	143.00					11.00	25.00	50.00		244.00
1056	South Park	116.00	61.00		25.00				20.20	25.00	17.00		264.20
1057	Dell City			37.00									37.00
1058	North Shore		97.00	98.00	97.00				29.20	50.00	20.00	36.00	427.20
1059	Adobe Walls	109.00	15.00	10.00					13.30		37.00		184.30
1060	Greenwood				5.00								5.00
1062	Eustace			1.14					8.80				9.94
1063	Deer Park	42.00	42.00	67.00	42.00				17.30	23.37	27.00		260.67
1064	Top O'Texas	103.00								20.00	25.00		148.00
1065	Pearland	41.75	223.75	91.75	41.75						33.00	15.00	447.00
1066	Skellytown			51.00					5.10			52.00	108.10
1067	Italy	10.00								4.77			14.77
1068	Colmesneil			132.25	4.00				8.70	25.00	30.00		199.95
1070	Copperas Cove	146.00	25.00	15.00					13.60		127.00		326.60
1072	Cora Posey	14.00		235.50	9.00				31.08	104.00	19.00		412.58
1074	Floyd W. Easterling	49.66	159.67	278.67	25.00				12.00	50.00	21.00		596.00
1075	Highland Hills	3.00		134.00	71.00				14.20	25.00	18.00		265.20
1076	Winnie-Stowell		156.00			25.00				10.22	58.00		249.22

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	Dist. 1 Sec. 3 - School		4.67										4.67
	Dist. 1 Sec. 5 Past Matrons & Past Patrons		253.00										253.00
	Dist. 1 Sec. 10 Past Matrons & Past Patrons		120.00										120.00
	Clarence E. Davis		50.00										50.00
	Albert K. Ray		5.00										5.00
	Dist. 1 Sec. 10		42.00										42.00
	Associate Conductress Club of Dallas		7.50										7.50
	Past Matrons Club of Flora	5.00											5.00
	Pauline Smith Club of Dallas		10.00										10.00
	Peal Hall Club of Dallas		7.50										7.50
	Secretary Club of Dallas				5.00								5.00
	Dist. 2 Sec. 3 School	20.49											20.49
	Past Matrons & Past Patrons Dist. 4 Sec. 3		10.00										10.00
	Past Matrons & Past Patrons Dist. 4 Sec. 5		500.00										500.00
	Worthy Patrons Dist. 4 Sec. 5		62.25										62.25
	Study Club Dist. 4 Sec. 10		20.00		415.00								435.00
	Candelighters Dist. 4 Sec. 10		5.00										5.00
	Past Matrons & Past Patrons Port Arthur		5.00		5.00								10.00
	Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron										100.00		100.00
	Alma Deweese										2.00		2.00
	Mrs. Patsy Sawyer, Arl. No. 249										2.00		2.00
	Lois Newman, Handley No. 617										1.00		1.00
	Zereda Hanacik, Arl. No. 249										2.00		2.00
	Dorothy Davenport, Arl. No. 249										2.00		2.00
	Mae Goad, Arl. No. 249										1.00		1.00
	Nettie Crawford										10.00		10.00
	Mrs. donations - no names or Chapters										38.00		38.00
	Dist. 5 Sec. 3 Mrs. Drake			25.00									25.00
	Dist. 5 Sec. 9 Cash Drill			127.92									127.92
	Dist. 5 Sec. 10 Cash Drill			10.00									10.00
	Past Matrons & Past Patrons Austin				25.00								25.00
	Switzerland Holiday Tour		7,560.00										7,560.00
	Grand Chapter Estarl Service				1,015.15								1,015.15
	Music Committee Contribution			2,000.00									2,000.00
	Grand Assembly of Texas O.R.G.		500.00										500.00
	Florence Read Grant		10,000.00										10,000.00
	Mrs. Chas. Logston		126.34										126.34
	Past Matrons & Past Patrons Club of Tyler								27.31				27.31
	Joyce T. Branham								3.00				3.00
	Founder's Day Fair								5,548.54				5,548.54

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	Cynthia Beauty Shop								5.00				5.00
	Past Matrons & Past Patrons Club of Wellington									14.00			14.00
	Ruby Fitzgerald (No Chapter given)										1.00		1.00
	Faye Collier (No Chapter given)										3.00		3.00
	Inez Mahagen (No Chapter given)										1.00		1.00
	Residents of the O.E.S. Home										55.00		55.00
	GRAND TOTALS	\$29,025.32	\$52,545.40	\$34,239.49	\$23,234.55	\$541.71	\$94.00	\$35.00	\$15,150.33	\$19,377.76	\$12,899.39	\$6,750.58	\$193,893.53

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December 16, 1977

Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary
Grand Chapter of Texas OES
1111 E. Division
Arlington, Texas 76011

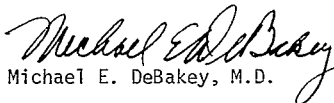
Dear Mrs. Howard:

It is a pleasure to acknowledge receipt of the Grand Chapter of Texas OES Special Fund check in the amount of \$34,239.49 to Baylor College of Medicine, representing support for the Grady Goodpasture Memorial Cancer Fund.

Your interest in and support for medical education and research are most encouraging to all of us whose goal is to provide the best teaching and research programs available while delivering the highest quality patient care. Again, please accept my thanks on behalf of the college for your generosity.

With warm regards.

Sincerely yours,


Michael E. DeBakey, M.D.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF
HOME BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
1976 - 1977**

Maudine King, General Chairman

I herewith submit a supplementary report of this Committee:

At this 1976-1977 Grand Chapter year end, with grateful hearts to the membership of Texas who were so generous with their contributions, our Eastern Star Home in Arlington will be made more attractive by the landscape work being done. Not only the Home Residents will have more beautiful scenery to look upon, but all visitors to the Home will have a lovely sight to greet them.

The following is the breakdown for the final report:

Total from District 1 — \$4,932.01
 Total from District 2 — \$2,748.27
 Total from District 3 — \$2,008.78
 Total from District 4 — \$5,853.91
 Total from District 5 — \$3,834.79

We think we can be very proud of this great accomplishment.

The members of 346 Chapters responded to this worthy undertaking and contributed a grand total of \$19,377.76. To these members, this thought:

Sharing with another one —
 Twice the pleasure — twice the fun.

We sincerely hope the Ladies of the Home and the membership of Texas are enjoying the results of the hard work of the members of this Committee. It was a pleasure to serve them, and you, Sister Joyce Roberts.

My love and devotion always,
 Maudine King, General Chairman
 1976-1977 Home Beautification Committee

95th SESSION
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS — O.E.S.
FINAL REPORT — — EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

	Expenses	Receipts
Auditorium & Stage.....	\$ 4,233.51	
Bags & Souvenirs.....	50.00	
Ballot Boxes.....	174.98	
Convention Center — Rent.....	1,850.00	
Courtesy Cars.....	159.10	
Distinguished Guests.....	2,463.83	
Equipment & Supplies.....	135.77	
Estarl.....	93.39	
Executive & Arrangements.....	794.65	
Floor Officers Banquet.....	322.40	
Fraternal Correspondent.....	146.38	
Grand Chaplain.....	12.00	
Grand Choir.....	41.75	
Grand Marshal.....	75.00	
Grand Musician.....	275.00	
Grand Warder & Sentinel.....	418.15	
Housing Committee.....	550.85	
Installation.....	750.00	
Insurance.....	271.00	
Labyrinth & Paraphernalia.....	8.62	
Photographer.....	1,000.00	
Registration Committee.....	10.19	
Security Guards.....	219.06	
Signs.....	50.28	
Social Chairman (Sunday Reception).....	548.09	
Steno Pool.....	25.00	
Sunday Night Banquet.....	354.00	
Telegram Committee.....	38.50	
Transportation — Bus.....	3,695.91	
Gifts — General Grand Officers (Const).....	175.00	
Miscellaneous.....	380.73	
Total Expenses.....	\$19,323.14	
Grand Chapter.....		\$20,000.00
Sale of Bus Passes.....		3,434.00
Deputy Luncheon — Miscellaneous.....		241.00
Rennie Oton Luncheon — Miscellaneous.....		139.73
Refund — Distinguished Guests Committee.....		807.04
Grand Chaplain.....		12.00
Total Receipts.....		\$24,633.77
Less Expenses.....		19,323.14
Balance.....		5,310.63
Returned to Grand Chapter.....		\$ 5,310.63

I would like to now recognize Sister Jettie Hinton, our Grand Treasurer.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Jettie Hinton. Since the financial programs are in here, I am just going to read my "appreciation".

APPRECIATION

There are times in life when we feel we cannot express the emotions that possess us, and so it is with me, as I attempt to tell you what this year has meant to me.

Worthy Grand Matron: My year of service with you has been a most enjoyable one. I want to thank you for all the courtesies you have extended to me throughout the year. You have been most gracious at all times and I shall always remember the many pleasant occasions when I was privileged to be with you. Your friendly smile and cheery "Hello, everybody" have opened wide the hearts of thousands of members of this Grand Jurisdiction. Thank you for your friendship, I prize it most highly.

Worthy Grand Patron: It has been a pleasure to serve with you. Our associations have been pleasant and you have, in every way, exemplified your loyalty to the Order. Thanks to you and Helen for your friendship. May Gods richest blessings, health and happiness be yours to enjoy for many, many years.

Grand Secretary: Only one who has served with you can appreciate your full worth. Again I want to thank you for your good advice so graciously given and for your splendid cooperation at all times.

Grand Trustees: My associations with you this year have been most pleasant, I appreciate the friendship of each one of you. For your constant loyalty and thoughtfulness to me, as Grand Treasurer, I shall be forever humbly grateful.

No greater joy has come to me in my Eastern Star work than that of serving Grand Chapter with this group of officers and I want to thank you most sincerely for this opportunity to serve.

Fraternally submitted,
 JETTIE HINTON,
 Grand Treasurer

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

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 period of July 31, 1976 to July 31, 1977.

ENDOWMENT INTEREST FUND

Balance July 31, 1976.....	\$	228.75	
Received from Grand Secretary.....			16,972.20
Disbursements:			
Invest in Ft. Worth National.....	\$16,000.00		
Balance July 31, 1977.....		1,200.95	
	\$17,200.95		17,200.95

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 GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS — O.E.S.
 TREASURER'S REPORT

Description	Budget	Expenses	Receipts	Over Budget	Under Budget
1 Auditorium & Stage	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,233.51	\$	\$	\$ 166.49
2 Bags & Souvenirs	50.00	50.00			
3 Ballot Boxes	200.00	174.98			25.02
4 Convention Center Rent	1,850.00	1,850.00			
5 Courtesy Cars	200.00	159.10			40.90
6 Distinguished Guests	1,500.00	2,463.83	807.04	156.79	
7 Equipment & Supplies	150.00	135.77			14.23
8 Estarl	200.00	93.39			106.61
9 Executive & Arrangements	800.00	794.65			5.35
10 Floor Officers Banquet	350.00	322.40			27.60
11 Fraternal Correspondent	150.00	146.38			3.62
12 Grand Chaplain		12.00	12.00		
13 Grand Choir	350.00	41.75			308.25
14 Grand Marshal	75.00	75.00			
15 Grand Musician	275.00	275.00			
16 Grand Warder & Sentinel	418.15	418.15			
17 Housing Committee	400.00	550.85		150.85	
18 Installation	750.00	750.00			
19 Insurance	300.00	271.00			29.00
20 Labyrinth & Paraphernalia	250.00	8.62			241.38
21 Photographer	1,000.00	1,000.00			
22 Registration Committee	200.00	10.19			189.81
23 Security Guards	500.00	219.06			280.94
24 Signs	100.00	50.28			49.72
25 Social Chairman (Sunday Reception)	1,000.00	548.09			451.91
26 Steno Pool	25.00	25.00			
27 Sunday Night Banquet	354.00	354.00			
28 Telegram Committee	50.00	38.50			11.50
29 Transportation — Bus	3,500.00	3,695.91	3,434.00	195.91	
30 Gifts — General Grand Officers (Const)	175.00	175.00			
31 Miscellaneous	427.85	380.73	380.73		427.85
	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$19,323.14</u>	<u>\$4,633.77</u>	<u>\$503.55</u>	<u>2380.18</u> <u>-503.55</u> <u>\$1,876.63</u>

O.E.S. MILEAGE, Ft. Worth, Texas 1976

Balance in Account		888.01	
Received from Grand Secretary			13,000.00
Disbursements:			
Paid to Delegates	\$10,002.52		
Refund Grand Secretary	3,800.00		
Balance in Account	85.49		
		13,888.01	13,888.01

BENEVOLENT FUND

CD Universal Saving — Jacinto City Texas	\$20,000.00
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EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

Balance July 31, 1976		14,251.61	
Received from Grand Secretary			4,952.75
Disbursements:			
Invest	\$15,000.00		
Scholarship	2,225.00		
Balance July 31, 1977	1,979.36		
		19,204.36	\$19,204.36

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Graham Saving & Loan	10,000.00
Gibraltar Saving Loan, Houston, Texas	20,000.00
Big Spring Saving Loan, Big Spring	20,000.00
Harris Co. Saving Loan, Baytown, Texas	10,000.00
Citizens Saving Loan, Baytown, Texas	40,000.00

GENERAL FUND

Balance in Fort Worth National Bank, Ft. Worth, Texas	\$348,669.09
Clearing Savings Account	

Benevolent Fund

Balance in Fort. Worth National Bank, Ft. Worth, Texas	\$ 26,924.00
Benevolent Fund Savings Account	

Home Fund

Balance in Fort Worth National Bank, Ft. Worth, Texas	\$ 50,000.00
Home Fund Savings Account	

General Fund

Balance in Fort Worth National Bank, Ft. Worth, Texas	\$ 40,000.00
General Fund Savings Account	

Worthy Grand Matron, I move this report be referred to the proper Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron. Our Grand Treasurer has moved that her report be referred to the proper Committee, and it has been seconded. All in favor signify by saying "Aye". Those opposed "No". Carried.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

LIST OF VOUCHERS 1975 - 1976

NO.	PAYEE — EXPLANATION	AMOUNT
339	Maude Arnold — 2nd Advance G. C. Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00
340	Doris Easterling — Expense attend General G. Chapter	157.74
341	Bradco Printers — Ledger sheets, 60 day ruling	140.70
342	Joyce Roberts — Expense attend General G. Chapter	177.42
343	O. D. Christian — Expense attend General G. Chapter	135.50
344	Bradco Printers — Balance on 1975 Proceedings	5,750.00
345	Maude Arnold — 4th Payment, Bal. 1976 Grand Chapter	5,000.00
346	Jettie Hinton — Mileage Appr. 1976, Ft. Worth	13,000.00
347	Preferred Printers — A.G.M. Deputy Books	1,800.23
348	Travis & Ramsey — Service August 1976	300.00
349	Ollie Rogers — Chaplain 1975-76 Ft. Worth	100.00
351	Mildred Garlitz — Balance Visiting Grands 1976	500.00
352	James D. Wood — Exec. Committee Ft. Worth	14.50
353	Doris Easterling — Distinguish Guests	1,500.00
354	James Wood — Print Trustees Budget	7.98
355	Joyce Roberts — Expense Appr 1976-77	3,000.00
356	Perry Smithwick — Expense Appr 1976-77	1,500.00
357	Mary M. Brown — A.G.M. Expense	1,250.00
358	Murray Watson — A.G.P. Expense	250.00
359	Rennie Ofton — Grand Conductress	150.00
360	Kathy Johnston — Associate Grand Conductress	150.00
361	Joyce Roberts — Appr for Secretary	500.00
362	Car Acct — Grand Matron Car Expense	3,600.00
363	Perry Smithwick — Past Grand Jewel	300.00
364	Joyce Roberts — Past Grand Jewel	500.00
365	Jettie Hinton — Expense Appr	400.00
368	Grand Trustees — Expense Appr 76-77	1,500.00
369	Acct. 3-45629 — Operating Expense	10,000.00
370	Lyda Lawhorn — Estarl Expense	100.00
371	Lola Wallace — General Chm Grand Chapter 76	600.00
372	Marjorie Johnson — Examiner No. 1	120.00
373	Dorothy Vernon — Examiner No. 2	120.00
374	Lena Mae Cook — Examiner No. 4	120.00
375	Maurine Jackson — Examiner No. 5	120.00
376	Elise Hammock — Examiner No. 3	120.00
377	Jackie Wilder — Dist. Deputy No. 1	1,000.00
378	Irene Shearer — Dist. Deputy No. 2	1,000.00
379	Frances Burbank — Dist. Deputy No. 3	1,000.00
381	Jerre Lucas — Dist. Deputy No. 5	1,000.00
382	Western Union — Telegrams to Past Grands	36.40
383	Preferred Printers — Installation Programs	1,065.00
384	Bradco Printers — Advance Report	5,223.75
385	Bradco Printers — Session Programs	4,152.75
386	Bradco Printers — Chaplain Program	420.00
387	Bradco Printers — Supplies for Deputy's	1,157.73
388	Bradco Printers — W.G.M. & W.G.P. Stationery, Supplies	704.97
389	Bradco Printers — November Bulletin	2,368.00
390	Travis & Ramsey — Audit, punchout Sept.	300.00
391	Elsie Paladena — Estarl Programs	47.47
392	Carolyn Paul — By-laws Expense	100.00
380	Wand Smith — Dist. Deputy No. 4	1,000.00
350	Pat Neinast — Edit 75-76 Proceedings	100.00

MILEAGE PAID AT GRAND CHAPTER — 1976

Fort Worth, Texas

Check	Payee	Amount	Check	Payee	Amount
1	Helen Miles	\$ 1.83	79	Vileen Kells	9.33
2	Addie Randow	18.51	80	Ellen Myer	11.37
3	Jo Calloway	15.72	82	Christine Evens	23.34
4	Carol Herman	35.19	85	Mildred Sharpe	1.83
5	Clyde Cunningham	7.86	86	Mary Garrett	24.99
6	Anne Kennedy	16.77	88	Nancy Bailey	15.72
7	Mildred Airehart	5.22	90	Hazel Dresser	3.84
10	Gwen Beachinger	13.41	91	Sally Matranga	15.48
11	Sue Werster	16.97	92	Frances Herrin	11.28
13	Mildred Harris	5.22	93	Marlyven Province	2.88
14	B. D. Mills	29.19	94	Aliene Houston	.75
15	Murle Brock	17.82	95	Katherine Harbour	16.77
17	Willie Hammer	4.59	98	Irene Shearer	19.65
18	Grace Lumpkin	17.73	100	Patricia Neinast	8.82
20	Rachel Jackson	1.74	101	Naomi Kidwell	13.32
21	Ethel Baker	1.74	102	Annie L. Ward	7.38
22	Viva Huffman	15.48	104	Edna Melton	18.57
23	Lois Love	9.33	105	Cortez Dowlen	21.00
24	Cheryl Armstrong	14.91	108	Frank Phillips	21.00
25	Alba Tefteller	11.31	109	Eleanor Lehrman	6.12
27	Cynthia M. Watts	11.79	111	Earl G. Manning	7.38
30	Claudette Carroll	9.06	112	LaVerne Marsh	7.68
31	M. J. McNeil	16.62	113	LaVerne Wenderdich	13.44
32	Nell Koonce	16.62	114	Charles Bairfield	16.77
33	Sandy Cosby	19.38	115	Ed L. Sharpe	1.83
34	Lillian Parker	17.52	116	Flora B. Adkerson	7.62
36	Dolph S. Brown	17.52	118	Frances E. Speer	4.44
37	Pauline Miller	18.22	119	Delia Kay	9.24
39	Marie Andrews	12.39	120	Sandra Kerby	9.21
40	Lallah M. Vollus	15.48	121	Dr. R. O. Fuqua	11.49
43	Angie Tutschke	17.64	122	Gerald C. Allen	13.11
44	Donna Motley	2.88	124	Ruth Alegie	30.84
45	Mabel S. Harle	19.05	125	Elaine Day	18.72
47	Mary E. Day	11.61	129	Dr. James Goette	15.48
49	Betty Britz	15.72	130	J. T. Sanders	18.51
51	Mary E. Schoverling	15.48	131	Nora M. Donelson	1.26
53	Eunice Connell	15.72	132	Oneita Hilbrick	27.21
54	Johnnie Kyle	18.12	133	Louese Oliver	17.61
55	Ruby Enloe	10.05	135	Oad L. Morris	15.48
57	Joyce Duncan	5.97	137	Harold Todd	15.72
58	Elizabeth Elliott	13.20	138	C. A. Bill Holmes	17.52
59	Mary K. Smith	3.84	139	Doris Easterling	8.40
60	Agnes Lee Howard	7.35	141	Lois Clark	15.72
61	Georgia Morris	22.56	142	O. D. Christian	1.83
63	Thelma Chandler	1.83	143	Tony Parson	16.89
64	Althea Karrer	11.67	144	Pat Brannen	12.03
65	Johnnie Alexander	19.50	145	Joyce Roberts	35.31
66	Martha Campbell	14.76	146	Goldie M. Newman	24.72
67	Grace Kenney	15.39	147	Jettie Hinton	16.98
71	Ann Robertson	18.06	148	Mary Brown	10.98
73	Vallagene Crance	10.74	149	Rennie Ofton	15.72
74	Janell Lowe	18.06	150	Ollie G. Rogers	1.83
75	Linda Glaze	17.34	151	Betty Crow	11.82
76	Defie Lou Taylor	17.52	152	Bob K. King	15.72
77	May Eldredge	5.85	153	Winnie Watern	7.38
78	Amy Goebel	5.22	156	Edyce Kromer	2.70

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158	Lyda Tillery	17.28	233	Genie Stephenson	15.63
159	Dollie Baker	4.71	235	Roberta Russell	16.62
160	Imogene Hall	3.21	236	Hazel Crutcher	18.06
161	Anna Lee Ford	22.53	237	Carol Caltey	6.90
162	Cornelia Jones	21.72	242	Viva Peek	7.80
163	Ellen Turner	9.06	243	Patricia Brooks	12.84
164	Neta Berry	13.35	244	Margaret Walters	35.31
165	Frances Christian	1.83	245	Deloris Sebesta	11.04
166	Merle Young	18.06	247	Willie Nostick	8.88
167	Leta Casey	10.44	248	Billie Martin	8.07
168	Pauline Poe	8.40	249	Shirley Martindale	.75
169	Mary R. Guizzle	15.81	250	Allene Pagel	23.19
171	Josephine Graham	3.18	251	Billie Lindley	15.09
172	Velda Anderson	1.83	253	Myrle Prine	17.76
173	Julia Fukler	7.56	254	Sara Crowder	9.06
174	Paul B. Fitch	35.19	255	Millie Whatley	7.62
175	Louise Armstrong	11.28	256	Lona Bradley	17.01
177	Frances Armstrong	6.15	257	Bobby Skelton	13.53
180	Thurman Perry	11.28	258	Mildred Stroud	15.48
181	Charles H. Allen	4.44	259	Pauline Ferrell	2.16
182	Rachel Jones	19.50	261	Lenora Fulmer	16.80
183	Caroline Curtis	5.25	262	Mabel May	19.05
184	Maurine Skipper	20.25	263	Clara Mitchell	16.35
186	Elizabeth Palmer	11.25	265	Geanne Gish	35.19
187	Beth Walker	13.11	266	Opal Gwen	11.25
188	Marilyn Simmons	9.69	267	Etta B. Laney	3.99
190	W. M. Taylor Hood	18.06	268	Ima L. Hawkins	5.34
191	Suzann Walters	9.21	271	Norma Drozd	16.62
193	Florene Freid	9.81	275	Lois Raley	5.16
194	Nancy Holmes	3.78	276	Violet Dean	13.11
197	Lena Mae Cook	15.48	277	Celestene Carleton	7.59
198	Maurine Jackson	18.96	278	Kay R. Hall	18.99
199	Beulah Holliday	11.79	280	Joann Brown	5.76
200	Lois Favor	15.24	281	Oma McWharter	7.80
201	Alice O'Neal	5.76	282	Ula M. Jaeger	14.04
202	Elois Norton	1.56	283	Doris Fern	4.44
204	Grace Elliott	21.42	286	Ora Ford	6.63
205	Dollie Stephens	5.13	287	Kleta Shepperson	18.33
206	Lester Nichols	15.90	288	Mary Call	7.62
207	Bonny F. Davis	3.84	290	Vernice Yarborough	5.79
208	Bobbie Richardson	5.76	291	Linda Weaver	15.18
209	Betty L. Hays	1.83	294	Dorothy O'Neal	4.44
210	Autie Tally	12.90	295	Dorothy Frost	8.58
211	Mary Kennington	12.54	296	Natalie Kennedy	7.38
212	Mildred Cypert	9.87	297	Marie Sadler	20.01
213	Jean Venable	2.31	298	O. S. David	17.01
214	Maxine Davis	18.96	299	Greta W. Watson	6.12
215	Prudenc Jones	7.41	301	Lucill Poland	1.83
216	Frances Stripling	9.18	302	Blanche Robinson	18.06
217	Gladys Donoho	4.44	303	Joyce Wayne	1.83
218	Clara B. Herron	21.69	304	Imogene Bengston	11.28
219	Hazel Patterson	1.11	305	Ruby Moreland	8.88
220	Betty Murrell	18.96	306	Violet Gibson	11.79
222	Shirley Stephens	10.05	307	Hazel Senters	18.06
223	Mary K. Lester	11.04	308	Evelyn Hendon	8.40
225	Jessie Freeman	11.46	309	Norma Stribling	11.61
226	Dorotha Willis	8.70	310	Dorothy Robertson	6.06
228	Bonnie Petty	12.39	312	Audry Powell	22.08
229	Imogene Benton	23.73	313	Bernice Ogden	14.43

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315	Jennie Hicks	15.39	412	Nelda Hastings	15.72
316	Westa Custer	10.23	414	Lena Hoover	8.70
317	Pansy Read	9.96	415	Jean Stacey	14.79
318	Alberta Mann	15.48	417	Tommie Wylie	1.83
319	Lula Mae Goss	10.05	418	Nancy Shurley	18.96
320	Ozelle Riddle	2.31	419	Helena Gayne	4.62
321	Faye Butts	6.78	420	Peniny Vletas	15.48
323	Naomi Johnson	13.14	421	Grace Cross	8.82
324	Thelma Ackley	14.13	422	Ellen Walden	13.11
325	Hazel Kramme	23.70	423	Clyde Ridenour	11.28
326	Bonnie Daley	1.11	425	Josephine Harrison	9.90
327	Dollie Mae Junek	11.04	426	Lemma Voorhies	15.72
328	Rachel Cherry	17.28	427	Janet Brown	6.03
329	Allie M. Dodson	17.97	428	Mildred Hancock	11.46
330	Daisy Forester	11.25	429	Julie DeShaza	15.66
331	Juanita Fairchild	6.42	431	Brend Robinson	.87
332	Margaret Simpson	13.41	432	Beulah Speer	9.27
334	Louise Leibald	16.47	433	Emma Cable	3.24
335	Lola Henefield	17.34	435	Betty Jo Kleen	10.68
337	Artrelle Marshburn	14.46	437	Nellie Webb	17.25
341	Athene Weaver	11.28	438	Corine Clayton	17.43
343	Reu Kennard	2.25	439	Dovie Davidson	17.64
346	Velda Applegate	3.00	440	Mary Alberts	9.60
347	Bertha Johnson	21.66	441	Cacey Fidler	2.25
348	Bettie Sanford	12.78	443	Ruth Dunn	6.48
349	George E. Hooten	10.14	444	Edith Alford	7.68
351	Pat Atkisson	15.15	445	Elsie Paladino	18.72
352	Clara Fuqua	11.49	446	Wanda Gilmore	1.83
353	Grace Ramsey	22.65	447	Mary Stanfield	18.96
354	Edna Ramsey	22.59	448	Hazel Wright	18.96
355	Mattie Loyd	8.73	450	Ozane Pylant	13.26
356	Jessie Huffman	10.71	451	Fannie Gent	8.22
357	Frances McGahey	22.59	456	Francine Cartwright	15.03
360	Vera Moore	9.39	457	Delia Dusek	29.55
363	Pauline Wilson	17.01	460	Melba Bailey	10.68
366	Lola B. Bird	4.35	461	Mabel Kuykendall	6.33
368	Mabel Edmons	10.59	459	J. D. Isenhower	6.33
373	Sherry Colvin	18.96	462	Edith Mapes	14.58
374	Mary Stevens	1.83	464	Mamie Berryman	1.83
375	Genevieve Halburt	14.91	465	Frances Rogers	14.07
376	Helen Mayfield	12.06	466	Lois Bell	13.77
377	Libby Senesae	8.52	467	Clara Moore	8.16
380	Kara Hamilton	11.58	468	Rubie Swayze	18.33
382	Vertie Nations	11.79	469	J. B. Easterling	8.40
383	Willie A. Smith	1.83	470	Blanche Wilson	1.83
384	Ida Gandy	16.77	472	Alberta Latham	11.28
385	Shirley Duty	15.48	473	Bobby Whitlock	28.62
389	Viola Porter	10.26	476	Katherine Manning	7.38
390	James Conner	3.72	477	H. E. Campbell	1.80
391	Pauline Hadley	26.49	479	Pauline Traylor	21.09
392	Ollie M. Smelley	5.16	480	Alma Carter	3.09
395	Lucill Springer	11.19	484	Shelby Crosby	29.55
396	Betty Baker	11.91	485	Pauline Duggar	.60
399	Thelma McHargue	15.48	486	Naomi Hopkins	1.83
401	Elnore Bauman	3.93	487	Elsie Abernathy	20.25
403	Anna B. Hamel	14.70	488	Audra McGaughey	8.07
404	Doris Hartman	17.97	489	Roberta Isenhower	6.33
408	Lula Petty	9.78	490	Elsie Tolliver	8.70
410	Evelyn Caskey	9.60	495	Kermit Schnelle	15.24

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498	Mae Logan	1.65	636	Jane Woodbury	15.72
499	Judy Mills	14.91	638	Harriett Tolbert	15.36
500	Bell Atkinson	7.62	639	Gracie Stough	5.22
501	Mattie Henry	8.40	641	Hazel King	29.31
503	Lucile Dunaway	7.38	642	Lucile Bell	3.84
504	O. B. Chamberlin	15.72	643	Ellen Tipton	16.47
506	Mrs. Ray Graves	12.84	644	Freda Revelle	29.70
507	Pearl R. Johnson	15.48	648	Barbara Huse	1.83
508	Gladys Crabb	2.79	649	Leoná Cummins	17.49
509	Betty Garrett	9.99	651	Gertrude Phillips	15.48
510	Leola Foster	12.90	653	Nettie James	23.22
511	Bonnie Reed	1.83	655	Ruby Hamilton	7.71
512	Gene Grisham	5.52	656	Betty Dameron	1.50
513	Opal Lee Kelly	1.83	662	Mayme Shults	9.69
514	Ethel Bunch	28.62	664	Jennie Mason	15.72
515	Allene Brison	21.21	665	Margaret Kohli	15.72
517	Erlene Woodall	16.23	667	Ruth Abbott	5.46
518	Brend Addington	3.30	669	Twila Armstrong	15.48
519	Dorothy Haga	21.42	674	Virginia Carney	4.38
520	Potsy Sawyer	.75	675	Jewel Nelson	10.98
523	B. F. Hutson	19.05	677	Patricia Edwards	18.78
524	Margaret Rassen	19.05	678	Alice Arnold	20.43
525	Molly Goodpasture	19.05	683	Janet Edwards	16.98
526	Verlyne Bridges	18.24	687	Naomi Phillips	2.88
527	Wanda Williams	29.55	691	Dorothy Hewett	15.72
530	Charlie Pinchard	2.25	692	Jean Davis	17.28
535	Jay W. Key	16.47	693	Eula Weaver	5.52
539	Edith Cook	8.46	694	Mary Davis	7.08
540	Bobbie Hodges	22.44	695	Ozie Shields	7.05
543	Ruth Hollingworth	2.34	696	Gladys Hassell	11.34
553	Eva White	8.31	697	Mrs. DeLeon Sewell	3.15
555	Ruby Core	14.34	700	Polly York	11.46
557	Dee Lois Bale	3.12	701	Clara Kersey	35.19
561	Dorothy Vernon	21.09	705	Wanda Wilkerson	17.43
563	Sherrell Cain	8.34	706	Lola Sawyer	15.48
565	June Long	29.70	707	Delila Pearson	1.83
569	Phillip Vardy	16.11	708	Anna Alderson	5.13
574	Aileen Batson	1.83	710	Lucile Byrd	13.14
575	Mary L. Hull	16.20	711	Maxine McLeod	16.23
576	Marjorie Hill	11.07	713	Dorothy Wilson	6.90
578	Kitty Crawford	9.75	715	Peggy Lewis	1.83
581	Margaret Finch	17.94	716	Margery Miller	18.51
585	Ina Boggs	18.12	717	Edith Waddell	1.83
589	Mona Cleveland	7.74	718	Louise Morgan	6.57
591	Gertrude Jones	7.47	721	Judith Black	23.46
595	Daisy Johnson	7.02	722	Jaunita Tippet	8.85
597	Annie Mae Lee	9.75	724	Janie Flowers	16.47
599	Viola Rodgers	2.31	725	Cora Sanders	18.06
602	Ruby Fraser	19.23	726	Della Trammell	29.55
607	Virginia Madison	11.28	728	Doris J. Theiler	15.48
610	Margaret Stephens	9.30	730	Jeff Davis	16.86
618	Estelle Atzenhatter	16.53	731	Anita Ferguson	15.48
620	Jackie Morgan	35.19	732	Fannie Hockley	29.49
621	Wanda Hart	16.98	733	Allie Roberts	7.35
624	Valois McDonald	.60	734	Margurite Parrish	15.72
626	Lucretia Lewis	17.94	736	Doris Peterson	1.83
627	Doris Lefevers	11.04	737	Jaunita Rogers	16.65
630	Margaret Roberts	9.09	738	Faye Stone	35.19
631	Annie Bracewell	12.75	741	John Edna Morey	15.48

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748	Ora Jacks	28.02	869	Zealon Humphrey	23.73
750	Bessie Bean	15.72	871	Iva Jennings	8.67
755	Helen Potter	1.83	872	Danna M. Short	1.83
759	Marjorie Evans	35.19	873	Sue Carr	17.97
760	Ruby Yates	19.56	875	Jean Demuth	1.83
769	Nettie Muesse	3.24	877	Myra Davis	9.27
771	Marie Maxwell	14.16	879	Frances Hodgson	12.00
772	Ali Fae Wright	29.94	881	Lela Lanier	1.83
777	Julia Young	1.53	884	Jacqueline Gafford	15.54
782	Alma Lacy	15.72	885	Johnnie McCCellough	6.66
783	Charlott Murr	13.17	887	Opal Farley	2.58
787	Dorothy Randle	20.25	889	Myra Parker	14.16
790	Betty Phillips	23.28	891	Jane Sheer	15.27
792	Hazel Nowell	21.45	892	Reatha Mullins	9.60
794	Ruth Cook	1.83	894	Elsie Pope	13.47
797	Elizabeth Chenowth	19.38	895	Vera R. Hill	5.76
798	Pauline Curtis	16.98	897	Gladys Rickman	1.56
799	Ann Crew	10.71	900	Lillian Lindsey	17.73
801	Glenda Driskill	4.02	901	Elsie Kilgore	6.60
802	Pauline Lilley	20.31	904	Authula McLemore	5.16
803	Alma Arnold	11.28	905	Joyce Nicklas	3.99
810	Mary Pike	6.66	906	Mttie Chism	9.75
811	R. J. Hodges	20.97	907	Loretta Griffin	9.93
814	Azada Graham	15.98	908	Elizabeth Osburn	7.62
815	Naomi Hatch	29.55	909	Annie Armstrong	7.92
816	Fern Stark	20.85	910	Betty Culpepper	4.80
817	Ada I. Kelley	15.72	911	Elois Hailes	15.03
819	Ruth Slough	20.88	912	Rosemary Lambert	15.72
823	Margie Gray	18.06	914	Vidor Chapter	18.51
824	Sarah Widener	1.83	915	Jo Ann Smith	15.48
825	Daryce Payne	5.22	920	Lois Williams	15.48
826	Deborah Karschmer	9.84	921	Dorotha Allison	2.52
828	Llets Lightfoot	2.13	922	Dorothy Knowls	1.83
829	Faye Bales	19.59	923	Sherra Reeves	1.80
830	Ennie LaGrone	8.82	924	Ozelle Scarborough	7.59
831	Blanche Ullrich	7.89	926	Paula Williams	20.34
833	Barbara Smith	9.06	927	Neoma May	15.48
837	Betty Rutledge	35.19	929	Mary C. North	5.22
838	Marjean Cilny	14.13	930	Bobbeye Plumlee	3.57
840	Mollie Smith	6.27	933	Jimmie Clayton	15.48
841	Jean Williams	21.03	935	Janice Hoffman	1.32
842	Bettie L. Porter	5.22	938	Carmen Johnson	12.51
843	Winnifred Guffey	29.40	940	Lillie Johnson	4.32
845	Jo Dorsey	21.66	941	Elsie Wisdom	17.52
846	James Gieger	9.81	943	Joan Fisher	2.61
847	Bessie M. Cox	19.53	944	Edna Whitley	10.56
848	Jo Ann Breazeale	22.59	949	Kathlen Parker	6.90
849	Corrine McAdoo	19.20	951	Beulah George	1.83
851	Effie Holt	7.65	953	Wilma Moore	18.93
852	Mary Holland	5.61	954	Romelle Edwards	15.42
853	Myrtle Yandell	5.73	955	Charolotte Bryan	15.48
854	Jessie Vaden	19.77	958	Dorothy Ludwig	15.48
855	Velma May	19.47	959	Nell Richardson	1.83
856	Nancy Bringhurst	15.48	960	Robbie Yates	25.20
858	Catherine Collier	3.27	961	Ila M. Pilcher	24.60
862	Evagene Wilson	21.00	963	Sallie Wells	11.28
863	Marjorie Freeman	20.61	968	Dian Cleveland	17.31

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975	Cleba Nichols	7.68	1048	Ettie Hubbard	13.11
976	Sonnye Smith	10.08	1050	Jane Dunford	15.48
977	Willie Eubank	3.48	1051	Edna Harshbarger	25.20
979	Ethel Nevius	17.67	1052	Jennie Jones	20.25
980	Mary Bawcum	5.22	1054	Lela Lewis	19.05
981	Fae Boutatte	13.14	1056	Jacqueline Engstrom	18.06
983	Louise Tolleson	1.83	1057	Lola Bullard	33.99
984	Bertiss Norris	15.48	1058	Elva Leveritt	15.48
986	Cecile Kontz	20.25	1059	Virginia Barkley	20.97
987	Dottie Pearl	15.48	1060	Dorothy Wadding	36.00
988	LaVerne Williams	17.16	1063	Emogene Watt	16.50
989	Ethelyn Forbis	10.17	1064	Mary Gault	19.50
991	Jaunita Hubler	35.19	1065	Billie J. Bass	16.62
992	Vera Adams	32.64	1066	Margie Sangster	20.31
994	Lucille Smith	9.09	1068	Norine Bendy	14.43
995	Lennie Jones	9.90	1070	Darrell Gent	8.22
996	Loretta Church	10.98	1072	Mary Turner	9.06
998	Dorothy English	15.72	1074	Beryl Ragsdale	18.96
1000	Lucille Melton	1.83	1075	Etha Jenkin	15.72
1001	Sandra Holt	17.94	1076	Donna Kahla	19.08
1002	Berta Morgan	8.52	1077	Georgie Moore	15.48
1003	Coreta Bryant	13.92	1078	Frances Waldrip	23.43
1004	Grace Graham	20.94	1079	Madge Nichols	18.66
1005	Jay Dickie	6.69	1080	Della Markley	15.48
1006	Nita Adair	1.83	1081	Billie Smith	15.48
1007	Arthur Corley	2.70	1083	Fern Dolby	10.05
1008	Estelle Brittain	18.96	1085	Rita Ausley	17.58
1009	Virginia Everett	18.51	1087	Sandra Keith	35.19
1011	Johnnie Lowe	18.72	1088	Robertta Barrett	15.48
1012	Elsie Hines	6.06	1089	Billie Wilk	2.67
1013	Eddie Robinson	9.06	1090	Elgia McKinney	9.30
1014	Doris Yates	1.83	1092	Carolyn Turner	14.34
1015	Letha Blasdel	15.48	1093	Mearl Scott	14.31
1016	Geneva Tincher	9.30	1094	Eva Brown	15.48
1017	Barbara Truon	12.66	1095	Bernice Adams	16.23
1018	Collene Simmons	11.49	1096	Alice Royal	17.73
1019	Alma Pye	15.39	1097	Ruth Smith	1.83
1021	Sandra Jackson	15.48	1098	Rosemary Swetland	12.63
1024	Irma Cherry	17.16	1099	Helen Keller	.75
1026	Jimmie Heley	10.35	1100	Irene Akins	35.19
1027	Dorothy Riley	3.51	1101	Frieda Harrison	15.48
1031	Mildred Sanders	11.85	1102	Helen Herring	14.16
1032	Lucrecia Black	19.38	1103	Judy Keene	15.12
1033	Mary Griffin	9.48	1104	Delores Schilling	15.72
1034	Lucille Fitzgerald	15.48	1105	Mary Anderson	14.22
1036	Oliver Harbison	11.28	1106	Albertin Rascol	27.87
1035	Doris Due	11.64	1107	Mildred Lee	16.14
1037	Lena Crofford	23.76	1108	Marion Davenport	22.38
1038	Betty Brooks	19.50	1110	Jaceuline Painter	6.00
1039	Miriam Tatum	1.83	1111	Dorothy Stanton	17.52
1041	Barbara Franklin	15.48	1112	Lois Blankenship	15.66
1042	Janie Locke	2.58	1113	Myrtle Coleman	7.56
1044	Lynnie Talley	22.59	1114	Mary Reeves	5.31

Worthy Grand Matron. I will now recognize Sister Rachel Jones, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences.

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES

Mrs. Rachel Jones. 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 the Fiscal Year 1976-1977.

Following the election of Mrs. Modgie Hudson, a member of Valley Hi Chapter No. 1104, San Antonio, as a member of the Board from District 5 to succeed retiring member Mr. Thurman Perry, the Board convened to welcome her and organize the Board.

Mrs. Hudson was presented with the orientation file prepared through the past year for the new member. This file consisted of copies of all the minutes of meetings of this Grand Chapter year, application forms, a book of rules pertaining to rules and regulations governing the Home and other valuable information. The Board was organized as follows:

Mrs. Rachel Jones, District 2 — Chairman
Mr. Charles H. Allen, District 1 — Vice Chairman
Mr. Wm. Taylor Hood, District 4 — Secretary
Mrs. Earnesteen Porter, District 3 — Treasurer
Mrs. Modgie Hudson, District 5 — Member

Notices of all Board meetings as well as the minutes of each meeting have been mailed to the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary and all line Officers of Grand Chapter. Many of these have visited our meetings at various times.

The present Board members were no sooner organized and plunging into the work of this Board than we began to appreciate the love, labor and sacrifice of the members who have gone before us. We know that they have given unselfishly of their time, effort, even to convenience in order that our entire membership may realize and accept their share of this sacred project of our Beloved Order. That project being the Home situated in Arlington. This Home is dear to the heart of every member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Those who have gone before us have paved the way for the attractive and well-kept Home for our lovely ladies.

To keep the past ideals and purposes of this beautiful Home out front, the present people representing the entire membership who have done much for the condition of our Home are Mrs. Patsy Sawyer, the Administrator-Superintendent and her assistants, Mrs. Zereda Hanacik, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Davenport who are each trained to keep their work areas one of perfection, as near as possible. Mrs. Sawyer works directly with the personnel, assisted by Mrs. Zereda Hanacik and Mrs. Davenport. Mr. Davenport needs to be complimented upon the many maintenance tasks, large or small, he does every day to keep the Home activities moving smoothly. These individuals are doing a commendable task for the entire membership.

Our total Budget for the year has been \$675,516, and we are operating well within the Budget. Barring any serious misfortune, we will probably be able to refund a sizeable amount at the end of this fiscal year, as is the custom.

Specific members who have worked diligently and without ceasing are the Grand Chapter's various committees. The Founder's Day Committee Chairman, Mrs. Zena Wilson, advised us that the Worthy Grand Matron desired the funds of this committee be used to renovate the living rooms of the Home and to refurbish the sunrooms and TV rooms. Carpets and drapes to be cleaned, furniture upholstered and new furniture purchased as necessary.

The Time and Talent Committee whose chairman is Polly Duggan, asked to purchase a washer and dryer for the upstairs wings; to purchase a new station wagon, and funds permitting, to continue the fencing from the front of the Grand Chapter Office Building to the public street on the west side of the Home property. Most of these goals have been accomplished at this time.

This Board has paid the dues for membership that our Administrator-Superintendent, Mrs. Patsy Sawyer, may be a member of Masonic Homes Executives' Association of North America. Thus, encouraging continued professional growth and updating of new requirements being constantly required by the state.

We have 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. We also have coverage on all vehicles. We appreciate the help and guidance of our insurance members.

We have had ten meetings since last Grand Chapter and have acted upon all applications filed for admittance to the Eastern Star Home. We have also met with the Board of Trustees several times.

We are grateful to the members of the Board of Grand Trustees for all the directions and suggestions given to the Board of Benevolences. For instance, they gave us a hint for the new inventory sheets listing the properties to be included with Home entry applications. The committee composed of members from both Boards compiled a workable form.

The Board of Grand Trustees also gave us a pattern for direction of our monies to their proper accounts by transfer. We appreciate this labor of love.

The one phase of the work of this Board that needs more thinking in depth is the Benevolent Aid for our members who need just a little boost to be able to stay in their homes. The Board of Benevolences acted upon the Home applications and Benevolent Aid applications in the following manner:

Number applications sent and never heard from	6
Total applications mailed to Chapters	24
Number completed applications returned	8
Number rejected	3
Number rejected by Chapters	2
Number ineligible	1
Number withdrawn	4
Deaths in the Home	12
Members who withdrew from the Home	0
Members present in the Home	81
Members dismissed from the Home	0
New members entering the Home	4
Chapters receiving Benevolent Aid	27
Members receiving Benevolent Aid	38

Our Benevolent Aid Budget was \$35,000 and we have operated within this budget the entire Grand Chapter year of 1976-1977.

All changes in the Home and Infirmary required by the state have been complied with and we will be fully licensed with the Infirmary in August.

Stop and remember those who have gone before, the present, and those yet to come have a part in this great project, our Home. It behooves every member of the Order to stand strong behind this project.

No one has learned the meaning of living until he has surrendered his ego to the service of his fellowmen.

People we often overlook, who are a very important part of this great membership, are the cooks, housekeepers, diningroom and other daily maintenance help who are a part of pleasant living in the Home. Their salary schedule is set by the Hourly Wage Commission and we abide by it. In this area, we are still within the Budget.

This year we have had excellent attendance at our Board meetings. The meetings have started on time and we have worked prayerfully and considerately on every decision to be made, hoping that the decisions are amiable and right for all concerned.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, other Grand Officers, we appreciate your deep consideration and co-operation throughout the year. You have been very strong supporters of the Home and this Board. You have helped pave the way for greater service in the future.

To every member throughout the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas Order of Eastern Star, take pride and stand strong in your support and devotion to the projects of your great Order.

Fraternally submitted,
 Rachel Jones, Chairman
 Charles H. Allen, Vice Chairman
 Wm. Taylor Hood, Secretary
 Earnesteen Porter, Treasurer
 Modgie Hudson, Member

As this report is approximately three months short of the 1976-1977 Grand Chapter year, we are adding a supplement to the minutes printed in the Annual Report. The differentiation of figures and facts will be apparent in the Administrator-Superintendent's report.

We recommend that a committee be appointed to update the blue book of Rules and Regulations of the O.E.S. Home. We are offering two recommendations:

1. Application forms for residence in the Home be completed and returned within ninety (90) days.
2. A clear statement as to the length of time relatives and friends may remain with applicant who wishes residency in the Home.

Finally, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, please stand. You have been an inspiration to this Board through this Grand Chapter year. When we needed advice on problems, large or small, your presence was quietly there. Thank you.

The hardest working and most dedicated members that could ever be grouped together are these. Will you stand?

Charles (Doc) Allen, Dist. 1 — Vice Chairman
 Taylor Hood, Dist. 5 — Secretary
 Earnesteen Porter, Dist. 3 — Treasurer
 Modgie Hudson, Dist. 4 — Member
 I am Rachel Jones, Dist. 2 — Chairman

We have had good attendance in all ten meetings. I, your chairman, have not missed a meeting this year and only one meeting in the five years I have been a member of the Board.

It is all working together with these people. These are your "backers". I can't say enough for these people. They have backed our project "the Home" to the hilt. Thank you.

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

Worthy Grand Matron. The motion has been made and seconded that we accept the report of the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences. Those in favor signify by saying "Aye". Those opposed "No". Motion Carried.

Thank you, Sister Rachael Jones.

I now recognize Sister Mildred Sharpe, Chairman of the Purposes and Policies Committee.

PURPOSES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

I am pleased to introduce the appointive members of this Committee: Sister Koreen Logsdon, Brother Earl Manning, Sister Pearl Ruth Johnson and Sister Carrie Ruby. By law, the eight elective Grand Officers, the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees and the Chairman of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences are also members of this Committee, making a total of 15 members serving.

Worthy Grand Matron, each member joins in expressing our pleasure in the opportunity of service on this particular Committee and it has been our privilege and joy to serve under your leadership.

We, the members of the Purposes and Policies Committee, submit the following report. It will be submitted in parts, Worthy Grand Matron, due to action necessary by the Grand Chapter on portions of the report.

The Committee met with the Board of Grand Trustees at their invitation on May 21st, 8 a.m. in the Administration Building, Arlington, with eleven members of the Committee in attendance, at which time we were requested, in accordance with the duties specified in the Constitution, to study and assist in the overall planning for the future years, and particularly to review outlines of expenditures over a period of years. The Board requested that we work with them in a study of the financial problems confronting our Grand Chapter. Following the meeting with the Board of Grand Trustees, the Purposes and Policies Committee assembled to consider several matters referred to the Committee. The Welfare Program for the Grand Chapter year of 1977-78 was submitted to the Committee by the Associate Grand Matron as follows:

1. Home Endowment
2. Estarl

The members voted unanimously to approve and submit the Welfare Program, detailed copy attached for reference, to this Assembly for consideration and approval.

Worthy Grand Matron, we now recommend and move the adoption of the Welfare Program as above outlined for the year 1977-78.

Other matters were discussed at the May 21st meeting and are covered in detail in the report of the later meeting.

Worthy Grand Matron. The Motion has been made and seconded that we adopt the Welfare Program for 1977-1978. All those in favor signify by saying "Aye". Those Opposed "No". Motion carried.

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe. Worthy Grand Matron, the Purposes and Policies Committee now submits the proposed travel program to the Grand Chapter for action.

A second meeting of the Committee was held August 6, 11:30 a.m. in the Administration Bldg., Arlington, with all fifteen members in attendance. The following items were discussed and action taken by the Committee as follows:

1. A resume of proposed Travel Program to benefit the Home Endowment Fund was presented by Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, Past Grand Matron.
2. A proposal submitted by the Past Grands Association on an addition to our Code of Laws, Art. 185, Page 111 for study and presentation to this Assembly under the Sixty Day Law.
3. The matter of the reallocation of Funds, Art. XI, Sec. 2, Page 47, Constitution, for study and recommendation to the Board of Grand Trustees as requested by said Board.
4. Presentation and discussion of a proposed Resolution to be submitted to the Grand Chapter by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron under the Sixty Day Law, pertaining to Art. 189, Page 113, Entertainment of Visiting Grand Officers.
5. Resolution to be presented by the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron regarding Art. 308, Page 154, Joint Meeting.
6. A proposed Resolution to be presented to this Assembly amending Art. VII, A, Sec. 4, Page 40, Constitution, "Trust Agreements".
7. A proposed Resolution to be presented to this Assembly amending Art. 15, Sections 16 & 17, Code of Laws concerning the Executive and Arrangements Committees for the Grand Chapter Session.

The Committee unanimously concurred with the above listed Items Numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 and all items have been submitted in proper form for consideration by this Assembly under the Sixty Day Law.

Item No. 1 concerning the Endorsement of a Travel Program to benefit the Home Endowment Fund was unanimously approved by the Committee and we now submit this proposal to you as follows:

"WHEREAS the operation cost of our Eastern Star Home has been in a steady upward spiral for the past several years and there is no hope for a decline: and

WHEREAS records show that our membership has been in a steady decline for the past number of years thus reducing the per capita income designated for the Home:

It is therefore mandatory that we explore programs to increase our ENDOWMENT FUND INCOME to replace the declining income and increased expenses.

It is therefore recommended that this Grand Chapter endorse a TRAVEL PROGRAM that will benefit the Eastern Star Home Endowment Fund, such a program to be at no expense to the Grand Chapter and conditions of the travel to be approved by the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron and Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter shall receive for each person registered for a trip \$20.00 from the Travel Company, said check to be made to the Endowment Fund of the Grand Chapter of Texas, O. E. S.

It is noted that the Grand Lodge of Texas, AF & AM; Grand Lodges of many other states; many Grand Jurisdictions of the Order of the Eastern Star; the General Grand Chapter; a great number of Shrine Temples and Scottish Rite Bodies have experienced a phenomenal benefit to their philanthropic projects through travel programs and further;

It has been noted that many inactive members have joined in the opportunities of travel together thus "reanchoring" them to the membership of their respective Chapters and Grand Chapter.

For the protection of our membership, all monies shall come to the Grand Chapter of Texas and be on deposit until called for to pay the expense of the Tour by the Travel Company. The above was submitted to the Committee by Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, Past Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, the Purposes and Policies Committee now submits the proposed Travel Program to the Grand Chapter for action.

Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, I recognize Sister Lallah Mae Vollus, our Past Grand Matron, and a member of our Jurisprudence Committee.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, may I say first that I appreciate the reception that I received by the Chairman of the Purposes and Policies Committee and each of its membership. I think this Grand Chapter is interested in any action that we might take to aid the Endowment of our Home, and I would assure you that before drafting this proposal thorough investigation was made. We talked with the Grand Lodge, we talked with other Grand Chapters and the tremendous increase in their philanthropic endeavor through this means was astonishing. It was not possible to bring this matter before Grand Chapter last year for a plan had not been culminated. However, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron felt that we might have, so to speak, "a trial run", and Chapters were asked to send in their mailing lists, their rosters, to the Grand Secretary. Those who complied received information of the trip and 376 people, that was a full plane, traveled with Sister Joyce and Brother Perry to Switzerland. There were 10 other reservations that could not be accepted and they were placed with a Shrine group from Virginia. Now before I continue with my explanation of this, I should like, in behalf of Trans National, with whom we traveled, to present to the Worthy Grand Matron their check in the sum of \$7,560.00 to pass from her to the Endowment Fund of our Grand Chapter. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron: My Sisters and Brothers, I told you earlier all that fun, and we have all this money too, isn't that great?

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Now, let me say this. This Firm cannot contract with any Travel Agency. So, I'm not going to get anything out of it. I want that understood now. I did a lot of work, no one will ever know. I got a free trip; the Worthy Grand Matron was a guest on the trip and the Worthy Grand Patron was a guest on the trip and the Grand Secretary was a guest on the trip because she had work that she had to do after hours. That's all the personal compensation that was received. I can think of no finer way of re-anchoring disinterested people to our active membership. Out of the 376, there were, I am sure, 150 who said to me, "I haven't been to an Eastern Star Meeting in 10-15 years." They had lost contact with our Order. I had some of them say, "I didn't know that we could travel in this manner with fine people who conduct themselves like ladies and gentlemen." Sisters and Brothers, I heartily approve personally of this plan for should it be adopted I am sure that next year, perhaps with two trips, this check can be doubled or tripled. You have just my personal opinion on it. Action, I have always said, must come from you. So you think and decide whether you approve of our Home Endowment being benefited in such a manner. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, certainly this program has a great potential so far as our Endowment Fund is concerned. I, therefore, move that this program be adopted and the wording of it in its final form be approved by the Jurisprudence Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Worthy Grand Patron. Now, I may be wrong. You see, I'm just one member of the Jurisprudence Committee, but I believe that the Purposes and Policies Committee has recommended that this means of monetary improvement is endorsed by them. Now, I feel, that in order to get it really before Grand Chapter, a resolution should be brought to you and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, then be brought back to you for vote. Am I right, Worthy Grand Matron?

Worthy Grand Matron: I would say so. You're the legal prop.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: All right. I shall read quickly for Sister Millie covered most of the resolution in her report.

WHEREAS the operation cost of our Eastern Star Home has been in a steady upward spiral for the past several years and there is no hope for a decline; and

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Worthy Grand Matron, I move that this resolution be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for approval in form.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that this resolution be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee. All in favor signify by saying "Aye" Those opposed "No". Motion carried.

My Sisters and Brothers, this will be brought back to you for approval.

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe: Now, for the conclusion of the Purposes and Policies Committee Report.

Sisters and Brothers, it is the desire of this Committee to be of service in every capacity as outlined in the Constitution. Because we are concerned and because many of us fail to listen to the reports of our Boards and Committees; and because we fail to listen to facts and figures, particularly our proposed Budgets as they are presented to us each year. . . we ask all of you, our Sisters and Brothers, if you have heard little or nothing of this report, please, will you listen to the closing paragraph of the report of this Committee?

Following our meeting with the Board of Grand Trustees we were furnished each month with a print-out from the Auditor with the statements being comprised of three separate segments: 1. Balance Sheet, 2. Consolidated Income and Expense Statement, 3. Income and Expense Statements by funds, namely . . . General Fund, Home Fund, Endowment Fund, Benevolent Fund, Educational Fund, Fannie V. Ward Fund and Special Funds.

Members of the Committee were urged to study these print-outs and then were urged to study all future proposed budgets. We, as a Committee, suggest to you, the membership of this Grand Chapter, that you give serious thought and study, with the continuing spiral of costs, to all proposals, all budgets, all amendments concerning the finances of our Grand Chapter for it has become necessary for us to take a greater look at expenses and recommendations. We challenge each of you to consider it your personal obligation to investigate, to ask questions of your Board members and your Grand Officers, to listen carefully to the budgets and all financial matters of our Grand Chapter and then, to offer your recommendations and suggestions to our Boards and Grand Officers. This is your Grand Chapter. The finances of this body are as much a concern to you as it is to your Boards and Grand Officers. You are entitled to voice your opinions in the discussion of issues before this Assembly.

This report is submitted by the entire Committee, Worthy Grand Matron, and I move its adoption.

Purposes and Policies Committee

Mildred Sharpe, Chairman
Koreen Logsdon
Earl Manning
Pearl Ruth Johnson
Carrie Ruby
Joyce Roberts
Perry Smithwick
Mary Brown

Murray Watson
Agnes Lee Howard
Jettie Hinton
Rennie Ofton
Kathy Johnston
C. L. Pribble
Rachel Jones

Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of the Purposes and Policies Committee. Do I hear a second? All in favor signify by saying "Aye". Opposed "No". The report of the Purposes and Policies Committee has been adopted. Sister Mildred Sharpe, Thank you, my friend, for that wonderful report and those very fine suggestions. We will have more on this Committee a little later.

"Make no little Plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work, remembering that a noble, logical plan once recorded will never die, but long after we are gone will be a living thing asserting itself with growing insistency."

-Daniel Burnham
(1846-1912)

WELFARE PROGRAM — 1977-78

1. HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

When we were children, we loved to run and play, but when the evening shadows began to fall, we always ran home to the love and protection awaiting us in that shelter from the dangers and anxieties of the outside world.

Within the walls of our Eastern Star Home are love and security for those precious ones who have reached the evening of Life and have no one to care for and protect them. There they are sheltered by their Sisters and Brothers until a loving Father calls them to Him.

Knowing the beauty of this shelter and happy in the knowledge that it is not an institution — not a hospital, but a loving HOME in a care-torn world, it behooves each of us to assure its continued service. This we can achieve by ENDOWING it; this is the only logical answer to a receding membership and increasing costs. And who knows — one day it may be *your* home, it may be *mine* — and in the meantime, we will know the fulfilling joy of helping others.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days."

Eccl. 11:1

By concentrating upon this benevolent project with a singleness of purpose, we can reach the heights to which we aspire — WE CAN ENDOW OUR HOME! Our plans *are* big; our aim *is* high in hope — and in work. I cannot do it alone; you cannot do it alone; but TOGETHER, WE CAN!

Our gift to the Home Endowment Fund cannot be spent, only the interest therefrom may be used for maintenance of the Home; thus, our gift once applied will "never die, but long after we are gone will be a living thing asserting itself with growing insistency."

2. ESTARL

Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership — this is an investment in the future — in the ongoing of God's work in a Christian nation and a heathen world. It is upon our youth we must depend to assure we continue as a Christian nation. Let us not withhold our help to them.

“Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.”

Eccl. 11:2

Our contributions to ESTARL should be considered somewhat as the gift above the tithes. WE, ALONE, are responsible for our Eastern Star Home; thus, our debt of responsibility is to it. However, we should then reach into a heart of love — love that is God-given, gifts that are God-given, and assist in this program of training our Christian youth for leadership.

We should not participate in a monetary way only. We should WORK with these young people, encourage them, counsel them, make the needed contacts for them, give of ourselves first, then of our money. Many times the greatest need is knowing someone cares. A check in an envelope may warm the house, but it is a cold companion. Support these youth, let them know we care about God's ministry in a sinful world, that we care about them as individuals — that we want to share their joys, their sorrows — to hold their hand as we walk by their side.

(Mrs.) Mary M. Brown
Worthy Grand Matron

Now, I wonder — I'm sure you must be a little tired. Why don't you stand up and we'll have the Grand Choir sing for us.

(All joined in singing “Springtime in the Rockies”).

Thank you very much, Crawford.

Mr. Murray Watson: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron: Associate Grand Patron.

Mr. Murray Watson: Worthy Grand Matron, at this time I would like to offer a Courtesy Resolution.

Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Watson, would you like to come to the East?

COURTESY RESOLUTION

Mr. Murray Watson: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, I would like to offer the following Courtesy Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter of Texas elected Brother J. Victor Jones to serve as Worthy Grand Patron in 1970-1971, where he served with honor and distinction the Order of the Eastern Star and is presently a candidate for General Grand Chapter Office; and

WHEREAS, Brother J. Victor Jones upon leaving the office of Worthy Grand Patron continued his devotion and love of the Order by active participation in the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Association and his work with the Grand Chapter of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Brother J. Victor Jones has been active in the General Grand Chapter and presently serves the Order as a member of the International Temple Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress of the General Grand Chapter has expressed her desire that the Grand Chapter of Texas be honored with her selection of our Past Grand Patron, Brother J. Victor Jones, to serve with her in the General Grand Chapter; and

WHEREAS, the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Association of Texas have unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Brother J. Victor Jones in this endeavor; and


WHEREAS, the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas has observed the work, devotion and love of the Order of Brother J. Victor Jones and recognizes that he has the qualifications and proven ability to serve the General Grand Chapter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Chapter of Texas at the 95th Annual Session goes on record as recognizing the experience and dedication of Brother J. Victor Jones, Past Grand Patron of Texas, and endorses his candidacy for the office of Right Worthy Grand Sentinel at the next Assembly of the General Grand Chapter to be held in October 1979 at Toronto, Ontario, Canada; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Grand Chapter of Texas, by its endorsement of the candidacy of Brother J. Victor Jones, urges the Grand Chapters of other states within the jurisdiction of General Grand Chapter to join with the Grand Chapter of Texas in its support of Brother J. Victor Jones in his candidacy for the office of Right Worthy Grand Sentinel so that he may serve with Sister Josephine Rusham, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, as she advances to the office of the Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the General Grand Chapter Officers, the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other states within the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted.



 Worthy Grand Matron



 Worthy Grand Patron



 Associate Grand Matron



 Associate Grand Patron



 Grand Conductress



 Associate Grand Conductress

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this Courtesy Resolution.

Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, since there is a probability, or a possibility rather, that this Resolution may be in conflict with some of our existing laws, I would like to offer a substitute motion that this Courtesy Resolution be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for a legal interpretation of its legality.

Mr. Murray Watson: Worthy Grand Matron, may we be heard in opposition to that motion.

Worthy Grand Matron: I'm sorry, I can't hear you Murray.

Mr. Murray Watson: Worthy Grand Matron, may we be heard in opposition to the motion of the Worthy Grand Patron?

Worthy Grand Matron: Yes sir.

Mrs. Katherine Poulis: Sisters and Brothers, I have been asked about the legality of this motion. Those of you who have your constitutions present, please refer with me to page 53 of your Constitution and Laws. This is the only law we have concerning elec-

tioneeing for offices. This is what some of the people are asking about . . . I read with you . . . "Electioneeing: Any person being a candidate for office in this Grand Chapter, who shall promote his or her candidacy . . ." and so on and so on. Further, J. Victor Jones is not running for office in this Grand Jurisdiction. He has already obtained the highest office and the highest honors of this Grand Chapter. This is a resolution merely of respect. Now, some of the Sisters and Brothers would like to legislate everything. You know that old saying — some folks would like by law to make everything immoral, illegal, or fattening. But you can't legislate love and respect. Love and respect are earned and are expressed in a vote of confidence and support and that's all this is. Just from working in Grand Chapter, I'm sure that every Past Grand in this Grand Jurisdiction who are members of the General Grand Chapter, have received similar notes from the Grand Jurisdiction who have candidates in General Grand Chapter. They send these out on nice invitations and they are merely announcing the endorsement and support of their Grand Jurisdiction for their candidate and we certainly should do the same thing. It is customary. Everyone who is in General Grand Chapter knows this is the general practice. This is merely a gesture of loyalty, a gesture of confidence and support, and pride that one of our group has been selected to be the running mate in General Grand Chapter of one who will some day be our Most Worthy Grand Matron. I think we should be proud and there certainly should not be any question about the legality of a motion on a gesture of respect, and that's all this is. This is not a law that we are putting on our books. We may vote any time on a similar gesture or vote of respect. It certainly is in order.

Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, may I speak again on that subject? I know it isn't good procedure.

Worthy Grand Matron: Yes, Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Patron: Certainly I think Grand Chapter is, and justly so, proud of Brother Victor Jones. I think we're proud of his ability, his accomplishments, and all that he has done. No one is questioning that at all. There are more factors involved than just a resolution of respect. I humbly suggest that there is a possibility that the expense involved could be quite great. In fact, there is a good possibility it could run us anywhere from \$75,000 to \$100,000.00 to help pay his expenses. And I think, at this time, when we are striving to cut every corner to make our money go a little bit further and pay for the things that we need in our own Grand Chapter, that we need to look real closely at any additional expense. I do not begrudge Victor this honor at all but I feel in all fairness to you, the membership of this great Grand Chapter, that we need to lay it all on the table and let you see both sides of the coin, the cost compared to the honor. I, therefore, still think it should be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for a further study.

Mr. Murray Watson: Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to respond to the Worthy Grand Patron. If the Worthy Grand Patron would like to offer a resolution appropriating \$100,000 to the General Fund, I would be glad to support him in that motion; however, the only expense that would be involved would be the cost of execution of the copies . . . actual printing . . . I will be glad to pay for it myself.

This Courtesy Resolution deserves the support of the membership and our Past Grand Matrons and our Past Grand Patrons, and I think it only fitting that we start with this Grand Chapter support. I grant this Grand Chapter will support Brother J. Victor Jones. Accordingly, I move to table the motion presented by the Resolution Committee.

Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, may I request that the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee come in.

Mrs. Frances Herrin: I would — first, there is a motion on the floor, Worthy Grand Matron, and I would like to second the motion of the Associate Grand Patron that the matter be tabled.

Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that this motion or these motions be tabled until we can discuss this with the Jurisprudence Committee.

Mrs. Frances Herrin: Worthy Grand Matron, once a motion has been moved to table a motion, that motion to table is undebatable. So the motion has been made and seconded that we table the motion.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Frances. The motion has been made and seconded that we table this motion. All in favor signify by saying "aye" — Opposed. Well, let us have a count. All those in favor please stand.

Mr. Victor Jones: May I say something?

Worthy Grand Matron: Yes sir.

Mr. Victor Jones: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my understanding that the motion tabled was the motion of the Worthy Grand Patron that the resolution be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee. We are still — if this is tabled — then we will vote on the resolution which was very kindly presented by the Worthy Grand Patron and the line officers — is that not correct?

Worthy Grand Matron: Yes sir. So the motion is — (I am so confused, I don't know where we're going) Perry, was the motion to table the acceptance of the report — is that correct?

Mr. Victor Jones. The motion to table is your motion, Perry, to refer it to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Mr. Murray Watson; Worthy Grand Matron, I moved to table Brother Perry's . . .

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe: Sisters and brothers, it seems that we have — I'm not on the Jurisprudence Committee — but it seems that we are in an awful predicament. We have a resolution and Brother Watson has moved the adoption of that resolution. Then we've had a motion to refer it to the Jurisprudence Committee. We've had a motion to table . . . The motion to table was the motion — Brother Murray's resolution.

Mr. Victor Jones: That is not the way it was presented, Mrs. Sharpe.

Mr. Murray Watson: Worthy Grand Matron, may I make a parliamentary inquiry?

Worthy Grand Matron: I beg your pardon.

Mr. Murray Watson: May I make a parliamentary inquiry?

Worthy Grand Matron: Oh, I wish I could hear what he's saying.

Mr. Murray Watson: The resolution presented by me was a Courtesy Resolution supporting Brother J. Victor Jones. I moved its adoption. The Worthy Grand Patron moved to send this resolution to the Committee on Jurisprudence. I then moved to table the motion to send it to the Jurisprudence Committee as it was just a Courtesy Resolution then the Worthy Grand Patron wanted to table the entire thing . . . Well, the motion to table the entire matter is not in order, and we're now asking you to vote on the motion to table the motion to refer it to the Jurisprudence Committee. If this is adopted, we vote directly on the motion to adopt the resolution. If it fails, then it will be directed to the motion to refer it to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron: I'm so glad you're a lawyer, Brother Murray. I think maybe you're a good one, because I don't understand a thing you said.

Mr. Herbert Arnold: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Herbert.

Mr. Herbert Arnold: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm proud that I'm not a lawyer, but I know a little bit about parliamentary procedure and we cannot have two motions on the floor at one time. Brother Perry's motion was out of order at that particular time.

Worthy Grand Matron: However, — I do — insist that the Jurisprudence Committee be in here and help me with this legal — whatever it is. This is my legal department and what they decide on is what I do.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: Worthy Grand Matron, we took a vote, we discussed this. The only thing the Jurisprudence Committee does is rule on if anything is in proper form. If it's put in legal form, we would like to have the resolution and take it to the Jurisprudence Committee room. If it is in legal form, if it is in proper form, it may be presented to this Grand Chapter session. But this was the opinion of all the Jurisprudence Committee, that we don't know whether it is in proper form or what until we have it to study in the Jurisprudence Committee Room. So we would like to have it and then it would be brought back to the Grand Chapter floor at a later time at this session.

Worthy Grand Matron: Well, there have been so many motions now I don't know where we are — I honestly don't.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: I don't think you can accept any motion until we decide the legality of it or whether it is put in proper form. Worthy Grand Matron, this is the opinion of all the Jurisprudence Committee and we can't say anything as to the proper form if we haven't heard it and if we haven't seen it. And, we'd like to have that, please, whoever presented the resolution. We would like for you to send it by a Page or bring it yourself to the Jurisprudence Committee room and then we will study it.

Mr. Murray Watson: Worthy Grand Matron, I would be glad to read it to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: Would you bring it to the Jurisprudence Committee room, please. We need to study it. We're right out through this door and to your right. Thank you.

Mr. Murray Watson: This is my opinion, and I am speaking against the motion to refer it to the Jurisprudence Committee. I feel that I can assure you the wording of it is proper. I am, therefore, against referring this resolution to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Murray, I am ruling that this proposal go to the Jurisprudence Committee. It will help a great deal for it to be presented in proper form and my ruling is that it will go to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Mr. Murray Watson: Even with a motion to table.

Worthy Grand Matron: Yes sir.

Mr. Victor Jones: Worthy Grand Matron, I appeal from the decision of the chair.

Worthy Grand Matron: The order of business on this resolution is now closed until the Jurisprudence Committee returns.

Mr. Murray Watson. No ma'am you cannot do that under parliamentary procedure. There has been an appeal made to the ruling of the chair.

Worthy Grand Matron. . . . Until the Jurisprudence Committee . . .

Mr. Murray Watson: No, ma'am, you cannot do that under parliamentary procedure. The appeal is made to the ruling of the Chair according to the Code of Law and Parliamentary Procedure...a Presiding officer must release the gavel until a decision is made whether or not that ruling is proper.

Mrs. Katherine Poulis: He is right, Sisters and Brothers, the decision of the Chair can be overturned by a 2/3 vote of the members of this assembly. Let me also mention another point of order. If you will review the duties and prerogatives of the Jurisprudence Committee, you know I've served on that Committee a number of times. The Jurisprudence Committee is just another committee of this Grand Chapter. They do not make decisions for this Grand Chapter (Applause) The Worthy Grand Matron can consult the Jurisprudence Committee at any time, and on the basis of their feelings and their recommendations and their counsel about the laws, make decisions. Our Worthy Grand Matron, and only our Worthy Grand Matron, makes decisions that have the full force of law in our Grand Chapter outside the Grand Chapter session. In this case, if our Worthy Grand Matron makes a decision, this is her decision, but is not a ruling or a decision of the Jurisprudence Committee. I hope I'm making that clear. Now, the Worthy Grand Matron has decided to refer this to the Jurisprudence Committee. We are saying this is all unnecessary and is not according to parliamentary procedure, and we would want to overrule the decision of the Chair and entertain this motion, so the motion is in order to overrule the decision of the Chair and get on with this Courtesy Resolution.

Worthy Grand Matron: Has the motion been seconded?

Mrs. Frances Herrin: I second it and call for the question.

Worthy Grand Matron: The motion has been made to overrule my decision. All those in favor signify . . .

Mr. Murray Watson: An appeal to the rule of the Chair requires the presiding officer to relinquish the gavel.

Worthy Grand Matron: I invite Sister Lallah Mae Vollus to preside.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Sisters and Brothers, there is a motion before the house to overrule the decision of the Chair. This requires a 2/3 vote. Do you understand now, that if you are — I'm saying this with no intention of influencing your vote, only of letting you know what you will be voting for — If you overrule the decision of the Chair, you come back to the consideration and vote on the Resolution as presented. I do not know what the Resolution says — I only know what it is about — I do not know what is in the Resolution. I am presiding at the request of the Worthy Grand Matron. Are you ready for the vote?

Mr. Murray Watson: Pardon me.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Yes, brother . . .

Mr. Murray Watson: . . . Will this be by division vote?

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: I beg your pardon.

Mr. Murray Watson: Will the vote be a division vote?

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Will it be a decision vote?

Mr. Murray Watson: Division vote?

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Division vote. We're voting now on the motion, as I understand it, having come in after discussion, that you or that a motion is before the house to appeal the decision of the Chair. Am I right in that?

Mr. Murray Watson: Correct . . . Are you asking us to do by voice vote or by "division vote?"

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: I believe that our Constitution stipulates that a vote on motions shall be by the usual voting sign, which is by the raising of the hands.

Mr. Murray Watson: Thank you.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: All in favor of the motion — now, let me say this, this is just for voting delegates of Grand Chapter. — all in favor of the motion to appeal from the decision of the Chair, let it be known by the raising of the right hand. Hands down. Opposed, the same sign. The motion is carried. The resolution is now before you.

Worthy Grand Matron: Now, Brother Murray, what were you talking about? And don't give me any "Whereas's" or "Whereat's" or "Wherefores" — tell me in plain language, please.

Mr. Murray Watson: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. We have pending a Courtesy Resolution offered by myself which the Worthy Grand Patron moved to send to the Jurisprudence Committee. Then I moved to table his motion to send the Resolution to Committee. So, if you are in favor of sending the Resolution to Committee, you vote "no". If you are for the Resolution and against sending it to Committee, you would vote "aye".

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you Brother Murray. You all heard his motion and it was seconded, all in favor of what Brother Murray has just said, raise your right hand. Thank you. Those against it. The ayes have it.

Mr. Murray Watson: Now, we're back to the Resolution made by me. I move its adoption.

Worthy Grand Matron: Frances, was this the one that you seconded? It has been moved and seconded that we accept the proposal as presented by our Associate Grand Patron that — how did that read, Murray?

Mr. Murray Watson: The whole Resolution?

Worthy Grand Matron: No, no, sir, please.

Mr. Murray Watson: The motion is to adopt the Resolution as read.

Worthy Grand Matron: All right. Did you hear that? All in favor signify by raising the right hand. Thank you. Those opposed. Do we have any discussion? The motion carried.

Mr. Murray Watson: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Murray. I love you anyway.

Mr. Murray Watson: Worthy Grand Matron, I want you to know, I have the highest affection for you and Perry, too.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Murray.

Mrs. Josephine Ruhsam: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, and voting delegates of the Grand Chapter of Texas. I want to tell you how very much I appreciate your vote. For a good many years, I have had great admiration for the Grand Chapter of Texas and I'm very pleased that you have endorsed Brother J. Victor Jones to the Office of Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, who, if elected at General Grand Chapter in Toronto, will go on with me to the highest Office. You know his qualifications even better than I do, and I know that you will be proud of your decision. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron: And you do know that this is Sister Josephine Ruhsam, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress of the General Grand Chapter. And how happy we are that she took this time to be with us.

Mrs. Josephine Ruhsam: Worthy Grand Matron, perhaps I should say a bit about the expenses. If you can't afford it, I'm sure my Grand Chapter in Minnesota can't afford it. Because we are a much smaller Jurisdiction than you are and you have had much more experience, and I am going to look to you to assist. Thank you again.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Josephine.

Mr. Victor Jones: Worthy Grand Matron, I will be especially brief. I regret very much — I love you Joyce, and I have for many years — and I regret very much that I appealed from the decision of the Chair. My dear friend, I wouldn't have you think that I was attempting to embarrass you at your own Grand Chapter. There is not a thing in this whole wide world worthwhile enough to lose a friend or to embarrass a friend. I do, however, feel most strongly that whatever the membership of this Grand Chapter wants to do, this Grand Chapter needs to be able to do it. Unfortunately, we do let things get in the way of us once in a while. And, my Sisters and Brother, the candidacy for an office in the Order of the Eastern Star is not the most important thing in my life, I will assure you. The most important thing in my life is my wife, Jocie, and my son, David. If this thing comes to me, I will accept it as my very own, not as a drain upon the Grand Chapter of Texas. I would hope that it would be with honor to you. You have deserved it. And if I may, for just a very brief minute, speak on expenses. I believe the Worthy Grand Patron got his numbers mixed up when he suggested \$75,000 or \$100,000. General Grand Chapter appropriates \$60,000 to hold its tri-ennium assemblies. We are as large as General Grand Chapter and we hold our annual sessions for less than \$20,000 which have been appropriated to us. I hope you will bear that in mind. Thank you, it is most humble to be given a vote of confidence by one's peers and I am grateful to you all.

Mr. Herbert Arnold: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my dear Sisters and Brothers, all. I would just like to say, when we talk about expenses of Texas Grand Chapter, I have traveled to several Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter and some have said Texas was broke and couldn't afford to support a man in General Grand Chapter. I say, Texas never takes a back seat for no state, when it comes to supporting their people. I say Texas is not broke. If it requires money, Texas will raise it, and we will support Victor Jones to the full hilt. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Amy Goebel will bring our Benediction.

Mrs. Amy Goebel: Heavenly Father, giver of every good and perfect gift, to Thee we lift our praises and thanksgiving. Accept our gratitude for the zeal of Thy people, who have proclaimed the Good News of Christ across the centuries. We are continually overwhelmed at Thy majesty and greatness, and yet humbled in gratitude for Thy personal concern in our lives. Increase our faithfulness, that we may more earnestly desire and more diligently seek Thy way in our lives, for our lives with all their possibilities were fashioned by Thee. Guide us in our daily plans and decisions that our very being may rest securely on Thy truth and love; for we pray in the name of Thy Son, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Warder.

Grand Warder: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter Session from Labor to Rest and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

(The Session was called from Labor to Rest at 12:03 p.m.)

TUESDAY AFTERNOON**October 25, 1977****1:45 P.M.**

Musical Selections Mr. Leonard Ellington
Mrs. Jackie Culp

Escort Mrs. Nancy Shurley Johnson,
Grand Marshal

Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling,
Past Grand Matron
Mrs. Aliene Houston,
Past Grand Matron
Mrs. Mabel Harle,
Past Grand Matron.

Dr. R. O. Fuqua,
Past Grand Patron

CALL TO ORDER**2:00 P.M.**

(Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling, Past Grand Matron and Dr. R. O. Fuqua, Past Grand Patron, were escorted to the East by the Grand Marshal).

Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my beloved Sisters and Brothers. It is an honor for Brother Fuqua and me to have the joy of calling to Order this Tuesday afternoon Session of the Sun-A Source of Light, Life and Fruitfulness Session of our Grand Chapter. We're grateful to our Worthy Grand Matron for this courtesy. The sunshine of life is made up of precious friendships — the sharing of joys and sorrows, and many rich experiences. So here in El Paso, the home of our Sun Queen, we have truly found the sunshine of light. I never come into any group of the Order of the Eastern Star without feeling a sense of pride that I am a member. The friendships it affords and the service for others it promotes make an impact upon my heart. As we come together to enjoy this fine friendship and legislate for the good of our Order, I shall be asking our good Lord to give us wisdom and understanding so that our actions may be acceptable to Him. As the sun shines upon us, may we with gratitude receive light to guide us into a life of service which will yield rich dividends of fruitfulness.

Grand Marshall, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

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

Sisters and Brothers, join with me in saluting our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron with the Grand Honors. The Grand Officers will take their respective stations.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you sweet friend for giving Dr. Fuqua and me the joy of calling to order this Tuesday afternoon session of your Grand Chapter. This is a privilege I shall always cherish. Well do I know the happiness which is yours and Brother Perry's at this moment; to see the large number of members present, makes us realize anew the love and esteem they have for you two beautiful and wonderful leaders. Worthy Grand Matron, since first we met you have been a dear and precious friend to me. Sincerity, truth, and truthfulness are the very essence of friendship and I am grateful to know this is the type of friendship that you have given to me. Yours and Brother Perry's work this year bears the mark of excellence and your influence for good has touched the lives of our members. Your session is lovely and I wish for you both cherished memories of your Grand Chapter. May the sunshine of God's love shine brightly upon the pathway of your lives. Brother Fuqua, I know the members would be delighted to hear from you.

Dr. R. O. Fuqua: Thank you, Sister Mary Ella Schoverling, Past Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers, Distinguished Guest, my Sisters and Brothers. Good afternoon to each of you. I am grateful for the privilege of assisting Sister Mary Ella Schoverling, my good friend and beloved Past Grand Matron, in calling this Tuesday afternoon session — the Sun-A Source of Light, Life and Fruitfulness Session — to Order. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Roberts, I want to thank you for extending me this privilege and honor and Sister Joyce, may I express to you my deepest feeling and gratitude for the grace, dignity, and fine manner with which you have discharged your responsibilities of your office this past year. There are many opportunities in Eastern Star to be proud of being a member. One of such moments comes when the Worthy Grand Matron invites a Past Grand Patron to assist in the opening of a session of her Grand Chapter. Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Perry Smithwick, I appreciate the unselfish and dedicated work you have done for our Order. To you, my Sisters and Brothers, I cannot find a truer word, nor a fonder way to caress you. No song or poem I ever heard is sweeter than "God Bless You". Thank you. (Applause)

Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my joy to present to you your gavel.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Mary Ella Schoverling, our most beautiful Past Grand Matron, and to Dr. Fuqua for the gracious manner in which you opened this Grand Chapter session. Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this 95th Session of Grand Chapter from rest to labor, and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

(Grand Chapter called from Rest to Labor at 2:25 P.M.)

Worthy Grand Matron: We will now have the invocation by Sister Aliene Houston.

Mrs. Aliene Houston: Sisters and Brothers, let's go to the throne of God in prayer.

Almighty and merciful God, our Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, and from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, we pause at the beginning of this Session to praise your Holy Name for the many blessings that your light has shone upon us. We thank you for strengthening our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as they conduct the business of this Grand Chapter in such a commendable manner. We thank you for the understanding and wisdom you have given and will give the membership in making important decisions on matters at hand. May every thought, action of each of us glorify your name. We ask forgiveness of our many sins and pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

("Memories of Galilee" was beautifully rendered by the Grand Choir under the direction of Mr. Crawford Mearns, Director)

Worthy Grand Matron: Now, we will get back to our reports. I would ask that Sister Molly Goodpasture, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, present her report.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: Sisters and Brothers, different members of the Jurisprudence Committee, this afternoon, will be presenting amendments that you, the membership, have submitted under the 60-day rule. We, your Jurisprudence Committee — one of their duties — all resolutions, all amendments — should be presented to them, to see whether it is in legal form or not. It doesn't mean that we are for these amendments or that we are opposed to these amendments. Some of them your Jurisprudence Committee is divided on. Some of them — some of us — are for, some of them — some of us — are against. If we speak against them, it will not be as a member of the Jurisprudence Committee, but as a member of this Grand Chapter Session to voice our opinion. When a Jurisprudence Committee member presents an amendment to this Grand Chapter, they will move that it be adopted. It does not mean they are for

it, it is merely to put it before you for vote. So we want you to know that these are amendments that have been presented by you, the membership. We are saying they are in legal form to be presented to this Grand Chapter. So, I present first Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, you as interested delegates will be wanting to follow these presentations, so if the Chapter representative has the form that was sent, turn to the front page. If you do not have that, well turn to the back of the Advance Report and you will find the proposed Amendments listed therein. This report will be Amendment No. 1. All right, I believe it looks as though most of you are located.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus:

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 3

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 1 to the Constitution, 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

Page 35, Article 2, Section 2. Allegiance to General Grand Chapter.

Which now reads:

This Grand Chapter declares its allegiance to the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

- (1) Requirements for Membership.
- (2) Landmarks of the Order.
- (3) Secret Work of the Order.
- (4) This Grand Chapter declares its allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in acceptance of its Ritual.
- (5) Signet of the Order.

Be amended to read:

This Grand Chapter declares its allegiance to the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

- (1) This Grand Chapter declares its allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in acceptance of its Ritual.

(Note: This was voted upon several years ago by our Grand Chapter, but was never deleted from the Constitution).

Signed by:

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Ch.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the Report, which, as has been stated to you, signifies that the Jurisprudence Committee finds the Report in order to be presented to this Grand Chapter for discussion and action.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that this Grand Chapter adopt Amendment No. 1 as presented in the proposed amendments. Do we have any discussion. All in favor signify by saying "aye" Opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Worthy Grand Matron, I believe that I am not in error, but I could be, so you check me. This is a portion of the Constitution and in order to change anything in the Constitution even though, as the note in this presentation states, this was voted on some years ago. I think it was perhaps two years before Sister Mildred became the Most Worthy Grand Matron. In order for this to be properly handled, this should be considered the first reading. This change, however, will come before the body next year for final reading.

Mr. Oliver Chamberlin: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, I have Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 4, which relates to Amendment No. 2 to the Constitution appearing on page 131 of the Annual Report.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 4

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 2 to the Constitution, 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

Page 44, Article X, Section 1, Paragraph 2.

Which now reads:

Stated Sessions: The ceremony for Grand Chapter shall be that adopted by Grand Chapter, the officers participating shall be addressed as Grand Officers. The Grand Officers shall add to the description of their respective badges the phrase — "within the pentagon".

Be amended to read:

Stated Sessions: The ceremony for Grand Chapter shall be that adopted by Grand Chapter, the officers participating shall be addressed as Grand Officers. The Grand Officers shall add to the description of their respective badges the phrase — "within the pentagon". The salutation sign and the signs and passes of the Star Points shall be omitted."*

(*Note: See page 320, 1962 Proceedings of Grand Chapter)

Signed by:

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture

Now this also has a note on it indicating it was originally adopted in 1962 proceedings of Grand Chapter and it does relate to an Amendment to the Constitution. I move the adoption of this Report. And I move the proposition, if I may.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the Report of Amendment No. 2. Do we have any discussion. All in favor of this amendment please signify by raising the hand, all opposed same. Motion carried.

Mr. Richard T. Porter: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 5.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 5

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 3 to the Constitution, as provided in the 60 Day Pamphlet, and find same in the proper form to submit to this Grand Chapter for their action.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

Page 47, Article XI, Section 2.

Which now reads:

REVENUES: The Revenues of the Grand Chapter shall be derived from the following sources:

- (1) An annual per capita assessment against each subordinate Chapter for each member on its rolls at the end of the fiscal year, in the sum of Two Dollars and sixty cents (\$2.60), this sum to be divided as follows:
 - (a) One Dollar (\$1.00) to the General Fund
 - (b) One dollar and forty cents (\$1.40) to the O.E.S. Home Fund
 - (c) Twenty Cents (20c) to the Benevolent Fund.

Be amended to read:

REVENUES: The Revenues of the Grand Chapter shall be derived from the following sources:

- (1) An annual per capita assessment against each subordinate Chapter for each member on its rolls at the end of the fiscal year, in the sum of two dollars and sixty cents (\$2.60), this sum to be divided as follows:
 - a. One Dollar and Ten Cents (\$1.10) to the General Fund.
 - b. One Dollar and Forty Cents (\$1.40) to the O.E.S. Home fund.
 - c. Ten Cents (10c) to the Benevolent Fund.
- (2) Such other fees, penalties and assessments as are or may be prescribed by law.

Signed by:

Edwin L. Sharpe
 Richard T. Porter
 Lallah Mae Vollus
 Oliver B. Chamberlin
 Molly Goodpasture, Ch.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this Report and/or the proposition as submitted on a first reading basis.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report on Amendment No. 3 as it is stated in this Report. Do we have any discussion.

Mr. C. L. Pribble: Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to address this one. Probably there is some discussion or some question in your mind as to why this is being presented. I would like to offer some explanation which I feel you are entitled to have. The Benevolent Fund money cannot be spent for anything except Benevolent, regardless of how much money you get in there. You can't spend it for anything else. When they passed the 20c limit, there was a need for it at that time, or they saw a need for it, due to the fact that people living outside of the Home did not have enough subsistence to sustain them in order to live in their home. Since that time, we have accumulated more money than we have spent each year in this fund. Now, here's a few figures, and as was said before, pay attention to these, because these do concern you. In the audit report as of the 31st of October, 1976, there was \$173,039 in the Benevolent Fund. Now the Benevolent Fund that was spent — now this is the per tab run as issued out monthly on the report — the tab run shows that we are spending \$2300 a month for Benevolent aid, or a total amount of \$29,325 a year. If we have the 10c transferred to

the General Fund where it is needed and, of course, we are drawing interest on the Benevolent Fund, and it doesn't make any difference if you do, it is a stagnant fund and is not being used, it is contributing to the assets of Grand Chapter but it's not a used fund. At 10c the fund will be eliminated in 24 years if we don't put any more in it. The money that we need, we need to have where we can use it. Therefore, I would like for you to consider this motion. .

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother C. L. Brother C. L. Pribble is the Chairman of our Board of Grand Trustees.

Mr. Taylor Hood: Worthy Grand Matron, Members of Grand Chapter, I think Brother Pribble has already given you figures that I could have given you, but I'm not up here to quote figures. I really didn't know that this was coming off until Thursday. I had an auditor's report all marked up for this occasion. But if I could just make the membership think — just think — about this, I don't think we'll have any problem. He said it would be 23 years. We don't know what tomorrow is going to bring. Sisters and Brothers, one time Social Security was in good shape and they started taking out of Social Security and putting it in General Fund, and this Fund, because they were shaky in that Fund — now we are shaky in Social Security. We're in trouble. We're pretty solid in the Benevolent Fund. He told you how much money we had, \$173,039 which is drawing interest. And he also told you that we spent \$29,000 and something this past year for Benevolent Aid. We drew \$24,000 in 20c per capita. We made up the \$5,000 from — maybe the interest that we drew on this \$173,000. Now if you cut your Benevolent Fund which is the backbone of this Order in half, we're going to draw \$12,000 in that 5c per capita from Benevolence — for Benevolence. Now, I'm going to leave it up to you how long do you think this will last? If you go eroding in on your Home Funds, your Benevolent Fund — this is what this Order is all about to me, and whenever you cut the Benevolent out — well, I don't think I could support it. For, after all, Sisters and Brothers, we have approximately 85, we'll have 89 sisters over at the Home, and the Home Fund is pretty solid. He told you that the Benevolent Fund is solid. But if you put \$12,000 out of it over to the General Fund, that General Fund means just what it says — you can write checks on it over there — they can't be written from the Benevolent Fund. Now, this is our Chapter, this is your Order. I'm not telling you how to vote, but think — think — before you vote on this proposal, if he puts it in the form of a vote. I just couldn't sit by without saying my little bit. As we were told this morning, any of you out there has the privilege to step to this mike or anywhere else and speak your opinion on this. Anybody who is a member of Grand Chapter can do this. So, Sisters and Brothers, I am just going to leave it up to you because I'll abide by it. If you want to touch the Benevolent Fund just remember this is a Benevolent society and if you want to keep it that way, we want to remain solid in it. And who knows what tomorrow may bring and that 23 years may be cut down to 5, 6, or 7. Right now, they're talking about doing away with Social Security and I haven't enjoyed it but twice — two years, and I'm a little shaky myself and I'd hate to see our Benevolent aid get in the same situation. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you.

Mr. Thurman Perry: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard pro and con on this issue. I would like to add another word to it. Brother Pribble, Brother Taylor Hood, both gave you figures on the Benevolent Fund which is in good shape, but neither one of them mentioned any figures on the General Fund. That same audit report that Brother Pribble mentioned also showed that in the General Fund there is \$352,000 drawing interest and, since that time, we have voted 50c per capita special assessment which should have brought in fifty or sixty thousand dollars this last year. I would like to have a report from some one on how much of that we have had to use this year. With that additional fifty cent per capita assessment, it was my understanding that would take care of the General Fund for at least 3 years and maybe more. So, there never has been anything presented that shows there was an urgent need in the General Fund for additional funds at this time. I'm not against more money in the General Fund if it is needed, but let's have some figures on the condition of that Fund as of the present time and see if we actually need to at this time.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Thurman.

Mr. Leo Palmer: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Leo Palmer, Trinity Chapter No. 186. Sisters and Brothers, our Order is one of Benevolence. We do not want our Benevolence tampered with at this time. If we are going to make a move, let me say one word to you. In the past ten years that I have been a member — I have been a member 11 years — for ten years of it the per capita tax has been \$2.60. I would like to know if there is any one in this Grand Chapter room that can tell me any one thing that has declined, except the air the good Lord gave us?

Worthy Grand Matron: Any other discussion? We will now proceed to vote on Amendment No. 3 concerning the per capita tax. All in favor of adopting the Amendment, please raise your hand. Those Opposed. The Amendment is defeated.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 6

Mr. Ed Sharpe: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Members of Grand Chapter, we, your Jurisprudence Committee have examined Amendment No. 4 to the Constitution 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. 4

Page 42, Article VII, C — Board of Grand Examiners.
Section 9, Composition.

Which now reads:

There shall be a Board of Grand Examiners of Grand Chapter, consisting of six members; one member from each of the five O.E.S. Districts, and one member from the State at Large. Any member of the Grand Examining Board may be either a Sister or a Brother.

Be amended to read:

There shall be a Board of Grand Examiners of Grand Chapter, consisting of six members; one member from each of the five O.E.S. Districts, and one member from the State at Large. Any member of the Grand Examining Board must be a Sister.

Signed by:

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Ch.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 6 on first reading.

Worthy Grand Matron: The motion has been made and seconded by the Jurisprudence Committee that Amendment No. 4 be adopted as presented. Do we have any discussion.

Mrs. Mable Harle: Worthy Grand Matron, Members. From experience, I can tell you it would be rather hard for the Worthy Grand Matron, the Deputy, and the Grand Examiner to be a man to travel throughout the State.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you. She's a "kill joy".

Mr. William Reed: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is William Reed of Augusta Chapter No. 317. I personally feel and I think many of my brothers feel the same, that's outright "discrimination" (laughter) I'm 100% opposed to the Resolution.

Worthy Grand Matron: Any other discussion? We're ready to vote. Are you ready for the question. All in favor of adopting Amendment No. 4, please raise your right hand. Those Opposed? We have adopted Amendment No. 4.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: I'll put a footnote to that. One of our fine men told one of the District Deputy's husband that he was considering running for Grand Examiner of that District, and said, do you suppose there would be any objection? The husband said, "Well, the only thing, you'd have to sleep with the District Deputy Grand Matron. (Laughter). This is Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 7, Amendment No. 5.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 7

We, the Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 5 to the Constitution as printed in the 60 Day Pamphlet and find the same in proper form to submit to this Grand Chapter for their action. In the Constitution, it has to be voted on two separate years.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

Page 47, Article XI, Section 2, (1) Revenues:

Which now reads:

The Revenues of the Grand Chapter shall be derived from the following sources:

- (1) An annual per capita assessment against each subordinate Chapter for each member on its rolls at the end of the fiscal year, in the sum of two dollars and sixty cents (\$2.60), this sum to be divided as follows:

Be amended to read:

- (1) An annual per capita assessment against each subordinate Chapter at the end of the fiscal year (EXCEPT MEMBERS OF THE O.E.S. HOME AND HOME FOR AGED MASONS AT ARLINGTON, AND RECIPIENTS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER CERTIFICATE OF FIFTY YEAR MEMBERSHIP) in the sum of two dollars and sixty cents (\$2.60), this sum to be divided as follows:

Signed by:

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlain
Molly Goodpasture, Ch.

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

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Lallah Mae Vollus, a Past Matron of Ransford Chapter No. 135 — not a member of the Jurisprudence Committee, for this moment. I belong to a very old chapter, 80 years old. We do not meet in a Masonic Temple as many of the Chapters do — Chapters who do not must raise monies for rent, and then monies to comply with their Eastern Star desires — that is to be 100% in welfare every year, as my Chapter has been for 15 or 20 years. The Constitution and laws of this Grand Chapter provide for a Subordinate Chapter to extend the exemption of dues to their members. They can remit any portion or all of a person's dues. If the Chapter has a 50-year member or several 50-year members whose does they desire to remit, they can do so. But I do not really feel that this Grand Chapter should be telling Subordinate Chapters whom they must exempt from dues. I want you to consider long and thoughtfully this proposition. I personally am against it. My Chapter must have — I haven't counted them — some, Oh, I expect 35 to 50 fifty year members. Not only would you be depleting the income of my Chapter, but you would be depleting the income of Grand Chapter. We need that income. Think before you vote.

Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm going to be like the Board Member. I will abide by whatever you decide in this election, but I want to go on record to tell you why I am opposed to this Amendment. I'm speaking to you as the Grand Secretary now, who actually would have more records at my fingertips than any of you. This year, we have issued 553 fifty year certificates. Sisters and Brothers, we are an old Order and I thank God for that every day. I hope that we will stand for many, many more years and get older. Medical science has progressed until the lifespan of every member — and I'm delighted — has been extended. If I am lucky enough to live until July, 1980, and that's right here, I shall be entitled to a fifty year certificate and yet, I'll feel grieved if my own Chapter would not feel that it was their pleasure to honor me as a member. But, Sisters and Brothers, if we add some 550 each year, do you realize what that means, and as Mr. Hood says, now if you want to raise the per capita dues to get more than \$2.60 because now they want that ten cents kept in there, who is going to pay for all these members. The last three weeks we have feverishly worked trying to count how many living fifty year members we have right now — you say, just like Mr. Pribble said to me, "Mrs. Howard, I'd like to have a list of all the fifty year members." I said, "I would too, Mr. Pribble." He said, "You mean you don't have that information in the office?" And I said, "Well, since the law passed, it has been printed in each Proceedings but, Mr. Pribble, it doesn't tell the number that have died." So, it was necessary to pull 118,872 cards and we know at the present time we have more than 5300 living. You add 553 to it this year, last year we added 497. I predict that for several years, maybe ten, we will be adding 500 or more each year. Now Sisters and Brothers, I told you in the beginning, you've heard my opinion. I'm sorry maybe all of you won't get up to speak, you have a right to speak. I'm just telling you if there is any place a member of the Order is hurt, it is in the pocketbook and I'm telling you you'll be hurt in the pocketbook if you pass this law.

Mr. Don McKee: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Don McKee of Chapter No. 565, one of the sponsors of the amendment. I fully recognize the financial burden that this amendment may place upon both the Subordinate and Grand Chapter. Our Chapter, I think, is representative — we have somewhere in the neighborhood of 135 members, 12 of whom are fifty year members. This Amendment is sponsoring the idea that any member in any organization after paying dues for 50 years is almost due for a free trip the rest of the way. It is not uncommon in other Orders and I think ours is one of the few fraternal Orders that requires dues after 50 years.

It was not the intent of the Amendment nor do I think the wording implies that the Grand Chapter will be telling the Subordinate Chapter how to do. It deals only with the Grand Chapter assessment to Subordinate Chapters. It would still be the prerogative of the Chapter to do what it may about its own dues. Also we still, and I think many Chapters do, use the Life Membership System of honoring some of our fifty year members. I think if you approve this Amendment, it may put a little more meaning in the Life Membership Certificate of Subordinate Chapters they are now authorized to give. I recommend, even though it may mean a financial burden on the Chapter as a whole, and possibly Grand Chapter, and I feel that both are better able to absorb the burden than our fifty year members. Thank you.

Mrs. Louise Armstrong: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Louise Armstrong, Past Matron of Travis Chapter No. 472, Austin, presently serving as Secretary on the Board of Grand Trustees, and I am speaking on behalf of the Board of Grand Trustees. I do reluctantly follow Sister Lallah Mae and I must confess that Sister Agnes Lee stole my thunder. But I do want to tell you this. We are very proud — I think it is a wonderful goal for any member to be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for fifty years. That recognition is given to the members at Grand Chapter when they are able to attend our Sessions and I am sure each Subordinate Chapter duly recognizes those fifty precious and wonderful years, but I think this financial situation certainly should be borne by the Subordinate Chapters. If this Amendment is passed, it will cause a decrease in the per capita in excess of \$15,000 — approximately \$16,000 — this coming June, 1978, when the Subordinate Chapters come in. This will increase each year. For us to approve this as a Grand Chapter action will necessitate the raising of the per capita dues. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that the report on Amendment No. 5 be adopted, we have had discussion. All in favor please signify by raising your hand, those opposed same. — Amendment No. 5 is defeated.

Mr. Richard T. Porter: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, report of the Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 8.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 8

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 6 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. 6

Page 111, Article 185

Which now reads:

SOLICIT FUNDS. It shall be unlawful for any member or group of members to solicit funds from any member to be used for gifts, other than such as are for charitable or benevolent purposes.

Be amended to read: (by ADDING a second paragraph to said Section)

FUND RAISING OR WELFARE PROGRAMS of the Grand Chapter of Texas shall be limited to the following:

1. Permanent Endowment Fund.
2. Home Fund
 - a. Home Maintenance and Operating Funds
 - b. Home Orientated projects as special projects of the Worthy Grand Matron.
3. ESTARL (as required by the Constitution);

AND, providing further that ALL FUNDS collected for any purpose, payable to the GRAND CHAPTER of Texas, O.E.S., shall be transmitted promptly to the Grand Secretary.

Signed by:

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Ch.

I move the adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that Amendment No. 6 be adopted. Do we have any discussion?

Mrs. Katherine Poulis: Sisters and Brothers, Brother Dick Porter and Brother Herb Arnold are two, perhaps among others, who have worked very hard on this Amendment, and their concern was the financial condition of this Grand Chapter when they proposed this Resolution. I submit to you that our Home and Home related projects, or Home orientated projects, should have number one priority over all of our other projects, because this is our greatest need. But I wonder if one would not tie our hands and limit the free choice of a generous membership. Some folks will give to Cancer Research, some to Heart Fund or some other charity when they may not be in

favor of giving very generously to our Home. Then, too, we have always sponsored projects of the General Grand Chapter and we would be denying ourselves that right if we so chose to do so. The main point here, it seems to me, is that no funds should be solicited in the name of the Grand Chapter of Texas unless prior approval is obtained from the Grand Chapter. Charity begins at home, but no Home related project could be unnecessarily pursued, and a lot of money would be turned away from our Home. We must always remember that in soliciting funds in the name of our Order that these funds must be handled and spent responsibly if we are to avoid the criticism of our membership. Since all of this rigamarole has appeared in the Bulletin concerning the kidney dialysis fund, I have had many members of our Order, including some of the members of the Boards, discuss this and make disturbing questions and call my attention to some of the things that I was unaware of. I was told, for example, that this particular project was never approved by this Grand Chapter. If that is true, that was wrong. Even though I think the program was timely, dramatic, and an outreaching project of which I was personally very proud. I was proud of a caring membership that wanted to look beyond its own membership and do something that would have such far reaching public relations benefits for our Grand Chapter. As most of you know, I am a nurse, and I attended a school in Georgia last November, and one of the "statistics" they asked us to bring before every group that we could was to bring the need for dialysis — for example, in the end-stage "urinal" disease. In 1975, there were 30,000 people in end-stage disease who needed sixty percent of that work "transplant eligible". Of the sixty percent of those 30,000 people, only 2,399 people were given transplants, there were no kidneys available. Their option when they have kidney disease is dialysis, transplant, or death. They expect that by 1980, there will be 60,000 people eligible — and of that number 36,000 will be transplant eligible, but probably very few kidneys available. At the present time this program is costing \$1.4 million per day and they expect that figure to approach \$3 million per day of taxpayer's money. What did I do in a sense of fairness, because I personally thought it was a very timely, very wonderful program. If we had more kidneys available, of course, there wouldn't be such a need for dialysis. But then, when I am told how those funds were handled. I think about the kindest thing I could say is they were most improperly handled. If this was a project that was not approved by Grand Chapter, that was wrong. Many of you asked me — I ask this Grand Chapter — why was this allowed to happen? This money from this fund, some \$18,000, never went through the Grand Chapter books. Even though our Ritual, and I recognize our Ritual is just as much our law as our Constitution and Code of Laws, admonishes me, Grand Secretary, in our installation charge to "you is entrusted the collection of all money due the Grand Chapter." I understand the money was placed in some other account completely apart from Grand Chapter and never went through our books. As a matter of fact, we also have a law on that. That no more than \$40,000 should ever be put in anything of Grand Chapter funds, because it is not protected by Federal Deposit Insurance. Then, there are these funds we never audited until recently even though our Code of Laws says that the Board of Trustees must see to it that all Grand Chapter funds are audited at least annually. I ask you, why has this gone on and why was this allowed to happen? All right, Sisters and Brothers, sometimes we don't need any more laws, we merely need to abide and enforce the ones we have. A lot of people, and this has been said indirectly several times, nobody in this Grand Chapter should be afraid to ask questions about something going on in Grand Chapter and about whether it will affect us all — every single one in Grand Chapter has a right to ask questions and the right to expect civil answers. I believe we should not limit ourselves. Why do we want to tie our hands? It's so simple, all we have to do is bring these projects before Grand Chapter and we'll decide whether they are worthy or not. I can appreciate — the members who work very hard on trying to determine financial affairs of our Grand Chapter deserve a lot of credit. Certainly Brother Porter and Brother Arnold have worked very, very hard on this and their sole purpose was to try to tell us that these projects should have "number 1" priority. We shouldn't fritter away our money and call it certain things, but nevertheless now that it's recorded — and always General Grand Chapter — there have been a very good many worthy projects in General Grand Chapter, like Cancer Research, the Heart Fund, that we have supported to some degree every year. Let's give top priority to these projects — our Home and Home Endowment Fund and Home related projects — but let's not tie our hands. You know, we mustn't just go inward, we need the good public relations of Estarl, and some of these other pro-

jects that we support. The Knights Templar have their Eye Foundation, The Scottish Rite, the Shrine, their wonderful public relations because their out-going programs are not confined just to the Body. I think we ought to do some inward looking, we ought to look outward too. I've had people say to me, "What does Eastern Star do?" And I would hate to say all we do is just "take care of the Home". I think we ought to consider — leave our law as much as it is, or just amend it to include projects of General Grand Chapter or such other projects as are approved by this Grand Chapter. All we have to do is bring it before Grand Chapter and decide whether a project has merit or not and vote on it and nobody should solicit funds in the name of the Order of the Eastern Star unless it has the approval of this Body. Besides that, the second part of this proposition, provides that the money goes through the Grand Secretary. Surely every member of the Order knows this. I should just put this in proper perspective. What would happen to your Subordinate Chapters if something like this had happened? Suppose you had a money making project for the year and the money was put in another account and not go through the Grand Secretary's hands, and then however worthy the projects were, time went on and on and on, and finally they decided it needed an audit — an annual audit — and this was done. Your auditors never saw this money, never had any records, and didn't audit it, then the IRS examines your audit. All this is very embarrassing. It's all very unnecessary and that's the least you can say, unnecessary. I understand this audit costs our Grand Chapter almost \$1,000 to have the dialysis fund audited. And because they had to have this audit, there has been more nasty talk of suing people, and being afraid of being sued, and all this other nonsense, and this all is Grand Chapter business. Let's be sure that all funds go through the Grand Secretary's office. We already have laws on our books that make this mandatory. But you know, we are all going to have to see that this doesn't happen again. There was no need for this to have happened. It's too bad that the memory of this beautiful, beautiful project had to be marred by this.

I don't believe there was anybody in this Grand Chapter who was at that Welfare program, and Sister Inez here, that didn't have the same feeling of pride in our Order, that I had that night. Pride that we had a caring membership that had given so unselfishly toward a project that was so badly needed. Nevertheless, I want to urge you to see that this never happens again and that we also amend this law here that instead of saying that the funds shall be sent promptly to the Grand Secretary, I think we ought to tie it up a little bit more and say funds shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary at least every 30 days. Thank you.

Mr. Herbert Arnold: Worthy Grand Matron, I respect Sister Katherine Poulis with the highest affection. Last year we were forced to vote a special assessment of fifty cents to provide the funds to carry on our General fund of Grand Chapter. The Past Grand Matrons Association are very disturbed. They appointed me as Chairman of a committee to look into the finances of our Grand Chapter, and on that committee with me appointed Brother Dick Porter, Sister Millie Sharpe, Sister Lois Burnett, Sister Amy Goebel, and I believe Brother Ed Sharpe, and Brother Paul Huffhines, and C. A. "Bill" Holmes. We proceeded to work to come up with some resolution to present to this Grand Chapter that might handle the business of Grand Chapter in a business manner and provide the funds to carry it on without another assessment or raising the per capita tax or some way to carry it on without an increase on the membership. We found that we Eastern Star people operate a business in the most loose manner of anything that I have ever come in contact with. We raise money and we have money laying around in twenty-three little different checking accounts, not drawing any interest, and we had it there laying for some time without drawing any interest. This money should come through the Grand Secretary's office immediately when it is collected — it should be put into the savings and let the money work for us rather than for us to work for the money. We know that our Eastern Star Home and its care for those ladies is in the uppermost of all our minds. This resolution was discussed and re-discussed at our mid-year meeting with all the Past Grands; all that attended signed the resolution and presented it to the Purposes and Policy Committee and they have ap-

proved it. I think that if we'll set this resolution in order and handle our business in a business manner — yes, I know these other projects are very important. You're looking at a man who has lived thirty-one years with two malignancies. I'm a miracle man. It's unheard of and if anybody would be for Cancer Research, I am; and I am for Cancer Research, but Cancer Research is supported by international organizations, everybody supports Cancer Research, and all these other beneficent cares that we can give to our people. These are all good and I'm for everyone of them. But we must, Sisters and Brothers, take care of our Home first and we are in need to concentrate our funds in the Home and handle it all in a business manner through the Grand Secretary's office, where it can be readily audited and put into savings accounts until we need to expedite it. Thank you.

Mr. Richard T. Porter: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of Grand Chapter, I rise to speak in favor of this proposal and give you this as quickly as I possibly can — a few simple figures and facts. Examining the records of the past and present — to say it simply — in 1962 it cost an average per month to maintain a member in that Home of \$87.35 per month. Cost of member, now, per month — in the astoundingly short period time of fifteen years — that cost in 1976 is \$460.30. Sisters and Brothers, projecting our figures, we have a projected cost for 1986 of \$610.00 per member. This is due to your rising costs which is simply said "inflation". Translated into total dollars, in 1962 the cost of the entire Home was — that is to keep these members in the Home, was \$96,434.00. In 1976 it was \$499,891.00 and projected total expenditure for cost in 1986 of \$700,000.00. Sisters and Brothers, to pay this bill in 1986, the planning starts now, it doesn't start in 1986. We simply have to zero in on our problem which is to coordinate our programs to go to the direction of the Home — oriented projects — and to set out to endow this Home. If we don't do things somewhere down the line you're going to be faced with curtailing the number of members you can take in the Home and perhaps even a good deal more serious than that. So I suggest to you, Sisters and Brothers, you'll consider this very well. My learned colleague, Sister Katherine Poulis, made a statement or two to you awhile ago which I will take exception to. She said that the Shrine and the other Masonic bodies have an outward reach program and we don't want to look inward. Now, we're saying to you simply, and this resolution says that we will have a permanent endowment fund, a Home Fund, maintenance and operation — Home orientated projects and the Estarl Fund, which I consider is a pretty broad program. The Grand Lodge of Texas has two, and two only, projects. The first and foremost one is the Masonic Home and School at Fort Worth, where we take care of our own children. The second one is the benevolent program which assists our indigent members and that, Sisters and Brothers, the Grand Lodge of Texas has zeroed in on it and we're doing a good job. And I'll tell you simply, in 1965, under the leadership of Dr. J. D. Tommy, now Past Grand Master, who was Grand Master at the time, we had approximately \$3 million in our endowment fund for the Masonic Home and School. Dr. Tommy suggested and put in a program in Grand Lodge that we start out to a program of endowing that Home. Last year at the report at Grand Lodge, we had almost \$13 million. Now, I submit to you that this is what this Grand Chapter needs to do. We lay down the scatter gun and get the rifle and zero in on the program. The Scottish Rite, for example, of Texas, one of which I have the privilege to serve as one of the Trustees on the Hospital Board. We now have \$86 million towards supporting this great institution. We're building and will complete this Fall a \$33 million addition or new Hospital in Dallas, Texas. That will be completely paid for. But, Sisters and Brothers, this wasn't done scatter gunning on different programs and heading our on different projects. This was lining out a program and soliciting wills, bequests, gifts, donations, and today that hospital is spending some \$8 million annually as our budget to take care of the people of Texas without \$1 contribution from the Federal Government. We have developed the income to do that. This was not done without some planning, execution, and I am deeply proud and grateful of those great brothers who were my predecessors on that Board for their wisdom in working for this benefit. You could go on and on, your Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the other programs of the Grand Royal Arch of Texas, and all of the other Masonic Bodies, and I think you'll find them pretty well defined. And the Shrine which was mentioned has on-

ly the Burns Institution and the hospitals which we sponsor and the Shrine is doing a great job. Sisters and Brothers, I urge you to pass this. I think it right and proper and I would also remind you that the individual Chapters are not limited in what you can do. As you know, many of you go out here and assist in the Goodfellows program in your particular city, you assist the Boy Scouts, and many other worthwhile projects of your own communities. This is not intended in any way to prevent you from doing this and you can give your money in your own Chapter the way you choose, but I submit that this is a program for this Grand Chapter. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron: Any other discussion?

Mr. Charlie Cannaday: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Charlie Cannaday, Past Patron of Wimodausis Chapter No. 141, San Antonio, Texas. I'm not a member of the Board, I am not a lawyer, I'm not a Past Grand Patron or Past Grand Matron. I am speaking as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Every year each Worthy Grand Matron's Welfare project is voted on and approved or disapproved by this Grand Chapter and I believe, and I know, that everything is already covered in our Constitution and Laws which provides for this and I think this Grand Chapter should use its knowledge and be sensible and get up and speak their piece. The Welfare program that this Grand Chapter supports should be the desires and wishes of the membership that you see before you at each Grand Chapter of Texas, so I would disapprove it. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron: Do we have any other discussion? Are you ready for the question? Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reading by the Jurisprudence Committee of Amendment No. 6. All those in favor of adopting this Amendment, please signify by raising your hands. Those Opposed. The Amendment is defeated.

I recognize Sister Patricia Neinast, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Mrs. Patricia Neinast: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. My Sisters and Brothers, it has been some time since I have spoken to you and there has been quite a bit of discussion about particular things. The special committee that was brought to your attention was voted and approved by the body of Grand Chapter in Houston, Texas, in the Astrodome. It's always been my philosophy in life not to repeat those that are deceased but sometimes we are forced to recall and use the references of some of our beloved and previous friends. The matter of handling the money on the Kidney and Cancer Research Fund was referred to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, the late Brother Chauncey E. Penix. He even suggested that if I wanted to, we might place this money in a personal bank in East Texas that I do business with, and I said "in no way will we place anything anywhere that I have anything to do with". So he told the persons that were in the meeting that we could place it as long as we did not keep any more than a certain amount of money in it, under the care of the young lady that was handling the money, and she lived in Commerce, Texas. He also instructed your Worthy Grand Matron that I have a co-signer of the checks and I immediately told him I would like for the Grand Secretary to be the co-signer of the checks that I would sign, which was done accordingly. I have in my possession a letter that I would like to read to this body, my Sisters and Brothers, if I might. It was dated August 31, 1977 —

TRAVIS & RAMSEY, INC.
 Certified Public Accountants

2616 West Mockingbird Lane
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August 31, 1977

Board of Trustees
 Grand Chapter of Texas
 Order of the Eastern Star
 Arlington, Texas

Dear Trustees:

Our supplemental audit report of the Kidney and Cancer Research Fund, dated April 13, 1977, included the following note at the bottom of Schedule 1, Page 3:

"A letter in the Kidney and Cancer Research Fund files acknowledged a gift of \$6,000 by the El Paso Eastern Star Chapters. This money was not deposited in the above funds and is not accounted for herein."

It has been brought to our attention that our footnote may have left the impression with some readers of the official bulletin that the gift of the El Paso Area Chapters had not been properly accounted for.

It was certainly not our intention to create such an impression nor to imply criticism of the then Worthy Grand Matron, Patricia Major Neinast, or of her management of the Kidney and Cancer Research Fund. If our footnote left any impression to the contrary, we apologize therefor.

The facts are that the El Paso Area Chapters elected to conduct their solicitation drive as a local project with funds to be collected and disbursed locally rather than through the Grand Chapter Kidney and Cancer Research Fund maintained in the First National Bank of Commerce, Commerce, Texas; and a gift of \$6,000 was made by the El Paso Chapters directly to the El Paso Treatment Center and acknowledged by the Center on September 11, 1975. Since our examination included only the Grand Chapter Fund, the gift was not reflected in our schedule of receipts and disbursements, but it was mentioned in the footnote for the benefit of the membership who were aware of the gift and to explain that an additional sum of \$6,000 had been collected and disbursed for fund objectives. Our examination of the account in the First National Bank of Commerce reflected that all recorded receipts were properly accounted for.

We would also like to clarify the disbursement item, "Mrs. Patricia Neinast — Trees at Home \$171.45," in our statement of recorded receipts and disbursements for the Founders' Day Funds at Page 6 of our report. The expenditure was a reimbursement to Mrs. Neinast for trees paid for by her and planted at the Order of Eastern Star Home in Arlington. May we say also that the comments in our report regarding the solicitation of funds for a gift to the then Worthy Grand Matron, Patricia Major Neinast, was not made as criticism of the practice, of her, nor of anyone who participated in the solicitation and presentation of the gift.

We sincerely regret that some of the terminology in our report has been or could be misconstrued by anyone, and we welcome this opportunity to affirm that no criticism was intended, either directly or by implication, of Mrs. Neinast or of her management of funds under her control and jurisdiction during her tenure in office.

Respectfully submitted,
 TRAVIS & RAMSEY, INC.

Now, Sisters and Brothers, I received some gifts as all Past Grand Matrons have, and present, and probably on. I have in my possession the check that I was reimbursed for, for the trees out of my personal account. I have in my possession a check to the Grand Chapter of Texas on October 7, 1975 for \$685.00 given to the Kidney and Cancer Research and to the Grand Chapter of Texas a check dated October 9, for \$1,000.00, and I gave \$1,000.00 to the Rainbow Girls. Now, Sisters and Brothers, I leave this with you. Thank you. (Applause)

Mr. J. Victor Jones: Worthy Grand Matron, may I, as a Past Patron of Amarillo Chapter No. 787, say to Sister Patricia Neinast, that I am glad that this opportunity has been presented that she can explain to the Grand Chapter of Texas what has happened and, hopefully, it's all cleared up. As this appeared in the Bulletin, I was as confused as anybody else who read it. What was going on? Why so long in doing an audit? Sister Pat, with your explanation, you will no longer feel that you are somehow or another under the gun. Has everything now been resolved? Are we through with this once and for all?

Mrs. Patricia Neinast: It's the Body's — the reason that it was so long — they've never audited a personal Worthy Grand Matron's special committee and I was not aware it needed to be.

Mr. J. Victor Jones: Worthy Grand Matron, I don't know what motions need to be made. All I attempt to do is to clarify and clear and forget. And if I may — if I'm out of order, you can so declare — but I would like to move that the actions of Patricia Neinast once and for all be accepted and forgotten. Let's have no more discussions of what needs to go in Bulletins, past, present, or future, and that we lay this matter finally to rest. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you my Sisters and Brothers. We will act on Brother Victor's motion that all criticism of this fine Past Grand Matron be dropped and we will live as Sisters and Brothers, trusting in each other and never doubting their integrity. All in favor, please signify by showing your hands. Opposed? Thank you my Sisters and Brothers, and I hope that we never, ever hear anything about this subject again.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Worthy Grand Matron, I bring to you Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 9, referring to Amendment No. 7. It's quite lengthy and I'll read it because the laws require that, but I'll read it fast and you can follow in your printed form.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 9

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 7 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. 7

Page 113, Article 189. Entertainment of Visiting Grand Officers.

Which now reads:

- (1) Each Most Worthy Grand Matron shall be invited to make an official visit to Texas Grand Chapter one year of the triennial of General Grand Chapter, at which time her expenses for the five-day session shall be paid by Texas Grand Chapter, and she be presented a gift of the value of fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- (2) Each Most Worthy Grand Patron shall be invited to visit Texas Grand Chapter as an Honor Guest one of the two remaining years of the triennium of General Grand Chapter, at which time his hotel room and meals shall be paid by Texas Grand Chapter for the days of the session of Texas Grand Chapter which he attends, and he be presented a gift of the value of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00).

- (3) Each General Grand Chapter Officer, both elected and appointed, who is a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron of Texas Grand Chapter shall be the Honor Guest of Texas Grand Chapter during all years of their term of office in General Grand Chapter, and their Hotel room expense for the five days of the sessions they attend as General Grand Chapter Officers shall be paid by Texas Grand Chapter, and at one of the said sessions of their three-year term of office they shall be presented with a gift of the value of fifty dollars (\$50.00) if an elected General Grand Chapter Officer and a gift of the value of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) if an appointed General Grand Chapter Officer.
- (4) Other General Grand Chapter Officers not specifically mentioned in this section (10) who shall visit Texas Grand Chapter shall have their hotel room expense paid by Texas Grand Chapter for the five days of the session visited during any one year of their three-year term of office.

Be amended to read:

- (1) Each Most Worthy Grand Matron shall be invited to make an official visit to Texas Grand Chapter one year of the triennial of General Grand Chapter, at which time her Hotel room and Meals for three days of the session shall be paid by Texas Grand Chapter, and she be presented a gift of the value of fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- (2) Each Most Worthy Grand Patron shall be invited to visit Texas Grand Chapter as an Honor Guest one of the two remaining years of the triennium of General Grand Chapter, at which time his Hotel room and Meals for three days of the session shall be paid by Texas Grand Chapter, and he be presented a gift of the value of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00).
- (3) Each General Grand Chapter Officer, both elected and appointed, who is a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron of Texas Grand Chapter shall be the Honor Guest of Texas Grand Chapter during one year of their term of office in General Grand Chapter. They shall have their hotel room expense paid by Texas Grand Chapter for five (5) days during the year they are an honor guest. They shall be presented with a gift the value of fifty dollars (\$50.00) if an elected General Grand Chapter Officer and a gift the value of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) if an appointed General Grand Chapter Officer.
- (4) Other General Grand Chapter Officers not specifically mentioned in this section (10) who shall visit Texas Grand Chapter shall have their Hotel room expense paid by Texas Grand Chapter for two (2) days of the Session visited during any one year of their three year term of office.

Edwin L. Sharpe
 Richard T. Porter
 Lallah Mae Vollus
 Oliver B. Chamberlin
 Molly Goodpasture, Ch.

Now Sisters and Brothers, I know it seems very complicated for you — its very lengthy — and you do not have to deal with this, but your Grand Chapter does, so indirectly you are dealing with it. Its difference is the number of days that we shall pay the hotel expenses of the General Grand Chapter's Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron and other Officers and Visitors, and the changing of the payment of the hotel expenses for our own appointees to the one year that they are honored. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report, Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 9.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt the Jurisprudence Report No. 9 on Amendment No. 7. Do we have any discussion? Are you ready for the question? Sisters and Brothers, all in favor of adopting Amendment No. 7 — (before we do this, I would like to see a show of hands of the voting delegates — I think maybe there are some of our lovely members that do not have the voting privileges. May I see? Thank you. Now, may I see the Chapter Representatives? Do you think we have 200? I believe that looks like 200 to me, but please just remember only the Chapter Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons and those Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Subordinate Chapters of Texas can vote. All in favor of the adoption of this Amendment, please signify by raising your hand. Thank you. Those Opposed. Thank you. Amendment No. 7 has been adopted.

I am going to ask the Jurisprudence Committee to continue their report in the morning. I would very much like to recognize Mrs. Kitty Allen, Chairman of the Grievances and Appeals Committee.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Kitty Allen: Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to present the Committee. Sister Lois Howell, and to say how sorry we are that Sister Annie Katheryn Nobles could not be with us at this Session.

REPORT OF GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Grievances and Appeals for the year 1976-1977, submit the following report:

Worthy Grand Matron, your Committee wishes to thank you for your confidence in us and the honor you have given us in making us a part of your Grand Family.

How pleased and happy we are to report that the Committee was not called upon to hear a single appeal, nor was there presented to us any controversy that was within the jurisdiction of this Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois Howell
Annie Katheryn Nobles
Kitty Allen, Chairman

Mrs. Kitty Allen: 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 Grievances and Appeals Committee. All in favor signify by raising their right hand. All opposed. I hope these are not Chapter Representatives that are leaving. We will do just one more Committee Report and then we will close for the afternoon. I recognize Mrs. Merlyn McArdle, Chairman of the Endowment Fund Committee.

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

Mrs. Merlyn McArdle: First I would like to recognize the members of the Committee who are present. To my left Sister Maude Arnold, District 3, Sister Opal Ramsey, District 4, Brother Thurman Perry, District 5. There are two others. I have not seen them at this Session. Are they present? I believe they are not present. I saw Sister Maude in the coffee shop this morning at the Holiday Inn. Yesterday I fell and sprained

my ankle and she commented, "Well, with my broken neck and your broken leg, the Endowment Committee is in a pretty fine fix." This is the report of the Home Endowment Fund Committee, or the Endowment Fund Committee.

ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

The Endowment Fund Committee is one that was established at the 1972 Grand Chapter Session. It is a Constitutional Committee. However, the duties, responsibilities and scope of this Committee's activities have never been defined.

The Committee this year has worked on the assumption that the most good could be done by trying to define the purpose of an ENDOWMENT FUND and the great good that can be ours by having such a fund adequate to maintain our Eastern Star Home for all the years to come. Educating the membership to this idea was the suggestion of our Worthy Grand Matron. This we have tried to accomplish by articles in our Eastern Star Bulletin and discussions, whenever possible, within the Chapters.

ALWAYS, we must remember that the Eastern Star Home is our very own project. It is maintained ONLY by MEMBERS of The Order of The Eastern Star. If every member of the Order contributed \$1.00 per year for the next five years, we could very possibly have a fully endowed EASTERN STAR HOME. For example: It is very possible and probable that your contribution of \$5.00 over a period of five years could triple in value when invested over that same period of time. The possibility is within our reach. All we need to do is work together to accomplish this great objective. We urge you to PRAY ABOUT IT, THINK ABOUT IT and DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. Our blessings could be rich and abundant.

The total contributions toward Endowment this year have been included in the report of the Welfare Committee. We are pleased and grateful for your interest in the Endowment Fund and have been glad to co-operate with the Welfare Committee by forwarding Memorials when received by us. This is a thoughtful expression of sympathy, and a very meaningful one.

The members of this ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE wish to express our appreciation for this place of service. It has been our pleasure to serve as best we could. It is our hope that the membership of Texas shares that confidence in the future of our Endowment Fund which we have tried to impress upon you. We are sincere in saying, "WE BELIEVE IN YOU AND WHAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH TOGETHER."

Faternally submitted,

Mrs. Merlyn D. McArdle, Chairman
 Mr. Ewell G. Venable, District No. 1
 Mr. Earl O. Chafin, District No. 2
 Mrs. Maude Arnold, District No. 3
 Mrs. Opal Ramsey, District No. 4
 Mr. Thurman H. Perry, District No. 5

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

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report as given by the Chairman of the Endowment Fund Committee. Is there any discussion? All those in favor signify by raising your hand. All those opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

And thank you so very much Sister Merlyn for a delightful and well deserved report. Mrs. Patsy Sawyer is scheduled next and I have asked her if she would be so kind as to give her report in the morning. She said she would, because I do not wish to

rush it. But I would ask if Brother Jack Crump, member of the Educational Fund Committee, is in the room? We will ask him tomorrow for his report. Before we have the Benediction by our beautiful Past Grand Matron, Sister Mabel Harle, I would ask the choir, would you like to sing for us — and just get on a happy note. Why don't you stand and maybe we can join with the Choir. Let's have something to build up our spirits.

The Choir, under the direction of Mr. Crawford Mearns, led the assembly in "Let me Call you Sweetheart".

Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Mabel Harle will bring our Benediction and I am sure she would like you to remain standing at this time. Sister Mabel.

BENEDICTION

Mrs. Mabel Harle: Eternal God and Father, enable us to put our trust in Thee that we may be aware of Thy presence in our heart and that we may worthily glorify Thy Holy Name. God Bless this Order — all those that belong therein and may every one who comes its humble walls within. God Bless this Order from sorrow and alarm, from sickness, sudden death, from evil, sin and harm. God make this Order one we all may prize, and place of peace and rest — a fraternal paradise. Be especially near to us this day. Forgive our sins. Empower us by Thy spirit and strengthen us for every task. The Lord bless us and keep us, the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us. The Lord lift us his countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Warder.

Grand Warder: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter Session from Labor to Rest and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

(The Session was called from Labor to Rest at 4:03 P.M.)

TUESDAY EVENING

October 25, 1977

7:30 P.M.

Open to Family and Friends

- Musical Selections Mrs. Leonard Ellington
Mrs. Lucille Rowland
- Presiding Mrs. Molly Goodpasture,
Past Grand Matron
Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes,
Past Grand Patron
- Escort Mrs. Nancy Shurley Johnson,
Grand Marshal

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture,
Past Grand Matron
Mrs. Mildred Garlitz,
Past Grand Matron
Mrs. Eunice Connell,
Past Grand Matron

Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes,
Past Grand Patron

(At 7:30 P.M., the Grand Marshal presented Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, Past Grand Matron and Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes, Past Grand Patron; Mrs. Mildred Garlitz, Past Grand Matron, and Mrs. Eunice Connell, Past Grand Matron)

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: Good evening.

Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes: Sisters and Brothers, I know that you are gathering into the Assembly room and you are finding your places to be seated, but will you do it quietly and without talking to each other. It is time for us to start and we invite your attention to the presiding officer.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: I explained to you earlier that our beautiful Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Katherine Harbour, could not be here because of the illness of her husband. She sent her material to me. Mrs. Katherine Harbour's husband is ill and she could not be with us. We think he is going to be fine and I explained earlier that he has a benign tumor and is to have surgery, and, just thank God, it is not a malignant one. These words that I have here are what Mrs. Harbour has planned. All of the words I will be giving you this evening are the words she has written for this evening's opening.

Good evening, my Sisters and Brothers and guest of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Welcome to this Tuesday evening of "The Sun-A Source of . . . Light . . . Life . . . and Fruitfulness Session. True nobility is derived from virtue, not from birth. It is not wealth, nor ancestry, nor position, nor power, but honorable conduct and disposition that makes men noble. And no man can be noble who thinks first and only of himself. The motivation for service to man must be one of love and giving of self and thankfulness for God's great love and concern for each of us. True nobility grows of unselfish concern for others and must include both — their quality and spiritual welfare.

Mrs. Nancy Johnson, Grand Marshal, will present the Grand Officers, the Committees of Welfare, Estarl, Endowment Fund, Time and Talent, Founder's Day, Home Beautification, Cancer Research, Music, and the Masonic Noblemen, the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 100% Chapters and the Junior Past Matrons and Patrons, all a great company of dedicated servants of Service in the performance of the Drill — "Nobility Exemplified".

NOBILITY EXEMPLIFIED DRILL

Outside the crown the District Chairmen of the Welfare Committee held the jewels of the five points of our star. Each one taking a position in the peaks of the crown. Four ribs were formed, one being the Chairman and Co-Chairman of Founders Day Committee, Time and Talent, and Home Beautification; the second rib being formed by members of the Endowment Fund Committee; the third rib formed by the Cancer Committee and Chairman of the Music Committee; the fourth rib was formed by the Estarl Committee. The Worthy Matrons and Junior Past Matrons of Texas formed a circle around the crown.



When the formation was completed the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, escorted by Mrs. Lola Wallace, General Chairman of Welfare, and the Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. J. Perry Smithwick, escorted by the Poet Laureate, Mrs. Alma Carter, were taken to the center of the crown for a presentation.

THE WELFARE PROGRAM

Prologue.....Mrs. Lola Wallace, General Chairman Welfare

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers, and Friends:

Nobility — there is nothing so kingly as kindness — Jesus Christ, the King of the Jews — the highest of all nobility.

Hebrews 2:9 — But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, CROWNED with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Hebrews 12:2 — Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the CROSS, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the THRONE of God.

We thank our Heavenly Father for the life of the man of Galilee, the truth of His teaching, His powerful influence upon the world, the NOBILITY of His sacrificial death upon the CROSS, and for His victory.

CROWN AND CROSS — Emblem of Nobility Exemplified — Mrs. Alma Carter, Poet Laureate.

It is the cross that bridges the world of faith.
It is the cross to which we all relate.
It gives meaning to the souls departed
While strengthening the heavy-hearted.
It rings of courage in the heart of man—
Giving him faith to do more than he can.

United with the crown emblems to become,
Exemplifying nobility to everyone.
They give us patience for work well done
And grateful hearts when struggles are won.
They become emblems of love, for all to see—
When shared with others, by you and me.

There are stars in the crown of those who give,
With joy and peace in the lives they live.
There is faith in the cross for those whose creed
Encircles the worth of each noble deed.
Crown and cross — courage, strength and light to see
They ARE the symbols that set men free.

"OTHERS" — Solo by Mrs. Grace Findley, Grand Soloist

Lord, help me live from day to day
 In such a self-forgetful way
 Than even when I kneel to pray,
 My prayer shall be for others.

Help me in all the work I do
 To ever be sincere and true
 And know that all I'd do for you,
 Must needs be done for others.

Let "self" be crucified and slain
 And buried deep, and all in vain
 May efforts be to rise again,
 Unless to live for others.

And when my work on earth is done
 And my new work in Heaven's begun,
 May I forget the crown I've won
 While thinking still of others.

Others, Lord, yes others,
 Let this my motto be —
 Help me to live for others
 That I may live for Thee.

CROWN AND JEWELS — Mrs. Lola Wallace

The Worthy Patrons and Jr. Past Patrons of the 100% Chapters present our Crown of Nobility as we, in the beautiful words of the lyricist —

"Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His Throne; . . . and hail Him as thy matchless King — through all Eternity."

Our Masonic Noblemen — the foundation of all our highest aspirations, form the base of our crown. Mr. Fred D. Nation, General Chairman, Mr. William E. Reed, General Co. Chairman.

Through the Rays of the Jewels in our Crown we see the Nobility of our Order. Their rays mirror the plans of the future as they shape the destiny of our Order and elevate human relationships. Shimmering in the light are the noble aspirations and attainments of their planning. — —

"We chanced upon a Sapphire Blue,
 And a Golden Topaz of wonderful hue
 Then a Sparkling Diamond of beauty rare,
 And a Beautiful Emerald we added there
 With these we placed a Ruby of Love,
 And then we asked Gods Blessing from Above."

Mrs. Sarah Valkus Coursey, Chairman District One: The Sapphire Blue of Fidelity is noble inspiration. It challenges us to faithfulness, truth and justice. The members of District One have contributed a total of \$22,220.61.

Mrs. Elsie Abernathy, Chairman District Two: The Golden Topaz of Constancy is an inspiration of great virtue. It challenges us to meet all of life's tasks with steadfastness, determination and honor. The members of District Two have contributed a total of \$21,268.35.

Mrs. Sarah E. Moran, Chairman District Three: The Sparkling Diamond of Loyalty is an inspiration of much significance. It challenges us to encourage, strength and abiding purpose. The members of District Three have contributed a total of \$15,137.94.

Mrs. Lula Mae Matthews, Chairman District Four: The Beautiful Emerald of Faith is the inspirational structure of living. It challenges us in all accomplishments and inspires the greatest trust. The members of District Four have contributed a total of \$34,579.72.

Mrs. Marie C. Tisdale, Chairman District Five: The Ruby of Love is the breath of inspiration. It is the Greatest thing in the world and challenges us to charity and hospitality and that great splendid truth of the Bible — that "God is Love." The members of District Five have contributed a total of \$22,351.06.

Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love, take from these precious Jewels the 'Light, Knowledge and Beauty' to share with others; thus you, also, shall be "Fairest Among Thousands Altogether Lovely."

STARS IN OUR CROWN — Mrs. Lola Wallace

"Men have always followed stars
That shone just out of reach,
There's a million stars high in the sky,
And a special star for each."

—Rega McCarty

From Exodus 5:13 — Fulfill your works, your daily tasks.

ESTARL —

An act of kindness, or a word of sympathy, may render the whole line of life different; from what it would otherwise have been. How careful then we should be that our influence may at all times, be in the right direction. Mrs. Lyda Lawhorn, General Chairman and the members of her committee. The contributions to ESTARL total \$21,493.75.

CANCER RESEARCH —

One's sacrificial desire to serve, to help others along the road, brings one the greatest blessings of self-fulfillment. Mrs. Laura Jane Jordan, General Chairman and the members of her committee — with Mrs. Floy Starr, General Chairman of the Music Committee. The Contributions to Cancer Research total \$31,485.19.

ENDOWMENT FUND —

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerfulgiver." (Cor. 9:7) Mrs. Merlyn D. McArdle, General Chairman and the members of her committee. The Contributions to the Endowment Fund total \$33,848.01.

THE EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS —

"Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth." (Psalm 71:9) — "Every house where love abides and friendship is a guest, is surely home, for there the heart can rest" — (Henry Van Dyke)

Mrs. Zena Wilson, General Chairman, Mrs. Maude Rufsvold, General Co-Chairman and members of the Founders Day Committee.

Mrs. Polly Dugger, General Chairman and Mrs. Janie Peterson, General Co-Chairman and Members of the Time and Talent Committee.

Mrs. Maudine King, General Chairman and Mrs. La Verne Patrick, General Co-Chairman and Members of the Home Beautification Committee and the Members of the Music Committee. The contributions to the Eastern Star Home total \$28,100.02.

MISCELLANEOUS contributions to the Heart Fund, Kidney Fund and others totaled \$630.71. The table of gifts from chapters in the proceedings will reflect amounts donated by each Chapter to the individual projects.

There is no death! The Stars go down
To rise upon some other shore,
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forever more.

NOBILITY PERSONIFIED — Mrs. Josephine S. Fraser, Grand Organist

Presenting the Worthy Matrons and Junior Past Matrons of the 100% Chapters. . .

As these lovely angels in white form a halo around our crown, it is my pleasure to report:

In the Grand Chapter of Texas we have 758 Chapters included in this report. Of these Chapters 484 are 100%.

In District One with 176 Chapters. We have 98 100% Chapters.

200% — Templar No. 374

300% — Deport No. 1045

In District Two with 160 Chapters. We have 103 100% Chapters.

200% — Crosbyton No. 891

300% — Ysleta No. 991, Floyd W. Easterling No. 1074 and Odessa No. 447

800% — Muleshoe No. 792

In District Three with 125 Chapters. We have 61 100% Chapters.

200% — Graham No. 668

300% — Lometa No. 871

In District Four with 161 Chapters. We have 131 100% Chapters.

200% — Cedar Bayou No. 11

Alvin No. 15

Port Arthur No. 262

Woodville No. 462

Texas City No. 626

Andral Vann No. 741

Goose Creek No. 798

Pearland No. 1065

Winnie-Stowell No. 1076

Oak Forest No. 1080

600% — Jacques De Molay No. 1094

1000% — Anahuac No. 649

In District Five with 136 Chapters. We have 91 100% Chapters.

200% — Wimodausis No. 141

Ozona No. 287

Beeville No. 422

Creedmoore No. 607

Star No. 782

Fort McKavett No. 783

Capitol No. 803

Prospect Hill No. 817

Independence No. 1044

Canyon Lake No. 1103

300% — Valley Hi No. 1104

400% — Kerrville No. 24

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron will join with the Floor Officers to complete our Crown of Nobility.

“WILL THERE BE ANY STARS?” — Grand Choir, Mr. W. Crawford Mearns, Dir.

I am thinking to-day of that beautiful land
I shall reach when the Sun go-eth down;
When through wonderful grace by my Savior I stand,
Will there be any Stars in my Crown?

Oh, what joy it will be when His face I be-hold,
Liv-ing gems at His feet to lay down;
It would sweet-en my bliss in the city of gold,
Should there be an-y Stars in my Crown.

Refrain:
Will there be an-y Stars, an-y Stars in my Crown
When at eve-ning the sun go-eth down?
When I wake with the blest
In the man-sions of rest,
Will there be an-y Stars in my Crown?

The membership of Texas has, over this eleven month period, as of September 1977, contributed the total amount of \$115,557.68. Since arriving at Grand Chapter,¹ I have received additional funds in the amount of \$20,992.15 — bring the total to \$136,549.83. They have fulfilled their highest obligations and are truly — “Nobility Exemplified”

EPILOGUE — Mrs. Lola Wallace, Gen. Chairman Welfare

Let every man and woman count himself immortal. Let him say...“I, too, am a part of God and have God’s Immortality in me: Then Nobility must come. (Phillips Brooks)

BENEDICTION IN POETRY — Mrs. Alma Carter, Poet Laureate

Oh Lord, grant us, as this day ends.
A thankful heart, for these, our friends.
Teach us, oh Lord, to set aside
Our petty ways and selfish pride.
If our path seems much too steep
May our faith, in your love, we keep.

Grant that our “star” with its great light,
To all members be a beacon bright
When a love that seems to say,
“Here end the burdens of the day.”
May never in our halls be heard
A hateful thought, or accusing word.

Lord, help us that we might give
Strength to others in the lives we live.
Our fraternal prayer is that we
May know the joys of unity.
Guide our steps as we now part.
Fill each life with a grateful heart.

Amen.

Worthy Grand Matron, as our drill is retiring, I want to thank you for the honor of serving as the General Chairman of your Welfare Committee and to say a special thank you to the District Chairman for a job well done. I appreciate their cooperation and willing service. I must say thank you to the Grand Secretary for every courtesy she has extended to me this year. In conclusion — my sincere thanks to each one who helped or participated in this welfare presentation.

Thank you.

Lola Wallace, General Chairman, Welfare Committee

(The members returned to their seats as the Poet Laureate brought the Benediction in Poetry.)

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: Thank you, Lola and Alma, for an outstanding performance.

CALL TO ORDER

8:25 P.M.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: I am pleased to join with Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes, Past Grand Patron, in calling to order this Tuesday evening session of The Sun-A Source of Light . . . Life . . . and Fruitfulness, 95th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron is already in the East.

Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Officers of Texas in the drill "Scintillating Rays".

(In their formals, the Grand Officers presented once again their effective "Scintillating Rays" Drill under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Shurley Johnson, Grand Marshal).

Grand Marshal, you will invite the Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

My Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter of Texas, you will join me in giving Grand Honors to our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron.

Mrs. Mildred Garlitz, Past Grand Matron, will lead our invocation.

Mrs. Mildred Garlitz: Sisters and Brothers, let us share these sacred moments with bowed heads and hearts filled with love.

God of the universe, Father of us all, in the sunset phase of this day we come asking that wisdom, understanding, and strength be granted unto our leaders.

For each of us we ask Thy favor through the night that we may have joy in the morning. Amen.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for your thoughtfulness in inviting me to join with my own Worthy Grand Patron — and understand, these are the words of Katherine Harbour — Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes, in Calling to Order this Tuesday evening session. Mr. Holmes would you have remarks you wish to express to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron?

Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes: Thank you, Past Grand Matron, Sister Molly Goodpasture, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers and Friends. As I stand at this podium in the Grand East my heart is saddened because my own Worthy Grand Matron, the lovely Mrs. Katherine Harbour, due to a severe illness in her family, is unable to attend this Grand Chapter Session. My heart is gladdened only by the rare privilege of now sharing this place of honor with a very close friend of Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Katherine Harbour, and my own true and precious friend, the gracious and charming Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. Worthy Grand Matron, I wish to express to you my deep appreciation and personal joy for this honor of standing by her side as she calls to order this Tuesday evening session of The Sun-A Source of Light . . . Life . . . and Fruitfulness — the 95th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Sister, Joyce, the love and admiration you receive from

the entire Eastern Star membership of Texas is excelled only by the personal love and admiration that Faye and I have for Joyce and Joe Roberts. We're proud of their precious friendship. You have served this Grand Chapter with much grace and dignity. You have given freely and untiringly of your time and talents. The generosity of your mind and heart will always reflect the rays of sunlight in the lives of this membership, like the rays of the sun reflects light into the day. This 95th Session of our Grand Chapter will long be remembered as the sun will forever be a source of light, life, and fruitfulness.

Worthy Grand Patron, having enjoyed a long and true friendship with you and your gracious wife, and knowing you as a Masonic Brother, I have witnessed your faithful and sincere concern of the welfare, the progress, and the future of our order.

Constancy always crowns integrity. "The Light of Truth endures to all generations." (Psalm 100:58) To close one's eyes does not put out the Light, it only makes one unable to see. The vision of an open mind before the penetrating Light of Truth saturates the total being with qualities that are reliable, trustworthy, genuine and upright.

Worthy Grand Matron, our personal friendship has been true and strong through many years. The grace, beauty, and dignity which you gave to the members of this Grand Chapter at the 91st Annual Session, when you served as one of my Grand Officers, the Grand Marshal, is a joyous memory in my heart. How fitting it is that you should choose to direct our attention to the magnificence of the Sun, and remind us of its Light which brings forth Life and culminates in Fruitfulness! One cannot imagine the nothingness of the darkness of the Beginning. The Spirit of God moved, and the first of all visible beings which God created was Light. And after this creation, He collected the Light and molded it into one concentrated mass of energy, the Sun, rendering it more glorious and more serviceable.

That glorious Creature, the Sun, was not made to be idle, but his going forth — at least to our eyes, is from one point of the heavens, and his circuit to the opposite point, and on to complete his diurnal revolution to the same point again, and this with such steadiness and constancy, that we can foretell the hour and minute the Sun will rise at such a place on any day to come. The order gives life to all nature and culminates in fruitfulness.

It is as a parable, for the first thing wrought in the soul is Light. When Light comes to any soul it makes day there. The Spirit of God captivates the will and affections by enlightening the understanding. Belief brings the Life and the Life produces the Fruitfulness.

Worthy Grand Matron, this Grand Chapter Session is the Fruitfulness of our labours. My prayer for you at this Session is the Light of Understanding, Strength of Body, and Joyous Memories to keep as a cherished treasure.

On that day when the first golden rays of the Beginning Sun burst over the circle of the newly created world, surely all Earth burst into song! The Grand Choir, under the direction of Mr. Clifford Mearns, will present "This Land of Mine".

(The Grand Choir, under the direction of Mr. Clifford Mearns, presented "This Land is Mine" and "When you Wish Upon a Star")

Thank you for beauty you have given us in song!

The lights of heaven are the Sun and the Moon. God made the stars also, not to gratify our curiosity and make us astronomers, but to lead us to God. These lights are rulers under Him. "The moon and stars to rule by night." (Psalm 136:9). The best and most honorable way of ruling is by giving a light and doing good.

I am pleased to introduce Mrs. Lillian Anderson, who will present the International Temple Report.

INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Lillian Anderson. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matron, Past Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Friends of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

The vision that you hold in your hand . . . the ideal that is enthroned in your heart . . . this you will build your life by . . . and so it was in 1919 at the 16th Triennial Assembly that members of the General Grand Chapter had a vision of an Eastern Star Temple to be located in Washington, D.C.

A resolution was proposed and adopted to build a Temple befitting the high ideals set by our Order where records, historical mementos and valuable books could be kept.

Plans to request contributions of "One Dollar per Member Once in a Lifetime" to finance the project were adopted, thus obligating each of us to become a part owner of the Temple.

By the 21st Triennial Assembly in 1934, sufficient funds had been collected and a resolution was adopted providing a Temple Committee with power to select a site and proceed with the building of a Temple . . . or to select a suitable building.

The Belmont Mansion, with its 54 rooms, was called to the attention of the committee. Built for Perry Belmont, a grandson of Commodore Perry, the mansion had been the scene of important official functions for distinguished American and foreign guests.

Because of Mr. Belmont's interest in the Eastern Star project, and himself a master mason, General Grand Chapter was able to secure the title to the mansion for \$100,000 . . . a fraction of the original one and one half million dollar cost. And it was in 1937 that the Temple Beautiful was dedicated . . . a vision come true.

The Temple is completely paid for, but interest from the Endowment Fund is not sufficient to maintain it. However, if every member would contribute one dollar once in a lifetime, it would be sufficient.

Today the Temple is insured for over eight million dollars, while maintenance runs around \$100,000 a year, excluding salaries.

The Temple Beautiful must be seen to enjoy its beauty, but as we cannot all make a pilgrimage to Washington, highlights of the Temple have been recorded on slides and will be presented at this time for your pleasure.

(Music up and under male voice on tape)

(As the commentary was being given, slides were being projected on the screen)

SLIDE

- 3 You are about to see one of the most beautiful buildings located in the heart of Washington, D.C. amidst numerous foreign embassies, legations and national headquarters.
- 3 Triangular in shape, the International Eastern Star Temple is bounded by an avenue or street on each side. Designed by a famous French architect, it is of Louis XIV design and is furnished in keeping with the elegance of that period and contains many priceless originals which cannot be duplicated.

4/5/7 Huge ornamental wrought iron gates guard the entrance.

- 68 Once inside . . . the office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary is on the first floor and it is here that the business of General Grand Chapter is conducted.
- 66 Priceless records are stored in fireproof files and vaults.
- 72 From here all supplies and catalogues are mailed to all Grand Chapters and Chapters around the world.
- 8 Triple arches greet us as we enter the foyer. The floor is white marble, imported from Italy . . . cut, polished and fitted by mastercraftsmen on location.
- 10 In the center of the room is a guest register on a marble pedestal. To the left we see a small display case where Eastern Star mementos may be purchased.
- 11 Through the left archway stands a highly polished mahogany table on which rests a directory and Honor Roll listing the 13,219 Eastern Star Chapters throughout the world. It is here that 100% Chapters are registered. Once a Chapter has contributed \$1.00 per member, the Chapter becomes 100% and a certificate is sent to the Chapter.
- 14 In the library, a red telephone desk is shown off by a beautiful Oriental rug. It is here that bound copies of all of the proceedings from all of the Grand Jurisdictions are to be found.
- 16 In the reception hall, we see one of the 12 beautiful fireplaces in the Temple . . . over it hangs an oil portrait of our founder, Rob Morris.
- 17 The Temple is filled with treasures . . . many were purchased with the Temple . . . many are gifts from Chapters all over the world. A 20x20' signet rug hand sculptured by three brothers, all Past Patrons of a Chapter in Peking.
- 18 A chime clock that plays a choice of three tunes and chimes musically every quarter hour.
- 22 An elegant four-fold Teakwood screen of a royal hunting scene and known to be one of the finest pieces of Japanese hand embroidery in this country. Originally presented to Mr. Belmont by the Japanese Emperor.
- 23 Other Temple treasures include a display chest of priceless figurines.
- 30 A complete set of rare Coleport china.
- 31 Oil paintings . . . many designed for particular rooms.
- 64 A rare collection of Oriental vases and plates.
- 52 One of many valuable pieces of Tiffany glass.
- 59 Ornate vases.
- 58 A gold etagere of beautiful Tiffany glass.
- 56 Here we see a closeup of the type of elegant furnishings found throughout the Temple. Interior decorators and furniture designers often visit the Temple for inspiration.
- 47 The Temple would not be complete without music to add an atmosphere of harmony and reverence. The magnificent \$65,000 Lewis and Hitchcock pipe organ is one of the finest in the city.
- 49 A Steinway grand piano completely covered in 14 carat gold leaf is one of three of its kind known.

- 45 Chandeliers throughout the building are of gold and bronze with imported hand carved rock crystal drops . . . some combined with amethyst.
- 41/40 The suite of the Most Worthy Grand Matron is tastefully decorated and comfortably furnished in keeping with the decor.
- 19/20 The same goes for the Most Worthy Grand Patron's suite. The suites are available to these officers whenever they come to the Temple on business of General Grand Chapter.
- 36/35 The suite of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary is also in keeping with the decor of the Temple.
- 9/42 Up the Grand Staircase that leads to the second floor. Note the French ornamental iron railings tastefully finished in soft shades of blue.
- 55 Looking out onto the Grand Staircase we see a table that was presented to the Temple by a Past Most Worthy Grand Patron. It was his request that the table always remain in this doorway to support his feelings that through the doors of our Eastern Star Chapters pass the most beautiful women in the world.
- 43 The entrance to the Chapel is highlighted by two 9' electrified Oriental urns.
- 46 One is impressed by the abundance of 14 carat gold leaf trim as one enters the Chapel.
- 44 The Chapel side of the massive doors feature golden frescoed coat of arms decoration.
- 48 Here we are treated to a partial view of the Grand Ballroom with its beautiful Turkish rug. Huge chandeliers hang at either end of the room that has been elegantly furnished in the Louis XIV, XV, and XVI manner.
- 50 A fireplace in the Ballroom is trimmed with golden frescoes and flanked with gilded benches covered in scarlet velvet. Over the mantel hangs a mirror measuring 7x19" and is reported to be one of the largest one-piece mirrors known in existence.
- 63 The State dining room comes into view featuring another ornate fireplace. Lifesize male carvings support the 10' deck that was brought to this country from an old European palace and is over 800 years old.
- 61 The banquet table is a solid piece of wood measuring 5x18'.
- 62 Leaving the State dining room, one is impressed by the carved marble doorways that add much to the stately elegance.
- 60 The mammoth crystal chandelier in the Gold Room is reflected here in the mirror and we are reminded of the kind of reflections we cast upon the world.
- 24 The five heriones of our Order are featured in a beautiful canvas painting on the ceiling of the Belmont dining room.
- 25 Adah.
- 26 Ruth.
- 27 Esther.
- 28 Martha.
- 29 Electa.

In 1972, the United States government designated the Eastern Star Temple as an historical site.

3 To us, it is a monument to our high ideals and purposes and a shrine of which we are justly proud. As the Order of the Eastern Star is international, no flag flies over the building, but each night until 11 o'clock, the soft rays of the star within a pentagon within a circle, the emblem of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star shed their light on all mankind.

(Music up and out)

Worthy Grand Matron, may I present the 471 100% Chapters of Texas. The triangular formation before you of Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons symbolizes the triangular shape of the Temple Beautiful. This year, as a tribute to you, a former chairman of this Committee, and as a tribute to our Worthy Grand Patron, Perry Smithwick and to J. Victor Jones, our own member of the International Temple Committee, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, 63 Chapters have turned on bright new lights in the Temple (FLASHLIGHTS ON) by becoming 100% . . . an all-time record. The Grand Chapter of Texas is not 100%, as yet, but Texas is probably the biggest contributor to the Endowment Fund. Contributions for this year total more than \$6,500. Surely "One Dollar Once in a Lifetime" isn't too much to ask.

Read names of sixty-three 100% Chapters.

Certificates are being mailed directly to the 100% Chapters. Individual Certificates were sent when requested. Thank you one and all for your generous cooperation.

All Chapters were notified of the amount of money necessary to become 100%. More than 500 letters were written . . . all at no expense to Grand Chapter. A detailed report is herewith submitted.

Much of the success this year is also attributed to the many hours our Grand Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, and her staff, devoted to updating the International Temple Fund records and I'd like to say Thank You to them for all of their assistance. Also to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Mrs. Virginia M. Jones, for her assistance.

Worthy Grand Matron, this appointment to the International Temple Committee has been a pleasure, as well as a challenge, Thank you for the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Anderson, Chairman
International Temple Committee

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the report of the International Temple Committee be accepted.

**CHAPTERS BECOMING 100% IN THE
INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE FUND 1976-1977**

Keystone Chapter No. 9	\$ 54.00
Adah Chapter No. 49	271.00
Pampa Chapter No. 65	65.00
Wortham Chapter No. 96	28.00
Mart Chapter No. 109	43.00
Alpine Chapter No. 132	79.00

Buffalo Chapter No. 157	76.00
Prairie Hill Chapter No. 159	28.00
Aransas Pass Chapter No. 162	107.00
Glen Rose Chapter No. 171	84.46
Bonita Chapter No. 184	94.00
Trinity Chapter No. 186	33.00
Boerne Chapter No. 200	149.15
Lockhart Chapter No. 210	40.00
Llano Chapter No. 216	108.00
Fort Stockton Chapter No. 230	88.00
Harmony Chapter No. 244	77.00
Floresville Chapter No. 271	42.00
Shiner Chapter No. 272	18.00
Round Rock Chapter No. 316	47.00
Grapevine Chapter No. 326	109.00
Center Chapter No. 348	180.00
Gilmer Chapter No. 355	71.50
Teague Chapter No. 408	93.00
McGregor Chapter No. 427	18.00
Lockney Chapter No. 437	52.00
Florence Chapter No. 440	45.00
Snyder Chapter No. 450	120.00
Henrietta Chapter No. 474	23.00
Douglassville Chapter No. 493	33.00
Alto Chapter No. 496	87.00
Pleiades Chapter No. 620	222.00
Graham Chapter No. 668	135.25
Miles Chapter No. 672	49.00
O'Donnell Chapter No. 725	40.00
Irving Chapter No. 777	398.00
Amarillo Chapter No. 787	201.00
Aurora Chapter No. 799	92.00
Dodson Chapter No. 814	14.00
Prospect Hill Chapter No. 817	148.00
Crescent Chapter No. 820	241.00
Seagraves Chapter No. 829	19.00
Mathis Chapter No. 874	22.00
Venus Chapter No. 923	37.00
East Houston Chapter No. 955	144.25
Cockrell Hill Chapter No. 971	300.00
James L. Burgese Chapter No. 983	240.00
Lexington Chapter No. 996	44.00
Ridglea Chapter No. 999	154.00
Pilot Point Chapter No. 1025	44.00
Vickery Chapter No. 1039	109.00
Deport Chapter No. 1045	43.00
Dalhart Chapter No. 1051	79.00
Roy Stanley Chapter No. 1086	93.75
DeSoto Chapter No. 1089	101.00
New Caney Chapter No. 1093	123.00
Archives Chapter No. 1095	110.00
Sam P. Cochran Chapter No. 1097	102.00
Wallace Hughston Chapter No. 1100	108.00
Sugar Land Chapter No. 1107	54.00
Evadale Chapter No. 1111	51.50
Huffman Chapter No. 1112	38.00
Lonnie L. Blake U.D.	39.00

Total: \$5,958.86

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE FUND

Ruth Chapter No. 20	\$ 44.00
Big Spring Chapter No. 67	4.00
Wimodausis Chapter No. 141	18.00
Brady Chapter No. 167	7.00
Arlington Chapter No. 249	20.00
Port Arthur Chapter No. 262	13.00
Oak Cliff Chapter No. 303	21.75
Navasota Chapter No. 309	3.00
Summerland Chapter No. 322	3.00
Wills Point Chapter No. 366	3.00
Hemphill Chapter No. 375	2.00
Lufkin Chapter No. 382	7.00
Wharton Chapter No. 389	18.00
Sunshine Chapter No. 399	6.00
Burleson Chapter No. 431	5.00
Rockport Chapter No. 479	5.00
Coahoma Chapter No. 499	12.00
Hempstead Chapter No. 510	4.00
Bexar Chapter No. 616	3.00
Handley Chapter No. 617	7.00
Texas City Chapter No. 626	9.00
Fort Worth Chapter No. 681	2.00
La Porte Chapter No. 683	3.00
Farmers Branch Chapter No. 687	9.00
Arlington Heights Chapter No. 702	11.00
Plano Chapter No. 703	4.00
Bethlehem Chapter No. 728	4.00
Alamo Heights Chapter No. 734	3.00
Woodbine Chapter No. 738	1.00
Wedgewood Chapter No. 756	20.00
Mulshoe Chapter No. 792	1.00
Levelland Chapter No. 797	19.00
White Deer Chapter No. 802	1.00
Delta Chapter No. 824	18.75
Bluebell Chapter No. 856	8.00
Oso Chapter No. 868	24.00
Martha Chapter No. 883	3.00
Galena Park Chapter No. 884	19.00
Crosbyton Chapter No. 891	5.00
Brownsboro Chapter No. 902	10.00
South Houston Chapter No. 915	19.07
Melrose Chapter No. 920	18.00
West University Chapter No. 933	14.00
Wink Chapter No. 937	4.00
Groves Chapter No. 953	18.00
North Shore Chapter No. 1058	36.00
Pearland Chapter No. 1065	15.00
Canyon Lake Chapter No. 1103	9.00
Zapata Chapter No. 1106	10.00
Portland Chapter No. 1108	12.00
Total:	\$535.57

TEMPLE BEAUTIFUL DRILL

Under the direction of the Grand Marshal, an outline of the International Temple Building, located in Washington, D.C. was formed by the Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Junior Past Matrons and Junior Past Patrons of Texas.

Mrs. Lillian Anderson. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, — this has been a pleasure, as well as a challenge. Thank you for the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter in this capacity.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. Thank you, Lillian.

Man had advantage above the beasts. They look downwards, but man is made erect to look upwards. "The heavens declare the glory of God; . . . day unto day . . . night unto night . . ." The constant regular succession of Day and Night speak the Glory of God. When they have finished their testimony, they leave it to the next Day and the next Night to say the same. This declaration of the Glory of God is made to all parts of the world. They have no speech or language and yet their voice is heard!

It is my pleasure to introduce Mrs. Maydelle Grubbs, who will present the Report of the Fraternal Correspondent.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT

Honoring General Grand Chapter Officers in Texas

Solo was sung "It's a Small World".

Mrs. Maydelle Grubbs. As the following Report was being given, the DAY STAR DRILL, under the direction of the Grand Marshal, Mrs. Nancy Shurley Johnson, was formed, as follows:

The Grand Representatives dressed in white formal attire formed ten rays. Each ray composed of five people, which extended from the Altar. As each Grand Representative was introduced they produced a light. When all had been introduced there were five circles of light encircling the Altar. Alternating rays then moved through the stationary rays and continued to circle the Altar. This produced a beautiful vision of pulsating light. When those moving reached their original position all dispersed.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, other distinguished Guests, My Sisters and Brothers:

To this Grand Chapter, I submit this Report,
Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for your support,
Being your Fraternal Correspondent, I must say;
Has given me pleasure and brightened each day.

Worthy Grand Matron:
You've kept the Chapters on their toes,
Listened calmly to all their woes,
You've kept your views and opinions elastic;
Worthy Grand Matron, I think you are Fantastic!

Worthy Grand Patron:
I could busy my head in grammar,
In a dictionary I might dig,
I couldn't express enough regards for you,
There just aren't enough words that big.

Grand Secretary:
Without your kind assistance, I'd have been a total loss,
But that's not the reason that I call you "Boss".
You have kept my mailman busy bringing greetings from afar,
I'll always be a 'wondering how the Jurisdictions are,
When I make it to Heaven and find the Pearly Gates ajar,
I'll likely ask St. Peter, "Any mail from the Eastern Star?"

It was just days before Grand Chapter, As usual I was worrying,
 I couldn't get it all together, despite all my hurrying.
 Each night I wound up with my brain in a knot,
 Thinking of the things I thought I forgot.
 So I sat myself down and put my mind in gear;
 Collecting the notes I had made all year,
 There was a lot of history and much to tell
 From our Founder Rob Morris to the Liberty Bell.

Our history records it, so I can relate —
 Dr. Morris formed our Order when he was twenty eight.
 With his Bible as guideline, he wrote each Degree,
 Creating the Eastern Star — now known internationally.

The Eastern Star is world-wide in scope,
 Three levels of government carries its hope,
 Chapters, Grand Chapters and General Grand
 Keeps our Order growing throughout the land.

There are two majestic Landmarks for all to see;
 One is the International Temple in Washington, D. C.
 The other is the International Peace Garden which proudly proclaims
 Goodwill between the United States and Canada and our peaceful aims.

In order that our Star will shine evermore,
 The Principles we uphold are the same the World o'er,
 Our Landmarks, Obligation and Signs are the same;
 Wherever Chapters bear the Eastern Star name.

As Fraternal Correspondent, it was my appointed duty
 To record each Grand Chapter's interests and beauty,
 All Jurisdictions are aimed in one direction,
 Each stressing ritualistic perfection.

Sessions were held in Civic Centers and Temples, quite naturally, I think,
 In hotels, a Ball Park and even a Skating Rink,

The Nations Flags graced every East; the Open Bible on each Altar,
 Which brought to mind strength and peace, that faith must never falter.

Memorial Services were beautiful and solemn;
 A reminder of Martha and the symbolic broken column,

Funds for Scholarships and ESTARL Phase II
 Are the top projects listed to do.

Homes are maintained for those who need care;
 Other worthy causes are shared everywhere.

Fifty three Sessions have been detailed, but to the clock I'm conceding;
 It will be printed in this Grand Chapter's Proceedings.

To the General Grand Chapter Officers:
 Honoring you in El Paso is, to me, a rare "SUN-sation",
 And with that thought in mind, I planned an elaborate 2-hr. Presentation,
 Now knowing this would stretch my limits;
 My Worthy Grand Matron only gave me fifteen minutes,
 If we don't make it, I'll just say we were tired!
 After all, it's too late for me to be fired!

Alabama	Lena Hoover
Alberta	Alvaretta Matthys
Arkansas	T. L. (Duke) Weaver
Arizona	Bertha Weir*
British Columbia	Billie Horton*
California	Alice Fair
Colorado	Molly Kuns*
Connecticut	Ruth Palmer
Delaware	Flo Sullivan*
Florida	Ora Stonebeck
Georgia	Clara Klein
Idaho	Eula Reed
Illinois	Agnes Jolly*
Indiana	Alice Matthews
Iowa	Josie Jones
Kansas	Charline Faulk
Maine	Marie Harcum
Manitoba	Joy Shackelford
Massachusetts	Lydia Nell Wilson
Michigan	Leta Mae Hall
Minnesota	Mary Elizabeth Jones*
Mississippi	Vera Crady*
Montana	Pauline Barnett
Missouri	Ann Strobl*
Nebraska	Frances Christian
Nevada	Lovena Grigg
New Brunswick	Annie Conner
New Hampshire	Cassie Slegar
New Jersey	Margaret Pribble
New Mexico	Ann Thompson
New York	Mary Horton
North Carolina	LaVerne Banks*
North Dakota	Edna Littig
Nova Scotia	Frederick Herrin
Ohio	Ola Cathey*
Oklahoma	Ollie Mae Welch*
Ontario	Hattie Longmire*
Oregon	Lela Wilson*
Pennsylvania	Ruth Lowrey*
Puerto Rico	Juanita McFarland
Rhode Island	Harriet Austin
Saskatchewan	Cleora Hampton
Scotland	Iva Jennings
South Carolina	Lena Wise
South Dakota	Ellen Justice*
Tennessee	Cleo Morris
Utah	Pauline Calloway
Vermont	Ella Mae Adcock
Virginia	Virginia Campbell
Washington	T. R. (Chuck) Bramlett*
West Virginia	Potsy Sawyer
Wisconsin	Marie Taliferro*
Wyoming	Elsie Bills

*Not Present

There are those I can count on for most anything at all.
 Who are always there to help and will answer my call,
 Thank you Vaughn Johnson, Nina Williams, Donna Reed, Lucille Rowland, Alma
 Carter and W. Ben Day. Thank you Ruth Smith and the Sun Queens of Dallas for
 filling in for the Grand Reps who were unable to be here.

A Marshal served his station dressed in the uniform of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

There are no Deputies but there is an elected Board of 12 members with much power. It takes care of the business of Grand Chapter. This board elects the Grand Treasurer and Grand Sentinel, who advance to Associate Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Patron respectively.

The Worthy Grand Patron presides at business sessions.

All the air was let out of the tires of the Worthy Grand Matron's car while she was making an official visit.

This is a dual membership jurisdiction.

The 66th Annual Session will be held May 31 thru June 2, 1977 at Edmonton with Mrs. Jane Salesbury serving as Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Samuel F. G. Slayter, Worthy Grand Patron.

ARIZONA

Chapters: 60

Members: 12,468

Loss: 4

The 76th "BELLS OF FREEDOM" Session convened in Phoenix on March 25-27, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Betty H. Hacklerod
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Arthur M. Daniels

Projects: Estarl — \$3,600.00, Cancer Research — \$1,548.00, Heartfund — The Worthy Grand Matron presented a check for \$5,000.00 from the membership to St. Luke's Hospital and Medical Center designated for the Cardio-vascular unit.

Mrs. Desi Lorenz, Past Grand Matron is the Mayor of Avondale.

Morris Goldwater, uncle of Senator Barry Goldwater, was one of the founders of Eastern Star in Arizona. The Senator is a member of Queen Esther Chapter No. 22 in Phoenix.

Home cottages are provided for retired members.

This is a dual membership jurisdiction.

The 76th Session will be held in March, 1977, with Mrs. Hilda Ruebel, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Wayne Little, Worthy Grand Patron, presiding. The Session will be in Phoenix.

ARKANSAS

Chapters: 214

Members: 24,800

Gain: 105

The 101st Annual "SANDS OF TIME" Session convened in Little Rock on December 1-3, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Wilma E. Springs
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. O. W. (Bill) Diederich

Projects: Estarl — \$9,569, Cancer Research — \$6,875.00, International Temple — \$2,312.00, Benevolent Awards — \$11,054.00.

Arkansas Law requires exemplification of the initiatory work at least four times a year. A practice initiation at a regular meeting may meet this requirement.

This is the home State of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. William E. George.

Members are required to attend at least 25% of their Stated Meetings to be eligible to vote.

Arkansas is the only State that has a Rainbow Assembly for the Deaf.

The Grand Lecturer travels with the Worthy Grand Matron and assumes the duty of overseeing the Ritualistic work of the Chapters.

This Jurisdiction recognizes dual membership for members overseas.

The 102nd Session will meet November 30, 1977 at Little Rock with Mrs. Rosalie Butchelda serving as Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Howard Goforth, Worthy Grand Patron.

BRITISH COLUMBIA and YUKON

Chapters: 90

Members: 11,357

Loss: 87

The 65th Annual "THE HARBOUR" Session opened in Vancouver on May 31st thru June 2, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Donna M. Galpin
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. William R. Thomas

Projects: Estarl — \$6,631.00, Cancer Control Agency of British Columbia — \$48,453.00, 19 Elizabeth Bentley Scholarships — \$4,400.00, and International Temple Fund — \$1,587.00. In lieu of corsages, the Worthy Grand Matron received \$3,887.00 which was divided among the several projects. 438,293 Cancer dressings were made and donated to the Cancer Society. The Worthy Grand Matron's special projects were named C.E.E. Chest of Seven CEES: Christ (Estarl), College (Elizabeth Bentley Scholarships), Children (Aiding Retarded Children), Care (delivering needed hospital equipment to members homes), Contribution (International Temple) and Cross Reference (Library Fund).

This Jurisdiction has two Deputies that hold Schools of Instruction in 29 Chapters. The Worthy Grand Matron conducts a School in each of the other 61 Chapters.

During the Mail Strike, much of the mail was hand delivered by Worthy Matrons and Secretaries.

This is a dual membership Jurisdiction.

The 66th Session will convene May 16, 1977 in Penticton with Mrs. Barbara Schellenberg, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. J. Frederick Fisher, Worthy Grand Patron.

CALIFORNIA

Chapters: 530

Members: 134,786

Loss: 1,476

The 103rd Annual "HEART OF AMERICA" Session was held in Anaheim on October 24-28, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Donna M. Smith
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Stanley M. Love

Projects: 190 Scholarship Awards — \$44,000.00, 43 Religious grants — \$33,000.00, Estarl Phase II — \$1,000.00, J. Clifford Lee Cancer Fund — \$30,100.00.

Grand Chapter is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Treasurer is an Honorary position. The Grand Secretary handles all monies.

\$176,000.00 was given to aid members or their families who had Cancer.

There are 96 Deputies who give instructions to Chapters.

Five Chapters have recently celebrated their 100th Anniversary.

There are over 7,000 active 50 year members.

California is a dual membership jurisdiction.

The 104th Session will convene October 17-20, 1977 in Sacramento with Mrs. Patricia Quibell serving as Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Gerald P. Austin, Worthy Grand Patron.

COLORADO

Chapters: 134

Members: 30,548

Loss: 557

The 84th Annual "WISHING IS BEAUTIFUL" Session opened in Colorado Springs on September 15-18, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Berniece C. Nickson
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Harold Brown

Projects: Estarl, 21 awards — \$3,975.00, International Temple Fund — \$531.00, Cancer Research — \$2,100.00, Home Endowment Fund — \$3,587.00, "Finish a Wing — O. E. S. Home" — \$34,178.00. The Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project — "Colorado Centennial Young Folk".

The Worthy Grand Matron conducts 3 Schools of Instruction. The Associate Grand Matron conducts 3 Schools of Instruction and is a member of the Board of Trustees.

A cornerstone was laid August 28, 1976 for a new wing at the O.E.S. Home. A Sweetheart Ball, netting \$2,059.00, was held for the benefit of the wing.

Microfilming equipment has been installed in the Grand Secretary's office to copy all records of Grand Chapter.

This is a dual membership jurisdiction.

The 85th Annual Session will be held September 21, 1977 in Denver, with Mrs. Betty J. Collier, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Kap Larson, Worthy Grand Patron, presiding.

CONNECTICUT

Chapters: 89

Members: 18,857

Loss: 84

The 102nd Annual "BROKEN COLUMN" Session opened in Hartford on April 22-24, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Marion M. Andersen
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. George E. Larsson

Projects: Estarl — \$10,228.00, Estarl Phase II — \$300.00, O.E.S. Endowment Fund — \$17,806.00, Greenhouse Fund — \$11,233.00, "Garden of Sunshine" for Masonic Home — \$3,000.00.

Her Excellency, The Governor, Mrs. Ella T. Grasso, brought greetings at the Opening Session.

The Past Grands exemplified the Ritual of 1876. All wore clothes of that era.

The new Greenhouse at the Masonic Home has ramps for wheelchairs.

Subordinate Chapters are fined \$5.00 if they fail to send a representative to Grand Chapter.

A dual membership jurisdiction.

The 103rd Session will convene in Hartford on April 21, 1977 with Mrs. Harriet L. Moore, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Robert H. Hess, Worthy Grand Patron.

DELAWARE

Chapters: 20

Members: 3,569

Gain: 21

The 55th Annual "EMERALD" Session convened in Dover on May 10-11, 1976.
Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Vada Lockerman
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Howard C. Hall

Projects: Estarl — \$4,400.00, Cancer Research — \$1,850.00, Cardiac Research — \$3,400.00, Masonic Home Arts and Crafts — \$13,000.00, Hobby Cart for Veterans Hospital — \$895.00, Handicapped Children — \$13,000.00.

Delaware holds a "Miss Job's Daughters Pageant" annually.

6,391 items (value \$6,553.00) were donated to the Hobby Cart, a continuing project at Veterans Hospital.

Chapter officers must wear shoulder ribbons.

The Jr. Past Matron's home Chapter is named for Ceasar Rodney, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

A dual membership jurisdiction.

The 56th Annual Session will be held May 9-10, 1977 in Dover with Mrs. Thirza P. Hall serving as Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. John B. Beatty, Worthy Grand Patron.

FLORIDA

Chapters: 259

Members: 47,219

Gain: 442

The 71st Annual "REFLECTIONS of BEAUTY" Session opened in Tampa on April 6-8, 1976.
Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Norma Cope
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Carl R. Bowen

Projects: O.E.S. Endowment Investment Fund - \$44,000.00, Estarl - \$12,848.00, Cancer Research - \$21,964.00, International Temple - \$1,627.00.

Althe Maddocks, great grand-daughter of Rob Morris was in attendance at this Grand Chapter Session.

The Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters and DeMolay Boys participated in Rally Day at the Masonic Home. The theme was "God and Country".

The Grand Line Officers are Deputies. They make the official inspection of the Chapters.

No new Chapter can be Instituted in any county that has a Chapter with less than 200 members.

A dual membership jurisdiction.

The 72nd Session will convene April 5, 1977 in St. Petersburg with Mrs. Mamie Horton, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Aubrey Dykes, Worthy Grand Patron, presiding.

GEORGIA

Chapters: 280

Members: 33,035

Gain: 426

The 75th Diamond Jubilee "RAYS of LOVE and MEMORIES" Session met in Atlanta on June 7-9, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Agnes N. Ray
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. David J. Roberts

Projects: Estarl, 25 awards — \$16,436.00, Estarl Phase 11, five awards — \$1,000.00 each, International Temple — \$2,409.00.

An all time high of \$2,000,000.00 was given to aid the sick and needy. \$37,00.00 was given to members having cancer.

The Lieutenant Governor spoke at the opening session of Grand Chapter.

This is the home state of Helen Roquemore, Right Worthy Grand Trustee.

Georgia has adopted two Grand Chapters — Alaska and Germany.

Chapters may be instituted on Sunday.

Chapters and members compete for various awards.

94 year-old twins serve as Chaplain in their respective Chapters.

Chapters buy braces for crippled children and Grand Chapter sponsors a Boy Scout Troup for handicapped boys.

The 76th Session will convene June 13, 1977 with Mrs. Frances M. Todd serving as Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Kirby D. Ward, Worthy Grand Patron. This session will be held in Macon.

IDAHO

Chapters: 78

Members: 11,258

Loss: 168

The 74th Annual "HERITAGE and HORIZONS" Session convened in Lewiston on June 7-9, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Darlene Schiers
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. George W. Clark

A secretary of a Chapter signs her minutes "Love to all".

Excellent work is done by a Worthy Patron who is blind. One organist has filled the station for 50 years.

Open Rituals are not allowed in the Chapter room.

Iowa is the home state of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Virginia M. Jones.

A dual membership jurisdiction.

The 100th Session will open in Des Moines on October 25, 1977 with Mrs. Beth Friday, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Dean Ellis, Worthy Grand Patron, presiding.

KANSAS

Chapters: 342 Members: 65,551 Loss: 3,248

The 100th "THE CENTENNIAL" Session opened in Topeka on April 26-29, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Jeanette Huet
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Walter C. Smith

Projects: Estarl, 43 awards — \$16,000.00, Masonic Home — \$32,063.00.

Governor Robert F. Bennett declared April 26-29, 1976 "Eastern Star Week" in Kansas.

Thirty one — 3 generation families attended Grand Chapter.

The Worthy Grand Matron gave each Chapter she visited a Bible containing four translations and foreward written by Reverend Billy Graham.

The 101st Annual Session will meet April 26, 1977 in Topeka, with Mrs. Joan Dann serving as Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Kenneth V. Moses, Worthy Grand Patron.

MAINE

Chapters: 164 Members: 28,385 Loss: 451

The 84th Annual "SPIRIT of '76" Session was held in Augusta on May 17-19, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Frances M. Smith
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Wesley G. Woodman

Projects: Estarl and Estarl Phase II — \$7,968.00, Cancer Research — \$4,312.00, International Temple — \$15,756.00.

A former receipt of Estarl Scholarship has been elected Grand Sentinel.

Exchange visits are held annually with New Hampshire. The Grand Officers exemplify the work.

One Chapter is 3 miles out to sea.

The Worthy Grand Matron, with the disapproval of Grand Chapter, sent out brochures and proceeded with a tour to Hawaii. 128 members went on the tour.

A dual membership jurisdiction.

The 85th Annual Session will convene May 17, 1977 in Augusta with Mrs. Ruby L. Burrill, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Richard L. Howard, Worthy Grand Patron, presiding.

MANITOBA

Chapters: 54

Members, 5,289

Loss: 24

The 54th Annual "GEMS of NATURE" Session opened in Winnipeg on June 1-2, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Edith M. Schackel
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Ross C. Oalway

Projects: Eastern Star Chalet — \$10,094.00, Estarl — \$1,400.00, Cancer Research — \$4,777.00, International Temple — \$902.00.

The subordinate Chapters gave cash donations of over \$40,000.00 to Grand Chapter projects and other worthy causes.

A Hawaiian tour netted over \$10,000.00 for the Chalet. Grand Chapter passed a resolution forbidding any more tours.

A raffle was held with a trip or \$100.00 as prize. \$15,646.00 was made on the raffle.

A pair of white gloves are presented to the Worthy Grand Matron if there are no grievances during her year.

This is a dual membership jurisdiction.

The 55th Session will meet May 30, 1977 in Winnipeg with Mrs. Esther G. Wilding serving as Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Norman K. Geller, Worthy Grand Patron.

MICHIGAN

Chapters: 433

Members: 89,148

Loss: 1,747

The 110th Annual "LIBERTY BELL" Session met in Grand Rapids on October 12-14, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Beatrice M. Dole
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Clarence Johnson

Projects: Estarl, 83 awards — \$23,330.00, Estarl Phase II — \$1,370.00, O.E.S. Relief Fund — \$16,000.00. The Worthy Grand Matron's special project totaled \$40,270.00. This was given to the O.E.S. Villa, Cancer Research — \$10,000.00, Masonic Home 11,562.00 and Youth Group — \$1,516.00.

Michigan has the distinction of being the oldest Grand Jurisdiction.

4,000 Members attended the home coming of D. Laverne Courtney, Immediate Past Most Worthy Grand Patron.

It was requested that each member set aside 13 pennies as a birthday gift to America. A total of \$6,554.00 was given to the Villa from this gift.

The profit from an Hawaiian Tour was given to the Relief Department.

This is a dual membership jurisdiction.

The 111th Annual Session will be held in Grand Rapids on October 11, 1977. Mrs. Phyllis Martz will preside as Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Donald A. Barnes, as Worthy Grand Patron.

NORTH DAKOTA

Chapters: 90 Members: 8,020 Loss: 148

The 82nd Annual "CHIMING BELLS and GUIDING LIGHT" Session met in Williston on June 7-9, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Janet M. Culpepper
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. R. Earl Green

Projects: Estarl, 22 awards — \$5,882.00, International Temple — \$240.00, Cancer Research — \$1,063.00, Rainbow and DeMolay — \$400.00, Peace Garden Overlook Shelter (tables with shelters in picnic areas) — \$3,774.00.

A Special Project — A.B.C.'s of Friendship: Ask a Friend, Be a Friend, Call a Friend increased the membership and attendance at Chapter meetings.

\$2,600.00 was made on the Worthy Grand Matron's tour of Hawaii. This was a first time event.

Secretaries and Treasurers were the Honored Stations. Two Secretaries have served their Chapter for 40 consecutive years. Many have served for 30 years.

North Dakota is a dual membership jurisdiction.

The 83rd Annual Session will be held in Bismarck on June 8, 1977. Presiding will be Mrs. Clara O. Wendt, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Wesley I. Spillum, Worthy Grand Patron.

MARYLAND

Chapters: 108 Members: 24,588 Loss: 26

The 78th Annual "SHOWERS of FRIENDSHIP" Session was held in Baltimore on April 25-28, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Rita B. Clauss
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Andrew L. Larken

Projects: Estarl, 17 awards — \$15,192.00, Heart Fund — \$2,100.00, Cancer Research — \$12,034.00, International Temple Fund — \$805.00. All Chapters are 100% in International Temple.

This is the only Jurisdiction that has it's own Eastern Star Temple. It is maintained for the benefit of all Members. It is also available for rehearsals, committee meetings and dinners.

Classes are held for the Associate Matrons and Patrons, so that they might better understand the Rules and Regulations of the Order.

The 79th Annual Session will convene in Baltimore on April 24, 1977. Presiding over this session will be Mrs. Pauline Falk, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. Frank W. Talley, Worthy Grand Patron.

MINNESOTA

Chapters: 234

Members: 40,011

Loss: 773

The 98th Annual "MELODY of LOVE" Session opened in Minneapolis on May 12-14, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Harriett K. Skinner
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Dean a. Borschardt

Projects: Estarl, 46 awards — \$20,900.00, Estarl Phase II — \$1,833.00, Masonic Home's Cancer Care Center — \$31,899.00, International Temple Fund — \$1,085.00. A continuing project, H.E.L.P. (Help Elderly Live Pleasantly) — \$4,138.00.

A resolution to allow Past Matrons and Past Patrons to vote, was passed by Grand Chapter.

This Jurisdiction spends \$2,000,000.00 annually to operate their O.E.S. and Masonic Home.

It is the duty of the Central Service Committee to keep in touch with members who move in or out of the State.

In her report, the Worthy Grand Matron said "Life is too short to be little".

This is a dual membership jurisdiction.

The 99th Annual Session will be held in Rochester with Mrs. Florence M. Rickert serving as Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Tom Bosworth, Worthy Grand Patron. The date for the session is set for May 11, 1977.

MISSISSIPPI

Chapters: 226

Members: 24,021

Gain: 68

The 70th Annual "DAUGHTERS of HAPPINESS" Session convened in Jackson on April 11-14, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Gladys Shows
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. E. F. Simmons, Jr.

Projects: Estarl, 86 awards — \$17,209.00, Estarl Phase II — \$2,061.00, Cancer Research Scholarship — \$1,500.00, Home Endowment — \$15,055.00, Landscaping at Little Red School House — \$15,083.00, Volunteer service at Veteran's Hospitals.

This is the 5th consecutive year showing a gain in membership.

On both front doors of the Worthy Grand Matron's car is inscribed "Worthy Grand Matron, Order of the Eastern Star — Mississippi".

A picture of Rob Morris's Little Red School House is always on the cover of the Proceedings.

The 71st Annual Session will open in Jackson on April 18, 1977 with Mrs. Rosalie Warren, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Wayne Nanney, Worthy Grand Patron, presiding.

MISSOURI

Chapters: 487

Members: 74,787

Loss: 920

The 102nd Annual "FAITH of OUR FATHERS" Session opened in St. Louis on October 11-13, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Lorraine Whitaker
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Oscar H. Schmelig

Projects: Estarl — \$10,800.00, Estarl Phase II — \$1,000.00, Cancer Research — \$8,276.00, Relief — \$1,000.00 and other Charities — \$16,832.00.

The Worthy Grand Patron countersigns all Grand Chapter Checks.

The Grand Sentinel is advanced to Grand Marshal, then elected to Associate Grand Patron.

Nebraska supports a Children's Home and a Home for the Aged.

Examinations are given to those interested in becoming District Supervisors. Approximately 95 Sisters and Brothers receive an award for Excellence for Ritualistic work.

Before Officers can be installed, they must pass a Proficiency Test.

Nebraska is a dual membership jurisdiction.

The 102nd Annual Session will be held in Lincoln with Mrs. Virginia Jones, Worthy Grand Matron and Dr. Robert Bass, Worthy Grand Patron, presiding. The date for the Session will be May 3-6, 1977.

NEVADA

Chapters: 29 Members: 5,665 Gain: 39

The 71st Annual "SILVER STATE" Session met in Sparks on October 1-2, 1976. Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Pearl O'Boyle Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Jay F. Slone

Projects: Estarl, 12 awards - \$6,203.00, Cancer Research - \$1,484.00, Worthy Grand Matron's special project - Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital.

All Chapters are 100% in International Temple Fund.

Members are required to learn the Secret Work and 5 Landmarks. This is their first year to have a Proficiency Program.

A Retirement Home has been purchased and is being refurnished. The "Country Fair Fun Night" at Grand Chapter netted over \$1,400.00 and was given to the Home Fund.

This is a dual membership jurisdiction.

The 72nd Annual Session will open in Sparks on October 6, 1977 with Mrs. Hana Aoyama, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. John K. Carr, Worthy Grand Patron, presiding.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Chapters: 41 Members: 4,312 Loss: 8

The 46th Annual "FAITH" Session convened in Moncton on July 7-9, 1976. Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Kay Blackney Worthy Grand Patron Mr. James Clouston

Projects: Estarl, 10 awards — \$2,300.00, Estarl Phase II — \$1,000.00, Cancer Research — \$3,285.00 and International Temple — \$120.00.

It is not unusual for some Chapters to have as many as 18 Past Grands as members.

An Eastern Star Magazine is published quarterly.

A new Rainbow Assembly was Constituted in Hampton.

In lieu of corsages, \$615.00 was given to the Worthy Grand Matron for her special project — Cancer Research.

This is a dual membership jurisdiction.

The 47th Annual Session will open in Campbellton in July, 1977. Mrs. Anna Steeves will serve as Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Cecil Jeffries as Worthy Grand Patron.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Chapters: 64 Members: 11,047 Loss: 497

The 86th Annual "WE WALK BY FAITH" Session opened in Bedford on September 9-11, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Elizabeth S. White
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. George A. McKeagney

Projects: Estarl, 9 awards — \$2,549.00 and Cancer Research — \$1,072.00.

A resolution was passed by Grand Chapter to dispense with all mileage.

Exchange visits are held with Maine, Vermont and Rhode Island.

Governor Meldrim Thompson, Jr. is an active member of the Order.

New Hampshire is a dual membership jurisdiction.

The 87th Annual Session will be held in Bedford on September 8, 1977. Presiding over this meeting will be Mrs. Ruth B. Hamilton, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Robert Hiflen, Worthy Grand Patron.

NEW JERSEY

Chapters: 206 Members: 46,542 Loss: 1,094

The 106th Annual "ALOHA BI-CENTENNIAL" Session convened in Atlantic City on May 18-20, 1976.

Most Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Rose T. Dorsheimer
Most Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Llewellyn A. Campbell

Projects: O.E.S. Home for Aged - \$14,438.00, State Schools for Retarded Children - \$7,138.00. Over \$45,000.00 was given to Charities.

Members raised \$10,884.00 with an aluminum and copper drive.

There are 22 Installed Grand Officers. This Jurisdiction has a Right Worthy Grand Attorney instead of an Associate Grand Patron.

In the Opening Ceremony, the prayer is given before the Bible is opened. Both Conductresses attend at the Altar. In the Initiatory Work, the Marshal Precedes the Conductress. The Conductress' lecture is given as they approach the West. Men candidates are seated after taking the Obligation, as men are not allowed to walk the Labyrinth.

The 107th Annual Session will meet in Atlantic City on May 24, 1976, with Mrs. Evelyn A. McKenzie serving as Most Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. William J. Bain, Most Worthy Grand Patron.

NEW MEXICO

Chapters: 60

Members: 10,848

Loss: 103

The 74th Annual "HAPPINESS IS" Session met in Albuquerque on October 20-23, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Mary Ellen Johnson
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. J. Wilbur Miller

Projects: Estarl, 9 awards — \$4,258.00, Cancer Research — \$3,416.00, O.E.S. Home — \$13,936.00, Benevolent Relief — \$9,834.00, International Temple — \$313.00 and "J.O.Y." (Join Our Youth).

At the Informal Opening, the Worthy Grand Matron presented a check in the amount of \$7,653.35 to Dr. John Yukas of the New Mexico Cancer and Research and Treatment Center.

A continuing Grand Committee, Restore-A-Star, attempts to reinstate or initiate 2 members for each member lost. The Life Stream donates blood to local Blood Banks and Hospitals.

All Chapter officers must read or listen to the reading of the Constitution and By-Laws within 90 days after Installation.

A resume of work and accomplishments of Chapters is recorded in the Proceedings.

New Mexico is a dual membership jurisdiction.

The 75th Annual Session will open in Albuquerque on October 19, 1977 with Mrs. Ruth Sorenson, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Marion A. Gates, Worthy Grand Patron, presiding.

NEW YORK

Chapters: 639

Members: 103,046

Loss: 1,873

The 107th Annual Session convened in New York City on October 5-7, 1976.
Most Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Marion K. Kopko
Most Worthy Grand Patron Mr. James R. Huntington

Motto: U.S.A. — United Service Achieves.

A Grand total of \$292,616.85 was raised and distributed among several Charities — Emergency Relief, Veteran's Hospitals, O.E.S. Home Building Fund, Social Service and Educational Assistance Fund.

At election of Grand Officers, nominating and seconding speeches are allowed.

A public sign of Salutation is given as the Most Worthy Grand Marshal introduces visitors and members.

Public Installations are not allowed.

OREGON

Chapters: 149

Members: 30,713

Loss: 518

The 87th Annual "DOVE of PEACE" Session met in Portland on June 21-23, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Dorothy Parrish
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Charles C. Dodd

Projects: Estarl, 42 awards — \$24,673.00, Cancer Research — \$32,192.00, Home Endowment — \$20,562.00, 13 Leslie Parker Scholarships — \$500.00 each, In lieu of corsages, the Worthy Grand Matron gave \$4,950.00 for 19 Scholarships to the Homer Parrish Memorial Fund.

In one chapter the youngest member is 61. Three sisters, ages 85, 90 and 93 years young, are Secretaries of their chapters. They are in excellant health and do their work well.

The election of Grand Officers is held at the opening session of Grand Chapter, this is to avoid electioneering.

The O.E.S. Home tax is \$1.00 per member.

The Tell-A-Star Committee is designed to motivate members to increase service to their youth.

The 88th Annual Session will open in Portland on June 20, 1977 with Mrs. Genevieve Powell serving as Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Dick Barlow, Worthy Grand Patron.

PENNSYLVANIA

Chapters: 475

Members: 107,282

Loss: 1,874

The 82nd Annual "HEARTS and FLOWERS" Session met in Pittsburg on June 22-24, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Nancy J. Acker
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Joseph Williams

Projects: Estarl, 40 awards — \$22,029.00, Veteran's Hospitals — \$24,333.00 and Cancer Research — \$4,419.00.

Three O.E.S. Homes are maintained in Pennsylvania.

A trophy is given to the Chapter making the largest per capita donation to Estarl.

Holy Communion is held prior to the Opening Session.

The membership was asked to see that 1,000,000 letters were sent to NASA in care of the Astronauts to stop Madeline Murray O'Hare and her banning of prayer and Bible reading in Schools.

The Worthy Grand Matron has a personal secretary.

The 83rd Annual Session will convene in Philadelphia on June 27, 1977 with Mrs. Joy M. Cooper, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Marshall C. Stevens, Jr., Worthy Grand Patron, presiding.

PUERTO RICO

(No Proceedings — Report made by Texas Grand Representative, Mrs. Juanita McFarland)

The 63rd Annual "SHOWERS of BLESSINGS" Session was held in San Juan on May 28-29, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Margarita C. Rivera
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Jose Vargas Rios

Projects: Hospital del Nine, Children's Hospital and International Temple Fund.

This Jurisdiction was saddened by the death of their Grand Conductress on Sunday morning, the last day of their session.

Grand Chapter always meets the Saturday and Sunday before Easter.

A Spanish Ritual and Signet are used. The Flag tribute is given in English and Spanish.

This is the smallest Jurisdiction — having only 13 Chapters, however, they support a Leper Colony.

On Monday after their Session, an all day picnic was held high in the mountains. Roast pig with all the trimmings was served. A band played for dancing and entertainment.

The 64th Annual Session will be held on Saturday and Sunday before Easter, 1977. Presiding will be Mrs. Inez Julia, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Samuel Vazquer, Worthy Grand Patron.

QUEBEC

Chapters: 37

Members: 2,637

Loss: 23

The 54th Annual "GOLDEN RULE" Session was held in Montreal on Octoer 13-15, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Hazel Alexander
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Tom Williamson

Projects: Estarl, 13 awards — \$3,900.00, Canadian Cancer Society — \$2,863.00 plus \$1,400.00 in gifts for patients from Cancer Gift Cubbard Committee. Other Charities — \$7,800.00.

The Tellers at Grand Chapter are called Scrutineers.

A "Fun Night" of Bowling netted \$1,900.00 and was used to help defray expenses of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Instructors wear Jewels similar to those worn by Floor Officers.

All Chapters are 100% in International Temple.

All installed lady officers must wear long white dresses at every meeting.

This is a dual membership jurisdiction.

The 55th Annual Session will convene in Montreal on October 12, 1977. Mrs. Janet Neal will serve as Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Mervin Jones, Worthy Grand Patron.

RHODE ISLAND

Chapters: 26 Members: 6,248 Loss: 151

The 81st Annual "THE LIGHTED LAMP of SERVICE" Session convened in Lincoln on October 9, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Jerane Chapman
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Stewart R. Davis

Projects: Estarl, 12 awards — \$4,000.00, Educational Scholarships — \$3,200.00, O.E.S. Home — \$17,194.00 and Time Volunteered at the Veteran's Hospital.

Vesper services, meetings and socials are planned to take place at the O.E.S. Home for maximum exposure to the membership and to bring Eastern Star to the residents.

All Constitutional appointments are for 3 to 5 years.

The Worthy Grand Matron's son was a surprise candidate the night she made her official visit to her home chapter.

On Memorial Day, 42 members accompanied the Worthy Grand Matron to the Grand Chapter of Puerto Rico.

The 82nd Annual Session will meet October 8, 1977 in Cranston with Mrs. Hope W. Barter serving as Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. George R. Congdon, Jr., Worthy Grand Patron.

SASKATCHEWAN

Chapters: 95 Members: 8,088 Loss: 48

The 60th Annual "THE REALM of TIME" Session met in Saskatoon on April 26-28, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Dorothy Alleen
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Win Welch

Projects: Estarl, 17 awards — \$5,277.00, Home Fund — \$13,457.00, Cancer Research — \$2,313.00 and \$34,724.00 for Cancer dressings. Other Charities — \$10,000.00. Two Music Scholarships are given annually from a special bequest.

There are 2 O.E.S. — Masonic Homes, one has 12 suites and one has 16 suites. These are rented and the guests pay a portion of the cost.

The Proficiency Examiners are appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron.

Grand Chapter furnishes jewels for Past Matrons and Patrons.

This is a dual membership jurisdiction.

The 61st Annual Session will convene in Regina on April 25, 1977. Presiding will be Mrs. Margaret Taylor, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Les Haaland, Worthy Grand Patron.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Chapters: 22 Members: 14,268 Gain: 42

The 88th Annual "LET FREEDOM RING" Session opened in Rapid City on October 12-14, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Laura Radeke
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Albert Stoddard

Projects: Estarl, 10 awards — \$5,000.00, Estarl Phase II — \$790.00, Cancer Research and International Temple.

In South Dakota Installations are allowed on Sundays.

Ground Breaking ceremonies were held in Refield for a new O.E.S. Home.

The Grand Secretary, Mrs. Fern Stoddard installed her son Albert Stoddard as Worthy Grand Patron. Mrs. Stoddard is also a Past Grand Matron of South Dakota.

This is a dual membership jurisdiction.

The 89th Annual Session will meet October 11, 1977 in Watertown. Mrs. Mary Klar will serve as Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Walter Rickling, as Worthy Grand Patron.

TENNESSEE

Chapters: 274

Members: 47,901

Gain: 372

The 75th Annual "DOWN MELODY LANE-DIAMOND JUBILEE" Session convened in Knoxville on April 27-28, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Valerie Ferguson

Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Jennings Shearin

Projects: Christian Scholarship Fund — \$38,450.00, Cancer Research — \$21,470.00, Rainbow Camp — \$3,916.00 and 113,719 Hospital volunteer hours.

This Grand Chapter sponsored a Hawaiian trip for the first time, netting \$5,900.00 which was given to the Christian Scholarship Fund.

Election of Grand Officers is held at the Opening Session.

The Grand Secretary held 26 workshops for Chapter Secretaries.

A Board of Custodians (3 Past Grands) give instructions to the membership on Ritualistic work.

Certificates of appreciation are presented to outstanding members that have been nominated by their Chapters.

A Caribbean Cruise is planned in November '77.

The 76th Annual Session will convene April 26, 1977 in Nashville with Mrs. Rachel Watson, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Tom White, Worthy Grand Patron, presiding.

UTAH

Chapters: 23

Members: 3,803

Loss: 48

The 71st Annual "THE SPIRIT of '76" Session met in Salt Lake City on October 13-15, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Wilmetta S. Smith

Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Joseph H. Demmen

Projects: Estarl, 5 awards — \$2,250.00, Cancer Fund — \$1,035.00, Gift of Sight—glasses for underprivileged, New O.E.S. Home — \$6,517.00, and 19,118 hours volunteered.

The Annual Charity Ball netted \$1,057.00.

Each Chapter has 3 or more appointive men officers.

The Grand Secretary conducts workshops for Chapter Secretaries and they are required to attend.

Past Matrons and Patrons are not allowed a vote at Grand Chapter. Associate Matrons and Patrons do vote.

The Latter Day Saints Church does not allow it's members to belong to Eastern Star.

Utah is a dual membership jurisdiction.

The 72nd Annual Session will open in Salt Lake City on October 13, 1977. Presiding will be Mrs. Barbara R. Kidrick, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Jim King, Worthy Grand Patron.

VERMONT

Chapters: 84 Members: 9,691 Loss: 167

The 104th Annual "SNOWFLAKE" Session was held in Killington on June 2-3, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Donna M. Norton
 Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Clarence J. Button

Projects: Estarl — \$3,198.00, Cancer Research — \$1,098.00 and Home Project — \$7,306.00.

In lieu of corsages and gift money, the Worthy Grand Matron gave \$635.00 to Estarl.

An O.E.S. Library makes agendas and ceremonies available to Chapters.

The Worthy Grand Patron appoints District Deputy Grand Patrons to assist the District Deputy Grand Matrons.

A roster of Chapters, Officers and members is printed in the Proceedings of Grand Chapter.

This is a dual membership jurisdiction.

The 105th Annual Session will be held June 8, 1977 in Killington with Mrs. Arlene Lobdell serving as Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Bruce H. Crane, Worthy Grand Patron.

VIRGINIA

Chapters: 186 Members: 28,633 Gain: 108

The 72nd Annual "AMERICAN HERITAGE" Session opened in Richmond on May 11-13, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Margaret Carter
 Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Thomas W. Dodge

Projects: Estarl, 27 awards — \$13,809.00, Estarl Phase II — \$3,152.00, Cancer Research — \$4,858.00, International Temple — \$1,082.00, Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project — Home Endowment — \$65,865.00. Home Endowment fund raising projects include: Hawaiian tour \$5,500.00, Star Festival at the O.E.S. Home over \$20,000.00, sale of O.E.S. Home stamps, Memorials, etc.

The Star Memorial Cancer Fund gives aid to any needy Cancer patient in the State.

Much time and financial assistance is given to the Veteran's Hospitals and the West Virginia School for Deaf and Blind.

The Worthy Grand Patron issues all dispensations.

Dual membership is allowed service personnel outside the United States.

The 74th Annual Session will meet Octoer 6, 1977 in Charleston with Mrs. Wanda Tenney, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Harold J. Painter, Worthy Grand Patron, presiding.

WISCONSIN

Chapters: 236 Members: 41,661 Loss: 1,614

The 85th Annual "AMERICAN WAY" Session met in Milwaukee on May 18-20, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. June B. Matre
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Norman J. Johnson

Projects: Estarl, 40 awards — \$12,254.00, Cancer Research — \$3,000.00, International Temple — \$715.00 and Masonic Home — \$40,000.00 (Members are assessed \$1.00 per year).

Past Matrons and Patrons are not voting delegates at Grand Chapter.

Metal Radiator covers were supplied to the Masonic Home at a cost of \$10,295.00.

Schools for Secretaries are held in three areas throughout the State.

There are 81 Chapters with less than 100 members and 13 with less than 50.

Chapters are recessed during the summer months.

Wisconsin is a dual membership jurisdiction.

The 86th Annual Session will open in Madison on May 17, 1977. Mrs. Patricia Damon will preside as Worthy Grand Matron, Mr. Robert N. Davison, Worthy Grand Patron.

WYOMING

Chapters: 48 Members: 9,996 Loss: 88

The 79th Annual "PATHWAYS of LIGHT" Session convened in Casper, on August 12-14, 1976.

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Louise K. Soward .
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. W. E. Robinson

Projects: Estarl, 17 awards — \$7,923.00, Cancer Research — \$2,330.00, Benevolent Aid — \$4,540.00, Wyoming State Training School for the Handicapped — \$3,302.00 and International Temple — \$149.00.

Past Grands serve on Appeals and Grievances Committee.

Each year 4 Chapters are Hostesses for Grand Chapter.

The Worthy Grand Matron's special project provided funds for the purchase of therapeutic recreation equipment for the Wyoming Training School.

The 80th Annual Session will open in Jackson on August 11, 1977. Presiding will be Mrs. Daryl L. Dutcher, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Samuel E. Peterson, Worthy Grand Patron.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. Thank you, Mrs. MayDelle Grubbs, for a beautiful Fraternal Correspondent's Report.

The Sun is a revolving mass of energy and light, yet it shines for the wide world's joy. The Order of the Eastern Star has Chapters and membership which encircle the Earth, yet it is the unity and center of organization which utilizes its strength.

I present Mr. Victor Jones, International Temple Committee of the General Grand Chapter.

Mr. Victor Jones. Thank you very much, Sister Molly Goodpasture. Worthy Grand Matron, may I commend you on your good judgment in appointing Sister Lillian Anderson the Chairman of International Temple in Texas. Lillian has worked her assignment as it has not been worked in many years. This is evidenced by the program which she presented which has taken many hours of preparation. Each month she has submitted a report of her activities and the progress made toward her goal of getting each Chapter in this jurisdiction to be 100% on the International Temple Fund. Her schedule has been arduous, and the results have been rewarding. I commend you, Worthy Grand Matron, for permitting the Chairman to take this project to the Subordinate Chapters, as it is most important that a chief officer in the State be vitally interested if the program is to succeed. Thank you for the interest you have shown.

I also thank the Grand Secretary for her long, tedious hours spent in up-dating the books, records, and receipts on the International Temple Fund, and for figuring the exact amount needed from each Chapter to make it 100%. We also thank her for the lengthy correspondence with the Right Worthy Grand Secretary in getting the records certified. If the interest continues in this project as it has begun this year of 1976-1977, at the end of the Triennium 1979, the Grand Chapter of Texas will be able to take its place beside its Sister Grand Jurisdictions who are 100% in this worthwhile project. Most important of all, we thank the Subordinate Chapters in Texas. Upon you rests the entire weight of the Order. I am constantly touched by the manner in which you always accept these challenges. Thank you again, Worthy Grand Matron, for honoring my committee assignment this night.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. God gave us laws that we might avoid the darkness and walk in the light. Jurisprudence, or the knowledge of those laws, is the principle and most perfect branch of ethics.

I present Mr. Herbert Arnold, Jurisprudence Committee of the General Grand Chapter.

Mr. Herbert Arnold. Thank you, Mistress of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Other Distinguished Guest, my Sisters and Brothers. It's a real pleasure for me to appear before this Grand Chapter as a member of the Jurisprudence Committee of General Grand Chapter. This is an honor and privilege and, so far, we have not had any duties to perform. May we have peace and harmony throughout this Triennium, and when we go to General Grand Chapter, may this peace and harmony remain, so that lazy people like I am won't have much duty to perform. Thank you.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. Our ceremonies are ancient and some of their origins are veiled in the mists of the past, but their spirit and their meaning shine through the ages, never perhaps more brightly than now.

I present Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Ritual Committee, General Grand Chapter.

Mrs. Ruby Enloe. Sister Molly Goodpasture, Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress of the General Grand Chapter, other Distinguished Guest, my Sisters and Brothers. How proud I am to greet you as a representative of General Grand Chapter — as a member of the Ritual Committee. I am reminded of a story I recently read about Tip O'Neill, Speaker of the House of Representatives. His first race was the Cambridge City Council in 1935, when he was a Senior at Boston College. On voting day, a neighbor saw him and said, "Tip, I voted for you, even though you didn't ask me."

O'Neill replied with surprise, "Why, Mrs. O'Brien, I've known you all my life. I took your garbage out, mowed your lawn, and shoveled your snow for you. I didn't think I had to ask."

O'Neill still follows the political advice she gave him, "Tip", she said gently, "it's nice to be asked."

And I agree that it is nice to have had Mrs. Joyce Roberts and Brother Perry Smithwick ask to honor me at this Grand Chapter Session. I am especially glad to be serving on the Ritual Committee because for me there is no more beautiful nor inspiring thing than our ceremonies correctly conducted. Through the years I have not been alone in this belief. Three of our greatest adherents to our Ritual were our Distinguished and beloved departed Past Grand Patron, Judge Clyde Smith, Judge M. A. Childres, and Brother Chauncey Penix, who served most ably for so many years on the Jurisprudence Committee, believing as I do, that every Eastern Star member should acquaint herself or himself with the Order's Ritual — you can see why I feel signally honored to serve as a member of the Committee, representing Texas in the General Grand Chapter. Thank you, my sisters and brothers, for this great honor, for if you had not elected me as your Worthy Grand Matron, I would have never had this pleasure. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for having us here tonight.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. Nature answers the Dayspring with a song of awakening. By the aid of music, mortals may be lifted, if they will, nearer God. It is rather a door opening into the Infinite.

I present Mrs. Sally Matranga, Worthy Grand Organist, General Grand Chapter.

Mrs. Sally Matranga. Master of Ceremonies, Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Thelma Bailey; Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Josephine Rusham; other Distinguished Guest, my Sisters and Brothers. Trying to express appreciation to each and every one is most difficult for I am grateful to so many people for the kindnesses and courtesies that have been extended at this Grand Chapter. There are special days in our lives that rise above the level of ordinary events, and I shall count this day as one of those. The warmth of your words, the pleasant smiles to give them the atmosphere of happiness and fraternal love, make this a perfect evening for me. I am indeed grateful to this Grand Chapter of Texas for the tribute of having served as Worthy Grand Matron of Texas, then, for making it possible for me to represent Texas in the General Grand Chapter as the Worthy Grand Organist. I am certainly enjoying serving with Brother Herbert Arnold, Sister Ruby Enloe and Brother J. Victor Jones. These three great bodies of our great Grand Chapter, the Subordinate Chapters, the Grand Chapter and the General Grand Chapter, all three working closely together as one, make this a very perfect organization for each of us, to

make us knowledgeable of the work that goes on around the world that unites us together. Worthy Grand Matron, again may I express my appreciation to you and to say that I am humbly grateful to you for this very beautiful evening. Thank you.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. The sun, earliest minister of the Almighty, who chose Thee for his shadow, chief star, center of many, many stars, Thou doest rise and shine in setting glory. One circuit is a day, every day a little life, our whole life is but a day repeated. It is an honor to present Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter.

Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris. Thank you, Sister Molly Goodpasture, Master of Ceremonies, for this very beautiful, beautiful evening. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Thelma Bailey, our Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron; Sister Josephine Ruhsam, our Right Worthy Grand Conductress; our Distinguished General Grand Chapter Committee People who are here with us, and Officers, and to you, my beloved Sisters and Brothers. Again, I long for my heart to speak to the great membership of Texas to express my deep appreciation for your kindness to me through the years at this beautiful Grand Chapter Session which has been outstanding. My words cannot express the feelings of my heart. I am forever grateful to this beloved membership. As we live in our home communities, or our great metropolitan cities, or as we travel over our Father's world extensively, you and I are "Mr. and Mrs. Eastern Star." We represent this beautiful Order in our actions, our manner of speaking, our behavior towards all mankind, in this, our Father's world. If we are dedicated to the teachings of our Order, and if our obligation at the Altar becomes a sacred part of our daily lives, our Sisters and Brothers will see in us a great understanding and belief in the beautiful lives of the heroines of our Order, who we are supposed to represent. They will know that loyalty, faith, and love directs our zest for life with our fellowman. They will be lifted up to a new height and a greater inspiration in their hearts. We have 3 million members who have taken this obligation to do those very things and who can be a source of eternal light even greater than the sun, the source of our earthly light. A true Eastern Star will act in such a way that the world will know that we are ambassadors of good will — spreading love, understanding, and friendship to all mankind. We must rid our hearts and our lives of all evil speaking and unkindness and let our sun radiate joy and purpose and accomplishments as we travel onward and upward. We should certainly be seeking new roads of happiness, contentment, understanding, and friendship — that is the great purpose of the Order of the Eastern Star. Our more than 3 million members can accomplish this dream and make it a reality — a brilliance beyond our light of day to guide us to the celestial lights beyond life. Texas is a beautiful part in numbers of this 3 million and more Eastern Stars. It is our General Grand Chapter, the great body who believes in our Ritual, its obligation, and its teaching, its dreams, its hopes and aspirations for a better world for mankind, and these are OUR dreams and hopes and aspirations in Texas. We are proud to wear the mantle of a true Eastern Star and follow in the pathway a great dedicated Robert Morris blazed for us. The Order of the Eastern Star is not just an organization or club, it is a way of life. Let's travel it to its fullest beauty and purity and find that peace in our Father's world. Thank you so much for every courtesy through the years, and for the lovely, lovely courtesies of this Session, Worthy Grand Matron.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. Thank you, Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron. Music, harmonious voice of creation, once admitted to the soul never dies. It wanders through the galleries of memory and is often heard again, distinct and living. The Grand Choir will present "May You Always".

Mr. Crawford Mearns. We are pleased to present this number which was given as a tribute to Sister Mildred Haney Harris at her Triennial Session. We dedicate it to her here again tonight.

(The Choir under the direction of Mr. Crawford Mearns rendered "May You Always" beautifully).

Mr. Crawford Mearns. "A Medley of Song" will be presented by the Grand Choir under the direction of Mrs. Victorie Hendricks.

(A Medley of Song was enjoyed by the Assembly)

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture. Prayer crowns God with the honor and glory to His Name. God crowns prayer with assurance and comfort. Mrs. Eunice Connell, Past Grand Matron, will lead us in our Benediction.

Mrs. Eunice Connell. May we bow our heads in prayer. Our gracious Heavenly Father, whose name is love, whose presence is joy, whose will is peace, fill within our hearts the inspiration and memories of this day. Give us grace to be thankful for the blessings which have been ours throughout the day. We commend to Thee all those to whom the business of this assembly has been committed. Grant to them a special gift of wisdom and understanding. We ask Thy special blessing on every troubled heart. Give rest to every weary soul and faith and courage to all who face exhausting tasks. We invite Thee into our hearts, as the disciples of old. Abide with us for it is evening and the day is far spent. Watch over us during the night and bring us to the new day with renewed spirit and strength for the great work we strive to do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

October 26, 1977

8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

"The Sun Still Shines" Memorial

Processional Mrs. Amy Goebel, Past Grand Matron
Mrs. Katherine Poulis, Past Grand Matron
Mrs. Cynthia Mae Watts, Past Grand Matron
Mrs. Lillian Bernard Parker, Past Grand Matron
Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes, Past Grand Patron
Mrs. Opal Lee Kelly, Grand Chaplain

Escorted to the East by Mrs. Nancy Shurley Johnson, Grand Marshal
Solo — "God Painted a Picture" Mrs. Grace Findley, Grand Soloist
Star Point Tribute Grand Star Points

(As the Grand Chaplain reads:

Do not linger in memory of me and weep . . . for I am not there I do not sleep . . . I am the wind that blows . . . I am the white drifts of snow . . . the gentle rain that falls . . .

Do not linger in memory of me and weep
For I am not there, I do not sleep
For I am the bright sun over all.

(The five Grand Star Points, escorted by the Grand Marshal place five golden chain links on the Broken Column.)

Worthy Grand Matron: Grand Conductress, you will open the Bible.

(The Bible was reverently opened)

Worthy Grand Patron: May we pray?

Almighty and eternal Jehovah, in whose hands we live, move and have our being, we acknowledge our unworthiness to approach Thy great white throne, but because of Thy invitation, we make our appeal to Thee. This morning, Father, as we honor the memory of those who have gone before us, we would ask that Thou wouldst give us wisdom to know that life is real — life is earnest — and the grave is not the goal.

Dust Thou art, to dust returnest
Was never spoken of the human soul.

Although the mantle of death has called our loved ones from this low ground of sorrow to that "Celestial Home Above", we know that their weary souls may be resting upon a mound of flowers and be refreshed by the refreshing waters.

Teach us Father to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom that we may join them in the future because we pray in the name of Thy son and our redeemer. Amen.

(Choral Response — "AMEN" — by the Grand Choir)

DEDICATION

Mrs. Opal Lee Kelly: As we assemble for this "The Sun Still Shines" Memorial Service, we lovingly dedicate it to the members of our Subordinate Chapters who have been summoned from above.

We read in John 8:12, "I am the Light of the World, he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of Life."

Immortality like life cannot be defined. Life cannot be measured by years, but by the influence of those who have come our way . . . so be it, with our Sisters and Brothers. Jesus said to Martha, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die". John 11:26. So death is not the end, only the beginning of life.

We remember our Sisters and Brothers as Christians, who went about doing good, touching the lives of others. Their names are now recorded in our Fraternal history, but let us remember, great and good lives never die.

"When the setting sun has gone from sight,
We know it is still there.
For though the sky was darkened
The sun still shines somewhere.
When those we love have passed away and gone from earthly sight,
We know the spirit still lives on — in God's love and His light.

MEMORIAL — MESSAGE

Worthy Grand Matron:

Life is like a fragile flower
Suspended in the "Hands of Time"
Carefully it is balanced
In the cycle of Infinity".

In the beginning of what we know to be reality, life emerges as a small bud upon the master stalk of continuance. It is but a mere speck upon the boundless branches that flows outward into the cosmos of regeneration. This minute particle of living matter lies quietly pulsating reflecting the rhythmic surges of energy. Gradually, the vitality of life swells within the tender flesh of this bud and it begins to flourish within its environment. Hour by hour, day by day, the bud increases in size and durability. It bulges against itself stretching to meet the warming rays of the sun and the cooling showers of the rain. It feeds upon the richness of experience and grows strong in its battles against

adversity. Slowly now the shell begins to break and the glorious colors of maturity emerge into the brightness of adulthood. It is in this time of life that the soft petals of radiant hues serve as adornments to this Garden of the Living and stand alone in the sequence of perfection. The full grandeur of this flowering miracle of God has not attained its place in the order of the universe. And then one day without warning, the Master of Life's Garden comes to gather the beautiful blossoms of His labors. Quietly He moves among the burdened fields of His creation and plucks only those flowers He wishes to use and to beautify the many rooms of His celestial mansion. Carefully He carries them in gentle hands to their final and most glorious place in the evolution of time and infinity. Here they shall remain, like the stars in the heaven, ever splendid in radiance of eternity. "Behold, I show you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed for our earthly bodies, the ones we now have - let them die - must be transformed into heavenly bodies that cannot perish but live forever". When this happens, then at last this scripture will come true: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O, death, where is thy sting? O, grave, where is thy victory?"

Solo — "Sunrise Tomorrow" Mrs. Grace Findley, Grand Soloist

**TRIBUTES TO DR. FRANK HOLT, Past Grand Patron
and DR. H. C. SLOOP, Past Grand Patron**

Mrs. Amy Goebel: God assures us of the constancy of his love. An ancient love and a love that will not fail. The Lord hath appeared of old unto thee with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3. Two Past Grand Patrons of the Grand Chapter of Texas left this world of imperfection in November, 1976, in exchange for their homes in the light of God's perfect love. On November 4, Dr. Hiram Columbus Sloop was called to the Heavenly City. Dr. Sloop served as Worthy Grand Patron in 1950-51 with Mrs. Lucille Duffner as the Worthy Grand Matron. He assisted Mrs. Duffner as she presided over the 59th Annual Session in San Antonio. Dr. Sloop was initiated into Houston Heights Chapter No. 238 in 1926. He served as Worthy Patron in 1932-33.

On November 28 Dr. Frank Holt entered the gates of God's kingdom. Mr. Holt served as Worthy Grand Patron in 1926-27 with Mrs. Margorie Whafford as Worthy Grand Matron. Mr. Holt assisted Mrs. Whafford as she presided over the 45th Annual Session in Mineral Wells. Mr. Holt was initiated into Grainger Chapter No. 504, now demised, in 1910. He served as Worthy Patron in 1912 through 1914. In 1920, Mr. Holt affiliated with Waco Chapter No. 7 and there served as Worthy Patron in 1921 and in 1926.

In the writing of Paul, he tells us that death for the believer is an exchange. He exchanges time for eternity. Time is a probationary period filled with trails and toils, tears and disappointments. Eternity is a settled state with steady progress in life and knowledge. He exchanges comparative darkness for clear light. "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face" He exchanges present limited knowledge for a knowledge commensurate with his new state. "Now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." God is to be seen face to face; and we are to know Him, as we are known by Him. O glorious change! To pass from darkness to light, from clouds to the clear sunshine of our Saviour's face, and in God's own light, to see light!

"And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." Faith believes and hope waits, but love is everlasting. Only in the splendour of heaven will love be made perfect, there we shall perfectly love God; there we shall perfectly love one another. When faith and hope are at an end, true love will burn forever with the brightest flame. Where God is to be seen as He is, and face to face, there love is in its greatest height — there, and there only will it be perfected . . . O glorious change! (1 Cor. 13:12-13).

The Grand Choir under the direction of Mr. Crawford Mearns, Director, rendered "HOW GREAT THOU ART".

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL GRAND OFFICERS

Mrs. Katherine Poulis: We honor the memory of General Grand Officers whose souls have left their pilgrimage on this earth and have gone to their heavenly reward of immortality. Dedication and commitment to the principles of our Order marked their lives and gave witness to their trustful faith in an Almighty God.

Faith must be lived, and no religion is real unless it is experienced. Life is a series of choices, and these General Grand Officers lived their lives striving to associate and identify themselves with all of the teachings of our Order. Their involvement and awareness of the moral and spiritual values of life surely have contributed to our heritage.

We must emulate their service with the same dedication and commitment if we are to experience with them "that peace which passeth all understanding" O God's promise to those who love Him.

We must live our faith. Our good works must be the products of our personal experience and involvement in the lives of others. There is no such thing as solitary religion. If it is solitary, it is not religion for Jesus expressed religion as love to God and love to man.

Our General Grand Officers surely tried to live exemplary lives. To the extent that they succeeded, we salute them; and to the extent where they and all mortals falter, we take comfort in God's promise to strengthen and uphold us by the right hand of His power.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICERS OF GRAND CHAPTER

Mrs. Lillian Barnard Parker: Reverently we pause to dedicate a portion of this Memorial Service in loving remembrance and respect to the officers of Grand Chapter who have passed on to their reward this past year.

We know they are not dead, for Jesus promised that He was going to prepare a place for us, that where He was, there might we be also.

Year by year we bid farewell to our sisters and brothers, who have labored so diligently with us, and who have so cheerfully grasped each opportunity to help others, thereby preparing themselves for a larger life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

These beloved members have written their own memorial on our hearts by dedicated service, and generous gifts of their time, talent, and substance for the welfare of others, and for the advancement of our beautiful order.

We miss these beloved sisters and brothers, the sunshine of their smiles, the comfort and encouragement of their loving words, and their cheerful friendship.

They have run the good race and fought the good fight so that now as they have stood before the Great White Throne, we feel confidently assured, they will have heard the welcome plaudit, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

With the passing of these beloved officers of Grand Chapter, we take comfort in the familiar words Jesus spoke to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, shall never die."

So let us —

Weep not, for their trials are over,
Weep not, for their race is run.
God grant that we may rest as calmly,
When our work, like theirs, is done.

TRIBUTE TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Mrs. Cynthia Mae Watts: This morning we have witnessed another great miracle of God, a perfect transition from night to day. We lift up our hearts to the throne of God to express gratitude that, in His goodness and greatness, He has given us one more day of life. In reverence and in remembrance we pause to pay tribute to the Members of other Grand Jurisdictions who have passed away this year. We have not come to say farewell, but until we meet again in that home not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. The Star on life's tremendous ocean is hope. We lift our eyes unto the hills to receive strength and to give us faith and to believe that death is not the end but the Christian victory.

An old man in his sunset years wrote these words of comfort:

"They who trust in the Lord are like Mt. Zion that can never be removed, but abide forever." As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his own. From henceforth, even forevermore. Memory is a precious gift that God has given to each of us. It opens the doors of yesterday and so we look back and remember that these friends made many contributions in the "Fields of Service". They went about doing good, touching hearts and lives with affection and attention. They believed in God and they scattered seeds of faith and hope and love. They were ever ready to lend a helping hand to those in illness and sorrow and we're certain that they took the sunshine of happiness into lonely homes. They did many golden deeds. And now their names are written in fraternal history and their acts of kindness will forever shine in hearts with ever increasing lustre. This morning we do not shed tears of sorrow, but tears of joy for these friends — they are not alone — they are with Jesus. He said, "I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am, there ye may be also." He was waiting to welcome them to their eternal home and today they are in His presence. In thinking of their lives, we feel that if they could speak to us this morning, they would whisper softly, each in his own way, "Oh, do not grieve for me, I did not go alone. When death stretched out hands, we knew that we were not afraid. We took His hand — without fear — for we knew that he who safely brought us here can safely take us back. And, though we lacked in many things, we knew that Jesus would not let us go alone into the valley that's unknown. So we reached out and took death's hand and journeyed into the promised land."

TRIBUTE TO MEMBERS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes: During the past year the Angel of Death has called from our ranks 2,187 members of the Subordinate Chapters to their eternal reward.

They once stood at the Sacred Altar and assumed our solemn obligations, they, too, were impressed by the teachings of the Order of the Eastern Star. We enjoyed fraternal fellowship and social enjoyment one with the other.

Our hearts are saddened by their going, but our lives are enriched by the memories of the happy experiences we shared together.

We are comforted in the thought that all good things are eternal, because every good and perfect gift is from God. Life is eternal, and the Spirit of God in each one of us is eternal.

No one hears the doors that open
 When they pass beyond our call,
 Soft as the dropping petals of a rose,
 One by one our loved ones fall;
 But the memory of each loved one,
 Like the fragrance of the rose,
 God sends to linger with us
 Till our own Life's Door shall close.

In this Sacred hour of Meditation, we pause to offer our tribute of affection and esteem to our beloved Sisters and Brothers who have passed from a materialistic world to a more glorious life beyond the Sunset.

("PEARLY WHITE CITY" was sung by Mrs. Grace Findley, Grand Soloist — the rendition of same by Mrs. Findley being most effective and heart warming.)

As the Grand Star Points circled the Broken Column, each removed a large ring around the Column — most effective and beautiful.

The chain of Fraternal Friendship
Is bound by links of gold,
Which we fondly hold and cherish —
Our friends both new and old.

And then, one by one, they sever,
Just why we cannot tell
But we trust the Heavenly Father
Who doeth all things well.

REPORT OF GRAND CHAPLAIN

Death, whose mystery we cannot fathom, has invaded the ranks of our Star, with sadness and a deep sense of feeling we pause to pay tribute to the memory of 2,187 of our Sisters and Brothers. We are grateful for the good and useful life they built, leaving us a foundation of wisdom, laid from blocks of their experiences.

We extended words of sympathy from the Grand Chapter of Texas to 46 Grand Jurisdictions who lost 54 Past Grand Matrons, 37 Past Grand Patrons, 1 Associate Grand Patron.

"Worthy the Life, and peaceful its end
Heaven has opened its gate to our friends.
For after the rain the Sun still shines
and after darkness, Light appears."

The Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Chaplain, you will drape the Altar.

(With dignified solemnity, the Altar was draped while the Grand Organist played softly "IN THE GARDEN").

(After the Altar was so meaningfully draped, the Grand Choir Director, Mr. Crawford Mearns, sang "THE LORD'S PRAYER")

Mrs. Opal Lee Kelly: Holy and Merciful God, we thank You, for the beginning of a new day. We pray that Thou has been in our midst, this morning, as we have remembered those who have entered the peace of their eternal home. We ask Thy blessings upon all their loved ones.

In the stillness of this hour, we pray that somehow we have come closer to Thee and know the joy of love and its power to sustain us through life. Give us faith to believe that when our journey here on earth is finished and life ends, that there is a brighter tomorrow filled with Thy love and peace.

Be with us as we go into another day of deliberations in our beloved Order, give us the strength of understanding and compassion one toward another.

These things we ask in the name of Thy Son, who died that we might live. Amen.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Conductress, you will close the Bible.

BENEDICTION

Mr. John Frazer led the Assembly in repeating the "LORD'S PRAYER".

WEDNESDAY MORNING

October 26, 1977

9:00 A.M.

Musical Selections Mr. Leonard Ellington
 Mrs. Jackie Culp

Escort Mrs. Nancy Shurley Johnson, Grand Marshal

Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast, Past Grand Matron	Mr. Richard T. Porter, Past Grand Patron
Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith, Past Grand Matron	
Mrs. Lois Burnett, Past Grand Matron	
Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Ritual Committee, General Grand Chapter	

CALL TO ORDER

9:15 A.M.

Mrs. Patricia Neinast: Good morning, my Sisters and Brothers. "This is the day the Lord hath made" — and it is my joy and privilege to Call to Order this Wednesday Morning Session. Brother Richard and I are grateful to our gracious Worthy Grand Matron for this lovely courtesy. It has been said that the sunshine of life is made up of loving kindness and rich experiences. Always we shall find joy and sunshine in remembering the kindnesses of our beautiful friend, Sister Joyce, who has given us this treasured experience. How pleased we are when we hear the beautiful musical selections of Mr. Leonard Ellington and Mrs. Jackie Culp. Thank you Jackie and Leonard. We shall now witness the "Friendship Treasure Drill" under the leadership of Mrs. Faye Holmes.

"FRIENDSHIP TREASURE" DRILL

The Friendship Treasure Drill was directed by Mrs. Nancy Shurley Johnson, Grand Marshal. The members of the Fraternal Friendship Committee, in their green day dresses, formed the outline of a large treasure chest, with a partially opened lid. Inside the chest could be seen jewels the color of the Star Points.

FRATERNAL FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Faye Holmes: Worthy Grand Matron, I am sorry that our Chairman is not here to give our Report. I will attempt to read her Report as it has been written.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Other Grand Officers, My Sisters and Brothers.

First, I would like to thank Sister Joyce and Brother Perry for the opportunity of serving as General Chairman of the Fraternal Friendship Committee this year. It has been a very pleasant and rewarding office and I appreciate the honor very much.

Also, I would like to thank the Chairman from each District and their Section Chairman for the outstanding jobs they have done in getting their reports.

By the vote of the Chapter, many Chapters did not participate in the Fraternal Friendship Committee this year. This was due to several things, some of them being the distance they had to travel to visit another Chapter and being out alone at night, but the main reason given was not being able to get enough members to count as a Friendship Visit, thus no points would be accumulated.

The purpose of the Committee this year was to make new friends each time you visited another Chapter, and I sincerely hope this was achieved, even if points were not accumulated with every visit.

Worthy Grand Matron, I am sorry my husband and I are unable to be in El Paso for Grand Chapter this year, I am sure we are missing a very beautiful informative Session.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving in your Grand Family this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Hartwell, General Chairman

DISTRICT I

Loyal Chapter No. 648	731	Tyler Chapter No. 112	162
Jacksonville Chapter No. 786	437	Alto Chapter No. 496	158
Eustace Chapter No. 1062	410	Duncanville Chapter No. 1014	146
Vienna Buckner Chapter No. 888	319	Bullard Chapter No. 972	133
Richardson Chapter No. 921	310	Gun Barrell City Chapter No. 1114	121
Paris Chapter No. 5	274	Mesquite Chapter No. 1014	101
Rose Garden Chapter No. 975	261	Denton Chapter No. 543	101
Lindell Chapter No. 864	180	Irving Chapter No. 777	100

DISTRICT II

Adobe Walls Chapter No. 1059	1712	Faith Chapter No. 713	199
Lubbock Chapter No. 76	1057	Herford Chapter No. 312	172
Abilene Chapter No. 40	307	Stinett Chapter No. 347	155
Wichita Falls Chapter No. 713	300	Electra Chapter No. 539	136
Cora Posey Chapter No. 974	270	Queen Esther Chapter No. 823	136

DISTRICT III

Marble Falls Chapter No. 435	959	E. C. Cannon Chapter No. 825	142
Lampasas Chapter No. 295	725	Handley Chapter No. 617	137
North Fort Worth Chapter No. 684	276	Gatesville Chapter No. 1005	133
Centennial Chapter No. 842	262	Ft. Worth Chapter No. 681	132
Richland Hills Chapter No. 1040	237	Castleberry Chapter No. 1028	117
Walter Baldwin Chapter No. 929	144		

DISTRICT IV

Groves Chapter No. 953	1658	Houston Chapter No. 385	781
Bethlehem Chapter No. 728	1434	Lakeside Chapter No. 1054	742
Houston Heights Chapter No. 2581235		Archives Chapter No. 1095	607
Goosecreek Chapter No. 798	1232	Frank W. Lynn Chapter No. 1015	568
Pasadena Chapter No. 711	1125	Spurger Chapter No. 315	399
South Park Chapter No. 1056	1050	Woodland Chapter No. 696	203
Norman D. Allen Chapter No. 1050	963	Woodville Chapter No. 462	176
Port Arthur Chapter No. 262	846	Ransford Chapter No. 135	128

DISTRICT V

Harlandale Chapter No. 750	716	Fredericksburg Chapter No. 113 . . . 241
Prospect Hill Chapter No. 817	637	Alamo Heights Chapter No. 734 . . . 220
Kerrville Chapter No. 24	518	New Braunfels Chapter No. 771 . . . 206
Mission Chapter No. 527	382	Canyon Lake Chapter No. 1103 . . . 194
Weslaco Chapter No. 772	381	Ada Chapter No. 49 145
Martha Chapter No. 883	317	Waelder Chapter No. 1023 142
Wimodausis Chapter No. 141	288	

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

Mrs. Patricia Neinast: Sisters and Brothers, do I hear a second? The motion has been made and seconded that we adopt the Report. All in favor will vote with the usual voting sign. Opposed. Motion Carried.

Thank you, Mrs. Faye Holmes, and each of you who worked on this Committee and this Drill.

MASONIC NOBLEMEN COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Patricia Neinast: We will now enjoy "Let the Sun Shine on your Parade" Drill.

(The Masonic Noblemen formed the outline of a windmill. This drill was under the direction of the Grand Marshal.)

Mr. Vernon Shupert: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Other Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers:

The purpose of the Worthy Grand Matron's Masonic Noblemen Committee was "to help cement the ties of fraternalism between the Order of the Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge".

Those who have served on this Committee join with me in expressing their appreciation for the concern of the Worthy Grand Matron and for this splendid program.

Worthy Grand Matron, your ideas and suggestions were carried out as you planned by the members of this Committee, and the program was highly successful. We trust the work that has been done by this Committee has met with your complete approval.

A letter was mailed to each Committee Chairman and Member, outlining the program as set out by our Worthy Grand Matron. Each District had a Chairman and each Section had a Chairman to work with the Members. The Committee Members were assigned certain Chapters in each District and meetings with those Chapters were scheduled during the months of February and March, at which meeting a message was presented to the Chapter Members, giving some of the history of the Masonic Lodge and how the principles of the Order of the Eastern Star parallel those of Freemasonry. Having met with great enthusiasm by the Chapter Members, many additional meetings were scheduled other than those outlined in the program.

All reports from the Chairmen and the Committee Members expressed a desire that this program be followed in the years to come. What more could be said for the success of this program.

We extend our thanks to the Worthy Matrons of all Chapters for their cooperation and for the gracious manner in which the Members of this Committee were received by them. Without their cooperation, we could not have fulfilled the Worthy Grand Matron's desire "to cement the ties of fraternalism between the Order of the Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge".

The Masonic Noblemen were asked by the General Chairman of the Founder's Day Committee, Sister Zena Wilson, to assist that Committee in the preparation for the Founder's Day Celebration August 6th and 7th at the Eastern Star Home. The Committee Members responded with much enthusiasm to that request and were appreciative for having been asked to assist.

Worthy Grand Matron, your Masonic Noblemen program was one of outstanding purpose and created a beginning of meaningful friendship between the Order of the Eastern Star and the Masonic Lodge that your Committee feels will be everlasting.

The 225 Members of this Committee join with the Co-Chairman, Bro. William E. Reed, and myself to express our appreciation to you for giving us the opportunity to serve our great Order in this capacity and for the privilege of working with you in this fine program.

Fred D. Nation, General Chairman, Masonic Nobleman Committee

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

Mrs. Patricia Neinast: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the Report of the Masonic Noblemen. All in favor will vote by the usual voting sign. Opposed, like sign. Motion carried.

Thank you, Mr. Vernon Shupert and the Masonic Noblemen, for this wonderful Report.

Sisters and Brothers, how delighted I am to present to you the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, and her Grand Officers and their Personal Pages in the "Scintillating Rays" Drill.

(Under the direction of the Grand Marshal, the Grand Floor Officers and Personal Pages were presented in the "Scintillating Rays" Drill. As the Drill was being presented the Grand Choir sang "The Sunshine of your Smile").

Mrs. Patricia Neinast: Grand Marshal you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron and other Grand Officers to enter the Chapter room.

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

Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure that I introduce to you Mrs. Joyce Roberts, our Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Perry Smithwick, our Worthy Grand Patron. Salute them with the Grand Honors.

The Grand Officers will assume their stations.

Sisters and Brothers, I recognize Mrs. Dorothy Vernon for the Report of the Grand Examiners.

REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER DISTRICT II

Mrs. Dorothy Vernon: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and the Grand Chapter of Texas:

I speak on behalf of the other four lovely Grand Examiners and myself, to bring our appreciation to each of you.

To our Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you for attending each of our schools. Your presence meant much to our membership and to each one of us.

Worthy Grand Matron: For your patience, kindness and trust in your fellowman, you have won the admiration and respect of all of Texas, and the other four Grand Examiners, and I wish to thank you.

Trust is one of the most sacred ideals in America. Each of us strives to be worthy of it. So many of the things we do for one another . . . in the final analysis, are founded on the superior concept . . . trust. It's a word steeped in humanity, mutual understanding, respect . . . and love. It is truly one of the great ideas that we think of as fundamental. Fundamental to our personal lives. Fundamental to our way of life. Something our leaders, our organization, and you and I must have to survive.

In the ten wonderful Schools of District II, a total of 1,414 Certificates were issued, with 1,345 "A" Certificates, and 69 "B" Certificates.

Fraternally Submitted,

Dorothy Vernon, Chairman of the Board
Grand Examiner, District II

**CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY
DISTRICT II
1976-1977**

SECTION	"A"	"B"	TOTAL
Section 1	139	6	145
Section 2	130	5	135
Section 3	122	2	124
Section 4	150	11	161
Section 5	57	3	60
Section 6	120	9	129
Section 7	190	3	193
Section 8	166	6	172
Section 9	76	13	89
Section 10	195	11	206
Totals	1,345	69	1,414

Mrs. Patricia Neinst: I recognize Sister Marjorie Johnson, Grand Examiner, District 1.

**REPORT OF GRAND EXAMINER
DISTRICT 1**

Mrs. Marjorie Johnson: The Certificates of Proficiency issued in District I this year have shown an increase of some 150 certificates — and as always, I was encouraged by the enthusiasm of the membership of our District. My deep gratitude goes not only to the membership but to our gracious Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Roberts, our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Perry Smithwick, our District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Jackie Wilder, our ten Deputy Grand Matrons, and our District I Secretary for every kindness rendered and the encouragement given.

As the sun is fastly setting and this Grand Chapter year is drawing to a close, it is my prayer that He whose brilliance is everlasting will cast long rays of many blessings upon the lives of these — my sweet friends — and bring into their lives the radiance of beauty for their unselfish service to others.

A Certificates	1,798
B Certificates	34
TOTAL	1,832

Fraternally,

Marjorie Johnson, Grand Examiner, District I

**REPORT OF GRAND EXAMINER
DISTRICT III**

Mrs. Elise Hammack: Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. J. Perry Smithwick, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

This 1976-1977 Eastern Star year has been one of the most enjoyable and rewarding experiences of my life. I wish to thank the entire membership for the opportunity of serving as Grand Examiner of District III.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, you are devoted leaders. You are truly rays of sunshine and occupy special places in my heart.

To our District Deputy Grand Matron, District III, Mrs. Frances Burbank, Our Grand Examiner-At-Large, Mrs. Betty Klonaris, the other Grand Examiners, and each member who assisted so willingly along the way, I humbly thank you. Through your help we were pleased to issue 1377 A Certificates and 37 B Certificates for a total of 1414 Certificates for District III.

Thank you my Sisters and Brothers, and may all your days be filled with sunshine and happiness.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Elise Hammack, Grand Examiner, District Three

**CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY
DISTRICT III**

	A	B	TOTAL
Section 1	446	8	454
Section 2	108	3	111
Section 3	70	3	73
Section 4	87	3	90
Section 5	89	1	90
Section 6	101	1	102
Section 7	87	4	91
Section 8	120	11	131
Section 9	153	2	155
Section 10	116	1	117
Total			1,414

Mrs. Patricia Neinast: I recognize Sister Lena Maye Cook, Grand Examiner, District 4.

**REPORT OF GRAND EXAMINER
DISTRICT IV**

Mrs. Lena Maye Cook: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, other distinguished members, Sisters and Brothers:

“From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same,
the Lord’s name is to be praised.” Psalm 113:3

It has been a rich and most rewarding experience for me to serve as Grand Examiner of District 4, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

It has been a real joy to meet the fine membership of the Order, and work with them in a work that is worthy of our most earnest effort. My life has been fully blessed and I hope that my efforts have, in a small measure, brought credit to the Order.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Roberts, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Perry Smithwick, both of you have been so kind to me, I pray that God will continue to bless and keep you and let your lives always be a blessing to your fellowman.

I am pleased to bring the report of the certificates issued in District 4 for the year 1976-1977.

In the 10 schools we issued 2,023 "A" Certificates and 52 "B" Certificates, making a total of 2,075 Certificates.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Lena Maye Cook
Grand Examiner, District Four
Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star

Mrs. Patricia Neinast: I recognize Sister Maurine Jackson, Grand Examiner, District 5.

REPORT OF GRAND EXAMINER DISTRICT V

Sister Maurine Jackson: The Great Apostle Paul wrote in II Timothy 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Regarding our work in the Eastern Star our examinations in District 5 reflect the countless hours of study and preparation with 1,472 A Certificates, plus 31 B Certificates giving a total of 1,503 Certificates from the 10 Eastern Star Schools in District 5.

Fraternaly submitted,
Maurine Jackson,
Grand Examiner, District 5

Mrs. Patricia Neinast: It has suddenly dawned on me that the Reports that we have adopted are not legal. The Bible is not opened. The Worthy Grand Matron will call for the adoption of all of these Reports after the Session is called from Rest to Labor.

I now recognize Mrs. Irene Shearer, District Deputy Grand Matron of District II.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS' REPORTS

Mrs. Irene Shearer: Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Perry Smithwick, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

Your Five District Deputy Grand Matrons and Fifty Deputy Grand Matrons have with integrity, devotion, strength, serenity, and love, given to the membership of Texas truth, light and joy — those shining qualities which are exemplified in your life.

Speaking on behalf of each District Deputy and Deputy, I would like to say to the members in each District thank you for your hospitality, kindnesses, enthusiasm and for the many Honorary Memberships you have bestowed upon us. You are the greatest! We also wish to thank our most able Board of Grand Examiners who made our journey in the Sun more productive and to the members of the Secretarial Committee who performed their duties most efficiently.

Speaking for all the District Deputies, I would assure you that our Deputy Grand Matrons this year have performed their duties with promptness, kindness, dignity and loyalty. They are our pride and joy and each is very dear to her District Deputy.

Each Chapter in the state of Texas has an Official Visit of the Deputy Grand Matron and each of the fifty Sections in Texas hosted a School. A more detailed report of each District is attached to this report, that it may be published in the Proceedings.

Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for serving the Grand Chapter of Texas in this office this year. Your presence at most of the schools was an inspiration to the membership. Your friendship will always be treasured.

Worthy Grand Matron, we thank you for giving these many years of service to our Grand Chapter. We also thank you for the privilege of serving in our offices this year and for the opportunity of getting to know you better. The months you spent in our Districts were delightful and I believe the membership profited from your teachings. It has indeed been a delight and joy to serve Grand Chapter this year under your gracious leadership. We love you.

The following is a detailed report of District Two, 1976-1977:

Chapters Assigned.....	157
Chapters Demised or Consolidated.....	2
Chapters Instituted.....	0
Chapters Inspected.....	157
Chapters Not Inspected.....	0
Schools Conducted.....	10
Schools Attended Officially.....	10
Schools Attended Unofficially.....	58
Letters Written.....	1,070
Miles Traveled.....	20,442

EXPENSE

Mileage.....	610.02
Hotels and Meals.....	109.07
Postage.....	175.53
Telegrams and Telephone.....	273.36
Other Expense.....	143.88
Total Expense for year.....	1,311.85
Money Received.....	1,000.00
Money Refunded.....	0
Balance on Hand.....	0
Deficit.....	311.85

REMARKS:

The Deputies and myself do not expect reimbursement for our deficit. We are happy to have contributed to our Order in this manner.

EASTERN STAR SCHOOLS — DISTRICT TWO, 1976-77

DATE	NAME	PLACE
March 31	Spring Fling	Wichita Falls
April 2	Sunny Side	Pampa
April 4	Sunlite on the Hi Plains	Amarillo
April 7	Shine On Me	Spur
April 14	Rising Sun	Monahans
April 16	Around the World with the Sun	Odessa
April 19	God's Created Light	Plainview
April 23	Voyage in the Sun	Abilene
April 30	Let There Be	Brownfield
May 7	Tell Me Why	El Paso

Fraternally submitted,

Irene Shearer
 District Deputy Grand Matron, District Two

And now, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, in the hopes that you found in each of us and our schools a "wisp of Joy" to brighten your way — something uniquely different in each individual, to be a "Little Blessing" in your life and give you a joyful day; I am pleased to invite each District Deputy Grand Matron to introduce the Deputy Grand Matrons, the Grand Examiner, and Secretary in her District.

Mrs. Jackie Wilder, District Deputy Grand Matron, District One.

**REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON
DISTRICT ONE**

Mrs. Jackie Wilder: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

The ten efficient and excellent deputies of District One join with me in saying "Thank you for letting us share this Eastern Star Year with you." "Thank you for being the One Individual who has built bridges instead of walls and One who has made a familiar path for us to follow through the Gateway of Love."

I present the lovely deputies of District One:

Section One	Elouise James
Section Two	Geraldine Redwine
Section Three	Yuba Lee Sparks
Section Four	Donna Reed
Section Five	Ruth Baggett
Section Six	Betty Bumgardner
Section Seven	Rachel Smith
Section Eight	Eloise Flanagan
Section Nine	Irene Linam
Section Ten	Elsie Odom

To our Grand Examiner, Sister Marjorie Johnson, and our District One Secretary, Sister Gladys Pickett, "Thank you for all the good things you brought our way." It is good to know you better and to enjoy your true friendship.

The following is a summary of our year's work:

Chapters Assigned	175
Chapters Demised or Consolidated	—0—
Chapters Instituted	1
Chapters Constituted	2
Chapters Inspected	175
Chapters Not Inspected	—0—
Schools Conducted	10
Schools Attended Officially	20
Schools Attended Unofficially	65
Letters Written	2227
Miles Traveled	11,731

Expenses:

Mileage Expense.....	\$ 351.94
Hotels and Meals.....	8.00
Postage.....	382.24
Telegrams & Telephone.....	182.27
Other Expenses.....	89.86
Total Expenses For Year.....	\$1014.31

Money Received.....	\$1000.00
Money Refunded.....	—0—
Balance On Hand.....	—0—

Fraternally submitted,

Jackie Wilder
District Deputy Grand Matron, District One

EASTERN STAR SCHOOLS

Section One — 2/5/77 — The Reign Of The Sun Queen.....	Gainesville
Section Two — 2/24/77 — Sun-A-Glow.....	Denison
Section Three 2/12/77 — Rainbow Of Love.....	Paris
Section Four — 2/19/77 — It's A Small World.....	Dallas
Section Five — 2/26/77 — Arise And Shine.....	Garland
Section Six — 2/17/77 — Rays On The Sundial.....	Trinidad
Section Seven — 2/22/77 — Pathways Of The Sun And Stars.....	Jacksonville
Section Eight — 2/8/77 — Rays Of Sunshine.....	Henderson
Section Nine — 2/10/77 — Sunbeam Inspirations.....	Mt. Pleasant
Section Ten — 2/15/77 — A Ray Of Sunshine.....	Mineola

Mrs. Irene Shearer: Thank you, Jackie.

Mrs. Frances Burbank, District Deputy Grand Matron, District Three.

Mrs. Frances Burbank: Before presenting these members, I feel that I must report to the Assembly the fact that surgery, illness, and a serious automobile accident have prevented some of the Deputies in District III from being present at this Grand Chapter Session.

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON
DISTRICT III

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Other Distinguished members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is with pride that I present the District 3 report. Words alone can never express my appreciation to each of these fine Deputies selected by our Worthy Grand Matron this year. I am fully aware of their dedication, their faithfulness and their complete cooperation, but most of all, I am grateful for their love and their friendship. It is my special privilege to present these lovely Deputy Grand Matrons:

- Section 1 — Sister Gene Nation, whose "Salutation to the Dawn" School was held in Fort Worth on March 19, 1977. Attendance 668.
- Section 2 — Sister Leota Warden whose "Light of Life, Sundial" School was held in Springtown on March 1. Attendance 234.
- Section 3 — Sister Clara Waldrep whose "Sunrise Serenade" School was held in Breckenridge on March 12. Attendance 140.
- Section 4 — Sister Mary Edwards whose "Day's Dawning" School was held in Eastland on March 17. Attendance 174.

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- Section 5 — Sister Blanche Willhelm whose "Spirit of Sunshine" School was held in Brownwood on March 24. Attendance 183.
- Section 6 — Sister Jewell Lenz whose "Sunset in the Hill Country" School was held in Burnet on March 24. Attendance 206.
- Section 7 — Sister Mary Short whose "Nature's Golden Joy" School was held in Hamilton on March 29. Attendance 195.
- Section 8 — Dr. Beatrice Huston whose "Centex Sunshine School" was held in Belton on March 22. Attendance 226.
- Section 9 — Sister Marguerite Cornwell whose "The Dawn of a New Beginning" School was held in Waco on March 5. Attendance 331.
- Section 10 — Sister Vivian McDowell whose "Hearts United" School was held in Cleburne on March 3. Attendance 233.

Mrs. Elise Hammack, Grand Examiner of District 3.

Worthy Grand Matron, these wonderful Deputies join me in expressing our gratitude to you for the honor given us this year. As you endeared yourself to the membership across the state of Texas, you earned a permanent place in the hearts of each of us, and have given us beautiful memories we shall never forget.

Worthy Grand Patron, we appreciate your support and your presence at all ten schools in District 3. It was always a joy to have you and Helen present, and we will long remember your service to the Order.

I personally am delighted to have had the opportunity of working with our Grand Examiner, Sister Elise Hammack. This year has simply been the continuation of a beautiful friendship which I shall always treasure and which shall long continue. We were delighted to have her with us.

Our District Secretary, Sister Mary Hanson, was unable to travel with us due to the illness of her husband, and this was surely our loss.

To our Grand Examiner At Large, Sister Betty Klonaris, although not traveling with us on our School Schedule, we were pleased to have you present in the Schools.

The following is a statistical report for District 3:

Chapters Assigned	126
Chapters Demised	—0—
Chapters Instituted	—0—
Chapters Inspected	126
Chapters Not Inspected	—0—
Schools Conducted	10
School Attended Officially	20
Schools Attended Unofficially	36
Letters Written	1,581
Miles Traveled	7,093

EXPENSES

Mileage	\$ 213.09
Hotels and Meals	82.63
Postage	235.95
Telegrams and Telephone	84.71
Other Expenses	373.62
Total Expense for Year	1,000.00
Money Received	1,000.00
Money Refunded	—0—
Balance	—0—

Worthy Grand Matron, my life is much richer for having served in this place this year. Your charm, your kindness, your grace, and your friendly smile have brightened the pathway for many along the way leaving beautiful memories for those of us fortunate enough to have had this privilege.

Fraternally submitted,

Frances Burbank
District Deputy Grand Matron, District 3

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

Mrs. Irene Shearer. Thank you, Frances. Mrs. Wanda Smith, District Deputy Grand Matron, District Four.

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT IV

Mrs. Wanda Smith: It is with a grateful heart that I submit this report of District Four, and with much joy and pride, I proudly present to you the Deputy Grand Matrons.

Mrs. Elizabeth Watson Effulgent Sun School	Center	Section One December 9
Mrs. Rachel McCollum The Golden Sunrise School	Groves	Section Two November 27
Mrs. Careta Bryant Sunbeams of Happiness School	Shephard	Section Three December 7
Mrs. Jean Lee Let Your Light Shine School	Baytown	Section Four November 20
Mrs. Alice Burkhart Sunrise Reflections School	Houston	Section Five March 26
Mrs. Juanita Tippit Light and Love School	Hearne	Section Six November 30
Mrs. Addie Paschall The Light of World School	Hempstead	Section Seven December 2
Mrs. Verla Shuttlesworth Love Is . . . School	Elgin	Section Eight November 16
Mrs. Frankie Parker Rays of Apollo School	Sugar Land	Section Nine November 18
Mrs. Frances Montgomery Reflecting Lights School	Galveston	Section Ten December 4
Mrs. Lena Mae Cook, Grand Examiner		
Mrs. Hazel McGhee, Secretary		

The accomplishments of this year have been attained by the help of these fine Ladies I have had the privilege to work with. Each one has become very dear to me as they have performed their duties with efficiency, love and loyalty. We shall always be grateful to the membership of the 162 Chapters in District Four for their participation and interest in our Schools. We will strive to merit the honor they have given each of us with Honorary Membership.

The report is as follows:

Chapters Assigned.....	162
Chapters Inspected.....	162
Chapters Consolidated.....	1
Schools Conducted.....	10
Schools Attended Officially.....	20
Schools Attended Unofficially.....	48
Letters Written.....	1,609
Miles Traveled.....	13,496

Expenses:

Hotel Expense.....	\$ 45.80
Postage.....	212.91
Telephone Expense.....	190.95
Other Expense.....	189.32
Mileage.....	361.02
Money Received.....	1,000.00
Balance on Hand.....	—0—

Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, it has been a delightful pleasure and privilege to serve with you and for you as District Deputy Grand Matron. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to you for your confidence, faith and the honor to Center Chapter No. 348 and the richest gift of all, your precious friendship. Your presence in each of the schools and your inspiring messages has been a shining example of the principles and teachings of our beautiful Order. As another Chapter comes to a close in our volume of Eastern Star life, the Deputies and I feel this year of service has enriched our lives and we will always cherish the pleasant memories.

Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the many courtesies that you have extended to us this year. It has been a joy and privilege to share many happy occasions with you and your lovely wife, Helen. Thank you for inviting me to assist in the constituting and instituting Chapters. We shall always remember the fine messages you have brought to our membership.

To our Grand Examiner, Sister Lena Mae Cook, thank you for your love, kindness and much thoughtfulness. I have enjoyed the work we have shared and cherish the happy times we have experienced.

Our lovely Secretary, Sister Hazel McGhee, so efficient and such a joy to travel with. Thank you for your wonderful friendship.

Fraternally submitted,

Wanda Smith
 District Deputy Grand Matron

Mrs. Irene Shearer: Thank you, Wanda. Mrs. Jerre Lucas, District Deputy Grand Matron, District Five.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON REPORT
 DISTRICT FIVE**

Mrs. Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

I am very pleased to introduce the most outstanding Deputy Grand Matrons in Texas, and of course, they are from District Five:

Sisters:

Lois Williams, Section One
 Charlotte Murr, Section Two, who is unable to be present as she is hospitalized.
 Rubene Allbritton, Section Three
 Naomi Nelson, Section Four
 Lela Palmer, Section Five
 Clelia Burch, Section Six
 Hattie Filippone, Section Seven
 Lee Bonifay, Section Eight (Not present)
 Elinor Chandler, Section Nine who is unable to be present.
 Jeanie Graham, Section Ten
 Maurine Jackson, Grand Examiner
 and also, Sister Sylvia Cucino, our District Secretary.

Mrs. Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

On behalf of each Deputy Grand Matron from District Five and myself, we would like to express appreciation to you for appointing us to represent you in each of our areas. The Deputies you selected have performed their duties with pride and enthusiasm. This group has cooperated with me in every respect. They have served our order with efficiency, kindness, and humility. I commend each of these ladies for the fine service they have rendered to our membership. Worthy Grand Matron, my sincere thanks to you for selecting this fine group of special friends for me to work with.

The Deputies join me in expressing our gratitude to the membership in District Five for every courtesy extended — for the honorary memberships voted in each Chapter, the gifts and expressions of love, and their gracious hospitality shall always be treasured among our most cherished memories.

We appreciate the work our lovely District Secretary has done for our Worthy Grand Matron this year. It was a pleasure to have Sister Sylvia Cucino with us whenever she was able to be present. You are both efficient as a Secretary, and priceless as a friend.

Our Grand Examiner, Sister Maurine Jackson was always a welcome companion. The membership of District Five appreciates the many efficient hours of work in the Examining Room. It has indeed been a pleasure to get to know you better.

Worthy Grand Patron, we appreciate all the efforts you made to attend so many of the Schools in District Five. It was a pleasure for our membership to be able to visit with you and Helen, your precious wife and Grand Esther. It was a signal honor to be able to announce the birth of your new grandson while we were in District Five.

The following is a summary of the year's work in District Five:

Chapters Assigned.....	135
Chapters Demised or Consolidated.....	—0—
Chapters Instituted.....	1
Chapters Inspected.....	136
Chapters Not Inspected.....	—0—
Schools Conducted.....	10
Schools Attended Officially.....	20
Schools Attended Unofficially.....	52
Letters Written.....	1,167
Miles Traveled.....	12,563

EXPENSE:

Mileage	\$ 376.32
Hotels and Meals	188.55
Postage	152.83
Telegrams and Telephone	224.14
Other Expense	169.00
Total Expense	1,110.84
Money Received	1,000.00
Money Refunded	—0—
Balance on Hand	—0—

A very special privilege was mine to have been appointed to serve as the Special Deputy in assisting Amistad Chapter's dream to become a reality. Thank you Worthy Grand Patron for this privilege, and a special Thanks to the Worthy Grand for allowing me to serve in that capacity. To be able to share the joy of these new Sisters and Brothers was one of the most heartwarming experiences of my Eastern Star Life. My sincere appreciation to each of you for allowing me this special service. My special thanks also, to Hattie Filippone, Kermit and Ethel Schnelle, and Percy and Ella Ruth Burleson for their valuable assistance.

Worthy Grand Matron, this year has been truly memorable. Even though I have had the privilege of knowing you for many years, we have for these short months, become closer by working together. Thank you for all that you are — and all that you stand for. You have proven your true inner quality to our membership during this special year of service to our beautiful Order. You have the courage of your convictions, and are not ashamed to stand up and be counted. Thank you for being the very fine Christian lady that you are. Thank you for your honesty, and your integrity. I have been privileged to witness your loyalty on so many occasions, and Worthy Grand Matron, I too have been the recipient. Of the many things I could say to you, I would sum it all up by saying THANK YOU FOR BEING THE SPECIAL FRIEND YOU ARE.

Sincerely and fraternally

Jerre Lucas

District Deputy Grand Matron, District Five

Mrs. Irene Shearer: Thank you Jerri. And now I am pleased to introduce to you, the Ten Brightest Deputies in Texas from District Two:

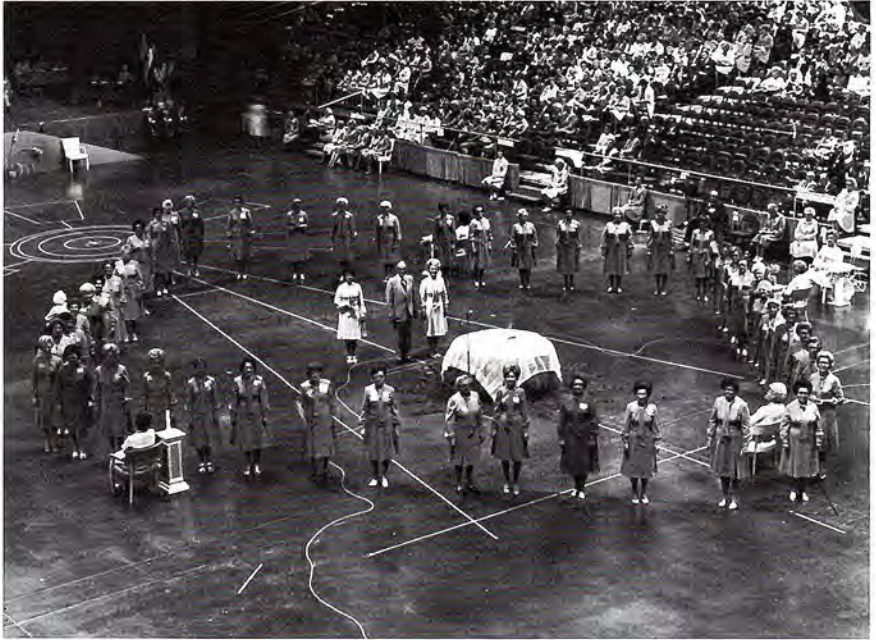
Mrs. Gladys Jarrard, Section One
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 Mrs. Lillian Lindsey, Section Three
 Mrs. Edna Blankenship, Section Four
 Mrs. Hartence North, Section Five
 Mrs. Dorothy Sells, Section Six (not in attendance)
 Mrs. Norma Fisher, Section Seven
 Mrs. Pearl Mills, Section Eight
 Mrs. Jennie Mae Cope, Section Nine
 Mrs. Shirley Simpson, Section Ten
 And Also Mrs. Dorothy Vernon, Grand Examiner, District Two
 Mrs. Joyce Fields, District Secretary (Not in attendance)
 Mrs. Charolette Carpenter, Secretary-at-Large

Mrs. Irene Shearer: Then as each "Crystalline Wisps" is collected into a whole, this cloud of crystal catches the rays of the Sun. It then becomes one large crystalline reflection of light, reflecting its happiness to all.

(The District Deputies and Deputy Grand Matrons moved into the "Crystalline Wisps of Joy" Drill, under the direction of the Grand Marshal).

"CRYSTALLINE WISPS OF JOY" DRILL

The Grand Examiners, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Deputy Grand Matrons, and Secretarial Committee were in the drill. Each District crossed the floor, carrying small mirrors to reflect light, all formed one large cloud. Then the entire group formed a large diamond shape representing one crystalline drop.



Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, the joy you have given others has returned to shine upon you. You are invited to give to us the joy of your presence in our reflecting light.

(The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to and presented in the drill).

(The Grand Organist played the Worthy Grand Matron's march "DAY-SPRING MARCH"; and when the group were in formation, a musical selection was rendered).

Mrs. Irene Shearer: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the District Deputies' and Deputy Grand Matrons' Reports in total as they will appear in the Proceedings.

Mrs. Patricia Neinast: Each new day that comes to us — every morning that awakens us from sleep — is a new revelation. The morning hour is the key to all the other hours of the day. Our devotional this morning will be given by Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith: Thank you, Sister Patricia Neinast.

How lovely it is to be here this beautiful morning hour in The Sun-A Source of Light, Life and Fruitfulness Session of Texas Grand Chapter to stand in the East with my lovely Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Roberts, presiding. I have been proud of the perfection with which she has planned this beautiful Grand Chapter, and also with

the wonderful way she has risen to the unexpected; and her distinguished Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Perry Smithwick, who was my proficient Chairman of Transportation and Mileage.

“The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me. Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou annointest my head with oil. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” Jesus said, “My peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth give I unto you. You believe in God, believe also in me.” Fear not, in the depths of your spirit there is a place of infinite calm. Where you can retreat from the cares of the world. Where you can find reassurance of God’s presence in your life — And of his power to heal, to prosper, to illumine and to bless. The center of peace lies in your heart awaiting your recognition and beckoning your entrance into the enfolding of His warmth and love. How dear this center of peace must have been to the Psalmist. “He leadeth me beside the still waters, He restoreth my soul”. In this place of stillness, all in-harmony ceases, all wants are supplied, all sadness is wiped away and all hatred is turned to love. Here in this quiet place within, God speaks, “Peace my child, I am forever here to fill your every need”. How do we enter and find this peace? — The still waters within. Jesus said we should not look, lo, here and lo, there, we do not find our peace in the things of the world around us. We can find it only within, in the centermost part of our own innerself. Only within is there peace. When we find the center of peace within, we find power — we find strength — for the activities of the day. We find renewal of body and mind. We find substance for our daily bread. There is the stillness, the blessings of God begin; for there in the stillness is God, the giver of all good gifts. Where is the source of the power that lightens your electric light? Is it in the filament that glows when you press the switch? Do you find the source of power in the transformers? Is the turbine at the base of the dam in the falling water that rushes over the spillways? No, not even in the rushing water. What is it that causes all of the electrical activities from the dam to our electric light bulb that brightens our room at night as though it were high noon? Behind the dam, there is a vast lake of still water. Here in the stillness of the depth of this lake is the power. Only in stillness is there power. In the peace and calm of your innerself is power. As you enter into the stillness of your soul for a session each day, you find the power for second activity and renewed activity in the affairs of the world that lie before you. There you find the still waters of the Psalmist. You have found the infinite calm — the center of peace. Here you commune with God. Here you are renewed for the task of living, and the experiences that lie ahead of you. Here you find daily sustenance and are refurnished and replenished in the power of God, that every need will be supplied. Once you have found this place of infinite calm within yourself, trust as the sheep trust the shepherd. Your need is God’s assurance of fulfillment, and you have communed with Him beside the still waters. Go knowingly into life trusting in his eternal promises “for surely goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your life and you shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

Mrs. Patricia Neinast: Thank you, Sister Mary Katherine Smith, for bringing us this beautiful moment of devotion. According to Mark, the gospel pointedly tells us, “In the morning rising a great while before day, He went into a solitary place and prayed”. Our invocation by Mrs. Lois Burnett, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Lois Burnett: Our Father and our God, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth. In the freshness of this morning and these moments, join our hearts together as we come to acknowledge our gratitude to Thee for Thy goodness and mercy. Dear Lord, we pray and hold up to Thee once again our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and other Grand Officers, and especially our beloved membership of this great Order. We seek Thy special blessedness upon them throughout the remainder of this Grand Chapter Session. Father, we ask for Thy strength in whatever tasks we may undertake, never wanting to be greater than our Sisters or our Brothers, but to pray especially for Thy strength to help us fight our greatest enemy, ourselves. When life for each of us fades, like the fading of the sunset, we pray our spirits will come to Thee

without shame and without regret. Our hearts are filled this morning with love and gratitude for the unmerited goodness and watchful care you send into our lives. For these things we humbly thank Thee. Amen.

Mrs. Patricia Neinast: Joyce, the clock of time is moving hurriedly to the end of our Eastern Star year. This is the time you have looked forward to, with great hopes of sunshine in your heart — this forever to be remembered “The Sun-A Source of Light, Life and Fruitfulness” Session. Each golden moment can be recalled and relived through all the years to be. As you have traveled this year, you have sown seeds of friendliness, kindly thoughts and deeds. Your smile has been like sunbeams to brighten the lives of others about you. Your laughter has filled many hearts with happiness. We have been blessed to have you as our leader this year. May God grant His greatest blessings and life’s truest joys to you. Thank you for the privilege of calling to order this Session of your Grand Chapter and for the pleasure of sharing this lovely courtesy with my good friend, Mr. Richard T. Porter.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Perry, I am glad to have shared the East this morning with you and our Worthy Grand Matron. May the years continue to be years of happiness and service because the world needs kind and thoughtful people.

Brother Richard, I know you would like to express your gratitude and good wishes to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Brother Richard T. Porter.

Mr. Richard T. Porter: Thank you, Sister Pat. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I want to express to you my sincere appreciation for the privilege of sharing the Grand East with my good friend, Patricia Neinast, and calling this Wednesday morning Session to order. We know that you are having a fruitful Session. You have made your membership feel at home here in El Paso, so we’re delighted with the progress of this Grand Chapter today. God Bless you.

Mrs. Patricia Neinast: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce, I now present to you the gavel, and emblem of your high office.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you Sister Patricia Neinast and Brother Richard T. Porter for opening this Grand Chapter Session and a very special thanks to Sister Mary Katharine Smith and Sister Lois Burnett for assisting this morning.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Warder.

Grand Warder: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter Session from Rest to Labor and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED FROM REST TO LABOR 10:15 A.M.

Worthy Grand Matron: We will now have the adoption of the reports from the Committee Chairmen who participated in the Welfare program last evening. I would ask Sister Lola Wallace to come to the podium, please.

Sister Lola, before you make your final report, I would like to present to you a check for \$500 that Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield presented to me as a gift to be used in Grand Chapter, so you may add another \$500 to that magnificent report you gave last evening.

FOUNDERS' DAY REPORT

Mrs. Zena Wilson: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers:

As your Chairmen of the Founders Day Committee, it is a pleasure for us to stand here this morning and give you this outstanding report. First, I would like to introduce my co-workers for the year: Mrs. Maude Rufsvold, General Co-Chairman and the District Chairmen, Mrs. Jewel Gwilliam, District 1 — Mrs. Polly Oldham, District 2 — Mrs. Louise Wells, District 3 — Mrs. Shirley Hunt, District 4 and Mrs. Nora Epperson District 5.

To serve on the Founders Day Committee is one of the most rewarding works one can do to serve our Order. The close contact with the residents and employees of our Home and the touch with the membership is an experience of great joy. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, for placing us in this position of service.

The Founders Day Committee contacted each Chapter in the State and these Chapters responded with generous contributions. The total receipts \$15,150.33 deducting expenses of \$873.22 gave us a total of \$14,277.11 with which to accomplish our goals. We are pleased to report the renovation of the living rooms is now complete. Twenty eight pieces of furniture were upholstered, new drapes purchased for the two living rooms and formal dining room, the carpets in these rooms were cleaned and small appointments placed in the living rooms. We purchased an International tractor/mower complete with trailer and sweeper. Eleven bedside chests and an instruments sterilizer were placed in the Hospital. Two confection ovens were installed in the kitchen and numerous small personal items for the ladies have been purchased.

The Founders Day Fair on August 6 was a smashing success. \$6,144.79 was the total income from the Fair. Hundreds of folks came and enjoyed the day with us. The Committee members appreciated this opportunity to be with each of you. The Steeles from Kilgore donated an entire beef made into quarter pound patties for the hamburgers. The "left overs" were given to the Home and our Sisters enjoyed hamburgers twice, compliments of the Steeles. To properly thank each one who had a part in making the Founders Day Fair a success would take a book with a thousand pages. We do thank Brother Fred Nation, General Chairman of Masonic Noblemen and his fine Committee for all their help at the Fair. It would have been difficult without them.

Mrs. Patsy Sawyer, Adm./Supt. of the Home is a devoted, hard working woman who is dedicated to caring for our Sisters who live there. A very special acknowledgment of thanks to you, Mrs. Sawyer, and to your staff for all the help you have been this year. The Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences has the great responsibility of caring for the business aspect of the Home and these five outstanding members are truly loyal, dedicated members of our Order. Thank you, Mrs. Rachel Jones, Chairman, and the Board for your assistance.

The biggest thank you of all is to you, Worthy Grand Matron, for giving us the privilege of serving with the GRANDEST FOLKS of all . . . the Founders Day Committee of 1976-77.

A full detailed report is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Zena Wilson, General Chairman

REPORT OF THE FOUNDERS DAY COMMITTEE — 1976-77**Zena Wilson, General Chairman**

Receipts from Chapters and Miscellaneous Contributions	\$ 9,005.54
Receipts from Founders Day Fair	6,144.79
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$15,150.33
EXPENSES:	
Expenses for Fair	\$ 548.50
Committee Expenses	324.72
TOTAL EXPENSES	873.22
NET PROCEEDS	\$14,277.11
PROJECTS:	
(3) 3' x 5' Nylon & Wool Flags	\$ 92.26
International Tractor/Mower with trailer and sweeper	2239.00
Cleaning carpets in two living rooms and formal dining	230.50
Upholstery of 28 pieces of furniture	2893.00
Eleven hospital bedside chests	814.00
Lamp Shades-fixtures and flower arrangements miscellaneous	335.00
Salad supper for ladies	8.80
Draperies for two living rooms and formal dining	1800.00
Two confection ovens for kitchen complete with wiring and installation	3000.00
Sterlizer for hospital	700.00
Check to be issued to the Eastern Star Home	2068.55
TOTAL PROJECTS	\$14,277.11
BALANCE IN FUND AT THIS DATE 10-26-77	\$ —0—

Respectfully Submitted

Zena Wilson, General Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Zena Wilson, for that magnificent report. My friends, she has worked and worked, and, of course, it does show. She has asked that we adopt this report, and, of course, I am going to ask you if you will. Those in favor of adopting this Founders Day Report, please raise your right hand. Those opposed? Report adopted.

I now present the Time and Talent Committee.

TIME AND TALENT REPORT

Mrs. Polly Dugger: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Roberts, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Perry Smithwick, We the Time and Talent Committee wish to say thank you, for the opportunity of service, you have given us this year. To meet and cultivate new friends is a rare and precious gift and we all are the richer for this experience. It has been a rewarding year for all of us. We are sorry that our General Co-Chairman, Mrs. Janie Peterson, who has been a source of strength and energy to all is not present. We will always cherish the friendship that has developed through our association in this year of service. The District Chairman I would also like for all to know; Mrs. Irene Powel of District I. Mrs. Lily Wright of District II. Mrs. Helen Sanderford of District III. Mrs. Lela Mae Durham of District IV. Mrs. Polly Norman of District V. These ladies have served long and well and we have learned to love each of them and to respect and admire their ability to lead and serve in each their capacity.

There are those members of the Time and Talent Committee in District III to whom we would like to say a special Thank You. They lived close by, and assisted any time when needed. Mrs. Helen Sanderford, Mrs. Lucille Goolsby, Mrs. Zena Beasley and Mrs. Sue Stockton, also a close friend and neighbor not on this Committee, Mrs. Zena Wilson. We will always remember the work of these faithful and devoted friends.

As in the dawning of a new day, The Time and Talent Committee started a new year with great anticipation and planned how best to serve our membership. With the permission of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce, a letter was written to each Chapter of Texas, explaining our new plan to reward each Chapter, rather than each member, this would curtail the expense of our committee and enable our Home to receive and utilize more of the proceedings from your membership in the Pink Ladies and Pink Ties. How grateful we are for your wonderful response. As the sun rises each morning and radiates its warm beams of energy, you our members of Texas, radiated your concern and love throughout the State for the needs of our Home. These kindnesses will never be forgotten. Each Chapter will receive a Certificate of Merit this year, with the number of service hours your membership have served, recorded on it. Also in the beginning of our year, a calendar of events was set up for the entertainment of our ladies that live in our home in Arlington. Each month we held a social event, among them were: A Travel Log, A Circus, with honest to goodness clowns, Parties, and an old fashion Sing-Song with watermelon. An Easter party was also given by this Committee.

A request for the members to SHOWER THE LADIES with personal needs, was sent out and your response is still coming in. Mrs. Sawyer has said "It is just like Christmas in our office." Thank you for your part in making this year of service a memorable one.

Will all the Time and Talent Committee please stand. I would like for all of the membership to see you. (Applause)

Our total membership as of October 15th, 1977 is 11,518 with 55 members residing in the Eastern Star Home in Arlington and five (5) ladies, wishing not to give their names. We have eight 100% chapters; Cypress No. 1102, Blue Grove No. 978, Canadian No. 227, Zapata No. 1106, Copperas Cove No. 1070, Truth No. 941 and Throckmorton No. 500. A total of 434 chapters participated in this years program. Park Place No. 731, had the most members, being 162.

Membership by districts are as follows:

District No. 1	2,509
District No. 2	2,009
District No. 3	2,090
District No. 4	2,682
District No. 5	2,168

Contributions of \$984.39 has been received, making a total income of \$12,502.39.

The total expenditures as of this date, are \$10,406.32.

In the beginning of our year, we met with the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolence and Mrs. Sawyer to plan how best to apply our money to meet the immediate needs of our home and these are the projects we have completed. We purchased a Chevrolet Station Wagon, installed a laundry room up-stairs, with washer and dryer. Fenced the west side of our property purchased a new set of serving dishes for the hospital and also new bedspreads, bed pads, bath mats etc. for each lady in the home, including those in the hospital. A commercial meat tenderizer has also been purchased. We are now waiting for prices of material for table cloths, for our dining room, that we may purchase these and other needed items, until our money is expended. As of October 17, 1977, cash on hand is \$2,096.07.

We wish to express our appreciation to the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolence and to Mrs. Sawyer our Superintendent of our home, and Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, for their most capable assistance, during these past months.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Roberts, your radiant beams of sunshine have certainly penetrated and warmed the hearts of all our committee. Your leadership of love, sincerity and grace have been an inspiration to us all. To have served with you, along with our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Perry Smithwick, is an honor and privilege, we will ever hold dear.

Respectfully Submitted,

Polly Dugger, General Chairman
Time and Talent Committee

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

Supplimentary report will be given before November 31st.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Time and Talent Committee, any discussion. All in favor signify by raising the hand, those opposed same. Motion carried. Thank you Sister Polly and all your committee members for this beautiful report.

Worthy Grand Matron, we would like to present the first Certificate of Merit to the ladies that reside in Our Eastern Star Home in Arlington.

May it be known that The Pink Ladies of the Eastern Star Home have given 4,898 hours to the welfare of others, in this year of 1976 and 77.

As an expression of appreciation for your love and devotion to the Time and Talent Committee, we hereby present this certificate, signed, Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron, James Perry Smithwick, Worthy Grand Patron.

Presentation submitted by,
Time and Talent Committee
Polly Dugger, General Chairman
Janie Peterson, General Co-Chairman

Mrs. Lola Wallace: I present the Chairman of the Home Beautification Committee.

HOME BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Maudine King: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Members and Guests, My Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, we, the members of the Home Beautification Committee wish to express our appreciation to you for the privilege of serving you, the Grand Chapter of Texas, our Sisters who are residents in the Home at Arlington, and to all members of our beautiful Order. This has been a very rewarding and heart-warming experience for me, and the teamwork that went into our worthwhile endeavor — to enhance the physical appearance of our Eastern Star Home in Arlington; exemplified real Sister and Brotherhood which is so essential to this organization.

Everyone likes the outside surroundings of our private home to look beautiful and it is no different with our Fraternal Home. We want the grounds of our Eastern Star Home to look inviting to our visitors. This has been the ambitious goal of the Home Beautification Committee for this year — to landscape the grounds immediately surrounding the buildings of our Eastern Star Home in Arlington.

The membership of Texas was asked to help accomplish our worthwhile goal, and this was done by asking each Chapter in the State of Texas to organize a special fund-raising project for the Home Beautification Committee. A multitude of kinds of projects were employed, such as garage sales, bake sales, "pot luck" dinners, "bakeless" cake sales, crafts and bazaar markets, memorials, love offerings, special donations, silver drills and many more such projects.

My thanks also to our Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, our Grand Secretary and her Staff, our Home Superintendent and her Staff, my General Co-Chairman and the District Chairmen of the Committee, as well as all members of the Committee for their valuable cooperation during the year.

At this time we would like all members of the Home Beautification Committee to please stand, and let each one see who has been working on this project. (Applause).

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Co-Chairman and the five District Chairmen of this Committee who have given so much of their time and energy to this work. To work with each of them has been a great joy — and I am pleased to present my Co-workers:

- Mrs. LaVerne Patrick, General Co-Chairman
- Mrs. Virginia West, District 1, Chairman, who had a total of \$4,932.01 from her District.
- Mrs. Robbie Pynes, District 2, Chairman, who had a total of \$2,748.27 from her District.
- Mrs. Nevada Coleman, District 3, Chairman, who had a total of \$2,008.78 from her District.
- Mrs. Bernice Heitman, District 4, Chairman, who had a total of \$5,731.15 from her District.
- Mrs. Wanda Durgin, District 5, Chairman, who had a total of \$3,814.79 from her District.

My special thanks to the members of 342 Chapters who were so generous with their contributions for a Grand Total of \$19,235.00.

With all of us working together, we have accomplished a great portion of our goal. Sister Patsy Sawyer, Home Superintendent-Administrator, has signed a \$18,500.00 contract with Hilchers Nursery of Ft. Worth for landscape work to begin, October 24, 1977. We have been given the opportunity to improve our Home today and build toward it's "Golden Tomorrows". The remainder of the money will be given to her for additional contract.

Fraternally submitted,

Mrs. Maudine King, General Chairman
Home Beautification Committee

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

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Home Beautification Committee, any discussion, all in favor please signify by raising the hand, opposed same. Motion carried.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge those people going to Juarez this evening. We will go in busses and when we get there we will eat as quickly as they can serve. You will enjoy the entertainment. You will not be going in shifts or come back in shifts. It is an evening that you will all enjoy.

Mrs. Lola Wallace: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. At this time I would like to introduce the District Chairmen of the Welfare Committee. District 1 — Mrs. Sarah Coursey; District 2 — Mrs. Elsie Abernathy; District 3 — Mrs. Sarah Moran; District 4

— Mrs. Lula Mae Matthews, and District 5 — Mrs. Marie Tisdale. They join with me in moving the adoption of the Welfare Report, as presented last night.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt the Welfare Report as it was given last evening. All those in favor signify by raising your right hand. Those opposed, same sign. The Report has been adopted. I thank you.

(I have an announcement to make that the Boards and Committees luncheon has been moved from the North end of the Civic Center to the South end — that is just the opposite end.)

Sisters and Brothers last evening we had on our program that we would have greetings from our lovely Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, and because of the time element she asked that she might do it this morning, and I would ask you to greet this lovely lady and we'll hear from her. Mrs. Thelma Bailey.

Mrs. Thelma Bailey: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, your honored and Distinguished East, members of this wonderful Grand Chapter. Worthy Grand Matron, I always feel it is a great honor to be invited to speak to the wonderful people of Texas. Sister Joyce, I appreciate your very kind and gracious words of welcome. Sisters and Brothers, I have found in this lovely lady a very gracious, a very kindly, a very lovely lady, and Sister Joyce, I have just appreciated your friendship - I've thoroughly enjoyed your Session. I want to compliment every member in this room on your wonderful Welfare projects. I have never seen more beautiful contributions, more beautiful floor work than in this wonderful State of Texas. You certainly are to be complimented. Joyce, I was especially impressed by a word from your Sister Pat this morning as she gave her remarks. When she said the world needs kind and thoughtful people, and I have found in you one of those persons who is kind and thoughtful and loving and just and fair; and I do compliment you and I am proud to call you my friend. The kindness and the friendliness of the greeting of Texas has certainly warmed my heart and my deepest appreciation to this Grand Chapter for every wonderful and thoughtful courtesy.

I wasn't sure I was to be called on just this minute, so my notes were not just right.

But I especially wanted to speak to the members in this Grand Jurisdiction. I wanted you to feel that every member in this Jurisdiction is a part of my General Grand Chapter years. And I feel that at this Grand Chapter Session it is a time of happy reunions, loving greetings, but what is more important, Sisters and Brothers, it is a time of enlarging our knowledge and appreciation of our own Grand Chapter and of General Grand Chapter. And I am sure that there are many delegates attending this Grand Chapter, perhaps for the first time, and I was so impressed the opening night in listening to the Grand Master and his impression of the Order of the Eastern Star. And I feel that these new delegates — as your new leaders — it will be your responsibility to help our Order grow and prosper, to make every meeting meaningful and interesting. You know, in this world today.

It is a changing world. We cannot expect members to attend our Chapters just to listen to a little ritualistic work and to have a cup of coffee and to go home. The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons have to make a greater effort to give the members something or they will not be interested. It is my hope that every Grand Jurisdiction will determine to reverse the downward trend and to start the pendulum swinging upward. I've felt in my own Jurisdiction for many years — we were the second largest Jurisdiction in the world — and as I told them this year, we are fast losing that honored position. And so we have to make a greater effort than every before. Your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron cannot do this alone — without you they can accomplish very, very little. We depend upon the members of every Grand Jurisdiction. And so it is with me as your Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, I feel that I am your Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, and that you will be interested in all that we are striving to do for this great Order. I hope that this thought will be foremost in

your thinking as you plan for this new Grand Chapter year. For each new Associate Matron and Patron, this will be a wonderful experience for you. It will remain in your hearts for years to come. Here you will make friends that will be your friends for the rest of your life. We're all a part of this great, world-wide, organization of almost 3 million members. General Grand Chapter is the parent organization of all Eastern Star and as we have found here in this Grand Chapter, it is one of the greatest charitable organizations in the world. Since 1955, the Eastern Star world has given to charity \$12 and a quarter million dollars. We should all be privileged and proud to belong to an Order that does this much for the world. You can offer no greater privilege than that of doing your share and I am sure that the members of Texas - you have proved at this Session that you are striving to do your share. We're all here, Sisters and Brothers, for a purpose. We are needed in this world. We each have something to give. In this situation presently in which we find ourselves, most of us cannot move mountains but we can surely try, and I think you are trying. We can look forward with enthusiasm to new opportunities to serve; however small our service may be, it is important, and your project funds proved this this morning. Every little member must have given something to make this great contribution to charitable purposes and to your Welfare. It may take its place in helping to build a better and greater world, and I want to thank you for all that you are doing to make our Order grow and prosper. May God bless each of you in the service that you are giving to our Order. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause).

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Thelma Bailey. I knew that she would make a beautiful inspiring and encouraging speech.

Sisters and Brothers, at this time I am again going to ask the indulgence of the other Committees so that we might get to our Jurisprudence Committee. We have a lot of work to do on that yet, and I would like now for the Chairman to come— Sister Molly Goodpasture. Brother Oliver Chamberlin.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 10

Mr. Oliver Chamberlin: We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 8 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. 8

WHEREAS item (3) under Article VII., A., Section 4 on page 40 of the Constitution and Code of Laws allows the Board of Grand Trustees to enter into a Trust Agreement with a Bank or Trust Company; and

WHEREAS limitations placed within such Article preclude such an Agreement; and

WHEREAS the Grand Chapter of Texas and particularly the Home Endowment Fund is not providing the flexibility of Estate Planning for the membership, by reason of the law as it now stands;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the above numbered Article which now reads:

- (3) The Board of Grand Trustees is hereby authorized to enter into a Trust Agreement with a Bank or Trust Company, for management of the O.E.S. Endowment Funds, under said Board's Supervision, and subject to the limitations herein set out in paragraph (b), if in their opinion they think same to be advisable and feasible.

BE AMENDED to read:

- (3) The Board of Grand Trustees is hereby authorized to enter into a Trust Agreement with a Bank or Trust Company, for management of the O.E.S. Endowment Funds; to establish a fund to be operated and maintained exclusively as a 'Pooled Income Fund' within the meaning of Section 642 (c) (5) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder; to establish 'Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust' within the meaning of Section 664 (d) (1) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder; and to establish 'Charitable Remainder Unitrust' within the meaning of Section 664 (d) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder, under said Board's supervision, if in their opinion they think same to be advisable and feasible.

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

As has been stated, the Jurisprudence Committee has inspected and looked at this amendment in legal form. That's the only determination. I, therefore, move its adoption.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of Amendment No. 8, any discussion. All in favor please signify by raising your hand, those opposed same. Motion carried.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 11

Mr. Richard Porter: We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 9 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. 9

WHEREAS the members of certain sections in the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas are burdened, from time to time, with the actual arrangements for the Grand Chapter sessions; and

WHEREAS there is a need to distribute the responsibilities of the Arrangements Committee to a larger area than that of the section in which the Grand Chapter sessions are held; and

WHEREAS many "resident" members of Chapters within the Section in which the Grand Chapter session is held do not actually reside within that Section; and

WHEREAS Page 56, Chapter 4, Article 15, Sections (16) and (17) read as follows:

(16) Executive Committee for Grand Chapter Session.

Three (3) or more members, one of whom shall be designated 'General Chairman'.

(17) Committee on Grand Chapter Arrangements. Five (5) or more members.

The members of the two committees named in Sec. (16) and Sec. (17) above are to be residents of the Section in which the Grand Chapter session at which they are to serve shall be held. No mileage shall be allowed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above Sections be amended to read as follows:

(16) Executive Committee for Grand Chapter Session.

Three (3) or more members, one of whom shall be designated 'General Chairman' and shall hold membership within the Section in which the Grand Chapter Session at which they are to serve shall be held. No mileage shall be allowed.

(17) Committee on Grand Chapter Arrangements. Five (5) or more members and shall hold membership in a Chapter within a radius of fifty (50) miles within the District of the designated city in which the Grand Chapter Session at which they are to serve shall be held. No mileage shall be allowed.

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

I move the adoption of this Report.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report on Amendment No. 9, any discussion. All in favor please signify by raising your hand. Those opposed. Motion carried.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: This is Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 12 pertaining to Amendment No. 10.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 12

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 10 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. 10

Page 113, Article 189 (7). ENTERTAINMENT OF VISITING GRAND OFFICERS.

Which now reads:

All visiting Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions shall be guests of Texas Grand Chapter at the annual Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons dinner.

Be changed to read:

All visiting Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions shall be guests of Texas Grand Chapter at the annual Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons social function.

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

I move the adoption of this Report.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report on Amendment No. 10, Do we have any discussion. All in favor please signify by raising your hand, those opposed same. Motion carried.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 13

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 11 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. 11

Page 122, Article 208. RESIDENCE FOR INITIATION (Fourth Paragraph)

Which now reads:

A petitioner moving out of the state after her petition was read in Chapter but before a ballot was taken thereon ceased to be eligible as a petitioner in the Chapter holding her petition, she no longer meeting the residential requirements for eligibility.

Be amended to read:

A petitioner moving out of the State or out of the Jurisdiction of the Chapter petitioned, after the petition is read in Chapter but before a ballot is taken thereon ceases to be eligible as a petitioner in the Chapter, she/he no longer meeting the residential requirements for eligibility.

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

The only change intended here is to include "out of the jurisdiction" of the Chapter as well as "only out of the state". We offer the report and move its adoption.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt Amendment No. 11, any discussion. All in favor please signify by raising your hand, those opposed same. Motion carried.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 12 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. 12

Page 148, Chapter 13, Article 293 (5)

Which now reads:

(5) Exemption from Dues. Members of the O.E.S. Home or members of the Home for Aged Masons at Arlington, who are members of the Order of the Eastern Star of Texas, shall be exempt from the Chapter dues and per capita tax, and their Chapter shall not be required to pay their per capita to the Grand Chapter; but the names of such members shall be continued in good standing on their Chapter rolls while they are members of the O.E.S. Home or Home for Aged Masons at Arlington.

Be amended to read:

(5) **EXEMPTION FROM DUES.** Members who have been awarded the Grand Chapter of Texas Certificate of Fifty Year Membership, members of the O.E.S. Home or Home for Aged Masons at Arlington, who are members of the Order of the Eastern Star of Texas, shall be exempt from the Chapter dues and the per capita tax, and their Chapters shall not be required to pay their per capita tax to the Grand Chapter; but the names of such members shall be continued in good standing on their Chapter rolls.

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

Now, just one word before I move the adoption of this report, finding same in order. This is almost identical to one of the amendments presented yesterday. We had quite a lengthy discussion on the same and the Grand Chapter voted to reject that amendment. I mention that, before I present to the Worthy Grand Matron the motion, this amendment is in form and ready for action.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt Amendment No. 12. Any discussion.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: Worthy Grand Matron, May I say that this amendment was presented for the Constitution and is a similar or like one in the Code of Laws. It was defeated by our membership yesterday in the Constitution, and I believe the reason they have put it in the Code of Laws is that it would be the same in the Code of Laws as it would be in the Constitution, so it would seem hardly likely that we could approve this in our Code of Laws if we did not approve it in our Constitution. So I urge you to vote against the motion.

Worthy Grand Matron: Me too, I don't want any confusion. Sisters and Brothers, all those in favor of adopting this amendment No. 12, please signify by raising your hand. All those opposed. The amendment is defeated.

Mr. Richard Porter: Worthy Grand Matron, I rise to bring Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 15.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 15

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 13 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. 13

Page 65, Article 68 Proceedings.

Which now reads:

The Grand Secretary shall record all the proceedings of the Grand Chapter proper, to be published, and shall assist the retiring Worthy Grand Matron in the preparation of same for publication. Such preparation shall be completed within six months after adjournment of Grand Chapter.

Changed to read:

The Grand Secretary shall record all proceedings of the Grand Chapter Session to be published and have the record compiled, type-set and camera readied for printing, and shall assist the retiring Worthy Grand Matron in editing of the same for publication. The publication shall be completed within six months after adjournment of Grand Chapter.

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
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 the report on Amendment No. 13. Any discussion. All in favor please signify by raising your hand, those opposed same. The Motion carried.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture:

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 16

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 14 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. 14

Page 120, Article 202. DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY.

Which now reads:

When a Dispensation or Charter is arrested, or when a Chapter voluntarily demises, the Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron shall see that the Secretary of said Chapter forwards all money, jewels, dispensation or Charter, records and all other property of the Chapter to the Grand Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Deputy Grand Matron to see that all properties of a demised Chapter are returned to Grand Chapter.

Be amended to read:

When a Chapter voluntarily demises, the Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron shall see that the Secretary of said Chapter forwards all money, jewels, Dispensation or Charter, records and all other property of the Chapter to the Grand Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Deputy Grand Matron to see that all properties of a demised Chapter are returned to Grand Chapter.

In the case of the arrest of a Charter or Dispensation, after the payment of current bills, the Bank Account of said chapter shall be sealed and the physical property shall be held until action by the Grand Chapter in upholding or reversing the action of the Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron. If the action of the Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron is upheld by the Grand Chapter, the Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron shall be responsible to seeing that the Chapter Secretary forwards to the Grand Secretary all property of the Chapter.

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

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

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that Amendment No. 14 as presented by the Jurisprudence Committee be adopted. Do we have any discussion?

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: May I explain the reason for this particular amendment? Last Grand Chapter Session a charter had been lifted and it was only lifted for about 6 weeks and it was quite expensive because when they sent in the charter, instead of rolling it up and sending in the papers, they sent the whole bit to the Grand Secretary's office and it was quite expensive to get it to the Grand Secretary's office and then quite expensive to get it back, and that's the reason for this particular period of grace.

Worthy Grand Matron: Do we have other discussion? Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of adopting Amendment No. 14, please signify by raising your hand. Those opposed, same sign. The Amendment No. 14 is adopted.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: This amendment deals with mileage.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 15 to the CODE OF LAWS, as printed in the 60 Day Pamphlet, and find same to be in proper form to submit to this Grand Chapter for their action.

AMENDMENT NO. 15

Page 110, Chapter 13, Article 180 (1)

Which now reads:

Who Entitled. All Grand Officers, Present Acting Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M., if he is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grant Trustees, Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, members of the Board of Grand Examiner, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Deputy Grand Matrons, the Assistants to the Grand Secretary, members of all Grand Chapter Committees, the one ranking representative from each subordinate Chapter, including each Chapter under dispensation, provided the Grand Chapter has voted to grant such Chapter a Charter, and the Superintendent of the O.E.S. Home, shall receive actual mileage, provided they attend upon all business sessions of the Grand Chapter.

Be amended to read:

Who Entitled. The one ranking representative from each subordinate Chapter, including each Chapter under dispensation, provided the Grand Chapter has voted to grant such Chapter a Charter, shall receive actual mileage of five cents (5c) per mile to and from Grand Chapter, provided they attend upon ALL business sessions of the Grand Chapter. The Worthy Grand Matron shall direct the Grand Warder and Assistant Grand Warders to verify attendance at all business sessions by those entitled under this article to receive mileage by whatever means are required.

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

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

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that Amendment No. 15 — the report given by the Jurisprudence Committee, be adopted. Do we have any discussion?

Mr. Charlie Cannaday: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Charlie Cannaday of Wimodausis Chapter No. 141, San Antonio, Texas, a Past Patron. I feel that attending all the business sessions of Grand Chapter has been on our Constitution for years and is still a part of it. I would like to ask, how in the world are we going to enforce or expect people to attend all Grand Chapter Sessions when even the Grand Officers don't do it, and I don't do it, and nobody in this Grand Chapter attends all Session? I feel that the amendment to our Constitution is unenforceable and superfluous to me. Thank you.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: I'd like to speak on this proposal. The designers of this particular amendment have said what the Worthy Grand Matron has to do, and the Grand Warder, and Grand Sentinel. They have given no provision for enforcing it. I believe when an amendment is designed, you need to make some provision as to how we are going to enforce this. Which Worthy Grand Matron is ever going to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas and believes her people and says they are all in here. Now, at times you feel like you really want to whenever you try to pass some legislation and there is not a quorum. That's when it gets real disheartening. But I think this an impossible task for any Worthy Grand Matron to police the delegates — the Chapter Representatives — in other words — every Board member that leaves out of here and all of those floor officers that leave out of here. But, it only says that the Chapter Representatives have to stay. I don't see how in the world anybody can enforce this particular thing. I think it would be an impossibility.

Mr. C. L. Pribble: Worthy Grand Matron, I agree with the brother in the back who stated that many of our laws are unenforceable. This does not relieve us of the responsibility of doing what's right. This proposed amendment was proposed for the purpose of having the people attend the sessions if they're going to receive the money. Now, some of us come in here on Monday or Sunday and pick up their credentials and attend all the sessions. They receive "x" number of dollars, whatever it is for mileage. We have others come in here on Wednesday night or Thursday morning, register in time to vote in the election and receive the same money and do not attend but one session of Grand Chapter. This is not equalization as far as distribution goes in not speaking of the matter. We're talking about enforcing, I think the enforcement part of the law is not part of the Constitution. If it cannot be enforced, then we should take action accordingly. This does not preclude us from doing what we believe to be right. As far as paying the mileage; in 1973 only 65%, or 65.2% of the amount of mileage was used; in 1974 it rose to 89.8%. In 1975 it was 91.8%. In 1976 it was 69.3%. If we change the mileage on this, it will amount to this Grand Chapter Session 20.7% because we have a total mileage proposed for this Grand Chapter Session of \$33,444.72. Of this amount \$26,516.10 goes to the Chapter Representatives who are attending this session. Grand Chapter officers and members who are not chapter representatives amount to \$6,928.22. I feel that this is a good amendment. If we do find that we cannot enforce the law, or it doesn't enforce, then we should take it out. Thank you.

Miss Anna Schelper: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Anna Schelper, Past Matron of Star Chapter No. 782. I agree the people need to use integrity in accepting mileage when attending Grand Chapter; but, should we penalize some one who becomes ill, has a sudden emergency, or due to earning their livelihood cannot attend all Grand Chapter Sessions. Therefore, I recommend that this motion be voted against.

Mr. William Reed: Worthy Grand Matron, I am William Reed, Worthy Patron of Augusta Chapter No. 317. Figures are very confusing to me. I don't know much about them, I don't understand all the Brother referred to. I think one of the biggest things in this amendment is the fact that it takes away mileage from those people who have worked the hardest and done the most to make this Grand Chapter a success. I have never held a grand office, but I do know that the people — the working committees — all grand officers, Yourself on down, certainly are entitled to mileage. As far as enforce-

ment of the law is concerned, there ought to be means by which you could register and probably get a pretty good coverage. I don't feel that this amendment is in the best interest of Grand Chapter in any way, and I'd like to go on record against it. Thank you.

Mrs. Maydelle Grubbs: Worthy Grand Matron, I have served this Grand Chapter as Grand Warder and I can tell you there would be no way of enforcing this amendment. And again 3c a mile is a little ridiculous, anyway. I would rather not have any mileage myself and give it to the Chapter Representative, but you cannot enforce this amendment.

Mrs. Gloria Strieg: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Gloria Strieg, Worthy Matron of Deer Park Chapter No. 1063. I would like to say that I feel like this is a good amendment for a number of reasons. First of all, is that I am my Chapter Representative. I am lucky that my Worthy Patron is here attending. If I were unable to attend then I would give him my proxy and he is normally the Chapter Representative, so that he can receive the mileage. This I feel like can go to any one. Any one can have a proxy to Grand Chapter. Sure, you cannot attend, but you are here for your Chapter and when your membership cannot come you're the Representative for that one year and that is a great honor and you should attend.

Mrs. Estelle Baker: Worthy Grand Matron, the enforcing we are talking about is not my question. The question is what might be representatives. Are these, like your Grand Representatives, the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, and all of these. My question is if we do away with the mileage for these people and you only have one Chapter Representative?

Worthy Grand Matron: The Chapter Representative is the Worthy Matron, and would be the one to receive the mileage, whether it be a Worthy Matron, Associate Matron or a representative chosen by the Worthy Matron.

Mrs. Estelle Baker: Worthy Grand Matron, what I'm saying, all these District Deputies, Deputy Grand Matrons, all of these — do they not receive mileage also?

Worthy Grand Matron: They do now, but they're trying to eliminate it.

Mrs. Estelle Baker: That was my question, not the enforcement of it, but does it do away with every one who received mileage except one Chapter Representative?

Worthy Grand Matron: They are attempting to do away with all mileage and raise the mileage to 5c per person for the Chapter Representative.

Mr. Reed: Worthy Grand Matron, I apologize for taking the floor again, but to show that I am not in opposition to everything that comes along. I appreciate and feel that we are accomplishing something when the Subordinate Chapters get up and sepak their piece, and I think I can speak for each one here — we appreciate the things all the Worthy Grand Matrons, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, and others have done for this Order, but as I said yesterday the people that are seated in this great area are members and the backbone of the Grand Chapter and they don't have it and they don't receive the mileage, but, the only question I was opposed to is that of enforcing it." I'm not against the amendment "per se" but the question was the enforcement.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, my brother. Sisters and Brothers are you ready for the question? All those in favor of adopting Amendment No. 15 as presented by the Jurisprudence Committee signify by the usual voting sign, All those opposed, same sign. The amendment is defeated.

Sisters and Brothers, we have quite a number of Jurisprudence Committee Reports and we will commence again at 2:00 o'clock. Now, this is where we need our Chapter Representatives. I have told you before that we need at least 200 in order to conduct our business. I know we have more than 200 and I am forever grateful, so please be back here at 2:00 o'clock so we can continue with the Jurisprudence Committee.

Sisters and Brothers, I have not yet closed this Session, and if I might have quiet while we do so, I would appreciate it.

Sister Grand Warder.

Grand Warder: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter Session from Labor to Rest and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

(The Session was called from Labor to Rest at 12:05 P.M.)

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

October 26, 1977

1:45 P.M.

Musical Selections Mrs. Leonard Ellington
Mrs. Lucille Rowland

(Lovely and beautiful musical selections were rendered by Mr. Leonard Ellington and Mrs. Lucille Rowland as the members gather and took their places for the Wednesday Afternoon Session of this Grand Chapter.)

2:00 P.M.

Escort Mrs. Nancy Shurley Johnson,
Grand Marshal

Mrs. Doris Easterling,
Past Grand Matron
Mr. Hal Burnett,
Past Grand Patron
Mrs. Sally Matranga,
Worthy Grand Organist

The Reverend Mr. O. D. Christian,
Past Grand Patron

Mrs. Doris Easterling: Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure that I greet you on this Wednesday afternoon, during the 95th Session of our Grand Chapter.

Music delights the heart and lifts us toward God. Brother Leonard Ellington and Sister Lucille Rowland, the two of you, along with our Grand Organist and the Grand Choir, have filled our hearts with delight throughout this Session, and we are grateful to each of you for sharing your talents with us.

Sisters and Brothers, will you join me in expressing appreciation for the beautiful Musical Selections provided for our enjoyment by Brother Leonard and Sister Lucy? Sister Lucy, I recognized my March. Thank you.

CALL TO ORDER

I now Call to Order this Wednesday Afternoon Session of "The Sun-A Source of Light, Life and Fruitfulness Session" of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and other Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

(The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and other Grand Officers entered the Grand Chapter Room.)

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

Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure that I introduce to you, Sister Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron, Brother J. Perry Smithwick, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will assist me in according them Grand Honors.

The Grand Officers will assume their station.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it is with love and appreciation that I express my thanks for the courtesy extended me of Calling to Order this Wednesday Afternoon Session, along with Brother O. D. Christian, my own Worthy Grand Patron of 1975-1976.

Brother O. D. Christian, not only are you and your lovely Frances very special friends to J. B. and me, but the entire membership of Texas has expressed its love for you in many ways. I am sure they would like to hear from you at this time. Brother O. D.

Mr. O. D. Christian: Thank you, Mrs. Doris Easterling, my own Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers, it is a most gratifying honor that comes to me in assisting Sister Doris Easterling, my beloved friend and Past Grand Matron, in Calling this Wednesday Afternoon Session — The Sun-A Source of Light, Life and Fruitfulness Session to Order. My personal thanks and appreciation to you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Roberts, for allowing me to have this joyous opportunity. Worthy Grand Matron, permit me to personally apologize to you for being absent from so many of your meetings — fraternal visits this year. But, as I left Grand Chapter last year, returning home to pack up and move to a new location, and have taken just about all the year getting established there. However, I know from the reports that I have had, and the occasions that I have been privileged to be with you and Brother Perry, that Grand Chapter activities this past year have been efficiently, appropriately, and lovingly taken care of by your most capable leadership. May I personally say to you, "My personal gratitude for the efforts you put forth this year in serving this great organization". Brother Perry Smithwick, I am confident that this has been a most gratifying experience of the year's activities in this great Order. I believe, as has been exemplified in your department, that we can well say that Grand Chapter made a wise decision in supporting the choice of Sister Joyce Roberts a couple of years ago. I can only pray that our Eternal Father will grant you and Sister Joyce more years to serve our fellowman. Therefore, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my prayer is that you may have a most excellent conclusion to the year of activities during the rest of this Grand Chapter Session. Thank you.

Mrs. Doris Easterling: Thank you, Brother O. D. Christian. Since the time of creation, when God said, "Let there be LIGHT", we know that Light has been of the utmost importance in our world. God knew that mankind would depend on LIGHT for LIFE, because Light is essential for all growth. The SUN supplies LIGHT, Heat and other energy necessary to LIFE. Without the Sun's gift of LIGHT, warmth and other forms of energy, the earth would be a lifeless planet, but the SUN radiates an enormous amount of LIGHT, heat and other kinds of energy in every direction. So we see that the SUN, too, plays an important part in our lives.

LIGHT and the SUN were used in various ways by our Illustrious Founder, Rob Morris, when he gave us the beautiful teachings of our Order.

One of the first things we recall about our coming into our Order is the reference to us as "A Seeker after LIGHT", and we are admonished by the EFFULGENT SUN, an emblem of LIGHT, to let the principles of Order shine with undiminished luster in our lives. Our Order also teaches that we should return frequently to THAT GREAT LIGHT for Instruction.

Since LIGHT is essential in our lives, may we always be led by Him who said, "I am the LIGHT of the world", as we follow the teachings of our Beautiful Order.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, your wise leadership this year has brought LIGHT and SUNSHINE into the life of each member of our Order in Texas. The love and dedication you exemplified wherever you went have been an inspiration to each of us. We shall long remember you as two of the finest leaders of our Beloved Order, and we wish for you, during the remainder of this Session, the fulfillment of your dreams and plans.

Worthy Grand Matron, I now present you your Gavel. Thank you for this privilege.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Doris Easterling and Brother O. D. Christian, my precious friends, for that beautiful opening of this afternoon's session. Before I go into the opening, I would like to present Mr. Glen Taylor, who would like to say something to you.

Mr. Glen Taylor: Sisters and Brothers, I know you are all looking forward to going to the General Banquet tonight in Jaurez . . . those of you who have tickets. I would like to announce that we will load the busses for the General Banquet on this west side of the parking lot. These busses will leave at 5:30 p.m. They should be there at 5:00 p.m. We are going to have to make two trips, so if you should be a little late or get there and there are no busses, don't panic, you can catch the second trip.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Glen.

Sister Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to Call this Grand Chapter Session from Rest to Labor.

CALLED FROM REST TO LABOR

Mr. Hal Burnett, Past Grand Patron, will bring the Invocation.

INVOCATION

Mr. Hal Burnett: Our gracious Heavenly Father, we are mindful that wisdom and strength of this convention, and our wisdom and strength comes from Thee — that every good and proper gift comes from Thee. We are mindful that the Sun is a source of light because of Thy love for us in Thy creation. We're mindful that Thy love with us has been bountiful through the years in this Grand Chapter. Now we would ask Thee to be with our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as they proficiently carry on the duties that are before them. Give us strength, Oh God, to meet and put aside those evils that would mar true Christian principles, and may we help build Thy kingdom here on earth as it has come to us through Thy holy writings. Especially we ask Thee to forgive us of our many sins. May we ever be mindful that each individual of this Grand Chapter is a part of Thy creation and of this organization, and may each of us respect the rights of others that we may carry on the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star here in Texas through Thy great love. Now we would ask Thee to be with our Worthy Grand Matron as she presides over this fine body of people for the remaining part of this Session and then we would ask Thee to go with us and strengthen and uphold us, as we go back to our respective Chapters that we may carry the message that we receive here back home. These lessons we ask in Jesus' name, whose star we follow. Amen.

Worthy Grand Matron: Do we have any Past Grand Matrons or Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions who have not been introduced at this Session of Grand Chapter? Do we have any Grand Representatives that have not been presented at this Grand Chapter Session?

PRESENTATION

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Sister Mabel Harle at the Altar.

Grand Conductress: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure that I present Sister Mabel Harle, Past Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, we are having introductions and it is very hard for me to hear if we have so much talking, so would you please help me and just be quiet until we are through with our Session. If you have to go up and down these stairs, greet your friends later. Thank you so very much.

Sister Mabel Harle, what a joy it is to have you in this Grand Chapter Session in El Paso. I think the last time you came to El Paso, you attended one of my meetings when I was Worthy Matron of my Chapter and I always thought of you as a very beautiful woman, inside and out, and I appreciate it so very much that you are here today. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Past Grand Matron to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, with pleasure, I introduce to you Sister Mabel Harle, Past Grand Matron of Texas. Please join with me in according her Grand Honors.

If we have Grand Representatives that have not been introduced, would you please meet the Grand Conductresses in the west. Is Sister Ruth Palmer here? Do we have any Grand Representatives? I know that Sister Ruth Palmer has not been introduced. All right. Is Brother, the Honorable W. P. Lamb in the Chapter Room? Thank you, Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress.

I would like to call on Sister Patsy Sawyer, Superintendent of the Home who will give her report.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF O.E.S. HOME

Mrs. Patsy Sawyer: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Perry Smithwick, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers, it is with a great deal of pride and pleasure that I bring to you the report from your Eastern Star Home at Arlington for the year 1976-77.

It has been a year of escalating prices, much repair work and the replacing of equipment. The work in the nursing home to meet the Life Safety Code has taken a long time to complete — from February to September. It has been most difficult to work under these conditions. Our employees have been most understanding and helpful in this respect.

We have been able to hire the qualified type of personnel that you as members of Eastern Star are proud to have take care of our lovely ladies who reside there. We have been able to be competitive in salaries, therefore, we are able to secure experienced, as well as qualified help and for this we want to thank our Benevolent Board members and you our beloved membership.

We have admitted 8 new residents to the Home this year:

Mrs. Mamie Preston, Polytechnic Chapter No. 240
 Mrs. Rose Capps, Houston Heights Chapter No. 258
 Miss Alma Beall, Trinity Chapter No. 186
 Mrs. Emma Jane Anderson, Templar Chapter No. 374
 Miss Edith Lockhart, Flora Chapter No. 794
 Mrs. Clara Wynne, No. Fort Worth Chapter No. 684
 Mrs. Lois MacDonald, Marfa Chapter No. 344
 Mrs. Elä Harrington, Areme Chapter No. 736

Those who passed away are:

Mrs. Willie Briggs, Port Arthur Chapter No. 262
Mrs. Esten Campbell, Winnsboro Chapter No. 967
Mrs. Lena Chick, Tarrant Chapter No. 8
Mrs. Ethel Danks, Dal-Cliff Chapter No. 574
Mrs. Myrtle Everett, So. San Antonio Chapter No. 691
Mrs. Laura Keepers, McLennen Chapter No. 639
Mrs. Johnie Lewis, Llano Chapter No. 216
Mrs. Susie A. Martin, Polytechnic Chapter No. 420
Mrs. Margery Matlock, Rankin Chapter No. 176
Mrs. Lena Belle McDonald, Loyal Chapter No. 648
Mrs. Rebecca McKinney, McLennan Chapter No. 639
Miss Arthur Woods, Thornton Chapter No. 486

At present we have 84 residents. You might be interested to know that their average age is 85.

You, the membership, have been wonderful to send many donations to the ladies and the Home. They could not enjoy as many extras as they do without your generous gifts.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Roberts, you and your fine husband, Joe, have honored us with your visits on many occasions this year. The ladies have enjoyed and appreciated your nice visits and they looked forward to seeing you each time. You have been an outstanding Worthy Grand Matron and we love you for all that you have done for the Home. Thank you for your friendship, love and dedication for our beloved order.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Perry Smithwick, you and your lovely wife, Helen, have honored us on many occasions and we thank you for your loyal support that you have shown for the Home. It has been a real pleasure working and serving with you and our lovely Worthy Grand Matron this year.

Sister Agnes Lee, our Grand Secretary, we have worked together for six years and each year you assist us in many ways. Although you spend long hours every day taking care of Grand Chapter business, you are never too busy to help us at the Eastern Star Home. For this we thank you very much.

To our fine Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolence, Sister Rachel Jones, Chairman; Brother C. H. (Doc) Allen, Vice Chairman; Brother Taylor Hook, Secretary; Mrs. Earnesteen Porter, Treasurer; and Mrs. Modgie Hudson, Member, we wish to express our appreciation for your fine leadership this past year. As always, it is wonderful working for you. Your wise decisions have been outstanding. Sister Rachel Jones, we have enjoyed having you as our Chairman and it has been a real pleasure working and serving with you. We will miss you and your fine husband, Brother Aubrey.

Sister Zena Wilson, General Chairman of Founders Day Committee, and Sister Polly Dugger, General Chairman of Time and Talent, it has been wonderful working with you two fine Christian ladies and your committees. You have been responsible for adding much to the beauty of our home and to the comfort of the ladies. For this we give you a great big "Thank you".

Sister Maudine King, General Chairman of Home Beautification, thank you and your committee for the generous contributions raised by you for the large amount of money, making it possible to start our landscaping, which will be enjoyed by the entire membership for years to come.

Sisters and Brothers, let me once again express my appreciation to each and all of you for your continued interest, love and support for our beloved ladies and the Home they love so much.

Respectfully submitted,

Potsy Sawyer, Adm.-Supt.
Eastern Star Home

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 Sister Potsy Sawyer, Superintendent of the Home. Do we have any discussion. All those in favor, signify by raising your right hand. Those opposed. The Report carried.

Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, may I interrupt just a minute to try to clarify something? It seems as though there is a bit of confusion about the buses this evening, so to clarify this particular thing, I'll be speaking to the floor officers, the General Grand Chapter officers and Committee members, and our own Past Grand Matrons and Patrons. Please be here at the Civic Center at 5:00 o'clock so that you may board your bus. This will not necessarily give you preferential treatment, it might in a way, but they might have something they wanted you to do when you get over there, too. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. We'll have the Report of the Educational Fund Committee by Mr. Jack Crump.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Jack Crump: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members, my Sisters and Brothers. This report of the Educational Fund Committee was prepared by the Chairman of this Committee, Sister Edith Alford, one of the finest and most gracious ladies that I have ever had the opportunity to work with. Due to surgery on October 5th, Sister Alford could not attend this 95th Grand Chapter Session, and I would ask that you please remember her in your prayers. Worthy Grand Matron, with your permission I will present the Report as Sister Edith has written it.

It is with much pleasure that I introduce to you, Brother Jack Crump, Member of this Committee. Brother Crump has been most cooperative and helpful in all the activities of the committee this year. The other member of this committee, Sister Cacy Fidler, has been inactive this year.

I am pleased to present to this Grand Chapter the report of the Educational Fund Committee:

New Loans Granted:

1-19-77	Loan No. 2 for Anita Narramore	\$675.00
2- 7-77	Loan No. 1 for Sharon Pickett	\$675.00
8-18-77	Loan No. 1 for Susan Lynn	\$675.00
8-26-77	Loan No. 1 for Angela Redman	\$675.00
5- 3-77	We granted a \$450.00 Scholarship to Miss Sharon Pickett	

Loans Now Outstanding:

	Loan	Interest Pd.	Principle Pd.	Balance
Martha Anderson Bloss	\$675.00	\$40.50	\$100.00	\$ 575.00
Anita Narramore	\$1,175.00	30.00		1,175.00
	(Loans #1 & 2)			
Diana Seiffert	500.00	30.00 (2 yr.)	200.00	300.00
Bertha Richardson	675.00	20.25	100.00	575.00
Cynthia Ann White	2,025.00	40.50		2,065.00
	(Loans #1,2,3)	(Int. Due)		

Cynthia Ann graduated from Texas Tech in June 1977.

Larry Shoemaker, Jr.: This loan of \$675.00 was made in August of 1973. On November 1, 1976, there was an unpaid balance of \$425.75. Interest for the current year has not been paid. Balance now due is \$446.00. Every effort has been made by the Committee to collect this unpaid loan, but we have received only promises of payment. We understand that Larry is now in Saudi Arabia.

Total Receipts for the year:

Interest Paid.....	\$ 120.75
Principle Paid.....	400.00
Gifts: Granbury Chapter No. 530, Memorial.....	30.00
Hondo Chapter No. 404, Donation.....	5.00
Jack Crump, Donation.....	50.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 605.75

Total Disbursements for the year:

4 — \$675.00 loans.....	\$2,700.00
1 — \$450.00 Scholarship.....	450.00
TOTAL.....	\$3,150.00

Balance in the E.L.F. Sept. 1977

American National Bank, Austin.....	\$ 629.36
Austin Savings.....	10,671.51
Citizens of Texas, Baytown.....	5,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$16,300.87

Brother Crump and I have had two meetings during the year to discuss loans and other activities of the committee.

To Sister Agnes Lee Howard and the workers in her office, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for all their capable assistance. Thanks to their prompt replies and help, the committee has been able to function more effectively.

Worthy Grand Matron, serving three years on this committee, two of them as chairman, has been a very enjoyable and rewarding experience. I look forward to the time, when through our membership, we can reach those young people who need assistance with their education.

Fraternally submitted,

Edith Alford, Chairman
Jack Crump, Member

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 Educational Committee. Any discussion. All in favor please signify by raising your hand, all opposed same. Motion carried.

I would ask that Sister Irene Shearer move the adoption of the Reports as presented earlier.

ADOPTION OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES AND DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS REPORTS

Mrs. Irene Shearer: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the District Deputies and the Deputy Grand Matrons Reports in total as they will appear in the proceedings.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we accept the Report as given by the District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Matrons earlier. All in favor, signify by the usual voting sign. Opposed, same sign. The Report is adopted.

Sister Dorothy Vernon. We will have the adoption of the Grand Examiners' Reports.

Mrs. Dorothy Vernon: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the Grand Examiners' Reports in total as they will appear in the proceedings.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the Reports of the Grand Examiners. Any discussion. All in favor please signify by raising your hand, those opposed same. The reports are adopted, Thank you, Sister Dorothy.

I recognize Sister Molly Goodpasture, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18

Mr. Oliver Chamberlin: We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 16 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. 16

Page 97, Chapter 8, Article 145, (Paragraph 3).

Which now reads:

Each Deputy Grand Matron shall also receive mileage to Grand Chapter.

Be amended to read:

Deputy Grand Matrons shall not receive mileage to Grand Chapter.

Edwin L Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

I move the acceptance of the Report.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the member of the Jurisprudence Committee present Amendment No. 16.

Mrs. Rosemary Swindlin: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Rosemary Swindlin, Past Matron of Brooke Chapter No. 208. I would like to speak regarding the reading of the next 3, or possibly 4 amendments and not dwell on the legality. But it seems to me this morning, right at the end of our Session on the preceding Amendment No. 15 that

it was the desire of most of the members of Grand Chapter that the mileage fee remain for the Grand Officers and those others listed. The next amendment says that specific officers cannot be given mileage. I would like to say at this time that I am very grateful for all Grand Officers, Committee members, and those that serve our Grand Chapter. They give of their time either one year or all these years, and at 3c a mile, we need hardly call it an expense. I would consider it more a gift for their loyalty and service to Grand Chapter and that it is not really an expense but out of appreciation for all of their time, service, and love that they give to us. If for some reason this Grand Chapter feels that they need to cut expenses, being an Eastern Star leader myself for this year, I know that we can all pull together as we have always done for these wonderful years to come up with any money that Grand Chapter feels they need without slighting, in any way, the wonderful work of all of our Grand Officers. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you. Do we have other discussion? Are you ready for the question.

Mrs. Doretha Fuller: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Doretha Fuller, Past Matron of Liberty Chapter No. 634. I would like for it to go on record that I am for the Grand Officers to receive the money for mileage.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reading of Amendment No. 16 . . .

Mr. Charlie Cannaday: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Charlie Cannaday and every one gets tired of seeing me run up here and I'm not speaking on any long discussion at this time. Since Grand Chapter defeated the preceding Amendment — the proposed Amendment deleting the mileage fees for Grand Officers — I realize that if you don't get the mileage, it might be a hardship on some people. You cannot operate on 3c a mile or 5c a mile and Grand Chapter would save a lot of expense by deleting all of this mileage, but I believe in the office seeking the person and not the person seeking the office. But since the other mileage will still be available because they balloted Amendment 15, I would recommend that all these Amendments . . . pertaining to mileage fees be defeated. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, my Brother. Please, Sisters and Brothers, we must vote on each amendment as it is presented here. You may turn them all down, but we will go through each of these Amendments. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of adopting Amendment No. 16, please raise your right hand. It has been moved and seconded, by the way. All those opposed. It is defeated.

Amendment No. 17 please.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19

Mr. Richard Porter: We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 17 to the CODE OF LAWS, as printed in the 60 Day Pamphlet, and find same not in proper form to submit to this Grand Chapter for their action, as no provision has been made to change the related Section in the Constitution, Article IX, Section 1, last paragraph.

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

I move the adoption of this Report.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the Jurisprudence Committee Report on Amendment No. 17, and of course, we have had discussion. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of adopting Amendment No. 17.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: Sisters and Brothers, our Jurisprudence Committee member reported that it was not in order because there is a related section in the Constitution and the signers of this amendment did not make a provision to change the law in the Constitution, only in the Code of Laws, so that our Jurisprudence Committee member, Mr. Porter, moved that you accept the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee "that it is not in order", rather than accepting the amendment.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we accept the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee on Amendment No. 17. All in favor, signify by raising your hand. Those opposed. We have accepted the Jurisprudence Committee Report.

No. 18, please.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 18 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. 18

Page 95, Chapter 7, Article 142 (Paragraph 7).

Which now reads:

Each District Deputy Grand Matron shall also receive mileage to Grand Chapter.

Be amended to read:

District Deputy Grand Matrons shall not receive mileage to Grand Chapter.

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

I move the adoption of this Report.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we accept the Amendment No. 18. Do we have any discussion? Are you ready for the question? All in favor raise your right hand. All those Opposed. The Amendment is defeated.

Amendment No. 19.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: I shall read quickly, as this is a rather long one.

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 19 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. 19

Page 73, Chapter 5, Section C, Article 86.

Which now reads:

EXPENSES AND MILEAGE. Each District member of the Board of Grand Examiners shall be allowed mileage to Grand Chapter. She shall also be allowed

actual expenses (including travel allowance as hereinafter set out) in attending Eastern Star Schools in her or his respective District.

The member of the Board from the State at Large shall be allowed mileage to Grand Chapter and actual expenses in attending any Eastern Star School in any District where she or he is required to substitute for the member of the Board from that District, such actual expenses to be paid from the appropriation made by Grand Chapter to cover the expense of such District Member for whom she is substituting.

Be amended to read:

EXPENSES AND MILEAGE. No expenses shall be incurred against the Grand Chapter of Texas by members of the Board of Grand Examiners just prior to or during the annual Grand Chapter Session. She shall be allowed actual expenses (including travel allowances as hereinafter set out) in attending Eastern Star Schools in her or his respective District.

The member of the Board from the State at Large shall be allowed actual expenses in attending any Eastern Star School in any District where she or he is required to substitute for the member of the Board from that District, such actual expenses to be paid from the appropriation made by Grand Chapter to cover the expense of such District Member for whom she is substituting.

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

I move the adoption of Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 21, it covers Amendment No. 19.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee for Amendment No. 19. Do we have any discussion? All those in favor of adopting this Amendment as it is presented, please signify by raising your right hand. Those Opposed. The amendment is defeated.

Amendment No. 20, please.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 22

Mr. Oliver Chamberlin: We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 20 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. 20

Page 139, Chapter 9, Article 261.

Which now reads:

The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the meetings of the Chapter; collect all money due the Chapter and pay the same to the Treasurer; she shall notify the Secretary of Chapters with concurrent jurisdictions of all applications for degrees, affiliation, transfers and waivers; and perform all other duties appertaining to her office.

Be amended to read:

The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the meetings of the Chapter; collect all money due the Chapter and pay the same to the Treasurer; she shall notify the Secretary of Chapters with concurrent jurisdiction of waivers and perform all other duties appertaining to her office.

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

I move the adoption of this Report.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt Amendment No. 20. Do we have any discussion? Are you ready for the question? Sister Frances Herrin.

Mrs. Francis Herrin: Worthy Grand Matron, I am wondering if some of the members understand the meaning of this Resolution (I don't think so), so I would like to point out to the members that only on the waiver of jurisdiction in a concurrent jurisdiction are the members permitted a ballot. We are not permitted to ballot on a petition for the degrees or transfer of membership or a demit. We are permitted only a vote on a waiver of jurisdiction. So, Worthy Grand Matron, I approve this amendment and recommend that it be adopted.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you. Do we have any other discussion? Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of adopting Amendment No. 20 signify by raising your hand. Those opposed, same sign. The Amendment has been adopted.

Amendment No. 21.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23

Mr. Richard Porter: We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 21 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. 21

WHEREAS a seemingly unfair situation now exists in small Sections where Chapters, under circumstances beyond their control, are not allowed to be recorded as participating in the Joint Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron because such Visit conflicts with the Chapter's Stated Meeting, even though such Chapter bore an equal portion of the expenses and had a quorum present; and

WHEREAS approximately two-thirds of the Eastern Star Schools are held on week days; and

WHEREAS the Worthy Grand Matron must travel a circuitous route to allow the least number of conflicts with Stated Meetings, taxing Grand Chapter funds and her energies;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Page 154, Article 308 under Chapter 15, General Provisions. Joint Meetings.

Which now reads:

Article 308. JOINT MEETING. In holding Joint Meetings for the visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, Chapters will not be restricted by the provisions of Art. 257.

BE AMENDED to read,

Article 308. JOINT MEETING. In holding Joint Meetings for the visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, Chapters will not be restricted by the provisions of Art. 257; and provided further, in the case of a conflict, a Chapter will be permitted to participate in the Joint Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron in lieu of its Stated Meeting. Such Chapter is hereby authorized to amend its By-Laws to read:

SECTION 2. The Stated Meetings of the Chapter shall be held on the _____ day of each month. The hour of meeting shall be _____ o'clock P.M. The place of meeting shall be _____. Provided in the case of a conflict, participation in the Joint Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron may be in lieu of such Stated Meeting.

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

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

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt Amendment No. 21. Do we have any discussion? You ready for the question? All those in favor of adopting Amendment No. 21, please signify by raising your hand. Those Opposed. The Amendment is carried.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 24

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 22 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. 22

Page 66, Chapter 4, Section F, Article 78.

Which now reads:

CLOSING BOOKS. The Grand Treasurer shall close her books on the 5th day of November, and all business transacted after the above dates shall be applied to the incoming Eastern Star Year.

Be amended to read:

Closing Books. The Grand Treasurer shall close her books on the 31st day of October to conform with Article 189c.

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

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

Worthy Grand Matron: Do I hear a second. It has been moved and seconded that we adopt Amendment No. 22. Do we have any discussion? Ready for the question? All in favor of adopting Amendment No. 22, please signify by raising your hands. All those opposed. The Amendment carried.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 25

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 23 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. 23

Page 105, Chapter 12, Article 165: (1) Regular Order of Business.

Which now reads:

- d. Worthy Grand Matron's Address
- e. Worthy Grand Patron's Address

Be amended to read:

- d. Worthy Grand Matron's Report
- e. Worthy Grand Patron's Report

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

Before moving the adoption, I want to state, I feel, Worthy Grand Matron, that somewhere in the reprint of our Constitution and Laws down the line, there was a typographical error there. Worthy Grand Matron, I move adoption of Amendment No. 23, Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 25.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt Amendment No. 23. Is there any discussion? Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of adopting Amendment No. 23, please signify by raising your hand. Those opposed, same sign. The Amendment is adopted.

Amendment No. 24.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 26

Mr. Oliver Chamberlin: We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 24 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. 24

Page 127, Article 228. PETITIONS FOR TRANSFER.

Which now reads:

(1) HOW MADE. Transfers of Membership can be made only upon the prescribed form of petition for affiliation, accompanied by a receipt for dues from a Subordinate Chapter in Texas, showing dues paid to the time when transfer could be completed thereunder. Such petition shall be recommended by two members of the Chapter.

Be amended to read:

(1) HOW MADE. Transfers of Membership can be made only upon the prescribed form of petition for affiliation, accompanied by a receipt for dues from a Subordinate Chapter in Texas, showing dues paid to the time when transfer could be

completed thereunder. To comply with this portion of the Law no petition for Transfer shall be read during the month of May. Such petition shall be recommended by two members of the Chapter.

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

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

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt Amendment No. 24. Do we have any discussion?

Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard: Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to state in explanation of this particular proposed amendment: In the old law, the word "this" was first worded — this portion that it should not be read in May — and then, maybe it was for clarification; and years later "when the transfer could be completed thereunder" was added. Maybe in the printing of our Constitution it was omitted. But I would explain this. Each year the Worthy Grand Matron finds herself with a problem. There are some 20 members each year who are without membership through no fault of their own, and not even to their knowledge, because a Secretary has been told "that person has transferred"; so she drops her from her roles. They have not really been transferred until the first meeting in June. Well, the new Secretary certainly doesn't add them there, so members are without membership and this would clarify that because it always takes a month to handle it. It would take the entire month of June to complete one that was read in May.

Worthy Grand Matron: Do we have any other discussion? You understand what Sister Agnes Lee said? She is very explicit, I'm sure you did. Are you ready for the question. All those in favor of adopting amendment No. 24, please signify by raising your hand. Those Opposed, same sign. The amendment is adopted.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 27

Mr. Richard Porter: We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 25 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. 25

Page 60, Article 36. AUTOMOBILE.

Which now reads:

The Board of Grand Trustees is authorized to purchase an automobile for the use of the Worthy Grand Matron. Said automobile shall be within the price range of a Dodge Four-Door Sedan and be retained as the property of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. It shall be traded in for a new car each year under the direction of the Board of Grand Trustees and shall be operated under the supervision of the Board of Grand Trustees.

Be amended to read:

The Board of Grand Trustees is authorized to purchase an automobile for the use of the Worthy Grand Matron. Said automobile shall be within the price range of a medium sized car and be retained as the property of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. It shall be traded in for a new car each year under the direction of the Board of Grand Trustees and shall be operated under the supervision of the Board of Grand Trustees.

The rest of the article to remain the same.

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

Sisters and Brothers, this merely removes the words "Dodge four door sedan" and inserts "a medium size car". I move the adoption of this Report.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt Amendment No. 25. Do we have any discussion? Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of adopting Amendment No. 25, please signify by raising your right hand. Those Opposed, the same sign. The Amendment is adopted.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 28

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 26 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. 26

WHEREAS it be the desire of DUNCANVILLE CHAPTER No. 1014, of DISTRICT 1, SECTION 5 to be placed in Concurrent Jurisdiction with the Chapters of DISTRICT 1, SECTION 4, City of DALLAS, and

WHEREAS DUNCANVILLE CHAPTER has complied with the law as outlined on Pages 121 and 122, Art. 207, Section 4 of the Code of Laws governing Subordinate Chapters, and

WHEREAS the necessary information as outlined in said law has been furnished the GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS.

We, the members of DUNCANVILLE CHAPTER No. 1014, hereby petition the GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS to be placed in Concurrent Jurisdiction with the Chapters of DISTRICT 1, SECTION 4, City of DALLAS.

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

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

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt Amendment No. 26. Do we have any discussion? Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of adopting Amendment No. 26, please specify by raising your right hand. Those opposed, same sign. The Amendment is adopted.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 29

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Worthy Grand Matron, I present Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 29 dealing with Amendment No. 27.

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined Amendment No. 27 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. 27

WHEREAS it be the desire of Everman Chapter No. 624 of DISTRICT 3, SECTION 1, to be placed in Concurrent Jurisdiction with all Chapters of DISTRICT 3, SECTION 1, City of Fort Worth, and

WHEREAS Everman Chapter has complied with the law as outlined on Pages 121 and 122, Art. 207, Section 4 of Code of Laws governing Subordinate Chapters, and

WHEREAS the necessary information as outlined in said law has been furnished the GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS.

We, the members of Everman Chapter No. 624, hereby petition the GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS to be placed in Concurrent Jurisdiction with the Chapters of DISTRICT 3, SECTION 1, City of Fort Worth.

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 29, Amendment No. 27.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Lallah Mae. Sisters and Brothers it has been moved and seconded that we adopt Amendment No. 27. Do we have any discussion? Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of adopting Amendment No. 27, please signify by raising their right hand. Those opposed, same sign. The Amendment is carried.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 30

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: TO THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, O.E.S.:

The matter of the possible deletion or amending of the current law providing for a Purposes and Policies Committee was referred to the Worthy Grand Matron and Jurisprudence Committee for study and recommendation at this 1977 Grand Chapter Session.

Having reviewed the existing law as well as the excerpts from the 1959 Proceedings, at which time our law was amended to provide for such Committee, it is the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee that the present law remain as is, with an admonition to the Line Grand Officers of our Grand Chapter, the Boards and Committees that "any and all proposals for new adventures, new policies, etc., that may be suggested from time to time" must be presented to the Purposes and Policies Committee for consideration and recommendation to the Grand Chapter.

It is evident that this procedure has not been precisely followed from the inception of this law and we, the Jurisprudence Committee, admonish each Worthy Grand Matron of her duty to see that this and all laws are strictly enforced. (Art. 20, Pg. 57)

Respectfully submitted,

Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Edwin L. Sharpe
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

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

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt this Amendment No. 30 Report of the Purposes and Policies Committee. Do we have any discussion? Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of adopting this Purposes and Policies Committee Report, please signify by raising your right hand. Those opposed, same sign. The Amendment is adopted.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: Worthy Grand Matron, because of the way our law now stands, a petition that is received in any Subordinate Chapter, if the applicant refuses to be visited, you cannot ballot upon their petition until they are visited, and we have had several instances of this this year, and we have no law to do away with that particular petition. For as our law now stands, you have to keep it for years. And this has been a source of trouble to your Worthy Grand Matron all year long. We have proposed some emergency legislation to take care of this. And, Worthy Grand Matron, I move — which would help the incoming Jurisprudence Committee and Worthy Grand Matrons from now on — and Worthy Grand Matron, I move that we be allowed to present emergency legislation, since it has to be presented on Tuesday or Wednesday of Grand Chapter week.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we be allowed to present emergency legislation. Any discussion? Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of this motion, please signify by raising your right hand. All those opposed, same sign. It has been adopted.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 31

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: This is the emergency legislation we are presenting.

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, submit the following to this Grand Chapter for their action:

CODE OF LAWS: Page 125, Article 218, REPORT OF COMMITTEE (3)

which reads:

A petition for degrees cannot be withdrawn after it has been received by a Chapter and must be balloted upon unless the Committee on Investigation reports the petition "ineligible".

be changed to read:

A petition for degrees cannot be withdrawn after it has been received by a Chapter and must be balloted upon unless:

- a. The Committee on Investigation reports the petition "ineligible".
- b. Conditions are such that the applicant refuses or is physically unable to be personally interviewed by the Committee on Investigation in which case the Committee shall submit a signed statement of such refusal or physical disability. After report of such statement to the Chapter, the initiation fee shall be immediately returned and the statement filed with the petition in the Chapter records.

Edwin L. Sharpe
 Richard T. Porter
 Oliver B. Chamberlin
 Lallah Mae Vollus
 Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

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

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt Report No. 31 of the Jurisprudence Committee. Do we have any discussion?

A Member Speaks: Are . . .

Worthy Grand Matron: I cannot hear at all.

Member Speaking — . . . “says the same thing could happen on a waiver of jurisdiction — or even a courtesy investigation”.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: I’m sorry. I wonder, Lallah Mae, if we could move to amend this to apply to every investigating committee that has to visit a petitioner to where it would take care of all?

Lallah Mae Vollus: That’s acceptable to me.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: Since I made the motion, would you move to amend the motion?

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Worthy Grand Matron, I move to amend the recommendation that this apply to all investigating committees where the individual must be visited.

Worthy Grand Matron: The member wants to know who submits the signed statement.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: We discussed this at length in the Jurisprudence Committee room. At first we had thought to secure a signed statement from the applicant. Well, if the applicant is not going to let you visit, she certainly is not going to sign a statement. So, we changed our recommendation to add “the Committee shall submit a signed statement of such refusal or disability and we would say that it is the Committee who would sign the statement because if an applicant isn’t going to let you visit her to investigate her, she is not going to let you visit her to let her sign a statement.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: The real purpose of this is not to give the petitioner the right to withdraw a petition, but the Chapter be given an avenue to dispose of a petition.

Mrs. Donna Reed: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Donna Reed, Past Matron of Highland Park Chapter No. 1029, Dallas. I would like to ask a question of the Jurisprudence Committee regarding this Amendment — I am in favor of the Amendment — I would just like to ask, in the case of a petitioner who refuses to be visited and the investigating committee so states on a signed statement, in the future should these people change their mind, and wish to join the Order of the Eastern Star and re-petition, do they then on their petition for degrees say whether they have petitioned a chapter — were they rejected or accepted. Because of some problems that happened in Dallas this year, I anticipate that might come up also.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: What does it say on the application?

Worthy Grand Matron: It says that I have not petitioned a chapter.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: I think it would have to explain why.

Worthy Grand Matron: But the question on the petition is “have you ever been rejected” — It does not say, have you ever applied. And, of course, if they petitioned the same chapter, somebody is going to remember and then you’ll see what happens. (Laughter)

Sisters and Brothers, this particular incident has arisen many, many times this year. Petitioners have refused to be investigated and Chapters have held on to these petitions not knowing what to do; have changed committees, and still it has not worked. So, we really need some legislation to protect the Chapter from having “loose ends” in their records. Now, where are we? It has been moved and seconded that we accept the amendment as presented by the Jurisprudence Committee. Do we have any discussion?

Sister Rennie Ofton: Worthy Grand Matron, I believe I understood it to say it would apply to any petition which requires action. How will that be worded so that we will not have to amend each of these Chapters in the law for affiliation or transfer? Can that be included in this amendment? That all petitions . . .

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: That's what the amendment was.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: I believe that's what we did, Rennie, that we amended our resolution, or our amendment, to read that this would be added to the investigating committee or every investigating committee that requires visitation. So, it would cover all of it. It would have to be added to all of them.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: When the new Constitutions are printed, it will be added therein.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: Yes, when the new Constitutions are printed, then it should be added in each one of these places, and, in fact, when I send in my report to Agnes Lee, I will look all these places up and add them in all these places.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Molly. If they do petition another Chapter, they would have to say why, and not just the remark I made awhile ago. They don't necessarily have to be rejected. I think the petition says "have you ever petitioned another Chapter for the degrees". And if they have, then they will have to note that on the petition, just as they would if they had innocently presented a petition that was not accepted. So they would still have to say . . . yes.

Mr. Lovefield: Worthy Grand Matron, I am a member of a Chapter in Dallas. It seems to me that a simple remedy to this problem would be to put a time limitation upon such a condition that if a petitioner refuses to be visited by a committee within a period of 90 days, that the petition would be void and have no further effect.

Mr. Foreston: Worthy Grand Matron, I am a Past Patron of Garden City Chapter No. 143. I am wondering if this investigating committee investigating a petition for the degrees would be the same as a committee investigating a petition for affiliation?

Worthy Grand Matron: It's going to cover every area, sir, of the petition.

Mr. Foreston: Worthy Grand Matron, it seems to me that the member who is petitioning for affiliation would be treated some different from a petitioner for the degrees.

Worthy Grand Matron: Well, of course they are treated different. But if a person who petitioned for affiliation and refuses to be investigated, then the treatment would be the same.

Mr. Foreston: Then this Committee would be acting as judge and jury.

Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard: Worthy Grand Matron, each week, sometimes more than once, my office receives a telephone call — and I want to just pass this on in a way of explanation, Worthy Grand Matron. It's not to be "catty", you understand. Many people feel they will affiliate with a Chapter and I'm talking about transfer now — and yet they go to work — this will not apply to a small Chapter like my own, probably — but in the Metroplex, they go to work, they meet a good friend, they find out they are a member of the Order and they do not belong to that Chapter. All right, they decide "I should go in that chapter with my good friend from my work." And, they are probably right, they'll probably be a better member there. But what if they do, they don't know how to get their petition back. After all, this is the thing. We don't have a provision. I'm in favor of having a time limit, at least six months, that should give everybody a time to be at home. But they don't let them find them at home, they hide out for a year — every time they see somebody coming. They think that's the way that it would appear — well, if they can't find me at home, they can't report on that petition. And later they do go into some other — I guess they just wear it down, and

then they go into another chapter. But if we had some law, I'm not telling this important body how to make the law, but we do need a provision for people who change their mind — that might apply to men, but I'm sorry to tell you it does apply to our sister — they change their mind — they want to join another chapter — so let's give them some way to keep that poor chapter that is holding their money all this time to know what to do. The Worthy Grand Matron said, or Mrs. Goodpasture said, they've appointed two or three committees and worn them out and still they would not be visited — I know why and you do too — they don't want to join that chapter and they don't know how to keep from it.

A Sister: Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to make some additional comment on this subject. It is extremely difficult to explain to non-members of the Order of the Eastern Star that we have gaps in our laws. It is very difficult to tell a non-member of the Order of the Eastern Star that we have no provision for the withdrawal of their petition if they change their mind. And a lot of times they do—for whatever purpose—and I realize our laws are important to us, but somehow, I really feel that the Grand Chapter should make some provision for non-members of the Order who have petitioned and then have changed their mind before they can be investigated and then they don't have to have on their record if they re-change their mind — suppose a year later they decide now is a better time to join the Order of the Eastern Star. They don't have to say they have petitioned and refused to be investigated, which, if they petition again, would give them a bad name in the chapter they were then petitioning, and they would find eventually that it would be hard for them to become members. Sometimes people just really and truly do change their minds.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: The amendment that we made to the petition awhile ago where we added that this apply to all petitions, if you will turn to page 126, Petitions for Affiliation. Investigating Committee, etc., it says:

Article 221. Petitions for Affiliation. (CODE OF LAWS)

(4) INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES, ETC. The provisions relating to the Investigating Committee and report thereof in case of petitions for degrees (Article 217, 218) shall also apply to the Investigating Committee on petitions for affiliation.

So, this takes care of it. We do not have to have that amendment to the — so the original question is what we need because the amendment would be superfluous as it's already in our Constitution that we use the same procedure for investigating for affiliation as we do for the degrees. That would be a superfluous amendment.

Worthy Grand Matron: We'll go back to the original amendment. Are you ready for the question? Sister Lallah Mae, you are going to have to withdraw your amendment.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: I'm reading the next presentation, I'm trying to stay a little ahead. Worthy Grand Matron, I withdraw the amendment.

Worthy Grand Matron: How about starting all over again? All right. Sister Lallah Mae would you read the original amendment, please — well, whoever did it.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: Okay. I'll only read the change then.

A petition for degrees cannot be withdrawn after it has been received by a Chapter and must be balloted upon unless:

- a. The Committee on Investigation reports the petitioner "ineligible".
- b. Conditions are such that the applicant refuses or is physically unable to be personally interviewed by the Committee on Investigation in which case the Committee shall submit a signed statement of such refusal or physical disability. After report of such statement to the Chapter, the initiation fee shall be immediately returned and the statement filed with the petition in the Chapter records.

Everybody understand?

Worthy Grand Matron: Question? Thank you. All those in favor of adopting the amendment as it has been presented, please signify by raising your hands. Those opposed, same sign. The amendment has been adopted.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Well, Worthy Grand Matron, it's about time to say we have reached the "end of the row". This is the last.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters and Brothers of this wonderful Grand Chapter, in presenting Jurisprudence Report No. 32, I would like to state that it deals with the Livingston situation. I should like to preface the presentation of the report by assuring each of you that the Jurisprudence Committee has given long, careful, and earnest prayerful consideration of the recommendation that we bring to you, and it is the conviction of the entire committee that the resolution to follow is to the best interest of the Order.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 32

The probation for a year of Livingston Chapter No. 723 was given to the Jurisprudence Committee of 1976-77 by the 1976 Grand Chapter Session, to review and see if the terms of the probation had been fulfilled and to report at the 1977 Session of Grand Chapter.

It is the feeling of the entire Jurisprudence Committee that the laws of Grand Chapter have continually been flagrantly violated by this Chapter and that the forbearance of Grand Chapter in this case has, perhaps, been misinterpreted.

It is the recommendation of your Jurisprudence Committee that the Charter of Livingston Chapter No. 723 be permanently arrested.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin L. Sharpe
Richard T. Porter
Lallah Mae Vollus
Oliver B. Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman
Jurisprudence Committee

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

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of the Jurisprudence Committee concerning Livingston Chapter. It has been moved and seconded that we adopt this Report. Do we have any discussion? Are you ready for the question? All in favor, please signify by raising your hand. Those opposed, same sign. The Jurisprudence Committee's decision has been adopted.

I would like to thank the Jurisprudence Committee for their work — they have done a marvelous job and I appreciate it. Thank you so very much. (Applause)

I would like to call on Sister Lillian Anderson to ask for the adoption of her Report.

ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE REPORT

Mrs. Lillian Anderson: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Roberts, I move the adoption of the partial report of the International Temple Fund Committee as presented last night.

Worthy Grand Matron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the partial report of the International Temple Fund Committee as presented last evening, all in favor please signify by raising the right hand. All opposed, same sign. The Resolution was adopted.

Sisters and Brothers, we are about to close and I am about to invite Sister Sally Matranga to give the benediction. If you will please be seated and be quiet, I would appreciate it. Sister Sally Matranga, I invite you to give the Benediction.

Mrs. Sally Matranga: Our gracious Heavenly Father, in the quiet of this afternoon hour, our hearts are full of gratitude for Thy nearness to us, and the privilege that is ours in having this day. We thank Thee, for the leaders of this Grand Chapter and pray that Thy Blessings will rest upon them, as they continue to direct this Grand Chapter Session.

Bless then with strength and courage for each day. In all our deliberations may we ever be mindful that Thine all seeing eye watches over us and Thine all powerful hand guides us on our way, if we but trust in Thee. Amen.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Warder.

Grand Warder: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Session from labor to Rest and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

Grand Chapter Called from Labor to Rest at 3:45 P.M.

THURSDAY MORNING

October 27, 1977

8:45 A.M.

Musical Selections Mrs. Leonard Ellington
Mrs. Lucille Rowland

Escort Mrs. Nancy Shurley, Johnson
Grand Marshal

Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsop,
Past Grand Matron

Mr. Paul Huffhines,
Past Grand Patron

Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Past Grand Matron

Mr. Charles Bairfield, Past Grand Patron

Mr. Richard T. Porter, Past Grand Patron

CALL TO ORDER 9:00 A.M.

Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsop: My Sisters and Brothers, through the kindness of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Roberts, it becomes my honor and pleasure to call to order this Thursday morning session of the 95th Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, beautifully titled "The Sun, A Source of Light . . . Life . . . and Fruitfulness Session". Thank you Worthy Grand Matron — thrice thank you — for the signal honor of sharing the East with Brother Paul Huffhines, my own Worthy Grand Patron of 1973-74, a dedicated servant of God upon whom we all respect, admire and revere.

The organ selections this morning have lifted our hearts and I know that all through the week we have been so grateful for all the assistance that we have heard from the music that has led us to the throne of grace. We especially want to tell Sister

Lucille Rowland, Brother Leonard Ellington, Sister Jackie Culp and all of those assisting that we appreciate them. Will all of you please rise that have been giving us the beautiful music — this Assemblage wants to join with me in expressing to all of you our deep appreciation. Sisters and Brothers, join with me. (Applause).

Now if you will be real still, we want to get started on time. We have a lot of business to do before 10 a.m. — some official business we'll transact at this time.

To all in attendance, Good Morning — Welcome — and have a nice day. These three greetings are sincerely given and I hope genuinely felt by each of you. The song rings out in my mind at this time:

“Oh, what a beautiful morning
Oh, what a beautiful day”

In reflecting on the admonition from the Scripture, “This is the day that the Lord hath made, we shall rejoice and be glad in it”, we want to wish a very warm and sincere welcome to every member. For many of you, it is another reunion of old friends and making new friends. For others it affords the first opportunity for acquaintance with the governing Body of our Grand Jurisdiction. For all of us, it is a strengthening of interest in our beloved Order.

To our Distinguished members of Sister Jurisdictions, we are not unmindful of the miles that you have traveled to be here and we appreciate the honor conferred upon us by your presence. We trust that you have found the spirit of hospitality and good will and that you will carry away from this Session many, many pleasant memories. We hope that you will eagerly anticipate other visits to the Lone Star State.

To our own members, thank you for making the effort to come and for being willing to support your Grand Jurisdiction and helping to carry on its business. May your attendance here give you an experience and inspiration to go forward with the work of our Grand Order. On this, another day of light that God has given us, I hope that you will have compassion in your heart and love for one another.

A special prayer for God's blessings upon our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and our Grand Officers. As Christians, we thank our Heavenly Father that through his Son, Jesus Christ, we may walk with Him. We reverently say together, “Jesus, Jesus, Jesus — there is Something about that Name”. We thank Thee Father for the peace of mind and heart which Jesus gives to the believing heart. Help us to honor Thy name and give blessings to each life that we touch.

To bring our devotion, I am pleased to present Sister Agnes Lee Howard, Past Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, will you please be real still and listen while we have our hearts blessed by this devotion. Will you please, for just a few minutes, try not to talk. Thank you.

Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard: Good Morning, my Sisters and Brothers. May God bless us all. In Genesis, Chapter I, beginning with verse 16, we find the record of the advent of the “greater light,” as the event of the fourth day of Creation. In our modern age of Medical Science's enlightenment, much is written and said about transplants and the transplant procedure. As we approach the culmination of this meaningful “The Sun, A Source of Light . . . Life . . . and Fruitfulness Session”, it would be well indeed if we, as members of this great Order, would accept the challenge presented to us and transplant ourselves in the suggested role of the Sun — the Greater Light. Surely the precepts and teachings of our Order furnish us with the necessary equipment to become a source of Light . . . Life . . . and Fruitfulness to all of our fellow men and to each other.

Recall with me the words of the great Apostle Paul addressed to the Hebrews, (Heb. 12:1) “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us”. We should always remember,

Sisters and Brothers, as members of this great fraternal order, the admonition laid down by the founder of our great Order, Rob Morris, "Be not weary in well doing".

Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsop: Shakespeare's words express our thanks:

"O, Lord that lends me Life
Lend me a heart replete with thankfulness."

My heart is full of thankfulness for this beautiful devotional. Sister Agnes Lee, I know that each heart that was in the listening ear joins me in expressing our sincere appreciation. Please join with me in expressing our appreciation.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers to enter the Chapter Room. We will have their beautiful Drill this morning before they go into their final formation . . .

(At the conclusion of the Drill)

Greet these beautiful, beautiful Grand Officers. (Applause)

To the Labyrinth Committee, we thank you for the happiness and for the beauty of this Session and for all the members of Texas, I thank you for making it possible for us to enjoy. Let's thank these hard working members for all that they have done. We know we each have served in doing just exactly what they are doing and it is not an easy job. I know that you love it because you are doing it for such a beautiful, wonderful Order and to praise God and to help Him with His work on earth.

Thank you, Brother Crawford, for this wonderful choir we have been privileged to hear this week and thanks to each of you for serving and for your time and talent. Now, may I invite the Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

(As the Grand Officers were entering)

Mr. Crawford Mearns: Will you all sing with us as we sing "The Sunshine of your Smile".

Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsop: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

My Sisters and Brothers, it is my signal honor to introduce Sister Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother J. Perry Smithwick, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. Please join with me in according them Grand Honors.

This is a very special moment as I present Brother Paul Huffhines, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Brother Paul, this is a wonderful moment in my life to once again stand in the East with you, my own Worthy Grand Patron, and to share in the honor of calling to order this Thursday morning Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. We in Texas have been very fortunate in having many outstanding Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons. I feel today, as I have on every occasion, that I have been privileged to hear you speak or to see the fruits of your leadership. You have far surpassed the role of "good" — you have been outstanding in your service to God and to our beautiful Order. To you and your sweet wife, Leona, may the good Lord bless and keep you. Sisters and Brothers, I am happy to present Brother Paul Huffhines, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. Brother Paul.

Mr. Paul Huffhines: Thank you Sister Thelma Joyce. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers: I too, appreciate the privilege of assisting in the opening of this Thursday Morning Session and of having the privilege of serving with my own Worthy Grand Matron. It has been a pleasure.

Worthy Grand Matron, as the Sun is a source of Light . . . Life . . . and Fruitfulness, so have been your years of service to this Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Patron, my friend and brother for many years, for your years of service, may I say, "Well done, Thou good and faithful Brother". Thank you.

Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup: Brother Perry Smithwick, Worthy Grand Patron, would you come and stand by me for a moment? Thank you Worthy Grand Patron, for your service to the Grand Chapter of Texas this year. You and your beautiful queen, Queen Esther — Sister Helen, have brought joy and happiness along the way. We appreciate you inspiring others as you have gone about your duty as Worthy Grand Patron. We thank you most sincerely and wish for you and yours the best of everything good.

A warm and friendly welcome —
 A Fellowship we own;
 For Friends will walk beside you,
 You will never walk alone.
 The obligation binds us
 To Savoiur, Joy and Love.
 The grace of Light, Life and Fruitfulness be ever yours
 And bless you from above.

Congratulations, Worthy Grand Patron, upon a job well done.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you my friend for your kindness and thoughtfulness. Paul and I will always be grateful to you for this privilege afforded us by your graciousness in allowing us to call to order this Session. I know that you have planned your work and worked your plan. As you come to the close of your year's service, we feel so fortunate to have had you agree to give of your time and talents to our Order. We know that there have been hilltop experiences and then some experiences in the Valley. Throughout each, you have been the real example of a gracious leader by maintaining your dignity and charm along with your expertise of the Constitution, Laws and Legal Code. The membership wishes to say to you:

I know something good about you.
 You will be remembered by this thought.
 Wouldn't this old world be better
 If the folks we meet would say:
 "I know something good about you"
 And then treat us just that way.
 Wouldn't it be fine and dandy
 If each Hand-clasp warm and true,
 Carried with it this assurance,
 "I know something good about you".
 Wouldn't things here be more pleasant
 If the good that's in us all
 Were the only thing about us
 That folks bothered to recall.
 Wouldn't life be lots more happy
 If we'd praise the good we see,
 For there's such a lot of goodness
 In the worst of you and me.
 Wouldn't it be nice to practice
 This fine way of thinking too,
 "You know something good about me
 And I know something good about you".

Worthy Grand Matron, your work and leadership this year has shown evidence of you being an ideal leader of our Order. You have demonstrated real concern and care for all of us as members, and good guardianship of the principles of our Order. May God Bless and guide you through the remainder of your Session and through Life. May each

of us as, members, be inspired to truly let God be the Shepherd of our lives and of our Order.

Life is not really complicated; it's as simple
 As we want it to be.
 We must welcome folks whose paths come our way.
 We share their joys, their sorrows, the happy
 Moments and, the lonely ones too.
 We must not cry or complain, but take the sunshine
 with the rain.
 Help Somebody and they will help you too;
 Then you'll be ready to say, why it's as clear as day and night
 Life is not really complicated, when you learn to live it right.

Worthy Grand Matron, I am happy to congratulate you upon the splendid manner in which you have presided and to extend to you your gavel which you have used with justice, fairness, care and humility and which you will now use to preside over this, your Thursday morning Session. God Bless you . . . and keep you Always.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you Sister Thelma Joyce Alsop and Brother Paul Huffhines for the beautiful opening of this great morning . . . and it IS a Beautiful Morning, my friends, don't you think?

Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this 95th Session of the Grand chapter of Texas from Rest to Labor.

CALLED FROM REST TO LABOR at 9:35 A.M.

Brother Charles Bairfield will bring our Invocation.

Mr. Charles Bairfield: Let us pray. Almighty God, in whom we live and pray and have our being — Giver of all good gifts — how great Thou art. We thank Thee for Thy great love. We're thankful for this, "The Sun, a Source of Light . . . Life . . . and Fruitfulness Session", of our Grand Chapter and for the work accomplished. We offer a special word of thanks for those who have been our leaders for the past year. We pray for Thy continued watchful care over them. As we come to choose leaders for another year, we pray for Divine Guidance and direction. May those who offer themselves for service do so without thought of self-service or glorification, but in a sincere desire to be of service to Thee, to our Order, and to all mankind. If there be contests, may consideration for each other and brotherly love prevail. May those selected be imbued with a spirit of humility and appreciation and those less successful be comforted by the thought that we love them also. For all the past blessings of life, we give You thanks and ever seek to serve in the name of Him whose Star we follow. Amen

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, at 10 o'clock this morning, we will stop whatever we are doing and we will proceed with our election. That hour is not very far away.

At this time I would like to ask if there are any Past Grand Matrons or Past Grand Patrons who have not been previously introduced? Do we have Grand Representatives? If we do, please meet the Conductress in the West.

PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE

Grand Conductress: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the honor to present Sister Ruth Palmer, Grand Representative of the Grand Jurisdiction of Connecticut in Texas.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Ruth, how proud we are that you are with us this morning. We always are happy to see the fine work that our Grand Representatives do and I know that you are no exception.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will conduct our Grand Representative to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, I have the pleasure to introduce Sister Ruth Palmer, Grand Representative of the Grand Jurisdiction of Connecticut in Texas. You will join with me in according her Grand Honors.

At this time I would like to call upon our Fraternal Correspondent for the adoption of her Report.

Mrs. Maydelle Grubbs: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the report of the Fraternal Correspondent as it will appear in the proceedings.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report as presented by the Fraternal Correspondent. All those in favor, please raise the right hand. All those opposed. The report is adopted . . . and thank you so very much Sister Maydelle for a beautiful program.

Mrs. Maydelle Grubbs: Thank you, Sister Joyce, and that's another big 10-4 and I am over and out.

Worthy Grand Matron: We will have the adoption of the Grand Chaplain's Report.

Mrs. Opal Lee Kelly: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Grand East, Sisters and Brothers: Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to be able to express from my heart my feelings for this beautiful year — a year that I will love and cherish for all the days of my life — a very rewarding year, and a year that has meant much to my fine husband and James. Thank You for the name on the CB of "Grand Padre". I will now drop "Grand", but I will continue to be "Padre". So Worthy Grand Matron when you and I are traveling again, you just say PADRE and I'll say, "that's a 10-4".

To our precious and lovely Grand Secretary, Sister Agnes Lee, I could not have done this without her help, her staff help and most of all, Sister Agnes Lee, your encouragement and love throughout this time.

May I express appreciation to those who have been of such great service in helping with the Memorial: — Grand Organist, Sister Josephine Fraser and her son, Mr. John Fraser; Grand Soloist, Mrs. Grace Findley; and our fine pianist, Mr. Leonard Ellington; the Grand Choir Director, Mr. Crawford Mearns and the Grand Choir; Mr. Lloyd Thompson, Chairman of the Arrangements Committee, I will be forever grateful. To Mr. J. E. Johnston who was a great help to me and our Grand Marshal, Sister Nancy Johnston; Mrs. Vasbioneer in charge of the lighting; my Personal Page, my Worthy Matron and my Chapter. Without the help and encouragement of all of these, the Memorial Service would not have been. To ALL OF YOU, my sincere thanks.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the report of the Grand Chaplain as presented yesterday morning.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we accept the report of the Grand Chaplain. All those in favor, signify by raising your right hand. Those opposed, the same sign. The report is adopted. Thank you my precious friend, Sister Opal Lee.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, I understand that the Honorable W. P. Lamb, Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, is with us this morning. If you can find him, I would like to have him presented behind Esther's station. Would you please stand, Mr. Lamb.

Grand Conductress: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my distinct honor to present the Honorable W. P. Lamb, Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

Worthy Grand Matron: Mr. Lamb, how proud I am that you are with us this morning. There is nothing that pleases the members of the Order of the Eastern Star more than to have such a distinguished gentleman in their presence. Thank you for being here. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Member to the East.

Worthy Grand Patron: Sisters and Brothers, it is a distinct pleasure of mine this morning to present to you the Honorable W. P. Lamb, Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Please show him how pleased we are that he is with us. (Applause)

Mr. W. P. Lamb: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Present and Past Grand Chapter Officers and my Sisters and Brothers: They finally caught me. I was here yesterday morning and of course, the program wouldn't allow for presentations. I'm happy to be here and I'll tell you all, I'm a lover of you of the Eastern Star. It is my pleasure to be here and I thank you. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron: I recognize Sister Molly Goodpasture, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, at this time . . . or is it Sister Lallah Mae?

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Worthy Grand Matron, I present Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 33:

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 90, 91, 92, and 93 of the Annual Advance Report and her Supplemental Report.

Respectfully submitted:

Edwin L. Sharpe
Lallah Mae Vollus
Richard T. Porter
Oliver Chamberlin
Molly Goodpasture, Chairman

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

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt the Worthy Grand Matron's Report as presented by the Jurisprudence Committee. Do we have any discussion? Are you ready for the question? All those in favor signify by raising the right hand. Those opposed. Thank you very much, I'd hate to have to do that again.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: Worthy Grand Matron, this is the final report of the Jurisprudence Committee — it is No. 34.

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

Edwin 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, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt the Report No. 34 of the Jurisprudence Committee. Is there any discussion? All those in favor signify by raising their hands. Those opposed, same sign. The report is adopted.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: Worthy Grand Matron, may I say one more thing? I have never worked with a finer group than these members of the Jurisprudence Committee. I have never worked with a more frank group — everyone expressed his opinion but everytime we've come to this Podium, we have been in complete agreement on everything that we have done. We have had to thrash some things out but everyone on this committee has a very legal mind — has a very fine mind and is fair in everything they do or say. I want to thank you for this fine, fine Jurisprudence Committee and say to this Grand Chapter of Texas — they are GREAT. Thank you. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Molly Goodpasture, Brother Ed L. Sharpe, Brother Dick Porter, Sister Lallah Mae Vollus and Brother Oliver Chamberlin, my very particular thanks goes to you for the kindnesses you have shown me this year. You have accepted my questions, my decisions — we have talked about them — we have accepted each other's views and I appreciate all that you have done to help me this year.

I would like the report of the Chairman of the Credentials Committee.

CREREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. J. E. Johnston: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, please accept the good wishes, the grateful thanks and abiding love of your Credentials Committee as we give this final report. I wish also to thank you for appointing these very efficient and devoted members to serve on this committee with me. To them and to many others for assistance, my sincere thanks.

Total number of Chapters represented.....		560
Total number of voting delegates.....		3251
Delegates divided as follows:		
Single ballots.....	2805	2805
Double ballots.....	363	726
Triple ballots.....	88	264
Total ballots.....	3256	
Total votes.....		3795

Respectfully submitted

Brooks Speer
Electa Lowery
Dortha Burnett
Opal Robinson
J. E. Johnston, Chairman

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

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt the final report of the Credentials Committee. Do we have any discussion? All those in favor of adopting the report, please raise your hand. Those opposed. The report has been adopted.

Thank you Brother J.E., and your very fine committee, for the terrific job that you have done this week. Thank you.

Sisters and Brothers, in nominating a candidate, only the name of the person and the office for which he or she is being nominated may be given. A nomination need not be seconded. Before a nomination is made, the member will rise, address the Presiding Officer and wait for recognition.

We have mikes in the North, the South, two in the West. We also have one at the Organ.

My friends, when you address the Presiding Officer, wait for recognition before you state your purpose.

I am asking Sister Molly Goodpasture to serve as Election Judge.

For Table Judges, I appoint:

- TABLE NO. 1. Sister Frances Herrin & Brother O. D. Christian
- TABLE NO. 2. Sister Pat Neinast & Sister Mildred Garlitz
- TABLE NO. 3. Brother Bill Holmes & Sister Mildred Sharpe
- TABLE NO. 4. Sister Lallah Mae Vollus & Brother Richard T. Porter

I am asking the following Past Grands to position themselves at the Tables and assist the Tellers in the counting and totaling:

TABLE NO. 1. Sister Katherine Poulis, Sister Cynthia May Watts, Sister Edna Earl Duke & Dr. R. O. Fuqua

TABLE NO. 2. Sister Amy Goebel, Sister Sally Matranga, Brother Paul Huffhines, Sister Mary Katharine Smith, Sister Nancy Bailey, Sister Doris Easterling & Brother Harold Todd

TABLE NO. 3. Sister Mable Harle, Brother J. T. Sanders, Sister Ruby Enloe, Brother Herbert Arnold, Sister Thelma Chandler & Sister Eunice Connell

TABLE NO. 4. Mary Ella Schoverling, Brother Victor Jones, Sister Thelma Joyce Alsup, Dr. James Goettee, Sister Aliene Houston & Sister Lillian Barnard Parker

As Adding Machine Operators, I appoint:

- TABLE NO. 1. Dee Tillman & Virginia West
- TABLE NO. 2. Betty Prater & Charlotte Carpenter

On the Blackboards, I appoint: Brother Robert Wood & Brother J. B. Easterling

TELLERS for TABLE NO. 1 — Mr. Marvin Chandler, Mrs. Edna Goettee, Mr. Gene Belk, Mrs. Elizabeth Ripple, Mrs. Allie Mae Dodson, Mrs. Gay Nelle Wilson, Mrs. Mildred Henderson, Mrs. Katherine Cowder, Mrs. Wanda Gilmore, Mrs. Jonnie Benson, Mrs. Jeannie Graham, Mr. Vernon Shupert, Mrs. Elsie Abernathy, Mrs. Myrtle Moore, Mrs. Lillian Anderson, Mrs. Doris Efirf & Mrs. Alma Carter, Mr. Wallace W. Henry, Mrs. Rita Miller, Mrs. Ruth Starke, Mrs. Donna Reed, Dr. Bicker W. Cain, Mrs. Marie Harcum & Mrs. Hortense North.

TELLERS for TABLE NO. 2 — Mrs. Ann Kelly, Mrs. Pauline Baker, Mrs. Nova Lee Dearing, Mrs. Leona Huffhines, Mrs. Irene Scarborough, Mrs. Marzee Wright, Mrs. Cora Roberts, Mrs. Ethel Schnelle, Mrs. Jewell Gwilliam, Mrs. Willena M. Moore, Mr. Ernest W. Evans, Mrs. Gay J. Shea, Mrs. Marguerite Cornwell, Mr. Howard Caleman, Mrs. Elizabeth Watson, Mrs. Polly Dugger, Mrs. Pauline Oldham, Mrs. Lona Mae Bradley, Mr. Johnnie M. Beene, Mr. B. F. Hutson, Mrs. Edna Blankenship, Mrs. Gladys Jarrard, Mrs. Robbie Pynes & Mrs. Juanita McFarland.

TELLERS for TABLE NO. 3 — Mrs. Elouise James, Mrs. Genea McCall, Mrs. Gladys Pickett, Mrs. Joyce Martin, Mr. Wayne Jones, Mrs. Elsie Pope, Mr. Bob King, Mrs. Laura Jane Jordan, Mrs. Lorrell L. Earnest, Mrs. Billie Rogers, Mrs. Zena Wilson, Mrs. Betty Jean Rutledge, Mrs. Irene Akins, Mrs. Fern Shannon, Mr. Joe C. Hays, Jr. Mrs. Sarah V. Coursey, Mr. Kermit Z. Schnelle, Mr. Paul D. Ofton, Mrs. Irene Lenam, Mrs. Claribel Kendall, Mrs. Dorothy Hodges, Mrs. Juanita Hubler & Mrs. Frances Christian.

TELLERS for TABLE NO. 4 — Mr. W. Ben Day, Mrs. Ruth Bazzett, Mrs. Norma E. Fisher, Mrs. Dorothy Bernhard, Mrs. Maurice Moran, Mrs. Catherine Atbey, Mrs. Betty Bumgardner, Mrs. Edwina Cage, Mrs. Lois Howell, Mr. J. E. Johnston, Mrs. Leota Warden, Mrs. Mildred Barnes, Mrs. MayDelle Grubbs, Mrs. Sherrill Cain, Mr. John Efirid, Mr. John E. Turner, Mr. D. W. Allison, Mrs. Dorothy Putnam, Mrs. Bobbe A. Chamberlin, Mrs. Mary Kathryn Prather, Mrs. Dorothy Vogel, Mr. Dale W. Shackelford, Mrs. Jean Nesbitt & Mrs. Hattie Filippone.

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture: I have some special instructions for you. Will you please give me your close attention. The Pages who will handle the Ballot boxes are not to let the Ballot boxes out of your Hands. Do not pass them down a row of members, but hold the Box in your hands for each person to ballot. No one shall be permitted to put in more than one ballot. The Ballot Boxes shall not be permitted to leave the Grand Chapter Room. The Assistant Grand Warders will notify the Grand Sentinel and Assistant Grand Sentinels who will step inside the Grand Chapter Room to Ballot.

No one will be permitted to leave the Grand Chapter Room until the Worthy Grand Matron has declared a Ballot closed. If you leave the Grand Chapter Room, be sure and take your ballots because that is the only way you will be permitted to re-enter the Section where the voting Delegates are seated.

When a Teller has completed a count, put down the total for each candidate, sign your name and exchange with the Teller across the table from you to see that the count is correct. Both Tellers names shall be signed to each count signifying that the count is correct. If you have any trouble, a Table Judge will assist you.

When a Table has completed a count, the Table Judges will bring the count to the adding machine for that table. The Table Judges and I will double-check each count to see that it is correct. When a count has been completed, I will bring the result to the Worthy Grand Matron and report to her. She will announce the result of the Ballot.

A word of caution — Each year several ballots are wasted because a person balloted upon the wrong ballot number, or because the first name of one candidate and the last name of another was written upon the Ballot, or even some other name placed thereon.

Please be very careful and wait until the Worthy Grand Matron has announced which ballot you are to use and the names are placed upon the blackboard.

Are there any Questions? Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

With the Worthy Grand Matron presiding during the election, the following Grand Officers were elected by acclamation:

- Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Mary M. Brown
- Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Murray Watson, Jr.
- Associate Grand Matron Mrs. Rennie Ofton
- Associate Grand Patron Mr. W. L. "Duke" Weaver
- Grand Secretary Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
- Grand Treasurer Mrs. Jettie Hinton
- Grand Conductress Mrs. Kathy Johnston

The following Officers were elected by Ballot:

- Associate Grand Conductress Mrs. Viola Edwards
- Board of Grand Trustees-Dist. III Mrs. Maude Arnold
- Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences-District II Mr. Clifford Malone
- Grand Examiner-District II Mrs. Beulah Speer
- Grand Examiner-District IV Mrs. Elsie Palideno

The following Officers were elected by Acclamation:

- Grand Examiner, District I Mrs. Marjorie Johnson
- Grand Examiner, District III Mrs. Elise Hammack
- Grand Examiner, District V Mrs. Maurine Jackson
- Grand Examiner at Large Mrs. Betty Klonaris

Between the taking and counting of the Ballots, the following business was transacted:

Worthy Grand Matron: While the pages are passing quietly among you collecting your ballots, we will proceed with our business. I now recognize Brother C. L. Pribble, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees.

REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES

Mr. C. L. Pribble: Worthy Grand Matron, I would like the privilege of introducing our Board of Grand Trustees:

- Brother Paul Fitch, Vice Chairman, District II
- Sister Louise Armstrong, Secretary, District V
- Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Member, District IV
- Mrs. Jackie Huffhines, Member, District I

These members will come to the mike and give their reports following mine.

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES REPORT NO. 1

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 1976-1977. After the election of Mrs. Jackie Huffhines of Richardson, Texas, to succeed Mrs. Velda Anderson who was retiring from the Board, the Board was reorganized as follows:

- Mr. C. L. Pribble Chairman
- Mr. Paul B. Fitch Vice-Chairman
- Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong Secretary
- Mrs. Elizabeth Williams District 4 Member
- Mrs. Jackie Huffhines District 1 Member

Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman, presented a letter to the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, authorizing her the use of the Grand Chapter Automobile to visit other Grand Jurisdictions; and, Mr. Paul B. Fitch, Vice-Chairman and from District 2, presented to Mrs. Roberts the keys to the new Grand Chapter car.

The Board has HELD EIGHT MEETINGS THIS YEAR. The dates of the meetings are as follows: October 25-28, 1976; December 11, 1976; March 4, 1977; April 16, 1977; May 21, 1977; July 9, 1977; August 13, 1977; and September 24, 1977.

This report consists of the minutes of the eight called meetings held on the above dates and for brevity they are attached for recording in the proceedings.

We urge you to read these minutes so that you may fully understand the works of the Board of Grand Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. Pribble, Chairman
 Paul B. Fitch, Vice-Chairman
 Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong, Secretary
 Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Dist. 4 Member
 Mrs. Jackie Huffhines, Dist. 1 Member

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Board of Grand Trustees Report No. 1.

Worthy Grand Matron: The motion has been made and seconded that we accept the report of the Board of Grand Trustees. All of those in favor of adopting the report, signify by raising the right hand. Opposed, same sign. The report is adopted. Mr. Pribble thank you so much for that fine report.

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES MINUTES

The Board of Grand Trustees was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Monday 25 October 1976, at the 94th Session of Grand Chapter in Fort Worth, Texas by the Chairman, Mrs. Velda Anderson. Those present were Mrs. Velda Anderson, Chairman; Mr. C. L. Pribble, Vice-chairman; Mr. Paul B. Fitch, Secretary; Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong, Member; and Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Member.

The minutes were read and approved with the following corrections: In paragraph four of minutes number 237 of 8-9 October 1976 . . . add the Myrtle BERRY property . . then add the word ANNUAL in the last sentence of paragraph five.

Under old business the minutes of 8-9 October 1976 let the minutes reflect that the insurance policies of Mr. Dick Bernhard of Faught Insurance Agency be effective at the end of the current policies. Since this date, Mr. Dick Bernhard has responded that the Workmen's Compensation policy will be effective 12 October 1976 through 12 October 1979; Owner's Landlord and Tenant's Liability policy will be effective through the same dates as above, and that the contents policy will be effective 9 December 1976 and for three years in a like manner as above.

Under old business the minutes of 8-9 October 1976 motion was made by Mr. C. L. Pribble that Mr. Kenneth McCracken be retained as legal counsel on a contract basis for Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star for the current Grand Chapter year ending 31 October 1977 and seconded by Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong. Motion carried.

Under old business the minutes of 8-9 October, Arthur Woods Property, it has been sold and Deeds prepared and a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 has been received.

Under old business the minutes of 8-9 October 1976 let the minutes reflect that Mrs. Williams returned the jewelry with appraisals. Further appraisals were received. Motion was made by Mr. C. L. Pribble that the appraisal bid of Mr. Morris Fair, for the jewelry in the amount of \$1,860.00 be accepted and seconded by Mr. Paul B. Fitch. Motion carried. A cashier's check in this amount was received from Mr. Morris Fair.

Let the minutes reflect that Mrs. Cacy L. Fiedler, Educational Committee met with the Board in regards to Scholarships and Gifts.

Motion was made by Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong that a Fannie V. Ward award in the amount of \$500.00 be presented to Mrs. Marilyn E. Wilson and seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. C. L. Pribble that a request from the Worthy Grand Matron for \$1,500.00 to be given to the Distinguished Guest Committee for additional expenses incurred in entertaining our General Grand Chapter Officers had been received and to be withdrawn from the Worthy Grand Matron's Contingency Fund and seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams. Motion carried.

In the afternoon of 26 October 1976 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons were welcomed by the Board, in regards to their concern of the General Fund Budget which indicated a considerable debit. Mrs. Velda Anderson, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees thanked the committee for their assistance.

The Board of Grand Trustees gave their reports to Grand Chapter on 27 October 1976.

Report No. 1. An appreciation address was presented by the Chairman, Mrs. Velda Anderson, followed by the Board's activity of the year.

Report No. 4. The proposed budget for contingencies was given by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, member.

Report No. 5. The audit for the year ending 31 October 1976, was given by Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong, member.

Report No. 3. The proposed budget of the General Funds was given by Mr. C. L. Pribble, Vice-chairman.

Report No. 2. The proposed budget of the Board of Directors Grand Chapter Benevolences was given by Mr. Paul B. Fitch, Secretary.

The Grand Chapter automobile, a Chrysler Stationwagon, was sold to the Lone Star Dodge of 12000 E. N. W. Hwy., Dallas, Texas in the amount of \$4,000.00 on 28 October 1976.

Mrs. Jackie Huffhines was elected to the Board of Grand Trustees from District 1. The Board welcomed Mrs. Huffhines to the Board. The Board was reorganized as follows: Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman; Mr. Paul B. Fitch, Vice-chairman; Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong, Secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Member and Mrs. Jackie Huffhines, Member.

Let the minutes reflect that the Chairman, Mr. C. L. Pribble presented a letter to the Grand Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard that authorized the Grand Secretary to issue a check for 1/12 of the annual budget of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences for their November 1976 allocation.

The next Board meeting will be at 9:00 A.M., 11 December 1976.

A letter authorizing the Worthy Grand Matron to use the Grand Chapter Automobile was presented by Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman and Mr. Paul B. Fitch, Vice-chairman presented the keys of the automobile to the Worthy Grand Matron.

Fraternally,
Paul B. Fitch, Secretary

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES EXPENSES 1975-1976

Meeting on 8 November 1975	\$ 259.70
Meeting on 24 January 1976	174.77
Meeting on 20 March 1976	197.19
Meeting on 15 May 1976	242.61
Meeting on 7 August 1976	259.65
Meeting on 11 September 1976	232.74
Meeting on 9 October 1976	232.81
Meeting on 28 October 1976	9.19
TOTAL	\$1608.66
Average expenses for each meeting	\$ 201.08
Budget 1975-76 \$1800.00. Balance	\$ 191.34

Respectfully submitted,
 Paul B. Fitch
 Secretary

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

The Board of Grand Trustees was called to order by Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday 11 December 1976. The meeting was held in the Grand Chapter Office Building, Arlington, Texas. The opening prayer was given by Mrs. Jackie Huffhines.

Those attending the meeting were: Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman; Mr. Paul B. Fitch, Vice-chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Member; and Mrs. Jackie Huffhines, Member. Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong was absent due to serious illness of close family friend.

By common consent Mr. Paul B. Fitch, acted as secretary pro-tem.

Mr. J. Perry Smithwick, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Jettie Hinton, Grand Treasurer; and Mr. E. Pickett, Auditor, Travis and Ramsey were welcomed to meet with the Board of Grand Trustees.

Minutes of the previous meeting of the 94th Session Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of 25 through 28 October were read and approved.

Under old business, Mrs. Elizabeth Williams gave a detailed report of the Cora Bailey property in District Four (4). Mrs. Elizabeth Williams moved that legal fees pertaining to the settlement of this property be paid to Mr. M. F. Kieke, attorney at law, in the amount of \$37.50 and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Huffhines. Motion carried. Mr. M. F. Kieke's address is: Giddings, Texas 78942.

In consideration of a letter from Mr. Glenn D. Taylor, Executive Chairman of the 95th Session of Grand Chapter requesting an advance of \$5,000.00, a motion was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams that the advance of \$5,000.00 be made immediately and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Huffhines. Motion carried.

Let the minutes reflect that a letter from Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Associate Grand Patron, was received in regards to the possibility of a Unitrust agreement in behalf of the Home Endowment Fund of the Order of Eastern Star. Further, his letter asked for a convenient time for him and Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Associate Grand Matron to meet with the Board of Grand Trustees for the purpose of discussin the benefits of the Unitrust agreement. Motion was made by Mr. Paul B. Fitch that the Associate Grand Matron and the Associate Grand Patron be invited in writing to meet with the Board of Grand Trustees at their earliest convenience, and to be advised that the Board of Grand Trustees would have their next meeting on Saturday 12 March 1977 and seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams that Mrs. Agnes Lee Howrd, Grand Secretary, be instructed to place certain "Sales Tax" information received from the Comptroller of Public Accounts State of Texas in the Official Bulletin for the purpose of providing this information to all subordinate chapters and seconded by Mr. Paul B. Fitch. Motion carried.

Let the minutes reflect that the insurance policies that were renewed as referred to in the minutes number 239 of 25 through 28 October 1976 had a refund of UNUSED premium returned in the amount of \$193.00.

Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Associate Grand Matron and Mrs. K. Johnson were welcomed to meet with the Baord of Grand Trustees.

Mr. E. Pickett, Auditor pointed out the effectiveness of the computer printouts to date as being most valuable to the efficiency of operation of Grand Chapter accounts. However, he asked that all concerned continue to evaluate the printouts and suggest changes for even more efficiency as time goes on.

Mr. E. Pickett then referred to his company's Financial Statements as of 31 October 1975, and Travis and Ramsey's letter dated 13 January 1976. Paragraph two of this letter refers to receipts of the Kidney or Cancer Research Committee in the amount of \$88,948.86 that were not recorded in the general accounts of the Grand Chapter, and therefore, were not examined or audited. Motion was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams that the legality of this transaction be pursued and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Huffhines. Motion carried.

Further discussion as to the needs of extra computer runs and briefs resulted as follows: Three Complete Tabulator Runs would be distributed — one to the Grand Secretary; one to the Chairman of Grand Trustees and one to the Worthy Grand Matron. Brief copies of the computer runs would be distributed — one to the Associate Grand Matron; other members of Grand Trustees and a special brief of the financial transactions only as pertaining to the Baord of Grand Benevolences would be distributed to each of its members.

Motion was made by Mr. Paul B. Fitch that \$50,000.00 of the Home Endowment Fund be reinvested at the best rate available and seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams. Motion carried.

Mrs. Rachel Jones, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences; Mr. Charles H. Allen, Vice-chairman; Mr. Taylor Hood, Secretary; Mrs. Earnesteen Porter, Member and Mrs. Modgie Hudson, Member were welcomed to the Board of Grand Trustees by Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman. Mr. E. Pickett, Auditor, explained in detail the computer printouts as they related to the financial operations of their board.

The next meeting will be at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday 12 March 1977.

Motion was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams that the Trustee meeting be adjourned and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Huffhines. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul B. Fitch, Secretary pro-tem

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

On Saturday, March 12, 1977, the Board of Grand Trustees met in the Administration Building in Arlington. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by the Chairman, Mr. C. L. Pribble, and was opened with a prayer by Mrs. Jackie Huffhines.

All members of the Board were present, namely: Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman; Mr. Paul B. Fitch, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong, Secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and Mrs. Jackie Huffhines, Members.

Mr. C. L. Pribble extended a warm welcome and expressed appreciation for their presence to Mr. Perry Smithwick, Worthy Grand Patron, Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Grand Conductress, Mrs. Kathy Johnston, Associate Grand Conductress, and Mr. Edwin R. Pickett, Auditor.

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on December 11, 1976, were read and approved after the following correction: the last sentence of the first paragraph on page 242 to read, "Motion was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams to establish for future purposes the legality of this transaction as far as the Board of Grand Trustees is concerned."

Mr. Pribble reported that Mrs. Patricia Neinast, Past Grand Matron, had delivered to Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, her report on Cancer and Kidney together with Bank statements and cancelled checks and also the report on Founder's Day as submitted to her by Mrs. Lola Winder. Mrs. Neinast requested that these reports be published in the April Bulletin. She also requested that Mrs. Winder be permitted to meet with the Board of Grand Trustees on March 12, 1977. To comply with Mrs. Neinast's request to publish these reports in the April Bulletin, it would have been necessary to pull the Bulletin back from the printers for recomposition; therefore, Mr. Pribble instructed Mrs. Howard by telephone on 3/9/77 and confirmed his instructions by letter of 3/10/77 to withhold the publishing of these reports until a complete accounting had been received from Mrs. Winder. A copy of the letter issuing these instructions was given to each member of the Board. All members of the Board of Grand Trustees sustained Mr. Pribble in his decision and directives as we were in accord with his reasoning that Mrs. Neinast would want only an accurate, detailed and audited report published for the membership.

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams reported that the file on Cora Bailey had been completed and was ready to be closed. She explained that in the Deed dated April 24, 1972, Mrs. Bailey did not possess complete interest; however, after research and checking of the records, it was determined that Mrs. Bailey did have complete interest, hence a new Deed was prepared on 1/7/77. She further stated that a check in the amount of \$6,100.00 for the lot and mobile home had been given to the Grand Secretary and also a check for \$1,650.00 for the automobile had been mailed to Mrs. Howard on 2/16/77. The Deed, which had been recorded, license plates, insurance policies, tax receipts and transfer of title on the mobile home were presented to Mrs. Mary Brown for her to give to Bette Suzanne Brown. All correspondence and remaining papers pertaining to the Cora Bailey properties were given to Mr. Pribble by Mrs. Williams for him to turn over to Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard for the Grand Chapter files. Mr. Pribble commended Mrs. Williams on the excellent job she had performed in handling these transactions and in closing this file.

Mrs. Williams then reported in detail on the Jennie Rose Capps properties, referring to the Xerox copy of the inventory and documents mailed to each Board member on 1/27/77. She stated that Mrs. Capps had one son, however he had signed everything over to the Home. She advised that all furniture and furnishings had been removed from Mrs. Capps' home with the exception of one double bed, a dresser, freezer, refrigerator and a stove. The house was built in 1956 for \$5,700.00 and had been kept in good condition. Mrs. Williams was of the opinion that the going price for this house should be about three times the original cost; and, at the present time she had several who were interested in buying this property. The Deed transferring Title to Grand Chapter was left with Mr. Pribble to have executed and notarized, after which it would be returned to Mrs. Williams in order that she may proceed with the sale of this property. Inquiry was made by Mrs. Williams concerning the Deed from Grand Chapter to the purchaser of this property. Mr. Pribble advised her

to continue with her lawyer in Houston in preparing all necessary papers to consummate the sale and close this file. All insurance papers of Mrs. Jennie Rose Capps were given to Mr. Pribble for him to turn over to the Grand Secretary.

At 9:00 A.M., Mrs. Lola Winder, Chairman of Founder's Day Committee during the Grand Chapter Year 1974-1975, was welcomed by Mr. C. L. Pribble. Mrs. Winder was also told that the Board was ready for her to present her report. Mrs. Winder's entire records on the activities of Founder's Day, the sale of Clocks, Maps and Stationery were presented and explained. Additional Maps were returned at this time. The complete files together with Bank statements and cancelled checks were turned over to Mr. Pribble who in turn will give them to the Grand Secretary for audit by Travis and Ramsey, Inc. On behalf of the members of the Board, Mr. Pribble expressed appreciation to Mrs. Winder for her detailed explanations and cooperation in this matter.

A motion was made by Mrs. Louise Armstrong and seconded by Mr. Paul Fitch that the report on the Cancer and Kidney, Founder's Day and other Welfare Projects, submitted by Mrs. Neinast, not be released for publication in the Bulletin until the audit on each of these projects had been completed. Motion carried.

On February 10, 1977, Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, received 31 Clocks and 14 boxes of Stationery from Mr. Ben Winder and Mrs. Patricia Neinast. The number of Maps reported on 2/10/77 was incorrect. The Maps received on 2/10/77 together with the additional Maps turned in on 3/12/77 resulted in a total of 2,577 Maps returned.

A discussion concerning the disposition of the Clocks, Maps and Stationery followed. A motion was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams that the Worthy Grand Matron be consulted on the disposition and/or sale of these items and that we comply with her wishes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paul Fitch and carried.

By invitation, Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Associate Grand Matron, and Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Associate Grand Patron, arrived at our meeting at 9:45 A.M. They were extended a most cordial welcome by Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman.

Mr. Edwin R. Pickett presented the recommendations on the operations of Grand Chapter outlined in letter dated 2/18/77. Each item was discussed in detail. Mr. Pribble asked that each member of the Board seriously consider these recommendations in our proposals to be submitted at the next Grand Chapter Session; and, requested our versions be in writing for presentation and study at our next meeting. Mr. Pickett was thanked by the Chairman for these recommendations and especially for his concern and interest in the good of our Order.

A most interesting discussion was held in attempting to eliminate some of the work and to expedite the printing of our Annual Proceedings. It was the thinking that the transcript from the Reporters could be in "Print-Out" form when turned over to the Junior Past Grand Matron and from this "Print-Out," corrections could more easily be made with designations for inserts of pictures and other material readily indicated. All Board members concurred with this suggestion and agreed to further discuss this matter at our next meeting.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Associate Grand Patron. With the consent of Mr. Watson, a recording was made on tape by Mr. Paul Fitch of the information presented to us in regard to "Pooled Income Trust" for use as a means in promoting larger contributions to the Home Endowment Fund, the main Welfare Project of Mrs. Mary M. Brown. A detailed explanation was given and a general discussion was held. At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Watson agreed to prepare several hypothetical situations which would be applicable to individual members in order to fully determine whether or not this means should be employed in promoting this phase of the incoming Worthy Grand Matron's project. A transcript of the entire presentation and discussion will be furnished each Board member by Mr. Fitch.

Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Associate Grand Matron, then stated that she would like to update the History of our Grand Chapter as one of her Welfare projects with all funds received therefrom going to the Home Endowment Fund. It was agreed that she would obtain estimates and submit her findings to the Grand Secretary, who, in turn, would also solicit bids. From these estimates, action would be taken by the Board of Grand Trustees on this project.

Mrs. Mary Brown requested information on what she should do in regard to the Grand Chapter car. Mr. Pribble advised her that she would work with her District Member, Mrs. Elizabeth Williams; and, Mrs. Williams would present their recommendations to the Board for final action.

A note of special appreciation from Mrs. Jackie Huffhines for the flowers sent to her husband, Neely, the many cards and prayers was read to the members of the Board of Grand Trustees.

Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman, reported that there will be \$10,000.00 transferred out of the Rotating Supply Fund into the General Fund during the month of March. Mr. Pribble also advised that a refund of \$4,249.37 from the 1976 Grand Chapter Session had been deposited into the General Fund.

It was unanimously decided that Saturday, May 21, 1977, would be the date of our next meeting and said meeting to begin at 8:00 A.M.

Letter dated 2/17/77 from McCreary & Huey, Attorneys, Austin, Texas, in regard to delinquent taxes due for 1976 in the amount of \$14.56 on the Thornton Property together with reply from the Grand Secretary, dated 3/1/77, were given to Mrs. Elizabeth Williams by the Chairman with the request that the purchaser be contacted and this matter cleared up.

The statement dated 1/31/77 and letter of 2/16/77 from Travis and Ramsey concerning the costs of computer preparations and the final audit, together with the cost of filing the necessary return and additional expenses were discussed. A motion was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and Seconded by Mrs. Jackie Huffhines that the Grand Secretary be instructed to remit to Travis and Ramsey the amount of \$2,209.50, balance due for the fiscal year ending 10/31/76. Motion carried.

Mr. Pribble read a letter dated 2/13/77 from the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, requesting permission to install a C.B. in the Grand Chapter car at her own expense. Mr. Pribble explained that this request was granted on February 13th by Mrs. Jackie Huffhines, Mrs. Louise Armstrong and himself as the three of us were at the Home attending the Valentine Party for the Ladies. The other members of the Board were in complete accord with this action.

Mr. C. L. Pribble announced that the Purposes and Policy Committee and also a Committee of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons would meet with us at our May meeting. He advised that Mrs. Robbie Yates, President of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Association, had appointed Mr. Herbert L. Arnold to chair this Committee. He stated that these two Committees were to work with the Board of Grand Trustees in long-range planning for Grand Chapter money and in streamlining operations for the benefit of our Grand Chapter. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mrs. Robbie Yates and Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, Chairman of Purposes & Policy Committee, and invite them to be with us at our meeting on May 21, 1977, at 8:00 A.M. in the Administration Building in Arlington.

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams reported that she had not received anything in writing concerning Miss Alma Beall's possessions other than the letter from Mr. Taylor Hood, Secretary of the Benevolent Board. Further, it was her understanding that there were other securities which had not been included in the letter of 2/11/77, addressed to Mr. Hood from Mr. James H. McPhail of Dean Witter & Company of Houston. Mr. Pribble advised Mrs. Williams to contact Mr. Taylor Hood and request a complete and accurate accounting of all securities owned by Miss Beall.

Mrs. Jackie Huffhines then gave her report on the lot transferred to us by Mrs. Ethel Danks. She stated that the lot was 25' wide and 50' long; nothing was built on it or near it and that it was a complete wilderness. Mrs. Huffhines moved that we go ahead and pay the \$1.14 County taxes and hold this lot until a later date to ascertain just what disposition could be made. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and carried. All information was returned to Mr. Pribble to be given to the Grand Secretary for filing and also with the instructions that these taxes be paid.

Mr. Pribble commended Mrs. Huffhines on her findings and excellent report on the oil lease held in Harrison County, copy of which was furnished to each of the Board members under date of January 17, 1977.

Mr. Pribble advised the Board members that papers were prepared and had been signed by Mrs. Ethel Danks' daughter releasing the \$1,600.00 to Grand Chapter; and, the money had been received and deposited into the Home Fund.

It was agreed by the members of the Board to grant Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman, and Mrs. Jackie Huffhines, District 1 Member, full authority to work with Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, in making the necessary investments during this interim period.

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams was requested by the Chairman to contact Mrs. Jettie Hinton, Grand Treasurer, in regard to an investment held in a Houston Bank which may be a revolving interest C. D.; and if so, ask Mrs. Hinton to reinvest this Certificate in order that the interest will be payable direct to Grand Chapter.

Discussion of printing a Roster during this Grand Chapter Year resulted in reviewing the bids which had been obtained by Mrs. Williams several months back. Mr. Paul Fitch moved that the Grand Secretary also secure bids for a Roster, after which the bids would be discussed at the next meeting and final decision would be made concerning a Roster. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jackie Huffhines and carried.

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams reported that in addition to the three continuing Scholarships from the Fannie V. Ward OES Educational Fund, there would be funds available to grant the fourth Scholarship and she would like to recommend Miss Sharon Pickett for this Scholarship and would so move. Mrs. Jackie Huffhines seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Williams then gave to Mr. Pribble to be turned over to the Grand Secretary for filing the original copy of the Will of Fannie V. Ward and the completed and closed files on the following Scholarship recipients: Cynthia White, Sharon Lewis, Martha Anderson and Leah West.

A motion was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Huffhines that the meeting of the Board of Grand Trustees adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise W. Armstrong
Secretary

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

On April 16, 1977, the Board of Grand Trustees met in the Administration Building in Arlington with the following members present: Mr. C.L. Pribble, Chairman; Mr. Paul B. Fitch, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong, Secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and Mrs. Jackie Huffhines, Members of District IV and I, respectively. By invitation Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, Mrs. Jettie Hinton,

Grand Treasurer, and Mr. Edwin R. Pickett, Auditor, were present. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 A.M. by Mr. C.L. Pribble, Chairman, and was opened with prayer by Mrs. Louise Armstrong. Mr. Pribble expressed his appreciation to all for their presence.

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on March 12, 1977, were read and approved.

The Chairman explained that the letter written to Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, Past Grand Matron and Chairman of the Purposes and Policy Committee, should have been an "invitation" for her Committee to meet with us on May 21st instead of a "notification" of the date and time. Mr. Pribble stated that upon receipt of copy of the letter dated April 7, 1977, written by the Secretary to Mrs. Sharpe, he telephoned Mrs. Sharpe and explained the mistake and had taken care of this misunderstanding.

Under Old Business, the following reports were made:

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams stated that enroute to the Board meeting, she stopped by the home of Mrs. Rose Capps and picked up all of the mail. This correspondence was turned over to the Grand Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, for proper disposition. Mrs. Williams reported that the statement for utilities was the final bill and no additional amounts should be paid or due.

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams advised that all the information she had concerning Miss Alma Beall was verbal only; she had not received anything in writing. However, she had talked with the Worthy Matron of Miss Beall's Chapter and the inventory of stocks and bonds appeared to be in agreement with those turned over to Grand Chapter. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Paul B. Fitch and seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams that through the Bond Broker of the Fort Worth National Bank, the Grand Secretary liquidate the stocks and bonds in the name of Miss Alma Beall and reinvest in U. S. Bonds at the highest going rate. The motion carried.

A lengthy discussion was held in regard to the Opinion from the Jurisprudence Committee concerning dispositions of properties owned by the Ladies entering the Home. A motion was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and seconded by Mr. Paul Fitch that a letter be directed to the Worthy Grand Matron requesting that any Opinion handed down by the Jurisprudence Committee concerning financial transactions of the Grand Chapter of Texas, the Board of Grand Trustees shall be notified officially so that it may carry out its duties and responsibilities effectively and as prescribed by law. Motion carried. It was further agreed that copies of this request be sent to the Worthy Grand Patron, Mrs. Robbie Yates, Past Grand Matron and President of the Past Grand Association, and to each member of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Mr. Edwin R. Pickett then presented the Supplemental Report, dated April 13, 1977, covering the receipts and disbursements in the Kindey and Cancer Fund and also the Founder's Day Committee Fund which were not included in the Audit Report for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1975. Mrs. Elizabeth Williams moved that the Board of Grand Trustees print this Supplemental Report of April 13, 1977, in its entirety in the June Bulletin. Motion seconded by Mr. Paul Fitch and carried.

The printing of the Proceedings and a new Roster was discussed at length. Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, advised us that she had been notified just this past week that the Masonic Print Shop was back in business and had requested an opportunity to submit a bid on the printing of both the Proceedings and the Roster. She also reported that a firm bid had been received from Metrotype in the Great Southwest Area on the Roster.

This bid involved placing the entire membership on a permanent disc; with this disc, a permanent record, all that would be necessary each year would be the "inputting" of the increases and decreases in membership to maintain a current Roster. The cost of placing the entire membership on a permanent disc would be \$11,540.00. The actual printing of the Roster would cost \$5,155.00, making a total for this "first time" of \$16,695.00. The Rosters would be ready for mailing when delivered to the Grand Secretary's Office. To place our membership on a disc would definitely be an investment and one that would provide us with a permanent record as well as eliminate many man-hours in the Grand Secretary's office. Mrs. Howard further reported that Mrs. Doris Easterling, Junior Past Grand Matron, had delivered the 1976 Grand Chapter Proceedings to her and as soon as the pictures were received from Mrs. Easterling, bids would be obtained from Bradco and also the Masonic Print Shop.

All members of the Board concurred in waiting until the next meeting to decide on the printing of the Proceedings and also the Roster. However, should Mrs. Howard obtain bids on the Proceedings prior to the next meeting, she would notify each member the amount of the bids and a decision would be made by a telephone conference in order to expedite the printing of the Proceedings.

Mrs. Jettie Hinton, Grand Treasurer, reported the following investments had been made: \$50,000.00 from the General Fund for 90 days at 5½%; \$5,000.00 from the Educational Fund for one year at 6½%; and, \$40,000.00 from the Endowment Fund for six years at 7½%.

New Business:

A motion was made by Mr. Paul Fitch and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Huffhines that the Federal Land Bank Bonds in the amount of \$20,000.00 in the Endowment Fund, maturing on April 20, 1977, be invested for 60 days at the highest going rate. Motion carried.

A detailed chart and a most interesting presentation was brought to the members of the Board by the Chairman, Mr. C. L. Pribble. The Chairman prefaced this presentation by stating that he had met with Mr. Lucas of the Republic National Bank in Dallas in regard to "moving money" in such a manner that we would be drawing interest at all times on all deposits. He advised us that the Banks under the Federal Reserve Board, there would be no problems in "moving money" from Bank to Bank or within the same Bank; however, those Banks not under the Federal Reserve Board, there would be a \$3.00 charge for the transfer of funds. Should this plan be placed in operation, it would be necessary for the Board of Grand Trustees to furnish a letter of authorization to the Banks, showing all signatures required, and a copy of the minutes of the meeting in which the plan was adopted. All money received would be immediately deposited into a Savings account where interest would be paid from the date of deposit and all transfers out would go into another Savings account set-up for each of the Funds, which, too, would draw interest from date of deposit. The transfers may be made by telephone which would be acknowledged by the Banks that same day to the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and to the accountants, Travis and Ramsey, Inc. There would be no delays in any investments or in any transfers of funds and at no time would there be a loss of interest on any of the funds on deposit.

A motion was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and seconded by Mr. Paul Fitch that Mr. C. L. Pribble meet with the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences at their next meeting to present this plan and chart and report back at our next meeting his findings, at which time final action would be taken by the Board of Grand Trustees. Motion carried. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Chairman of the Benevolent Board requesting a time for Mr. Pribble to meet with that Board.

A letter dated March 26, 1977, from the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, addressed to Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, requesting that an article be written for publication in the OES Bulletin explaining the approximate \$38,000.00 deficit and also the 50c assessment was read. After much discussion, Mrs. Elizabeth Williams moved that Mr. C. L. Pribble prepare the reply to the Worthy Grand Matron's request for clarification to the membership the \$38,000.00 deficit and explain the purpose of the 50c assessment; said report to be published in the Bulletin with the instructions that it be read in open Chapter; and, further, the report to include the Supplemental Report of the General Budget in its entirety. Motion seconded by Mr. Paul Fitch and carried.

Projection Charts prepared by Mr. Richard T. Porter, Past Grand Patron, covering the General Fund, Membership, Benevolent Aid, Endowment Fund and Dues beginning with the year 1956 through the year 1986, were studied with deep interest and concern by each member of the Board. It was noted that the most drastic increase occurred during the years 1970 - 1973. It was unanimously agreed by the Board members that the Chairman contact Mr. Porter to ascertain whether or not these Projections may be used for presentation to the membership. Based on these Projection Charts, Mr. C. L. Pribble asked the members of the Board to be thinking about the possibility of providing that any and all deficits being made up from the Worthy Grand Matron's special projects.

Mrs. Jettie Hinton, Grand Treasurer, reported that she had not received any receipts for the checks she had mailed to the Estarl Chairman and asked for assistance or advice in what she should do in this matter. It was agreed that Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, would furnish Mrs. Hinton a receipt book; and, Mr. Pribble suggested to Mrs. Hinton that she request receipts for all funds beginning with the first issued this Grand Chapter year. Should there be any problems, then such should be presented to the Board of Grand Trustees at the next meeting.

Just prior to making the motion that the meeting adjourn, Mr. Paul Fitch announced that he knew this would be a "sweet" meeting and presented a box of Stuckey's Pecan Divinity to each one present. Delighted with such a "tasty" surprise, Mrs. Jackie Huffhines seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise W. Armstrong
Secretary

P.S. My sincere apologies that the minutes of April 16, 1977, did not include the following:

Three sets of material on Pooled Income Fund, assembled by Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Associate Grand Patron, were distributed to each member of the Board for study.

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BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

The Board of Grand Trustees met on May 21, 1977, in the Administration Building in Arlington with the following members present: Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman; Mr. Paul B. Fitch, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong, Secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, District IV Member; and, Mrs. Jackie Huffhines, District I Member. Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, Mrs. Jettie Hinton, Grand Treasurer, and Mr. Edwin R. Pickett, Auditor, were also present as they had been invited to meet with us at this meeting.

The Chairman, Mr. C. L. Pribble, called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M., which was opened with prayer by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams.

At the Board meeting on March 12, 1977, it was unanimously agreed to invite the members of the Purposes and Policy Committee to meet with us on May 21, 1977. Those members present were: Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, Past Grand Matron and Chairman of Purposes and Policy Committee; Mr. J. Perry Smithwick, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Associate Grand Matron; Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Grand Conductress; Mrs. Kathy Johnston, Associate Grand Conductress; Mrs. Koreen Logsdon; Mr. Earl G. Manning, Past Grand Patron and Member of Purposes and Policy Committee; and, Mrs. Carrie L. Ruby.

A most cordial welcome was extended to each and every one, and the Chairman expressed, on behalf of the members of the Board of Grand Trustees, our pleasure in having them with us at this particular meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved after the following corrections to Page 248, 5th paragraph: (1) "The Chairman prefaced this presentation by stating that he had met with Mr. B. W. Lucas, Senior Vice-President of the Fort Worth National Bank;" and (2) "If money is moved from one Bank to another Bank, a \$3.00 charge would be necessary."

Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman, opened the first Order of Business by again expressing appreciation to the members of the Purposes and Policy Committee for being with us. He stated that the intent of this meeting was to try to establish a precedent between the members of the Purposes and Policy Committee and the members of the Board of Grand Trustees of meeting annually and not just this one time. It was desired that our coming together would serve as a "meeting ground" with combined efforts to make the operations of our Grand Chapter more proficient and efficient.

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, Past Grand Matron and Chairman of Purposes and Policy Committee, expressed her deep appreciation and pleasure that the Purposes and Policy Committee had been invited to meet with the Board of Grand Trustees; and, she certainly agreed with Mr. Pribble that by combining our efforts, surely we would be able to serve Grand Chapter more effectively.

Copies of Projection Charts, prepared by Mr. Richard T. Porter, Past Grand Patron, the Recommendations submitted to the Board by our auditors, Travis and Ramsey, Inc., and a Chart on "Moving Money" were given to each of the visitors present for use in joint study and participation in our discussions.

The Chairman first called attention to the Projection Chart of the General Fund which showed a rise of 2½% per year during the years 1962 to 1970; from 1970 until 1976, there was a 100% increase, or a yearly increase of 16.6%; and, the projection from 1976 until 1986, an increase of 7% annually which would require \$291,836.00 to operate each year.

The Projection Chart concerning the operations of the Home was studied by all; and, attention was called to the Chart on the Endowment Fund which projection would not endow the Home.

Each one present participated in the discussions of the "pictures" presented to us by the Charts; the pros and cons of raising the annual per capita; the necessity of educating the membership on the yearly operations of Grand Chapter; the drastic need of creating more interest and making every effort to give the membership "what" they wanted at our meetings; how to change attitudes to service, need and operations to the membership; education of the Line Officers in Subordinate Chapters; if we should try the "one to one" basis of "selling" this information to the members; should Subordinate Chapters assume the per capita tax on 50-year members in order to eliminate these members from going suspended for nonpayment of dues; and, the necessity of the Home being the very central point of our entire operations.

During the discussion of the Home Endowment Fund, it was suggested that the duties and responsibilities of the members of the Home Endowment Committee should be outlined and printed in the Constitution and Code of Laws which would assist those appointed to this important Constitutional Committee in promoting interest in the Home Endowment Fund.

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe again expressed her appreciation for this meeting and especially having the privilege and opportunity of receiving the information presented to her Committee and each of us studying together. She further stated that all of this information would serve as untold value in assisting in their duty of long-range planning for the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Mr. Earl G. Manning, Past Grand Patron, stated that he personally and officially concurred with all the statements made by Mrs. Sharpe. Mr. Manning further stated that he wanted to advise the Board that there was still confusion on the \$.50 assessment, especially among the Secretaries of the Subordinate Chapters; that many were of the opinion that it was an assessment against the Chapter and suggested that this be clarified that the assessment was against the membership of each individual Chapter.

Mr. Paul Fitch, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, read a short portion of the Supplemental Report from Travis and Ramsey, Inc., printed in the June issue of the Bulletin. Mr. Fitch summarized his remarks by saying that our problem, simply stated, is whether to increase income or decrease expenses.

Mr. Pribble, Chairman, announced to each one present that he had talked with Mr. Richard T. Porter and permission was received from Mr. Porter for us to use the Projection Charts he had prepared in any manner whatsoever and as we desired.

The "print-outs" of the receipts and disbursements received monthly by the members of the Board of Grand Trustees and also the Line Officers of Grand Chapter were shown to the members of the Purposes and Policy Committee. After discussion, it was decided that this information would be most helpful to the Purposes and Policy Committee. A motion was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Huffhines that the Appointed members of the Purposes and Policy Committee be furnished a copy of the "Print-out" for their study and consideration. Motion carried.

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe advised us that a number of ideas and suggestions had already been submitted to the Purposes and Policy Committee for study; and, each one would be seriously considered by her Committee.

The meeting with the Purposes and Policy Committee lasted approximately two hours and proved to be most constructive, educational and informative. Mr. C. L. Pribble, after again thanking this Committee for their complete cooperation, excused them in order that they may hold their own separate meeting.

After a five-minute break, the meeting of the Board of Grand Trustees was called to order.

The Chairman, Mr. C. L. Pribble, reported that the stocks and bonds in the name of Miss Alma Beall had been converted to cash which amounted to \$32,423.11 from these investments.

Additional bids on the printing of the Proceedings were obtained by Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, in compliance with the directives of the April 16, 1977, meeting. Mrs. Howard reported that she had contacted the Masonic Print Shop for bids on the Proceedings; however, after the bid had been submitted, it was withdrawn by the Masonic Print Shop with the statement that the Shop would not be ready for printing of material such as our Proceedings for at least another year. Mr. Pribble advised us that he had visited the Masonic Print Shop and concurred with the with-

drawal of the bid. However, he stated that the Masonic Print Shop was adequately prepared at this time for printing of material such as the Advance Reports and some of our forms and suggested that we continue to solicit bids from them.

Copies of letter dated May 3, 1977, addressed to Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, and signed by Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees were distributed to each member of the Board confirming the decision to proceed with the printing of the Proceedings with the typesetting bid to Metrotype and the printing to Stafford-Lowdon.

A motion was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and seconded by Mr. Paul Fitch that a letter be mailed to Metrotype and also to Stafford-Lowdon confirming acceptance of their bids on the Proceedings: the bid from Metrotype, dated April 11, 1977, of \$6,875.00 for typesetting and the bid from Stafford-Lowdon, dated April 5, 1977, of \$8,163.00 for the printing. Motion carried. (The cost of the typesetting and printing of the 1976 Proceedings totaled \$15,038.00.)

Mr. C. L. Pribble apologized to Mr. Edwin R. Pickett, Auditor, for the criticisms that he had been receiving concerning the audits and expressed his regret that such had happened. He requested Mr. Pickett to please refer any comments or criticisms he may receive in the future to him, the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees. Mr. Pickett graciously accepted Mr. Pribble's remarks but assured him not to worry.

A motion was made by Mr. Paul Fitch and seconded by Mrs. Louise Armstrong that we accept the bid of \$11,540.00 on a Roster of Subordinate Chapters, dated May 4, 1977, from Metrotype, 3209 Avenue E East, Arlington, for complete typesetting and a permanent disc. Motion carried.

Mr. C. L. Pribble reported that he had met with the members of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences and they were very receptive to the "Moving Money" Plan and were 100% in favor of the program. He also reported that he had requested the Secretary of the Benevolent Board to furnish the Board of Grand Trustees in writing the names of those they wanted to enter as the Signatures and also a copy of the minutes confirming the adoption of this Direct Bank Transfer Plan ("Moving Money").

Mr. Paul B. Fitch, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, moved that we authorize the Direct Bank Transfer Plan, as presented to the members of the Board at the meeting held on April 16, 1977, and that this Plan be placed in operation with the Fort Worth National Bank as soon as practicable. Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, District IV Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary was instructed by the Chairman to furnish him a letter addressed to Mr. B. W. Lucas, Senior Vice-President of the Fort Worth National Bank, certifying the excerpt from the minutes concerning this authorization and adoption of the Direct Bank Transfer Plan.

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams presented a check to Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, in the amount of \$115.00, proceeds received from the sale of miscellaneous properties of Mrs. Rose Capps. She also turned over to Mrs. Howard all mail she had picked up at Mrs. Capps' residence. Mrs. Williams then reported that she had a potential buyer for this property, first pricing at \$17,500.00. As reported at the March 12, 1977, meeting, Mrs. Williams reminded the members of the Board that this property originally cost \$5,700.00 and had been kept in excellent condition and was on a large lot; and, also that she was of the opinion that the going price should be approximately three times the cost. She further stated that she anticipated having to reduce the price of \$17,500.00, which she did to \$15,500.00. The prospective buyer has attempted to find fault and do everything possible to purchase the property at a lower price but that she had refused to go any lower than the \$15,500.00, as this particular property was worth this amount.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jackie Huffhines and seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams that we make available insurance covering our people attending the Grand Chapter Session to be held in El Paso in October 1977. Motion carried.

A statement from Mrs. Wanda Smith, District Deputy Grand Matron of District IV, showing total mileage of 1,568 in relationship to her visits to Livingston Chapter No. 723, Livingston, Texas, was presented to the Board. Mr. Paul Fitch moved that Mrs. Wanda Smith be reimbursed \$47.04 (1.568 miles @ \$.03) for this expense. Mrs. Elizabeth Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The payment of mileage in accordance with Article 180 (1) of the Code of Laws was discussed at length. It was the consensus of opinion of all members present that this Law should be enforced; and, it was agreed that those entitled to mileage who had not picked up their credentials by noon Tuesday, October 25, 1977, should not receive the mileage check. However, it was concluded that Mr. Edwin R. Pickett, Chairman of Transportation and Mileage, and also Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, would discuss this matter with the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, and action would be taken according to her directive.

At the meeting on March 12, 1977, it was agreed that Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Associate Grand Matron, would obtain estimates in updating the History of Grand Chapter which would be compared with those to be obtained by the Grand Secretary. The bids received by Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Howard were compared and discussed. The lowest bid was obtained by Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Elizabeth Williams moved that Mrs. Mary M. Brown be given authorization to have 5000 copies of the History of Grand Chapter printed at the quoted price of \$.65 per copy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paul Fitch and carried.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Board of Grand Trustees would be held on July 9, 1977; and, the meeting in August would be held on the 13th; each beginning at 8:00 A.M.

Motion was made by Mr. Paul Fitch and seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

Louise W. Armstrong
Secretary

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

On Saturday, July 9, 1977, the Board of Grand Trustees met in the Administration Building in Arlington. All members of the Board were present, namely: Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman; Mr. Paul B. Fitch, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong, Secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, District IV Member; and, Mrs. Jackie Huffhines, District I Member. By invitation, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, and Mr. Edwin R. Pickett, Auditor, were also present. The Chairman, Mr. C. L. Pribble, called the meeting to order promptly at 8:00 A.M. which was opened with prayer by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams. A warm welcome was extended by Mr. Pribble who also expressed his sincere appreciation for the presence of each one.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved after the following typographical correction was made: On page 253, 4th paragraph, 2nd line, 2nd word: "receiving" to "received."

Continuation of discussion and decisions on the Direct Bank Transfer Plan and a letter, dated June 16, 1977, from Mr. Edwin R. Pickett, Travis and Ramsey, Inc., were the first order of business. The letter addressed to Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman,

from Mr. Pickett, explained the system of bookkeeping maintained at the Home; and, also the concern of the Staff at the Home over an expense of \$242.00 paid in February 1977 for a reorder of checks which would last approximately 18 to 20 months. In this letter, it was suggested that the Board of Grand Trustees may want to consider whether or not it would be advisable to defer conversion of the Home Operational Fund until some time next year or until the supply of checks on hand were exhausted.

Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, reported that all accounts with the exception of the Home Operational Fund Checking account had been placed under the Direct Bank Transfer Plan. After much discussion and then determining that the amount of interest that could be earned under the Direct Bank Transfer Plan would far exceed the expense of \$242.00 for the checks, a motion was made by Mr. Paul Fitch and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Huffhines, that the Grand Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, be authorized to have the first group of checks printed for the Home Operational Fund Checking Account, Account No. D-2. Motion carried.

Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, then gave each member of the Board the designated numbers assigned by the Fort Worth National Bank of Fort Worth. The accounts and respective numbers are: A-1, Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S., Clearing-Savings Account: 255-489; B-2, Home Fund Clearing-Savings Account: 0255612; B-3, Benevolent Fund Clearing-Savings Account: 0255745; B-4, General Fund Clearing-Savings Account: 0256487; C-5, Home Operational Fund Clearing-Savings Account: 255760. Mrs. Howard stated that to her knowledge, the only transfer thusfar was from A-1 to B-2 in the amount of \$46,000.00.

Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman, stated that he would notify Mrs. Jettie Hinton, Grand Treasurer, to move the following amounts out of Account A-1: to B-4, \$134,615.00; to B-2, \$188,461.00; and to B-3, \$26,924.00.

It was unanimously agreed by the members of the Board of Grand Trustees that the following be printed in the August Bulletin:

“After extensive study and consultation, the Board of Grand Trustees has adopted a new banking procedure, as permitted by Article VII, Paragraph A., Section 4 of the Constitution and Chapter 5, Section A., Article 81 of the Code of Laws. This new procedure will enable the Grand Chapter of Texas to receive interest daily on operating funds which should earn at least \$20,000.00 annually.”

A letter from the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, addressed to Mrs. Louise Armstrong Secretary of the Board, regarding our request for copies of all opinions handed down by the Jurisprudence Committee was read and discussed. The Chairman instructed the Secretary to advise the Worthy Grand Matron that the intent of our motion was to assist and help the members of the Board of Grand Trustees in carrying out our duties and functions in accordance with the laws of our Order; and, further, to build a better understanding of the duties of the Jurisprudence Committee and those prescribed for the Board of Grand Trustees.

Mr. Pribble, Chairman, reported that he received a long distance telephone call on June 4th from Mrs. Patricia Neinast, Past Grand Matron. She had just received her copy of the Audit report and wanted to apologize for using the wrong word in reporting the Board to the Worthy Grand Matron. Mrs. Neinast asked if he would accept her apology to him and to the members of the Board; she offered to write a letter of apology, which Mr. Pribble assured her was not necessary. Mrs. Neinast stated that she was most anxious to retain his friendship and the other members of the Board. Mr. Pribble said that he told Mrs. Neinast that the Board was disappointed and surprised; However, her apology was accepted and our friendship would certainly continue.

The Chairman reported that the bid from Dick Bernhard on insurance for members attending the Grand Chapter Session to be held in El Paso in October 1977 had been accepted and approved.

A letter from Mr. Glenn D. Taylor, General Chairman of the Executive Committee, dated June 13, 1977 requesting \$10,000.00 for the coming Session was read. Mrs. Jackie Huffhines moved that the Grand Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, be authorized to release the \$10,000.00 to the Chairman of the Executive Committee. Mrs. Elizabeth Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Chairman reported that the \$50,000.00 Certificate of Deposit which terminated on June 23, 1977, had been cashed and deposited into the A-1 Account in the Fort Worth National Bank.

The statement from Travis and Ramsey, Inc., in the amount of \$975.00, charges for the Supplemental Audit required on the Projects of Mrs. Patricia Neinast, was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and seconded by Mr. Paul Fitch that the bill of \$975.00 be paid to Travis and Ramsey, Inc., for the supplemental audits of the Kidney and Cancer Fund (1974-1975) and Founder's Day Committee Funds (1974-1975). Motion carried.

Disposition and pricing of various Welfare items from prior years which had been returned to Grand Chapter and stored in the Administration Building were discussed at length. Mr. Paul Fitch reported that he had discussed this matter with the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, and she instructed him to notify the Board of Grand Trustees to price and sell all of the surplus items. She also suggested that a Booth be set-up by the Board and these items be sold on Founder's Day.

The inventory of the items in storage showed the following: 1,588 Medallions; 10 O.E.S. Clocks; 21 Masonic Clocks; 2,577 Maps; and 14 Boxes of Stationery. During the inventoring, the excess Proceedings of prior year Grand Chapter Sessions were discussed and it was agreed that these, too, should be priced for sale on Founder's Day. The following prices were unanimously agreed upon by the members of the Board: Each Medallion — \$1.00; Clocks — beginning price, \$20.00 (however, in checking the Clocks, several were found to be damaged or defective which would necessitate adjustment in pricing of these clocks); Maps: 75c each or two for \$1.00; Proceedings, beginning price of \$2.50. Since there were only 14 boxes of stationery, Mrs. Elizabeth Williams offered to take them and sell at her Chapter.

A letter from the Civil District Attorney, Dallas, Texas, in regard to delinquent taxes for the year 1975 on Lakeside, Lt. 15, Blk 79 property in the amount of \$2.33 was presented to the Board for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Paul Fitch and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Huffhines that the delinquent taxes of \$2.33 be paid and the Grand Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, be authorized to remit this amount before the deadline, July 15, 1977, Motion carried.

Mr. Pribble reported that he had not received a reply or any information from Mrs. Rachel Jones, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, to his inquiry of June 3, 1977, concerning repairs to paneling in the office of the Administration Bldg. He stated that he would follow-up on this with the hope of having all the answers at our next meeting.

Six Amendments for the "60-Day Ruling" were submitted by the Board of Grand Trustees. Each Amendment was prepared in accordance with the procedures stated in Chapter 14, Article 182 (page 111) of the Code of Laws governing the Grand Chapter of Texas, and were filed with the Grand Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard.

For brevity, only the proposed Amendment has been included in these minutes.

- (1) — That Chapter 4, Section F., Article 78 (page 66) be changed to read: "Closing Books. The Grand Treasurer shall close her books on the 31st day of October to conform with Article 189c."

- (2) — That Chapter 13, Article 180(1), (page 110) be changed to read as follows:

“(1) Who Entitled. The one ranking representative from each subordinate Chapter, including each Chapter under Dispensation, provided that Grand Chapter has voted to grant such Chapter a Charter, shall receive actual mileage of five cents (5c) per mile to and from Grand Chapter, provided they attend upon ALL business sessions of the Grand Chapter. The Worthy Grand Matron shall direct the Grand Warder and Assistant Grand Warders to verify attendance at all business sessions by those entitled under this article to receive mileage by whatever means are required.”

- (3) — Chapter 5, Section C., Article 86 — (page 73);
 (4) — Chapter 7, Article 142 — (page 96);
 (5) — Chapter 8, Article 145 — (page 97); and,
 (6) — Chapter 10, Article 151 — (page 97).

Each of the above (3) through (6) were amended by deleting the payment of mileage to Grand Chapter Sessions; and, to conform with the proposed Amendment eliminating mileage to all except the Chapter Representative.

Mr. Paul Fitch, Vice-Chairman, reported his findings concerning the purchase of an automobile for the incoming Worthy Grand Matron. He stated that in El Paso a 1977 Ford LTD with a 410 engine, power steering, power brakes, automatic seats and locks, rear window defroster and a slip bench seat could be purchased for \$5,397.00, excluding taxes and license. After discussion, it was decided to table any action on an automobile until the August meeting.

The Proposed General Fund Budget for 1977-1978, submitted to the Board by the Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary M. Brown, was carefully reviewed and studied. The Chairman requested each of us to give special attention to this Proposed Budget and be prepared to submit our recommendations at the next meeting.

The Chairman advised us that he had received a letter from Mrs. Velda Anderson informing him that the Passbook from the Texas Bank and Trust Company in Sweetwater had been erroneously mailed to her; however, this Passbook had been forwarded to Mrs. Elizabeth Williams. Inquiry was made concerning the amount available for Awards from the Fannie V. Ward Educational Fund. It was decided that Awards could be made to those who qualified at any time now. Such distributions to be reported by Mrs. Williams at our next meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Paul Fitch and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Huffhines that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

Louise W. Armstrong, Secretary

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

The Board of Grand Trustees met in the Administration Building in Arlington on August 13, 1977, with the following members present: Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman; Mr. Paul B. Fitch, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong, Secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, District IV Member; Mrs. Jackie Huffhines, District I Member; and, by invitation, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Jettie Hinton, Grand Treasurer; and, Mr. Edwin R. Pickett, Accountant. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by the Chairman and was opened with prayer by Mr. Paul Fitch. Mr. Pribble expressed his appreciation to all for their presence with a special welcome to Mrs. Jettie Hinton and Mr. Edwin Pickett.

with the agreement by completing the necessary repairs at 412 Chicago, as outlined in his letter of October 27, 1975. Motion carried.

At 10:00 A.M., Mr. Chas. H. Allen, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, was welcomed by the Chairman. A copy of the proposed budget for 1977-1978 of the Benevolent Board was distributed to each member of the Board of Grand Trustees. Each item was studied and analyzed. After Mr. Allen left, further study and consideration was given and several revisions were made for recommendation to the members present at the approaching Grand Chapter Session.

Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Associate Grand Matron, and Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Associate Grand Patron, arrived as scheduled at 11:00 A.M., at which time Mr. Pribble, Chairman, extended a warm welcome and also expressed the appreciation of the members of the Board to Mrs. Brown for furnishing us her proposed budget for study at our July meeting. Several recommendations were proposed in the General Budget for 1977-1978, to be presented at the 1977 Grand Chapter Session.

As reflected in the minutes of July 9, 1977, Mr. Paul Fitch reported that he could purchase a 1977 Ford LTD with a slip bench seat and accessories for \$5,397.00. After discussion, it was decided to table any action on purchasing a car until the August meeting. Mr. Fitch advised us that the car which could have been purchased in July had been sold. However, he had purchased another 1977 Ford LTD 4 Door, brown color, with a bench seat, radio and other accessories for \$5,961.00, excluding license and taxes. A motion was made by Mr. Paul Fitch and seconded by Mrs. Louise Armstrong, that the telephone conversation on August 4, 1977, with the members of the Board of Grand Trustees and their agreement to purchase this car be made a part of these minutes. Motion carried.

After much discussion on the type of tires on this 1977 LTD Ford, a motion was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Huffhines that Michelin tires be installed on the incoming Worthy Grand Matron's car before "moving." Motion carried. The Chairman instructed Mr. Paul Fitch to attend to this purchase and transfer of tires on the car purchased on August 4, 1977. It was reported that, as of this date, two bids had been received from Ft. Worth on the present Worthy Grand Matron's automobile which indicated that we would probably receive about \$4,200.00 for her car.

Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Associate Grand Patron, presented a printed resolution increasing the flexibility of the Home Endowment Fund for consideration by the Board. Mr. Paul Fitch concluded that this flexibility would be good for the Order and also that serious consideration should be given to removal of the \$100,000.00 limitation on the OES Home Endowment Funds. The members of the Board concurred with the recommendation submitted by Mr. Watson and each signed the resolution.

Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Associate Grand Matron, graciously offered the members of the Board of Grand Trustees the use of the Worthy Grand Matron's office, located in the Administration Building, for their meetings during the 1977-1978 Grand Chapter Year. Appreciation of this offer was expressed to Mrs. Brown by each member of the Board.

Mrs. Jettie Hinton, Grand Treasurer, advised that the Educational Fund Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$10,000.00 on deposit with the Austin Savings and Loan Association in Austin would mature on September 16, 1977, and requested the pleasure of the Board in reinvesting this \$10,000.00. Mr. Paul Fitch moved that this Certificate of Deposit be reinvested for one year with the Austin Savings and Loan Assn. of Austin. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Louise Armstrong and carried. The Chairman, Mr. Pribble, so instructed the Grand Treasurer.

Mrs. Jackie Huffhines reported that \$485.50 was received from the sale of clocks, maps, medallions, and proceedings on Founder's Day, August 6, 1977. Mr. C. L. Pribble expressed his sincere appreciation to Mrs. Huffhines, Mr. Pickett, Mrs. Howard and all who assisted in the sale of these items and commended them on the amount of the receipts.

In the Computer Run for the month of June, Travis and Ramsey, Inc. suggested that the Board of Grand Trustees might want to review certain Corporate Stocks in the Home Fund and Endowment Fund. This review and investigation was assigned to Mr. Paul Fitch, Vice-Chairman. Mr. Fitch made the following report: (a) We would be better off to place the 118 shares of General Mills, Inc. somewhere else; (b) To keep the 200 shares of Atlantic Richfield; (c) To sell the 320 shares of Briggs and Stratton; (d) Keep the 50 shares of I.B.M. as it was expected to split 3 or 4 ways and could become the strongest; (e) Sell the 40 shares of Xerox Corp; and (f) the 160 shares of Abbott Labs, though a "weak keep," we should not dispose of this investment.

A motion was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and seconded by Mrs. Louise Armstrong that we convert to cash 118 shares of General Mills, Inc., 320 shares of Briggs and Stratton and 40 shares of Xerox Corp. for reinvestment in the Home Endowment Fund. Motion carried and the Grand Secretary was so instructed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Louise Armstrong and seconded by Mr. Paul Fitch that our next meeting be held on Saturday, September 24, 1977, at 8:00 A.M. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Jackie Huffhines and seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

Louise W. Armstrong, Secretary

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

On September 24, 1977, the Board of Grand Trustees met in the Administration Building in Arlington with the following members present: Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman; Mr. Paul B. Fitch, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong, Secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, District IV Member; and, Mrs. Jackie Huffhines, District I Member; and, by invitation, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Jettie Hinton, Grand Treasurer; and Mr. Edwin R. Pickett, Certified Public Accountant for the Grand Chapter of Texas, were also present. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by the Chairman, Mr. C. L. Pribble, which was opened with prayer by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams. A warm welcome was extended to each one present by the Chairman who also expressed his deep appreciation for the excellent attendance during this past year.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved after the following corrections: (1) On Page 259, the last line, the name reference should have been "Mrs. Hart," instead of Mrs. Elizabeth Meadow; and (2) on Page 260, fourth paragraph, second line, the typographical error of "slip" bench to "split" bench.

Correspondence dated September 7, 1977, from Miss Emma Hall, Treasurer of the Executive Committee, addressed to Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Associate Grand Matron, remitting a check in the amount of \$750.00 to be used in defraying expenses of the Installation to be held on Thursday evening, October 27, 1977, was read.

Letter dated September 12, 1977, addressed to Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman, from Mr. Glenn D. Taylor, General Chairman of the Executive Committee, requesting the remainder of the funds allocated for the 95th Session of Grand Chapter was read. A motion was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and seconded by Mr. Paul Fitch that we send the remainder of the \$20,000.00 allocated, or \$5,000.00, to Mr. Taylor. Motion carried. The Grand Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, was so instructed.

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams reported that the home of Mrs. Jennie Rose Capps had been sold and we would realize approximately \$14,870.00 from this sale. All papers had been prepared for the Worthy Grand Matron's signature. The Chairman requested Mr. Paul Fitch to take the papers back to El Paso with him and have the documents executed by Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron, and return direct to Mrs. Williams for the closing of this sale.

Mr. Pribble reported that instead of 4000 copies of the Grand Chapter Session Program, the Worthy Grand Matron had advised that 5000 copies would be needed. A motion was made by Mr. Paul Fitch and seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams that the number of Grand Chapter Session Programs be increased from 4000 to 5000 at the additional cost of \$365.00 as quoted by Preferred Printers in their bid dated September 8, 1977. Motion carried and the Grand Secretary was instructed to notify Preferred Printers to increase the order to 5000 copies.

Mr. Paul Fitch reported on the Worthy Grand Matron's car. As shown in the minutes of August 13, 1977, two bids had been received in Fort Worth for approximately \$4,200.00, the same amount offered in El Paso at that time. However, the offer now had been reduced to \$4,000.00 provided the 1976 Mercury was traded in on or before October 10, 1977. Mr. Fitch further stated that the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, was in complete agreement in releasing the Grand Chapter car prior to the Grand Chapter Session. A motion was made by Mrs. Louise Armstrong and seconded by Mr. Paul Fitch that we sell the car to Fortune Lincoln Mercury prior to October 10, 1977, for \$4,000.00. Motion carried. As requested by the Chairman, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, gave all the necessary papers to Mr. Paul Fitch in order that the car may be traded-in before the 10th day of October.

The Chairman reported that the roof over the Worthy Grand Matron's Office in the Administration Building was leaking. It was the consensus of opinion of all members of the Board that Mr. Clark, the builder, should be held responsible. In this connection, Mr. Pribble also advised that he had not received any feed-back from his letter to Mrs. Rachel Jones, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, on the repairs to the paneling in the Office of the Administration Building. The wall paneling was repaired on May 18, 1977, and a statement in the amount of \$58.25 was issued on May 20, 1977. This indebtedness had never been paid; hence, Mr. Pribble instructed Mrs. Patsy Sawyer, Superintendent/Administrator of the Home, to go ahead and issue a check for full payment.

Mr. Paul Fitch moved that the Chairman write another letter to Mrs. Rachel Jones, Chairman of the Benevolent Board, requesting immediate action on the necessary repairs since the remodeling of the Office Building and the addition of the Worthy Grand Matron's Office were completed under the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences; and, further, that said letter be mailed to Mrs. Jones by Certified Mail. Mrs. Elizabeth Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, reported that Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Associate Grand Matron, had taken care of the printing of her Installation Programs which would cost about \$1,300.00, however this amount did not include the listing of the names of her appointments. Mr. Paul Fitch moved that the Grand Secretary be authorized to pay the printing bill of the Installation Programs for this Grand Chapter Session when submitted by Mrs. Brown. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and carried.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved after the following addition was made: "The Board of Grand Trustees authorized the Grand Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, to increase the amount of coverage under our Blanket Bond No. 9035403 with Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland from \$25,000.00 to \$100,000.00 per person.

Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman, stated that he had personally talked with Mrs. Earnestine Porter, Treasurer of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, concerning the handling of funds under the Direct Bank Transfer Plan and explained her responsibilities in transferring the necessary funds at the appropriate time. Mr. Pribble also said that he did not think there would be any more overdrafts in the Home Fund Accounts.

Mrs. Jettie Hinton, Grand Treasurer, reported on her visit with Mr. B. W. Lucas, Senior Vice President of the Fort Worth National Bank. She said her day was most informative and appreciated the opportunity of meeting and working with Mr. Lucas; she also expressed her appreciation to Mr. Ed Pickett for meeting her at the Airport and taking her to the Fort Worth National Bank. Mrs. Hinton was commended on the excellent manner in following all instructions perfectly in transferring the various accounts to the Direct Bank Transfer Plan.

The Chairman announced that Mr. Chas. H. Allen, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, would meet with us at 10:00 A.M. And, at 11:00 A.M., Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Associate Grand Matron, and Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Associate Grand Patron, would also meet with us to discuss the proposed budgets for the Benevolent Fund and the General Fund, respectively. The budgets were studied and discussed by the members of the Board prior to the arrival of these members.

Excerpts from the following letter, addressed to Mr. C. L. Pribble under date of August 8, 1977, from Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, Past Grand Matron and Chairman of Purposes and Policy Committee, was read: "This will confirm the action of the Purposes and Policies Committee at our meeting on August 6, 1977, in response to the request of the Board of Grand Trustees that we assist in a study of financial problems confronting our Grand Chapter. "It was moved, duly seconded and carried that the suggestion be made to your Board for study of the reallocation of funds, outlined on Page 47, of Article XI, Section 2 of our Constitution, with a possible proposed change to said Constitution along the lines of \$1.10 to the General Fund, \$1.40 to the OES Home Fund and \$0.10 to the Benevolent Fund."

After much discussion and ascertaining that the investments in the Benevolent Fund exceed \$150,000.00, it was unanimously agreed by all members of the Board of Grand Trustees that more money was needed in the General Fund and less in the Benevolent Fund. A motion was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Huffhines that the amendment suggested by the Purposes and Policy Committee be submitted by the members of the Board at the 1977 Grand Chapter Session. The motion carried and the proposed Amendment was prepared and signed by all the members of the Board of Grand Trustees.

Mr. Ed Pickett announced that since the first part of July, even before all transitions had been completed under the Direct Bank Transfer Plan, interest of \$1,124.00 had been earned.

The Chairman, Mr. C. L. Pribble, reported that Mrs. Elizabeth Meadow had contacted him in regard to the property located at 412 Chicago, Ft. Worth. This particular property had been purchased by Mr. J. C. Gorman and Mrs. Meadow had assumed the liability; however, the repairs agreed to by Mr. Gorman at the time of the sale had not been made, hence she was appealing to the Board of Grand Trustees. It was the opinion of all members of the Board that the responsibility was Mr. Gorman's. A motion was made by Mr. Paul Fitch and seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams that the Chairman, Mr. C. L. Pribble, write Mr. J. C. Gorman requesting him to comply

A motion was made by Mr. Paul Fitch and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Huffhines that the Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Jettie Hinton, be authorized to transfer \$60,000.00 from the Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S. Clearing-Savings Account No. 255-489 into the General Fund Clearing-Savings Account No. 0256487 and then move this amount into the General Fund Checking Account No. 191-551, so that all expenses may be paid for the remainder of this Grand Chapter Year. Motion carried.

Mr. C. L. Pribble, Chairman, again expressed to Mrs. Jettie Hinton, Grand Treasurer, his personal appreciation and also the appreciation of each member of the Board on her outstanding and excellent work and assistance she had given to the Board in making all the necessary transfers to place in operation the Direct Bank Transfer Plan.

Mr. Pribble advised that Mrs. Clara Wynn, a new Lady in the Home, had driven her own car, a 1970 Chevrolet Nova, to the Home. He stated that he requested Mr. Hoyt Smith of the Hoyt Smith Automobile Company to appraise the automobile and submit his appraisal in a sealed bid. Two other sealed bids were submitted; one from Mr. Davenport and the other from Mr. Perry Smithwick. The bids were opened and Mr. Hoyt Smith's bid was for \$600.00; the other two bids were \$500.00 and \$375.00, respectively. Mrs. Jackie Huffhines moved that we let the car go to Mr. Hoyt Smith, the highest bidder, for \$600.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paul Fitch and carried. Mr. Pribble stated that he would notify Mr. Smith so that the sale could be completed without delay.

We were also advised by Mr. Pribble that personal furniture and furnishings of Mrs. Clara Wynn's had been hauled to the Home; and, among the belongings was a bedroom suite for which we had received an offer of \$25.00. It was agreed that during the lunch hour, we would look at this suite and ascertain whether or not to accept the offer. Immediately after lunch, the bedroom suite was carefully examined and it was unanimously agreed that it was not worth more than \$25.00. A motion was made by Mr. Paul Fitch and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Huffhines that we sell Mrs. Clara Wynn's bedroom suite for \$25.00. Motion carried. The Chairman instructed the Grand Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, to complete this sale.

After a detailed review of the Recommendations concerning the operations of Grand Chapter, presented to the Board of Trustees by the Accountants of Grand Chapter, Travis & Ramsey, Inc., under date of February 18, 1977, Mr. Paul Fitch moved that the Board of Grand Trustees take whatever professional action necessary to comply with Recommendation No. 3. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Louise Armstrong and carried. The Chairman instructed the Secretary to advise the Members of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences of this action, outlining Recommendation No. 3 in the letter. Mr. Pribble also requested that, if possible, this letter be mailed in time for the Benevolent Board Members to receive before their meeting on October 1, 1977.

In order that this action taken by the Board of Grand Trustees will become a permanent record, Recommendation No. 3 is being included in these minutes. Recommendation No. 3 reads:

"Property ledgers should be prepared at both cost and fair market value to include the following data.

- "a. All securities, corporate and governmental.
- "b. All properties given to the Grand Chapter of Texas.
 - (1) Real properties and/or resulting notes receivable from sales.
 - (2) Mineral interest, producing and non-producing.
- "c. Assets belonging to any Home member with survivorship rights belonging to Grand Chapter.
- "d. Physical properties located in Arlington, Texas.
- "e. Furniture, fixtures, equipment, etc. located in Arlington, Texas (valuation based on estimated values at a specific date)."

Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, announced that several of the Ladies of the Home had died within the past few months and presented to the Board an assortment of jewelry which Mrs. Patsy Sawyer, Superintendent/Administrator of the Home, had given to her. Each member of the Board examined the jewelry, after which the Chairman asked Mrs. Jackie Huffhines if she would take the jewelry and have it appraised by Mr. Morris Fair, to which she readily agreed. After discussing the last appraisals on jewelry and realizing that Mr. Fair gave us the highest bid, a motion was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and seconded by Mr. Paul Fitch that whatever the appraisal offered by Mr. Fair that we would let him have the jewelry for this amount. Motion carried. Mr. Pribble so instructed Mrs. Huffhines.

Mr. Pribble, Chairman, announced that the next meeting of the Board of Grand Trustees would begin at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, October 24, 1977, in the El Paso Civic Center and would continue until the closing of the 95th Session of Grand Chapter on Thursday, October 27, 1977.

Motion was made by Mr. Paul Fitch and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Huffhines that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) Louise W. Armstrong, Secretary

Worthy Grand Matron: I now recognize Sister Louise Armstrong, Board Member from District 5.

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES REPORT NO. 2

Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong. 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 of Grand Chapter Benevolences for the year 1977-1978.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. Pribble, Chairman
 Paul B. Fitch, Vice-Chairman
 Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong, Secretary
 Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Dist. 4 Member
 Mrs. Jackie Huffhines, Dist. 1 Member

Proposed Budget Attached,
 Board of Directors of
 Grand Chapter Benevolences

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES

PROPOSED BUDGET 1977 - 1978

HOME FUNDS

Home Salaries	\$198,740.
Hospital Salaries	90,000.
Payroll Taxes	20,000.
Groceries	74,750.
Utilities	43,200

Telephone	3,025.	
Repairs & Maintenance (Cars, Tractors & Mowers)	2,915.	
Laundry and Dry Cleaning	5,000.	
Doctors	20,000.	
Hospitals	3,000.	
Drugs, Medical Supplies, Hearing Aids	42,000.	
Office Supplies	2,000.	
Maintenance Supplies	10,800.	
Pest Control	850.	
Yard Maintenance	3,000.	
Trash Pick-Up	1,200.	
Group Insurance	3,500.	
Miscellaneous	2,000.	
SUB TOTAL		\$525,980.

BOARD FUNDS

Adm/Supt Salary	\$11,700.	
Supvr/LVN Salary	9,600.	
Dietician Salary	8,400.	
Administrator Training	1,000.	
Maintenance - General (Home and Hospital)	10,000.	
Painting	10,000.	
Repairs - Home	30,000.	
Repairs - Hospital	3,000.	
Hospital Emergency	3,000.	
Insurance	20,000.	
Funeral Expenses	5,500.	
New Equipment and Furnishings	3,000.	
Board Expenses - Travel	3,850.	
Board Supplies	600.	
Membership Christmas and Easter	1,000.	
Cemetery Maintenance	400.	
SUB TOTAL		\$121,050.
Benevolent Aid		35,000.
Contingency Fund		7,500.
BUDGET GRAND TOTAL		\$689,530.

Sisters and Brothers, if you have your annual report with you, I ask that you open it to Page 125. You will note that there are four columns. The first column gives the Budget for 1976-77. The second column is the budget submitted to the Board of Grand Trustees by the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences at our August meeting — August 13th. It was at that meeting in August that the Trustees made some changes and recommendations. We met with the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences yesterday morning and — I would like to inject here — these two Boards work together beautifully and everyone there respects the other.

On account of the recent minimum wage increase, we are going completely along with the Board of Benevolences' proposals for the Home Fund which you will note totals \$525,980.

Under the Boards funds, we made one change. The Benevolent Board showed a budget of \$15,000 for insurance. We have already paid out in excess of \$18,000 on insurance so we have increased the budget to \$20,000.

I told you a few minutes ago, the second row of figures on page 125 as proposed by the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences was unchanged and the Board of Grand Trustees approved that.

The Board Funds — all amounts remain as shown with the exception of the insurance. We are increasing that to \$20,000 instead of the \$15,000 because of the increase in cost this past year. That brings the funds for

The Board to \$121,050
 Benevolent Air 35,000
 Contingency Fund 7,500

This makes the correct total of your budget for the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter \$689,530.

Respectfully submitted.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Board of Grand Trustees Report No. 2.

Worthy Grand Matron: You have heard the motion which has been seconded. If you would adopt Board of Grand Trustees Report No. 2, signify by raising the right hand. Opposed, same sign. The motion is carried. Thank you Sister Louise Armstrong.

I now recognize Sister Elizabeth Williams.

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES REPORT NO. 3

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, having received the proposed Budget of the General Fund for the year 1977-1978, as submitted by the Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary M. Brown, and having carefully considered the same, we are pleased to present the following for your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. Pribble, Chairman
 Paul B. Fitch, Vice-Chairman
 Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong, Secretary
 Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Dist. 4 Member
 Mrs. Jackie Huffhines, Dist. 1 Member

(Proposed Budget Attached)

GENERAL FUND

PROPOSED BUDGET 1977 - 1978

GRAND OFFICERS

Worthy Grand Matron's Expense Fund	\$3,000.	
Worthy Grand Patron's Expense Fund	1,500.	
Associate Grand Matron's Expense Fund	1,250.	
Associate Grand Patron's Expense Fund	250.	
Grand Conductress' Expense Fund	150.	
Associate Grand Conductress' Expense Fund	150.	
Worthy Grand Matron's Secretarial Expense Fund	500.	
Worthy Grand Matron's Automobile Expense Fund	3,000.	
Worthy Grand Matron's Automobile Fund	2,345.	
Past Grand Matron's Jewel	500.	
Past Grand Patron's Jewel	300.	\$12,945.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Board of Grand Trustees' Expense Fund	\$1,500.	
Board of Grand Examiners' Expense Fund	600.	
District Deputy and Deputy Grand Matrons' Expense Fund	5,000.	
By-Laws Committee's Expense Fund	100.	
Welfare Committee's Expense Fund	400.	
Home Endowment Committee's Expense Fund	200.	
ESTARL Committee's Expense Fund	100.	\$ 7,900.

GRAND CHAPTER

Grand Chapter Session (Including \$750. for Installation)	\$20,000.	
Entertainment at Grand Chapter for visiting Grand Officers	1,000.	
Entertainment at General Grand Chapter of Texas General Grand Officers	750.	\$21,750.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Grand Secretary's Salary	\$10,000.	
Office Salaries	25,000.	
Office Expense	11,000.	
Office Building Maintenance	4,300.	
Payroll Taxes	1,500.	
Equipment	500.	\$52,300.

GRAND TREASURER'S OFFICE

Grand Treasurer's Salary	\$ 3,900.	
Grand Treasurer's Expenses	400.	\$ 4,300.

PRINTING AND EDITING

Roster	—0—	
Proceedings	\$17,000.	
Annual Printing	39,225.	
Associate Grand Matron's Books/Supplies	1,900.	
Editing of Proceedings	100.	\$58,225.

MILEAGE

Mileage	\$14,000.	\$14,000.
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LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL

Audit and Accounting Services (CPA)	\$ 6,000.	
Legal	500.	
Grand Chapter Official Reporter	1,400.	\$ 7,900.

MEMORIALS

Grand Chapter	\$ 150.	\$ 150.
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OTHER

Fidelity Bonds	Worthy Grand Matron		
	Grand Secretary		
	Grand Treasurer	\$ 200.	
Board of Grand Trustees' Contingency Fund		10,000.	
Worthy Grand Matron's Contingency Fund		1,500.	\$11,700.

TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES \$191,170.

Sisters and Brothers, I invite your attention to Page 126 — the third column — The Trustees recommends the total for the Grand Officers expenses for the year \$12,945. There is a change of \$600.00 and that was made by the Associate Grand Matron herself. She decreased it.

Grand Officers Expenses	\$ 12,945.00
Boards and Committees expense	7,900.00

Grand Chapter Session & Entertainment	21,750.00
Grand Secretary's Office Expense	52,300.00
Grand Treasurer's Office Expense	4,300.00
Printing & Editing	58,225.00
Mileage	14,000.00
Legal & Professional	7,900.00
Memorial	150.00
Other Expenses	11,700.00
Total Budget	\$191,170.00

This report is signed by all members of the Board of Grand Trustees. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Grand Trustees Report No. 3.

Worthy Grand Matron: My Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion it has been seconded to adopt Report No. 3 of the Board of Grand Trustees. Is there any discussion? A question was raised by someone regarding printing of the Roster.

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams: The Roster is being printed at this time and this cost is a one time cost — the major portion of it. We are changing the method and it will be on a disc thing where it can be corrected and it will be printed more regularly and at less cost. Am I correct, Mr. Chairman? Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron: Any other discussion? Ready for the question? All of those in favor, signify by raising the hand. Opposed, same sign. Report No. 3 has been adopted. Thank you Sister Elizabeth Williams.

I recognize Mrs. Jackie Huffhines.

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES REPORT NO. 4

Mrs. Jackie Huffhines: 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,

There has been no change in this part of the Budget.

- C. L. Pribble, Chairman
- Paul B. Fitch, Vice-Chairman
- Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong, Secretary
- Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Dist. 4 Member
- Mrs. Jackie Huffhines, Dist. 1 Member

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 4 of the Board of Grand Trustees.

Worthy Grand Matron: The motion has been made and seconded that we adopt Report No. 4 of the Board of Grand Trustees. Is there discussion? All in favor, let it be known by raising the hand. Opposed, same sign. The motion is adopted. Thank you Sister Jackie.

I recognize Brother Paul Fitch.

95th SESSION

Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star



February 10, 1978

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Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
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Dear Sister Howard;

It is with great pleasure that I forward the records of the 95th Grand Chapter Session to you for approval, and am pleased to enclose our check for \$5,310.63, representing the unused portion of funds received from Grand Chapter.

I would like to report that we purchased 200 "permanent" Ballot Boxes for future use at Grand Chapter Sessions. These are now in the custody of Sister Mary Brown. We also gave her the backdrop used at the El Paso Grand Chapter.

The ramps and carpet on the stage have been donated to the El Paso Civic Center.

Expenses for Distinguished Guests included all complimentary rooms and meals, as well as the usual gifts. As all hotel bills were not received until after Grand Chapter, Sister Donna Reed, Chairman of Distinguished Guests Committee, returned the unused portion of her budget, same being \$807.04.

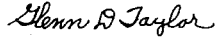
We would also like to explain that we had a much larger freight bill for the paraphernalia, printer matter, for Grand Chapter, as well as Sister Mary Brown's materials, due to the distance between Arlington and El Paso.

We paid for the broken column for the Grand Chaplain, who reimbursed us for it. This was also given to Sister Brown.

The "Miscellaneous" items were for luncheons for Deputies and Sister Rennie Ofton at the Civic Center, for which we were reimbursed.

Again, I would like to thank you for your cooperation during this past year.

Sincerely,



Glenn D. Taylor,
General Chairman

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Enclosure

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND EQUITY
FOR THE YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1975 and 1976**

ASSETS

	Number	Schedule 1976	Total All Funds 1975	1976	General Fund 1975
Cash on deposit	2 & 3	\$ 665,963	\$ 521,502	\$128,002	\$ 75,490
Investments	4 & 5	2,228,911	2,131,911	205,000	205,000
Other		(18,629)	47,582	19,983	75,121
Total Assets		\$2,876,245	\$2,700,995	\$352,985	\$355,611

FUND EQUITY

Balance - beginning		\$2,700,995	\$2,599,340	\$355,609	\$352,981
Receipts					
Dues	\$ 318,180	\$3 320,719	\$122,377		\$123,351
Interest	3 & 5	172,939	145,791	18,932	20,224
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	—	—
Oil sales		11,276	4,784	—	—
Dividends and rents		6,527	6,923	—	—
Transfers	—	—	—	—	—
Pensions		208,806	154,561	—	—
Property sales		7,365	21,731	—	—
Other		6,863	886	6,176	1,150
Total Receipts		\$1,017,133	\$ 904,652	\$220,254	\$223,579
Expenditures					
Grand Chapter	9	\$ 222,878	\$ 220,951	\$222,878	\$220,951
Home					
Board of Directors	10	35,317	66,235	—	—
Superintendent	10	434,283	389,788	—	—
Allowances-Home					
members	10	29,322	28,863	—	—
Other	10	969	1,330	—	—
Chapter benevolences	11	29,550	29,050	—	—
Special and other	12	89,563	66,780	—	—
Total Expenditures		\$ 841,882	\$ 802,997	\$222,878	\$220,951
Net Increase					
(Decrease)		\$ 175,251	\$ 101,655	\$(2,624)	\$ 2,628
Total Fund Equity		\$2,876,246	\$2,700,995	\$352,985	\$355,609

Schedule 1

Educational Fund

F. V. Ward Fund

Home Fund		Endowment Fund		Benevolent Fund		Special Funds	
1976	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975
\$169,351	\$146,238	\$ 196,322	\$ 153,130	\$ 51,972	\$ 35,117	\$120,316	\$111,527
308,441	308,441	1,558,470	1,461,470	130,000	130,000	27,000	27,000
(8,254)	(6,070)	(9,505)	(8,165)	(8,933)	1,552	(11,920)	(14,856)
\$469,538	\$448,609	\$1,745,287	\$1,606,435	\$173,039	\$166,669	\$135,396	\$123,671
\$448,609	\$484,020	\$1,606,436	\$1,479,483	\$166,669	\$162,167	\$123,672	\$120,689
\$171,328	\$172,697	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 24,475	\$ 24,671	\$ —	\$ —
25,794	23,028	112,328	89,000	11,457	8,882	4,428	4,657
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
52,562	70,495	63,220	34,818	—	—	96,626	65,090
11,276	4,784	—	—	—	—	—	—
3,139	3,772	3,388	3,151	—	—	—	—
40,085	—	(40,085)	—	—	—	—	—
208,306	154,561	—	—	—	—	—	—
7,365	21,731	—	—	—	—	—	—
465	(263)	—	—	—	(1)	222	—
\$520,820	\$450,805	\$ 138,851	\$ 126,969	\$ 35,932	\$ 33,552	\$101,276	\$ 69,747
\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
35,317	66,235	—	—	—	—	—	—
434,283	389,788	—	—	—	—	—	—
29,322	28,863	—	—	—	—	—	—
969	1,330	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	29,550	29,050	—	—
—	—	—	16	12	—	89,551	66,764
\$499,891	\$486,216	\$ —	\$ 16	\$ 29,562	\$ 29,050	\$ 89,551	\$ 66,764
\$ 20,929	\$(35,411)	\$ 138,851	\$ 126,953	\$ 6,370	\$ 4,502	\$ 11,725	\$ 2,983
\$469,538	\$448,609	\$1,745,287	\$1,606,436	\$173,039	\$166,669	\$135,397	\$123,672

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Order of the Eastern Star
Arlington, Texas 76011

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Dear Trustees:

Our audit report for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1975 did not include certain receipts and disbursements in the Kidney and Cancer Fund and Founders' Day Committee Funds because the records were not available to us for audit at that time.

In response to your request expressed in the meeting held March 12, 1977, we submit this supplemental report comprised of the following schedules of recorded receipts and disbursements for:

Kidney and Cancer Research Fund	Schedule 1
Founders' Day Committee Funds:	
Arlington Bank of Commerce	Schedule 2
Savings Account-Committee Members	Schedule 3
Special Funds of Grand Secretary	Schedule 4

We understand some question has arisen regarding repayment of an advance appropriation of \$1,914 authorized in your Board minutes of September 28, 1974, and we invite your attention to the fact that this advance was repaid on May 26, 1975 by a check drawn on the Special Funds account (See Schedule 4).

As a part of our review of the receipts and disbursements reported in Schedules 1 and 2, we also reviewed your Board minutes for Board action concerning these funds. May we respectfully call to your attention the fact that the establishment of these bank accounts does not appear to have been authorized by the Board as required by Article 81(3) of your Order's Code of Laws. Also, the funds deposited in the Arlington Bank of Commerce savings account were apparently solicited from Committee members as a gift to the Worthy Grand Matron. Although for a commendable purpose, the solicitation may be in violation of Article 185 of the Code of Laws which limits solicitations to benevolent or charitable causes.

Again, we want to thank you, the Board of Grand Trustees, and all staff personnel of the Order of the Eastern Star for your courtesy, cooperation and assistance during the course of our audit and in the preparation and submission of this supplemental report.

Respectfully submitted,
Travis & Ramsey

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES REPORT NO. 5

Paul B. Fitch. 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, 1976; and, Supplemental Report, dated April 13, 1977.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. Pribble, Chairman
Paul B. Fitch, Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong, Secretary
Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Dist. 4 Member
Mrs. Jackie Huffhines, Dist. 1 Member

(Reports Attached)

The figures of this report are quite voluminous and quite important. They will be printed in the proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

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

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you Brother Paul. Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt report No. 5 of the Board of Grand Trustees. Is there any discussion? All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed, same sign. The Report is adopted.

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
STATEMENT OF RECORDED RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
KIDNEY AND CANCER RESEARCH FUNDS FOR THE PERIOD
FEBRUARY 14, 1975 THROUGH MARCH 27, 1976**

First National Bank of Commerce, Texas (Account 100-586-3)		Receipts	Schedule 1 Disbursements
Deposited:			
February	1975	\$ 811.32	
March	1975	1,449.85	
April	1975	4,718.21	
May	1975	1,341.50	
July	1975	71,985.23	
August	1975	1,540.34	
September	1975	1,470.55	
October	1975	2,066.00	
November	1975	11.00	
March	1976	3.00	
Checks returned to chapters and individuals		(413.07)	
Disbursements:			
DWS, Inc. Ten (10) Kidney Dialysis machines			\$46,450.00
Dr. Harold Cheek, Baylor Univ. Med. Center Breast Cancer Lectureship and Research			12,000.00
Dr. Joseph D. Mitchell, Jr., Southwestern Medical School — Urological Lectureship and Research			14,000.00
Dr. Robert Hickey, M.D. Anderson Cancer and Tumor Institute—Conference room furnishings			12,000.00
Operating expenses reimbursed to Committee members			286.46
Mrs. Pat Major Neinast			247.47
Total Receipts and Disbursements		\$84,983.93	\$84,983.93

Note: A letter in the Kidney and Cancer Research Fund files acknowledged a gift of \$6,000.00 by the El Paso Area Eastern Star Chapters. This money was not deposited in the above funds and is not accounted for herein.

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
STATEMENT OF RECORDED RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOUNDER'S DAY COMMITTEE FUNDS FOR THE PERIOD
OCTOBER 24, 1974 THROUGH DECEMBER 23, 1975**

Arlington Bank of Commerce, Arlington, Texas (Account 303-125-0)		Receipts	Schedule 2 Disbursements
Recorded Receipts			
100% Welfare chapters		\$ 2,720.30	
Variety Show		1,557.00	
Founders' Day Fair sales		348.65	
Clock sales		3,600.00	
Map sales		3,104.00	

Stationery sales	274.00
Memorials	161.00
Batteries and fabric sales	34.25
Postage reimbursements	131.00
Advance from Board of Grand Trustees	1,914.00

Disbursements

Transfer to Special Funds account of Grand Secretary		\$ 2,664.50
Variety Show expenses		1,142.15
Clocks purchased, prints, etc.		3,824.96
Maps and mailing tubes purchased		971.44
Stationery costs		254.32
Fabric and batteries purchased		247.35
Postage for mailing clocks & maps		200.00
Christmas Day Party at Home		12.00
Mops and brooms		97.60
NSF checks and bank charges		49.16
Gift for Worthy Grand Matron (See Schedule 3)		41.48
Payments to Spanish Imports and/or Lola and B. W. Winder:		
Freight on furniture		600.00
Furniture		1,128.25
8% handling charge on tables & chairs		460.00
Artificial flowers		489.60
Furniture markup per Lola Winder		1,661.39
Total Receipts and Disbursements	\$13,844.20	\$13,844.20

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
STATEMENT OF RECORDED RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOUNDERS' DAY COMMITTEE SAVINGS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD
JANUARY 14, 1975 THROUGH OCTOBER 27, 1975**

Arlington Bank of Commerce (Savings Account 387-785-0)	Receipts	Schedule 3 Disbursements
Total Receipts recorded	\$425.77	
Less cash deducted from deposits	(67.00)	
Withdrawal, October 27, 1975		\$358.77
Total Receipts and Disbursements	\$358.77	\$358.77

Note: Information relating to this account indicates it was established for the purpose of receiving Committee member donations for a special gift to the Worthy Grand Matron.

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
STATEMENT OF RECORDED RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOUNDERS' DAY FUNDS IN SPECIAL FUNDS ACCOUNT
OF GRAND SECRETARY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1975**

Arlington Bank and Trust Special Funds Account - Grand Secretary	Receipts	Schedule 4 Disbursements
Receipts		
Transfer of 100% Welfare Chapter funds from Arlington Bank of Commerce (Schedule 2)	\$2,664.50	
Deposits by Founders' Day Committee General Chairman - 100% Welfare Chapters	5,707.15	
Founders' Day Fair Sales	4,022.30	
Disbursements		
Reimbursement to Board of Grand Trustees		\$ 1,914.00
Paid to Spanish Imports and/or Lola Winder:		
Tables and chairs		5,750.00
Tile on floors		1,677.90
Freight on furniture		469.17
10% handling charge on tables and chairs		575.00
Artificial plants		450.00
Mrs. Patricia Neinast - Trees at Home		171.45
Founders' Day Fair Tent rental		392.50
Total Receipts and Disbursements	\$12,393.95	\$11,400.02
Balance in account at year end		993.93
		\$12,393.95

Mr. C. L. Pribble: Worthy Grand Matron, I have one more report. I have endeavored to try to keep the membership informed of its financial activities for the past year so I am going to throw in two cents worth at my expense.

A number of questions have been asked about the \$58,000 or \$59,000 assessment money. I'm going to give you a few facts and figures on it, just for your records. Now, these figures are unaudited because anything that happens this year has not been audited and will not be audited until the year is complete — in fact, expenditures on the General Fund are only ten months experience with the other two months prorated. This doesn't really mean that this is exactly what it is going to come out to be at the end of the year. You will know that when you get your audit after the 31st of October.

Some \$58,000 was collected by the 50c Assessment. In the year, up until the first of September, the General Fund had spent, according to the "tab run", \$148,994.01. This projected for twelve months gives a projection of \$178,792.81 which leaves us \$27,887 but with the printing bills coming in, it will probably exceed that amount.

We used approximately \$30,000 of the 50c Assessment for this year. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron stayed within their budget which we appreciate.

Approximately \$28,000 is in the budget for next year. With the proposed budget that you have just adopted, this should not exceed our assets.

I wanted to give you this for your information because I told some of you that when I found out all the facts and figures, as closely as possible, I would give them to you. Are there any questions?

Worthy Grand Matron, I now present the Final Report of the Board of Grand Trustees.

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

C. L. Pribble: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished guests, my Sisters and Brothers. It is with a little sadness that I bring this report. However, this sadness is tempered by a grateful heart. I have had the pleasure of serving Grand Chapter for the last five years. I endeavored to stand for that which I believed to be right and opposed that which I believed to be wrong. Both with equal vigor. The financial conditions of Grand Chapter are in better condition due to the positive action of the Board of Grand Trustees. Some of the positive decisions of the Board in the last five years are the implementing of the following:

(1) The option to obtain council on investments from financial experts. The results are better interest rates.

(2) Separating the Grand Chapter Business Office Building from the Home. This to be an advantage in future for tax purposes.

(3) Monthly tab runs of all the financial transactions of Grand Chapter; and these tab runs made available to the line officers and Boards. Resulting in a better informed business leader.

(4) The Direct Bank Transfer plan. The investing of the checking account money, resulting in more interest on Grand Chapter money. Withdrawal on one day notice to checking account. These changes were major and needed cooperation of many different people. This cooperation we did receive from everyone. For this, the Board of Grand Trustees is truly grateful. This is the spirit that makes our Order great.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, for her cooperation and consideration. To the Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Perry Smithwick, I appreciate his wise council and his interest. To the Grand Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, I will be forever grateful for the many, many times she went out of her way to be of help to both me and the Board. To the Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Jettie Hinton, I appreciated her efforts in the Bank Transfer plan. Without her help and assistance, it would not have gone as smoothly. To Mrs. Velda Anderson, the Board Chairman preceding me, I express my sincere appreciation for all of her efforts on the Board. She is the most dedicated person to serve Grand Chapter. To the Board of Grand Trustees, I express my sincere appreciation for all their efforts.

After two years experience and with success of the tab runs in financial reports. I recommend to the Board of Trustees and to Grand Chapter that a study be made as to the feasibility of putting all the Grand Chapter records on tab run. This would upgrade the business of Grand Chapter and make it more efficient in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. Pribble, Chairman
Board of Grand Trustees

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

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you Brother C. L. Pribble. Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt Report No. 6 of the Board of Grand

Trustees. Do we have any discussion? All those in favor of adopting this report, please signify by raising your hand. All of those opposed. The report is adopted. Thank you very much Mr. Pribble.

REPORT OF TRANSPORTATION & MILEAGE COMMITTEE

Edwin R. Pickett: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

I am pleased to introduce the members of this committee:

I serve as representative of District 1
Mrs. Dorothy Hodges — District 2
Mrs. Joyce Martin — District 3
Mrs. Merle G. Young — District 4
Mrs. Elizabeth Ripple — District 5

Worthy Grand Matron, all the members of the Transportation and Mileage Committee express their appreciation to you for the privilege of serving in your Grand Chapter family in this capacity. Each of us has received a liberal education in the operation of our Grand Chapter through contact with the many sisters and brothers from all across our great state. What an exhilarating experience you must have received each time you conducted a School of Instruction or visited in the cities and communities which together form our Grand Chapter.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Sister Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, to Sister Jettie Hinton, Grand Treasurer, and to the members of the Credential Committee and the Registration Committee for their assistance in carrying out the responsibilities which you entrusted to us for your Grand Chapter Session. Our sincere thanks also goes to those other, unnamed, sisters and brothers who assisted us in this labor of love.

Worthy Grand Matron, our responsibility this year encompassed the computation for and the preparation of approximately 940 checks totaling \$33,445.00, covering approximately 1,114,845 miles. We wish to report that 724 eligible members have received transportation and mileage checks in the amount of \$26,039.04, representing 867,968 miles traveled. We recommend that this committee be authorized to make any necessary adjustments following the close of Grand Chapter, and to then make a complete and final report to the Grand Secretary.

Again, Worthy Grand Matron, we thank you for the opportunity of serving the membership of Texas during this Grand Chapter Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin R. Pickett, Chairman
Mrs. Dorothy Hodges
Mrs. Joyce Martin
Mrs. Merle G. Young
Mrs. Elizabeth Ripple

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

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Ed Pickett. Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt the Partial Report of the Transportation and Mileage Committee. Do we have any discussion? All those in favor, signify by raising your right hand. Opposed? The report has been adopted. My special thanks to Mr. Ed Pickett and his fine committee.

REGISTRATION REPORT

Johnnie Benson: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Officers and Members of Grand Chapter: Worthy Grand Matron, I believe that you have most of my Committee at work. I do want to present them, however.

It is a pleasure for me to introduce my co-workers and your Registration Committee:

Mary Steinmetz

Gay Shea

Helen Clark

Cloe Morris, whom you appointed to fulfill the responsibilities of Brother Kendall Baker, who was recently hospitalized.

We, your Registration Committee, wish to express our sincere gratitude to you for allowing us the privilege of serving on this committee. We appreciate the confidence and trust placed in us, and hope that we served you well. I am happy to make the following report:

Paid Registrations	3,947
Distinguished Guests and Out of State Visitors	147
Total Registration	4,094
Total Amount Received	\$19,782
Less Refunds	\$ 47
Balance	\$19,735

Fraternally submitted,

Johnnie Benson, Chairman

Mary Steinmetz

Gay Shea

Helen Clark

Cloe Morris

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 Registration Committee. Do we have any discussion? All those in favor, signify by raising your hands. Opposed? The report is adopted. Sister Johnnie Benson and your very capable committee, my very special thanks to you for the fine work — and the hard work — that you have done. My Sisters and Brothers, this committee was prepared on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock to start registration — that's usually never even heard of. You see what an efficient committee I have. My very particular thanks to you.

Do I have Sister Faye Holmes working somewhere? I would like for her to move the adoption of her report which she gave before we had opened.

Mrs. Faye Holmes: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the Fraternal Friendship Committee report as given.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Fraternal Friendship Committee. Any discussion. All those in favor, will signify by raising your hands. Opposed? The motion is carried. Thank you, Sister Faye.

I recognize Mr. Vernon Shupert who has very kindly taken the Chairmanship of the Masonic Noblemen Committee since Mr. Fred Nation could not be with us. Mr. Shubert.

Mr. Vernon Shupert: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the report of the Masonic Noblemen's Committee which was presented to this Grand Chapter yesterday morning.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Vernon. It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report as it was given Tuesday morning. Any discussion? All in favor, please signify by the usual voting sign. Opposed? The motion is carried. Thank you again, Brother Vernon Shupert.

I recognize the Grand Historian Committee, Sister Irene McCallister, Chairman.

Mrs. Betty Prater: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the sweet privilege of serving on this committee. It has been a very rewarding experience and we're deeply indebted to you for giving us this opportunity of service. It is my pleasure to introduce to you the members of the Grand Historian Committee:

Mrs. Irene McCallister, Chairman has laryngitis — I'm substituting for her.

Mrs. Pat Washington, District I had to return home

Mrs. Mildred Priddy, District III

Mrs. Frankie Jenness, District IV

Mrs. Sibyl Mobley, District V is ill and unable to be present

I am . . . Mrs. Betty Prater, District I

A very special thanks to our lovely Grand Soloist, Mrs. Grace Findley, and her accompanist, Mr. Leonard Ellington, for their part in adding so much to our program. We are so grateful to both of you.

Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present the Grand Historian's Report:

GRAND HISTORIANS' REPORT

This Eastern Star year is rapidly drawing to a close; its work is almost finished; and soon another year will become history. However, for a moment let us pause briefly and take a look into the past. Let's go back in history to the time when our Order was but a dream in the mind and heart of our founder, Dr. Rob Morris — to the time when his first thoughts and ideas centered around a fraternal order of men and women founded on the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and dedicated to Charity, Truth, and Loving Kindness.

When he first envisioned the Order of the Eastern Star, surely he must have dreamed of the many accomplishments that would be made by its members. How proud he must have been as he looked into the future and saw our O.E.S. Home formally opened on April 25, 1925; when the traditional Homecoming was established in 1927; when he saw the dedication of the International Temple in Washington, a most fitting "MEMORIAL" to our Order. How grateful he must have been when he saw the processional of young people who have received ESTARL scholarships each year!

His look into the future must have shown the "FRIENDSHIP AND SERVICE" that our Order would bring to the membership. He must have seen that our nation would experience "PEACE IN OUR FATHER'S WORLD" after "VICTORY" and "FREEDOM" were ours. He must have known that in "SHARING" through service to our fellowman, the "TIE THAT BINDS" our Order would become stronger than the "CHARTER OAK," that through the "OPEN DOOR" of service on a "MISSION" of charitable and benevolent work, a "SUNSHINE CRUSADE" would

begin its journey down the "PATHWAY OF INSPIRATION" through the "GATEWAY TO ETERNAL LIFE" where a "RESPLENDENT LIGHT" awaits us.

Surely during the "AUTUMN ENCHANTMENT" season, he heard the "GLAD TIDDINGS" of the members whose voices were raised in thankfulness; he saw the "GLORY AND THE BEAUTY" of the principles upon which the Order would be founded. Thus began his "ART OF CREATION" of the Order of the Eastern Star, labored over night after night by the "LIGHT FROM MANY LAMPS." Finally, armed with the "KEY TO FAITH, KINDNESS AND HUMILITY," and nurtured "UNDER THE SHADOW OF HIS WINGS," a "DRAMA OF EXCELLENCE" was created by Rob Morris.

In the past few moments as we have taken this journey into the past, surely each of us has silently said, "MY CUP RUNNETH OVER."

(Solo — Fill My Cup — Mrs. Grace Findley accompanied by Mr. Leonard Ellington)

As we have walked down these "ROADS TO REMEMBER," our "SYMBOLS OF FREEDOM," the Flag, the Bible, the Square and Compasses, have shone brilliantly against the horizon, reminding us to again renew our devotions, to draw inspiration from the past and to plan for the future.

As DAY SPRINGS from the East, "THE SUN, A SOURCE OF LIGHT, LIFE, AND FRUITFULNESS, bursts forth and we are again reminded of our debt of gratitude to our wonderful Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, who have given so unselfishly of themselves, who serve as an inspiration to all of us, who have played such an important part in our past and who will, through their continued service, play an important part in our future.

At the sunset of this year, let us not forget the Measure of Fruitfulness that has been given by our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron; let us not forget the faithful and devoted labors they have given, not only this year, but in years past.

Finally, let us give special recognition to this great membership of Texas for the time, effort, love, and service that have been given in the name of the Order of the Eastern Star.

During these fleeting moments into the past, we each realize that Dr. Rob Morris did not envision an "IMPOSSIBLE DREAM."

(Solo — "Impossible Dream" — Mrs. Grace Findley accompanied by Mr. Leonard Ellington)

Respectfully submitted,

GRAND HISTORIAN COMMITTEE

Mrs. Irene McCallister, Chairman

Mrs. Betty Prater, Dist. 1, Section 4

Mrs. Pat Washington, Dist. 1, Section 9

Mrs. Mildred Priddy, Dist. 3, Section 1

Mrs. Frankie Jenness, Dist. 4, Section 3

Mrs. Sibyl Mobley, Dist. 5, Section 7

Thank you again, Sister Grace and Brother Leonard. This completes our Grand Historians Report. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the report.

Worthy Grand Matron: What a beautiful presentation. (applause) Thank you for this report. It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report as given by the Grand Historians. All in favor signify by raising the hands. Opposed? The report is adopted.

Worthy Grand Matron: Now, Sisters and Brothers, as the reports of the election come in, I know that you would love to show your appreciation, but we have those who were not so fortunate, so let us restrain ourselves and let's just show compassion. The members who are elected know that we are happy for them. Let us just sit and show them our love through our eyes.

Sister Maude Arnold, you probably don't know it, but your duties start this very minute. The Board has just summoned you behind the stage.

Worthy Grand Patron: I recognize Mrs. Floy Star, Chairman of the Music Committee.

REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

Mrs. Floy Star: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

The Music Committee would like to express appreciation to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the opportunity of service to Grand Chapter. The year's work has been a challenge which was accepted with love in our hearts. We are deeply grateful to the membership of Texas for the cooperation and assistance in the sale of the "Dayspring March." It has been an honor and privilege to work with the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers and the Committee is grateful for your friendship and cooperation.

The entire Music Committee would extend to our Grand Marshal, Sister Nancy Johnson, our gratitude for giving to Grand Chapter the lovely "Dayspring March". The beauty of the music has made our work easy. Thank you, Sister Nancy, for this lovely march.

Due to illness, several of our members of the Music Committee are unable to attend this Session of Grand Chapter. The Chairman would like to introduce those who are present and who have so ably assisted in the work this year: They are Margaret Whitaker, Eileen Mathews, Bebe Morgan, and Elaine Evans. We are sorry indeed, that Ruth Davis, Hazel Mandola and Elretta Sudsbury are unable to be with us today.

The Music Committee reports the sale of 1,926 copies of the "Dayspring March". Again, we express our appreciation and love for sharing this year with this Grand family. We wish for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, many cherished memories of a successful year, and may you continue to serve our beautiful Order with the zeal and love that you have in the past.

Fraternally submitted,
The Music Committee
Floy Starr, Chairman

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

Worthy Grand Patron: I have the motion and second that we adopt the report of the Music Committee. Is there any discussion? If not, please signify your desire to vote for it by raising your right hand. Down. Contrary, same sign. Motion carried.

Worthy Grand Matron: I recognize Sister Betty Klonaris, Grand Examiner at Large for her report.

REPORT OF GRAND EXAMINER AT LARGE

Mrs. Betty Klonaris: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers, Sisters and Brothers:

I am deeply grateful to the membership of Texas for allowing me the privilege of serving as your Grand Examiner at Large this year. It has been a most rewarding experience for me to serve in this capacity and my life has been enriched by the association with the wonderful membership of this state.

I express my appreciation to the Grand Examiners, who have been most gracious and kind, to those who assisted me in the Examining Room, and to the members who received their certificates of proficiency. It is through their efforts and loyalty to our Order that I am able to submit the following report:

District No. 1

"A" Certificates
"B" Certificates

District No. 2

"A" Certificates
"B" Certificates

District No. 3

"A" Certificates 2
"B" Certificates

District No. 4

"A" Certificates 12
"B" Certificates

District No. 5

"A" Certificates 2
"B" Certificates

Total certificates issued at this Grand Chapter Session 16

Fraternally

Betty Klonaris, Grand Examiner at Large

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

Worthy Grand Patron: Sisters and Brothers, I have the motion and it has been seconded that we adopt the report of the Grand Examiner at Large. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of adopting the Report signify by the raising of the right hand. Hands down, Opposed by the same sign. The motion is carried.

Thank you very much, Betty.

REPORT OF TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the courtesy of serving on the Telephone and Telegraph Committee.

Fourteen telegrams were sent to Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons containing the following message:

“We miss you and send our love from “The Sun, The Source of Light, Life, and Fruitfulness” Session of our Grand Chapter.

Telegrams were sent to:

Mrs. Mattie Mitchell, Mrs. Rebecca L. Miles, Mrs. Florence Read, Mrs. Robbie Dyer, Mrs. Hallie Anglin, Mrs. Hattie Dowell Gilbert, Mrs. Cheba Dewees, Mrs. Flora Besst Boone, Mrs. Robbie Yates, Mrs. Katherine Harbour, Past Grand Matrons; Mr. E. B. Gauntt, Mr. Frank R. Phillips, Mr. Paul Stoneman, Mr. E. F. ‘Van’ Plumlee, Past Grand Patrons.

The following message was received from Mrs. Katherine Harbour, Past Grand Matron ‘quote’ (attached)

Mrs. Thelma Chandler,
Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup
Mrs. Patricia Neinast
Mrs. Mildred, Sharpe, Chairman

This is the telegram received from our Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Katherine Harbour:

Western Union

Telegram

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8062562247 TDBN Shamrock TX 45 10-24 0257P EST
PMS Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron, DLR
Paso Del Norte Hotel
El Paso, TX

Worthy Grand Matron,

Worthy Grand Patron and Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas; greetings and sincere wishes for our most successful session, my first to be absent in 27 years. Gaston and I are thinking of you and our prayers are with you.

Katherine Harbour Past Grand Matron
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Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of the report of the Telegram and Telephone Committee.

Worthy Grand Patron: My Sisters and Brothers, we have the motion and it has been seconded that the report of the Telephone and Telegraph Committee be adopted. Is there any discussion? All in favor, let it be known by the usual voting sign. Hands down. Opposed, same sign. The report is adopted.

Thank you Sister Millie and members of the Committee.

Worthy Grand Patron: I recognize Sister Alma Carter, Poet Laureate.

REPORT OF THE POET LAUREATE

Alma Carter: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

What a sweet privilege it has been to serve as your Poet Laureate. I will always treasure the memories of this year of service to you and the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Joy and pride have been mine as you allowed me to share in the dreams and accomplishments of your Grand Family.

Twelve poems have been in the Bulletin. Program material, poems and prose have been furnished to many individuals and Chapters when requested for banquets, programs and other functions.

To all who have expressed appreciation of my efforts, Thank you and God Bless.

"To serve man is a joy to Thee;
To serve God is a joy for me."

Alma Carter
Poet Laureate 1976-1977

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of my report.

Worthy Grand Patron: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Poet Laureate. If there is no discussion, you will vote to accept the report by raising your hand. Opposed, same sign. The report is adopted.

Worthy Grand Patron: I recognize Brother Gene Belk, Chairman of the Invitation Committee:

Gene Belk: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers of the great state of Texas:

As one year comes to a successful close and we turn our faces to another year in the Grand Chapter of Texas, there is always a group ready and anxious to begin with plans for another wonderful Session. So it is at this time.

Before I speak to you in behalf of that group, I am proud to present a group of beloved friends of mine and yours:

Mrs. Viva S. Huffman,
Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus,
Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling,
Mrs. Sallie Matranga,
Dr. James H. Goettee, and
Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup

What I shall have to say has their hearty approval and endorsement.

As the appointed member to bring to you the invitation for the 1968 Session — the 96th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas — I am pleased to extend a most cordial and sincere invitation to this Grand Body to come to Houston — SPACE CITY U.S.A.

I hold an invitation from:

1. The Mayor of the City of Houston
2. The Chamber of Commerce
3. Houston Hotel and Motel Association
4. Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Center

5. Houston Restaurant Association
6. Retail Merchants Association
7. Harris County Sheriff's Department

Undergirding these, I proudly present an invitation representing our great Fraternal Bodies of the City of Houston:

1. Masons of Harris County
2. 16,000 Members of the Scottish Rite Bodies
3. 10,000 Members of Arabia Temple Shrine
4. The several Commanderies of the City of Houston
6. Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association of the City of Houston
6. Last, but by no means the least, the 32 Chapters of the City of Houston.

If the Grand Chapter sees fit to accept our invitation, I assure you that work will begin immediately to prepare for your enjoyment as well as for a successful Session of this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Belk, Chairman of the Invitation Committee

Worthy Grand Patron, one other note: Houston boasts the largest Convention facilities in the Nation with more than one million square feet of space in the various Halls. It has already been arranged that our Session will be held in the Albert Thomas Center — the Music Hall and the Coliseum.

I promise you also that there will be no rain inside the Auditorium this time. (applause)

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the acceptance of our Invitation.

Worthy Grand Patron: It has been moved and seconded that we accept the invitation of the city of Houston to hold our Grand Chapter Session there next year. All of those in favor of this invitation being accepted, let it be known by the usual voting sign. Opposed, same sign. The invitation is accepted.

PRESENTATION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these very special members to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, I would like to introduce to you these marvelous women who have been for fifty years, members of our Order. To you, my friends, you are as the Sun that lights our world with its radiance. Your steadfast loyalty to our Order serves as a Beacon of Service to light the footsteps of those who are trying to follow the example you have set. You have served our Order for fifty years. It is a distinction attained by few and we congratulate you with love and honor in our hearts. We say, "We Love You". I will have their names in just a moment but I know we have a Past Grand Matron, Sister Mabel Harle. I present the remaining Group:

- Sister Eva Bryant from Rose Croix here in El Paso
- Sister Lois Robinson from Quinlan
- Sister Ella Jordan from Lexington
- Sister Christine Sikes from Houston
- Sister Clara Breeding from Bastrop
- Sister Mable Hood from Beaumont
- Sister Albertine Oldham from Silsbee

Thank you, my Sisters.

Brother "Duke" Weaver, are you enjoying your sandwich? I can't stand you being so comfortable and eating too. Won't you please come to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, I want to apologize for not introducing this fine gentleman. I just took it for granted that you all know him and love him. This is Brother "Duke" Weaver, your Associate Grand Patron. (applause) He is presently Grand Representative of Arkansas in Texas.

Mr. T. L. "Duke" Weaver: I was, Worthy Grand Matron. I have resigned. I am no longer Grand Representative. I hate to say this because I loved being a Grand Representative. Since you have given to me, other duties, I do resign my commission to Arkansas. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron: I recognize Sister Laura Jane Jordan, General Chairman of the Cancer Research Committee.

CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Laura Jane Jordan: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers:

It is with pleasure and pride we announce to you that the membership of the Order of the Eastern Star in Texas has overwhelmingly supported the Cancer Research Program, a Special Program of the Worthy Grand Matron.

This Committee, through letters, speeches, programs, and word of mouth, has spread the word throughout the State. The concern for a total victory is evident by your generous donations. As of September 30, 1977, a total of \$31,485.19 had been received for Cancer Research.

We need not tell you again that every dollar counts in this crucial battle. The cost of research is tremendous. If we are to succeed, we must not let up for a minute. We urge you, if you have not participated in this worthwhile cause, do so now. Your dollar is needed.

We, your Committee Members, are proud to have served you and Grand Chapter in this capacity. We thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, and humbly ask our Lord to spread His rays of happiness and serenity along your pathway of life.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Laura Jane Jodan, General Chairman
 Mrs. Georgia Buzbee, District I
 Mrs. Laura R. Beard, District II
 Miss Ruth G. Deacon, District III
 Mrs. Betty Samford, District IV
 Mrs. Johnnie Ponder, District V
 Cancer Research Committee
 Grand Chapter of Texas
 Order of the Eastern Star

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

Worthy Grand Patron: You have heard the motion and it has been seconded to adopt the report of the Cancer Research Committee. All who favor the motion, let it be known by raising your hands. Opposed, same sign. The motion is carried and the report adopted.

PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSIONS

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, one of the joys that the Worthy Grand Matron has the privilege of performing is the right to present Grand Representative appointments to members of this Grand Chapter.

At this time I would like the following ladies to meet in the West and that the Grand Conductress and Associate Conductress meet them also: Sister Faye Holmes, Sister Opal Lee Kelly, Sister Helen Smithwick, Sister Clara Bell Kendall, Sister Millie Brenner, Sister Barbara Guthrie and Sister Jerri Lucas. Sisters and Brothers—

To the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star GREETINGS.

Whereas the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Texas and the Grand Chapter of Maryland, seeking to promote fraternal relations between their Grand Jurisdictions and believing the ties of affection may be strengthened; the prosperity of our Order promoted; its unity, integrity and strength be protected; and its unity and honor confirmed by appointment and reception of Grand Representatives from each of the aforesaid Grand Chapters to the other

Therefore, let it be known that as evidence of our trust and confidence, we, as these presents, do constitute and appoint to the Grand Chapter of Maryland, Sister Faye Holmes.

To the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, Sister Millie Brenner
 To the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, Sister Opal Lee Kelly
 To the Grand Chapter of Quebec, Sister Jerri Lucas
 To the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Sister Helen Smithwick
 To the Grand Chapter of Washington, Sister Clara Belle Kendall
 To the Grand Chapter of Arkansas for the remainder of the term, Sister Barbara Guthrie.

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

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

Sister Fay Holmes, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maryland
 Sister Opal Lee Kelly, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana
 Sister Barbara Guthrie, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas
 Sister Jerri Lucas, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Quebec
 Sister Helen Smithwick, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky
 Sister Clara Belle Kendall, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Washington
 Sister Millie Brenner, Grand Representative of District of Columbia, in the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Please join with me in according them Grand Honors.

Mrs. Mary Brown: Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to make some announcements. Those who were candidates in these elections, please report to Room 926-927 at the Del Norte for your dresses. The sooner you get there after the election, the better chance you will have to have a good dress for the Installation this evening.

Also, for those of you serving on committees for 1977-78, if you have not received your Instruction Book, the room will be open immediately following this Session . . . it is located in the North East Corridor of this Grand Chapter Room, just outside the door.

Brother Murray Watson and I appreciate the vote of confidence by this great Assembly and we invite all of you back for YOUR Installation.

We are requesting that all of those participating be in your places at 6:45 p.m. for the Processional at 6:50 p.m. and the Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Rennie Ofton: Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Patron: Yes, Sister Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Rennie Ofton: If Brother Duke Weaver will stand with me, I would like to thank the Grand Chapter for the privilege they have afforded the two of us to serve Grand Chapter in the West. We pledge, both to Mary and Murray, our whole support and look forward to a good year ahead.

Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you Sister Grand Conductress and Sister Associate Grand Matron-elect. Rennie, I understand that Duke has a middle initial of "L" or something. Is that correct?

Mrs. Rennie Ofton: Yes sir, he does have the middle initial "L". I believe it could possibly stand for "Linus".

Worthy Grand Matron: It's Linus. Congratulations to both of you and our love with you always. Is Sister Mary Brown back there? Do you have any other announcements? I think you are going to be busy next year — whatever you would like to say, I would love for you to say it.

Mrs. Mary Brown: Thank you Sister Joyce, for that courtesy. I am sorry I did not realize that you were out of the room — we have just made that announcement. The only other one that I can think of is that you have had a marvelous Session. Congratulations. May God bless you.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, and my best wishes to you.

Mrs. Kathy Johnston: Worthy Grand Matron, I wish to express my appreciation to this Grand Chapter for the permission to try and fill the shoes of the "Grand Rennie Ofton" and to tell this Grand Chapter what an absolute delight it has been to work with her, with Mary and Murray and of course, with you and Perry, this year. I do not know if Sister Viola Edwards is in the room — yes, she is. Sister Viola, let me say to you that if you and I have the fun that Rennie and I have had this year, my dear, you are looking forward to a full, glorious year.

Mrs. Viola Edwards: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Members of this Grand Chapter. Thank you for the privilege that you have afforded me to serve in this capacity. Wouldn't you know, I'm new and I don't know what I'm going to be doing. I am going to look to these other girls who go ahead of me and I'm going to make them take my hand and help me.

Worthy Grand Matron: You'll learn fast. My congratulations to you, Viola.

Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, may I add my congratulations to those already ascended to our newly elected Associate Grand Conductress, our Grand Conductress, our Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron and our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron elect. It is with pleasure that we see you advance and let me pledge you my support in anything I can help you with. I do not believe in trying to run things when I lay the gavel down, I'll lay it down — but any time you want any help, if I can help you and you call on me, I will do it. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron. You know, Sisters and Brothers, I feel at a loss. We have taken care of all of our business. All we are waiting on now is the result of the election and I want to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you

for being here. We hope that you have enjoyed being in El Paso. We have done everything that we could to look to your comfort. May God be with you always.

(The Choir sings "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You")

Mr. Taylor Hood. Worthy Grand Matron, the Chapters that have applications in the Home in process, after this election is over, or after this day is over, you will have a new Secretary on the Board of Directors. It will be Sister Ernestine Porter of Ft. Worth. Her address will be in the November Bulletin when we list all the Boards and Committees. If you don't have it, it would save maybe a week if you would mail your correspondence to the Board to Sister Ernestine Porter — Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences. I think this would help out all the way around. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron. I notice that people are leaving the Auditorium. We need 200 Chapter Representatives in order to complete our business. If you leave now, we will have to continue this before we start the Installation. We will have to have a closed session and that will throw Sister Mary's Installation behind. Please stay where you are. It will not take much longer. Let me see a show of hands of Chapter Representatives. Thank you.

Mrs. Mary Brown. Worthy Grand Matron, I am afraid that I have created a problem with my announcement. I instructed the 1977-78 officers who had not received their book of instructions to go to the room just outside the Northeast corner of the chapter room after the session is over. Please do not leave now — there is no one there to give you the instructions. There will be when it is over. I apologize for this.

Worthy Grand Matron. I believe that we have a final report on the election. We do. Thank you all. You have been so kind. I am going to close now. (The Election Judge gave the report.)

Brother Richard Porter, please would you come and give the Benediction.

BENEDICTION

Mr. Richard Porter. Let us pray. Almighty, great and ever-loving God, we thank Thee — we praise Thee — we magnify Thee for the gift of Thy Holy Light. Make it to shine in our hearts and write Thy law upon our conscience. And now, as we are about to go out into the world again, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable unto Thy sight, Oh, Lord, our strength and Redeemer. Amen.

Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Grand Warder.

Grand Warder. Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron. You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter Session from Labor to Rest, and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

(Grand Chapter Session was called from Labor to Rest at 4:48 P.M.)

**THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**



PRESENTS

**THE NINETY-SIXTH INSTALLATION
OF OFFICERS**

“THE MASTER POTTER INSTALLATION”

*“But now, O Lord, thou art our Father;
we are the clay, and thou our potter; and
we all are the work of thy hand.”
—Isaiah 46:8*

Mrs. Mary M. Brown
Worthy Grand Matron-Elect

Mr. Murray Watson, Jr.
Worthy Grand Patron-Elect

7:00 p.m.
October 27, 1977
EL PASO CIVIC CENTER
EL PASO, TEXAS

HONOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS

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

Mrs. Thelma R. Bailey
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter

Mrs. M. Josephine Ruhsam
Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, General Grand Chapter

Mrs. Sally Matranga
Worthy Grand Organist, General Grand Chapter

Mrs. Ruby Enloe
Ritual Committee, General Grand Chapter

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

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

The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas

and

Right Worshipful R. Furman Vinson, Deputy Grand Master
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A. F. & A. M.

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

and

Beloved Members of
Lexington Chapter No. 996 and Mart Chapter No. 109
Order of the Eastern Star

INSTALLATION COMMITTEE

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Mrs. Loyce Loper, Acting Grand Marshal

Mr. Robert E. "Bob" Spencer
Mr. Redell Henson
Mrs. Betty Fitch
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Mr. Dale Shackelford
Mrs. Virginia Sanders
Mrs. Barbara Robinson

Mrs. Esther Fisher
Mrs. Mina Eason
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Mrs. Thelma Watson
Mrs. Nellie Warren
Mrs. Lanelle Cooper
Mrs. Bonnie H. Bower

Mary Brown Girls and Murray's Men of District 2, Section 10

And a "Host of Friends"

Our sincere appreciation to Mr. Glenn D. Taylor, Mr. Harry Mathews, and other members of the Executive Committee and Arrangements Committee from District 2, Section 10 . . . your assistance in every phase of our planning has made the task much easier, and we shall long remember your thoughtfulness and concern for the successful conclusion of the Ninety-Sixth Installation of Grand Officers!

Acting Grand Marshal, Mrs. Loyce Loper, Past Matron of Beaumont Chapter No. 71, directed the processional.

PROCESSIONAL

Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Worthy Grand Matron escorted by Mr. Joe J. Roberts
Mr. J. Perry Smithwick, Worthy Grand Patron—escorted by Mrs. Helen Smithwick

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris escorted by Dr. Russel Holt,
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron Past Grand Patron of Texas

Mrs. Thelma R. Bailey escorted by Dr. James H. Goettee,
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Mrs. Josephine Ruhsam escorted by Mr. J. T. Sanders,
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Worthy Grand Organist Past Grand Patron of Texas

Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Ritual Committee escorted by Dr. S. J. Enloe,
Past Patron of Bryan Chapter No. 222

Mrs. Herbert L. Arnold, Jurisprudence Committee escorted by Mrs. Maude Arnold,
Past Matron of Richland Hills Chapter No. 1040

Mr. J. Victor Jones, International Temple Committee escorted by Mrs. Jocie Jones,
Past Matron of Amarillo Chapter No. 787

PARTICIPATING PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF TEXAS

Mrs. Viva S. Huffman escorted by Mr. Bryan Pettus
Past Patron of Sunshine Chapter No. 399

Mrs. Lillian B. Parker escorted by Col. Stanton C. Parker,
Past Patron of Tarrant Chapter No. 8

Mrs. Lillah Mae Vollus escorted by Mr. Robert E. Franklin
Past Patron of Ransford Chapter No. 135

- Mrs. Mabel Stark Harle..... escorted by Mr. C. B. Davidson
Past Patron of Port Arthur Chapter No. 262
- Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling..... escorted by Mr. Thomas N. White,
Worthy Patron of Houston Chapter No. 385
- Mrs. Lois Burnett..... escorted by Mr. John Spindor
Worthy Patron of Crescent Chapter No. 820
- Mrs. Katherine Poulis..... escorted by Mr. Everett A. Weaver,
Worthy Patron of Army Chapter No. 664
- Mr. Gerald C. Allen..... escorted by Mrs. Ione Allen
Past Matron of Robert Lee Chapter No. 187
- Mrs. Molly Goodpasture..... escorted by Mr. Leonard Ellington,
Past Patron of Brownfield Chapter No. 785
- Mrs. Amy Goebel..... escorted by Mr. Lud T. Goebel,
Past Patron of McLennan Chapter No. 639
- Mrs. Edna Earl Duke..... escorted by Mr. Austin Gray
Past Patron of Wisteria Chapter No. 823
- Mrs. Mildred Sharpe..... escorted by Mr. Ed L. Sharpe
Past Grand Patron
- Mrs. Doris Easterling..... escorted by Mr. J. B. Easterling,
Past Patron of Clyde Chapter No. 308

OTHER BELOVED PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF TEXAS

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| Mrs. Mattie Mitchell | Mrs. Aliene Houston |
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| Mrs. Robbie Yates | Mr. Paul Huffhines |
| Mrs. Frances Key Herrin | The Rev. O. D. Christian |

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY

- Right Worshipful R. Furman Vinson, Deputy Grand Master, Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas,
A.F. & A.M..... escorted by Mrs. Beverly Vinson, Past Matron of Matador Chapter No. 66
- Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Supreme Faith and Supreme Inspector in Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls..... escorted by Mr. Vaughn Johnson, Loyal Chapter No. 648

- Mrs. Barbara Robinson, Past Matron of Jacques de Molay Chapter
No. 1094.....escorted by Mr. Jay C. Robinson
- Mrs. Cloe Morris, Past Matron of Houston Chapter
No. 385... escorted by Mr. August Hebert, Past Patron of Houston Chapter No. 385
- Mrs. Janice Morton Thornhill, Past Matron of Irving Chapter
No. 777.... escorted by D. D. Alexander, Worthy Patron of Irving Chapter No. 777
- The Reverend M. Reuel J. Cooper, Worthy Patron of Lexington Chapter
No. 996..... escorted by Mrs. Lanelle Cooper, Worthy Matron of
Lexington Chapter No. 996
- Mr. H. D. Brown, 50-Year Member of Spring Masonic Lodge
No. 1174..... escorted by Mrs. Alma Brown, Tomball Chapter No. 838
- Mrs. Murray Watson, Sr., 50-year Member of Mart Masonic Lodge, Miss Milicent
"Missy" Watson, and Master Marcus Warren Watson
- Miss Bette Suzanne "Betts" Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. "Sandy" Brown, II,
Mrs. Jennifer Brown, and Mr. Phillip A. Brown
- Mrs. Jean Curlee Hart, Mrs. Louise Curlee Archer, Mr. W. W. Curlee, and
and Mr. S. H. Curlee

THE 96TH INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

THE MASTER POTTER INSTALLATION

Thursday Evening — October 27, 1977

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Joyce Roberts: Welcome to this night of jubilation and splendor. This is a time at which we might all rejoice for we are starting a new year of service to our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star. Many new faces will represent us throughout the State and we wish all of you who will serve us in such a grand manner the best that life may offer you. I admonish the membership of our Order to remember that our work is never ceasing and that everyone is needed to accomplish the goals and principles in which we put our trust. Enjoy this evening for it will be one that will remain within your memory. Make the most of everything you do and you will always find contentment in all that you do. My blessings upon each of you. It is with pleasure that I present Brother J. Victor Jones who will serve as the Master of Ceremonies. Mr. J. Victor Jones.

Mr. J. Victor Jones: Worthy Grand Matron, your year of service, which you designated "Dayspring", has inspired each of us to begin each day by looking back to see whether we had succeeded in our endeavor. Your installation with its keynote "Dayspring — The Source of Light" saw the dawning of a new day in our Order with your messages of "light . . . life . . . and fruitfulness". Although the sun has not set upon your tenure of service, each new day will always bring memories of your strength, devotion, and dedication in the year 1976-1977.

Worthy Grand Patron, you have performed your duties with all the fervor, diligence, and watchfulness which the founder of our Order envisioned when he placed a Master Mason in the chair to the left of the Worthy Matron. In your every action, you have been a credit to the Masonic fraternity, the Order of the Eastern Star, and to the Grand Chapter of Texas.



To both of you fine leaders, we say: "Well done, thou good and faithful servants". The Order of Texas is stronger for your gifts of service, and we look to your continued guidance and counsel to the framework of every future day as we toil together, absorbing the strength of solar miracles that rise high above us in a chariot of golden splendor.

The perpetuity of our Order is guaranteed by the unbroken chain of administration. At the year-end twilight diminished the theme of one leader, it is but a promise of the forthcoming motif of her successor. This is not an interim in the work of the Order, but, rather, a shifting of responsibility as this great fraternal organization continues forever. The aspirations of the Worthy Grand Matron-elect are personified in her granddaughter, Miss Jennifer Brown, to whom a "Song of Love" will now be dedicated by Mrs. Barbara Robinson.

SONG OF LOVE

Mrs. Barbara Robinson:

Hi! Jenny,
Ho! Jenny,
Queen of my heart!
Hi! Jenny,
Ho! Jenny,
Sister of the lark —
Come dance with me
Where the fields
Are sweet and green,
And the little owl blinks
In the old oak tree!
Where the gray squirrel
Races down the path —
And stops to listen
As a little girl laughs and laughs!

Hi! Jenny,
Ho! Jenny,
Queen of my Heart!
Hi! Jenny,
Ho! Jenny,
Sister of the lark!
God keep her spirit
Young and free —
To race in the sun,
And dance with the moon,
And keep you remembering —
As the years go by —
Of all the singing
You did with me
To God's sweet tune —
When you were only three!

SCATTERING OF ROSE PETALS

"They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. And a little child shall lead them".

Miss Jennifer Brown will assist in the presentation of the Grand Officers. Escorting her is Master Marcus Warren Watson, the son of our Worthy Grand Patron-elect.

(The two "little children" passed down the ramp and over the pathway to be trod by the Officers for 1977-78 scattering rose petals along the way).

PRESENTATION OF GRAND FLOOR OFFICERS — 1977-78

As the sun is — and always has been — a source of light, life and fruitfulness, so is the Earth, over which God gave man dominion; our source of sustenance which God commanded man to replenish and subdue. This commandment has been followed throughout the centuries as man has carved with his hands the beauty of the earth. Man's hands have tilled the soil and built cities. Man's hands have created masterpieces and composed works of music to thrill his soul. Man's hands have written great literature and recorded history. Hands touching hands have consoled, conveyed love, and transmitted joy and friendship. Hands of man have dug from the earth a civilization unparalleled in our universe. The Grand Officers of 1977-1978 have dedicated their hands to service, attuned their hearts in love to the beauty of the earth, and have fixed their souls upon the Cross of Christ. It is my special privilege to present them to you at this time.

(The Grand Floor Officers appeared as their names were called, coming to the front of the stage, by entering from the rear, beneath a large urn centering the stage — they paused and received applause, then passed down the ramp to seats on either side of the Grand Chapter Room).

From Lexington, Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Worthy Grand Matron,
escorted by Mr. Doss Brown

From Mart, Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Worthy Grand Patron,
escorted by Miss Millicent "Missy" Watson

From San Antonio, Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Associate Grand Matron,
escorted by Mr. Paul Ofton

From Dallas, Mr. Thurman L. "Duke" Weaver, Associate Grand Patron,
escorted by Mrs. Helen Weaver

From Albany, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary,
escorted by Mr. Murle Howard

From Baytown, Mrs. Jettie Hinton, Grand Treasurer,
escorted by Mr. W. P. Lamb

From Farmers Branch, Mrs. Kathy Johnston, Grand Conductress,
escorted by Mr. J. E. Johnston

From Ft. Worth, Mrs. Viola Edwards, Associate Grand Conductress,
escorted by Mr. Jess Atterholt

From Clarendon, Mr. Redell Henson, Grand Chaplain,
escorted by Mrs. Frankie Henson

From Houston, Mrs. Jerry Miller, Grand Marshal,
escorted by Mr. Floyce Howard

From Hemphill, Mrs. Genevieve Halbert, Grand Organist,
escorted by Mr. Tom Halbert

From Luling, Mrs. Lois Bell, Grand Adah,
escorted by Mr. B. A. Morris

From Lexington, Mrs. Thelma Watson, Grand Ruth,
escorted by Mr. Homer O. Watson

From Mart, Mrs. Greta W. Watson, Grand Esther,
escorted by Mr. Murray Watson, Sr.



From Cameron, Mrs. Virginia L. Sanders, Grand Martha,
escorted by Mr. Philip A. Brown

From Houston, Mrs. Barbara Robinson, Grand Electa,
escorted by Mr. Jay Robinson

From Jefferson, Mrs. Mary K. Lester, Grand Warder,
escorted by Mr. George C. Lester, Sr.

From Houston, Mr. W. Kendall Baker, Grand Sentinel,
escorted by Mrs. Cynthia Jo Baker.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLE AND SQUARE AND COMPASSES

The most awesome and far-reaching creation by the hand of man is the Holy Bible because the hands setting down Holy Writ were directed by the Hand of God. This precious book, which belongs to the grandmother of our Worthy Grand Matron-elect, will be placed upon the Altar by her son, Mr. Phillip A. Brown.

The Square and Compasses will be presented by Mr. H. D. Brown, brother-in-law of Mrs. Mary Brown.

(The Curlee family — sisters and brothers of the Worthy Grand Matron, elect — sang BLESSED BOOK, accompanied by Mrs. Cloe Morris).

PRESENTATION OF THE EMBLEMS

(Directed by Mrs. Loyce Loper, Assisting Grand Marshal)

Even as all the earth whispers, "THOU ART THE POTTER, I AM THE CLAY", the emblems remind our hearts to sow generously the seeds of Faith, Love, Constancy, Meditation, and Joy, remembering the messages of Truth as portrayed by the heroines of our Order.

- ADAH . . . presenting the sword and veil Mrs. Mildred Sharpe,
Past Grand Matron
- RUTH . . . presenting the sheaf Mrs. Molly Goodpasture,
Past Grand Matron
- ESTHER . . . presenting the crown and scepter Mrs. Doris Easterling,
Past Grand Matron
- MARTHA . . . presenting the broken column Mrs. Edna Earl Duke,
Past Grand Matron
- ELECTA . . . presenting the cup Mrs. Katherine Poulis,
Past Grand Matron

Each Past Grand Matron as their name was called moved forward accompanied by three Mary Brown Girls dressed in robes with stoles appropriate to the color of the Star Point Station which the Past Grand Matron was representing. They moved to their formation in a triangle from where the Past Grand Matron impressively placed the emblem upon the Station, as the Master of Ceremonies spoke the following:

The BLUE RAY OF ADAH portrays surrender of life, and enduring love for another, to make a DAUGHTER famous in the annals of scripture.

The YELLOW RAY OF RUTH portrays constant devotion to another and honors a WIDOW'S assumption of responsibilities and duties, ever remaining steadfast.

The **WHITE RAY OF ESTHER** portrays loyalty to others as taught by a loving **WIFE** who displayed undisputed courage with utmost loyalty to God.

The **GREEN RAY OF MARTHA** portrays faith in others, and unswerving faith in God, as taught by a **SISTER's** hope of immortal life.

The **RED RAY OF ELECTA** portrays love and concern for others, as taught by a **MOTHER's** sublime virtue and her convictions to her Christian faith.

OPENING THE BIBLE

Mr. J. Victor Jones. Grand Conductress, you will open the Bible.

(Bible was opened by Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Grand Conductress).

INVOCATION

Prayer is lifting man's innermost desires from Earth to the Throne of Heaven, petitioning God's mercy upon his humble endeavors.

The **INVOCATION** will be given by The Rev. Mr. Reuel Cooper, Worshipful Master of Lexington Lodge No. 138, and Worthy Patron of Lexington Chapter No. 996.

The Rev. Mr. Reuel J. Cooper: Let us pray. Our Father and God, Creator of the universe, the Creator of man and Maker of each of us, we pray that in these moments as we pause and reflect and think of the piece of clay placed in the potter's hands and think of each of us as we are placed in Your Hands, to be molded and to be made as You would have each of us to be made. Then, Father, as we look up and see prints within the Hands, tears upon the cheeks, to see that any of us are not doing as You would have us to do, our lives are not being lived as they ought to be lived. We have not reached up that we might take hold of Your Hand, that you might lead us and guide us and direct us throughout every avenue of life. We pray that in these ceremonies we will reach up and take hold of Your Hand, that You would lead us and guide us, and direct us in a very special way. Be with those that assume responsibility, place your guiding and protecting Hand upon them; and in it all, may we rest all that we have within Your Hands. In Christ Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER

Mr. J. Victor Jones: The lady whom I am happy to present to you at this time is precious, outgoing, and lovely. She has been a very special friend of our Worthy Grand Matron elect for years, a distinguished Past Grand Matron of Texas, and a member of the Ritual Committee of the General Grand Chapter, Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Installing Grand Officer. She will introduce those assisting her.

NAMING OF ASSISTING INSTALLING GRAND OFFICERS

Mrs. Ruby Enloe: Thank you Master of Ceremonies. I have the pleasure of introducing:

Mrs. Herbert L. Arnold, Past Grand Matron Assisting Installing Grand Officer
 Mr. Gerald C. Allen, Past Grand Patron Assisting Installing Grand Officer
 Mrs. Lillian B. Parker, Past Grand Matron Assisting Grand Secretary
 Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling, Past Grand Matron Installing Grand Chaplain
 Mrs. Amy Goebel, Past Grand Matron Installing Grand Marshal
 Mrs. Sally Matranga, Past Grand Matron Installing Grand Organist

SHORT RECESS FOR PREPARATION OF ROOM AND ALTAR.

RITUALISTIC INSTALLATION CEREMONY

When all was in readiness, the Grand Officers were conducted within the Chapter Room.

In a manner of dignity, the Officers-elect and appointed, were presented at the Altar — received their charges, impressively given — and were conducted to their several Stations. The floor work was beautifully executed to the perfect time of marching music, rendered by the Worthy Grand Organist at the Instrument.

CLOSING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. J. Victor Jones: Sister Grand Conductress, you will close the Bible.

(The Bible was closed by Mrs. Kathy Johnston, Grand Conductress).

PRESENTATION OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S JEWEL

Sister Joyce Roberts, our Junior Past Grand Matron, will now present the Worthy Grand Matron's Jewel.

Mrs. Joyce Roberts: Worthy Grand Matron, how beautiful that sounds. Now I am Junior Past Grand Matron and that sounds good too. Sister Mary, one year ago I accepted this beautiful jewel with humility and with pride and with a promise to the members of Texas that I would do all in my power and my heart to make you proud. I hope that in your eyes I have fulfilled that duty and, with that same humility, I pass this beautiful jewel to Sister Mary Brown, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Joyce Roberts, my dear Junior Past Grand Matron. May I assure you that you have fulfilled your pledge to the membership last year, and certainly you have served in a manner that added dignity to the Pin that you wore. I pledge to you, my dear, and to the membership of Texas that I, too, shall accept this jewel humbly, knowing that, with your help and the help of God, I shall be able to fulfill the responsibilities that are mine. Thank you, again, for being my sweet friend.

PRESENTATION OF WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S JEWEL

Mr. J. Victor Jones: Brother J. Perry Smithwick, our Junior Past Grand Patron, will now present the Worthy Grand Patron's Jewel.

Mr. J. Perry Smithwick: Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Murray Watson, would you join me, please Sir? A year ago in my home city of Fort Worth, I was presented this Grand Chapter Jewel, highly polished by the caliber of the men who wore it. At that time I made a promise to try to keep it as untarnished as it was when I received it. I pass it on to you, knowing full well that you will further enhance its beauty. Murray, I congratulate you and wish for you as much happiness and as much pleasure out of your year of service as I have had from mine.

Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you, Brother Perry. Brother Perry Smithwick, our Junior Past Grand Patron, I am deeply honored that you would present me with this beautiful jewel, a jewel that represents service to this great Order. I am aware of the fact that the office carries with it the honor and distinction of those who have gone before who have so ably worn it and provided such good leadership as yourself. I shall endeavor to wear it with great humility, and conscientiously work to live up to those commitments that have been made by the previous wearers. I promise you, the membership of this Grand Chapter, that I will do all in my power to carry on that great honor. It is my hope that I will be able to provide some little something along the way that will help in the service of our Order.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MATRON'S JEWEL

Mr. J. Victor Jones: To present the Past Grand Matron's jewel is Mr. Joe Roberts, husband of our Junior Past Grand Matron.

Mr. Joe Roberts: This is a happy speech. Joyce, welcome back.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND PATRON'S JEWEL

Mr. J. Victor Jones: To present the Past Grand Patron's Jewel, Mrs. Helen Smithwick, wife of our Junior Past Grand Patron.

Mrs. Helen Smithwick: Past Grand Patron, it is a pleasure to be one of the first to address you as such. Just one year ago you received the Worthy Grand Patron's jewel, a mark of distinction as you ascended to the highest pinnacle for a man in the Grand Chapter. Your service, as you have performed your duties, allows that jewel to be replaced by your Past Grand Patron's jewel and entitles you to be added to the beloved Past Grands. In behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, I am happy and pleased to present to you your Past Grand Patron's Jewel. May you cherish it with equal pleasure to you and honor to our Grand Chapter.

Mr. J. Perry Smithwick: Thank you, Helen, for that presentation. I understand during the year of my travels you have secured quite a large dog. I hope I can make friends with that dog and get to come home. (Applause.) Thank each one of you for each and every courtesy extended. I shall long cherish this year. Thank you.

THE HAND-IN-HAND MARCH

Mr. J. Victor Jones: Our ceremonies are enhanced and our labors are regulated by the sound of music. That we may keep step, one with the other, the HAND-IN-HAND MARCH, composed by our Grand Organist, will resound throughout the year 1977-1978. Mrs. Genevieve Halbert will present it to us now.

(The melody of the new march, HAND-IN-HAND, composed by the Grand Organist, resounded throughout the Auditorium as Mrs. Halbert rendered it on the organ).

"HAND-IN-HAND" FORMATION

One of the closest ties in our Order is that of the Line Officers of the subordinate Chapters and their very own GRAND line Officers. Friendships form, flourish, and last forever between these groups who first accept each other, sight unseen, and begin their years of service together. I present to you at this time the MARY BROWN GIRLS and MURRAY'S MEN — the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Texas.

Narrator Miss Bette Suzanne Brown, daughter of the Worthy Grand Matron
Vocalist Mrs. Janice Morton Thornhill
accompanied by Mrs. Cloe Morris

Miss Bette Brown:

When good friends walk beside us
On the trails that we must keep,
Our burdens seem less heavy
And the hills are not so steep.

The weary miles pass swiftly
Taken in joyous stride
And all the world seems brighter
When good friends walk by our side.

When God is our Companion
 As we walk the road of life,
 There is help for every problem
 And grace for care and strife.

And we'll find that we've been happy
 All along the path we've trod,
 When in faith we've made that journey
 Hand in Hand along with God.

(As the narration was given the hundreds of Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Texas Chapters formed an outline of TWO PEOPLE holding hands to the delight of the audience).

("HAND-IN-HAND WITH JESUS" was beautifully rendered by the soloist).

GREETINGS

Mr. J. Victor Jones: In Zephaniah we read: "In that day it shall be said to Zion — let not Thy hands be slack". The hands of the Order of Rainbow for Girls have not slackened since the inception of that Order nearly 60 years ago. We are pleased at this time to hear from MRS. MARTHA MARIE WHITEFIELD, Supreme Faith and Supreme Inspector in Texas, Order of the Rainbow for Girls . . . Miss Bobbye Yearout, Grand Worthy Advisor and the El Paso area Rainbow Girls.

Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield: Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it is truly an honor for the Grand Assembly of Texas, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, to have a part in this Grand Chapter Session. We are grateful to our Worthy Grand Matron for inviting the girls to have a part. I personally want to thank the El Paso area Assemblies, not just the girls, but their parents and the Advisory Boards, for making it possible, and Miss Peggy Patterson for giving us the music. We will have to wait, I'm sure, until the Matrons and Patrons retiring can allow the girls to come in. We appreciate the girls of the El Paso Area having this opportunity. The Bible Presentation from the Grand Assembly of Texas will be given by Miss Bobbye Yearout, our Grand Worthy Advisor. Mrs. Brown, would you stand? Miss Patterson, will you start?

(The girls entered and took a formation about the Altar, and the Worthy Grand Matron was conducted to the East side of the Altar with the Worthy Grand Advisor standing on the West side of the Altar — the following presentation was made by her).

Miss Bobbye Yearout: Many pleasant 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, it occurs to everyone, when it seems no one can be depended upon and we are left to our own resources. But that All-Wise and Supreme Being has furnished us a way for our own consolation.

Upon reflection you will doubtless remember, that among the first things brought to your attention 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 the temple of happiness, and point out to you, your whole duty to mankind.

And now, at this most propitious hour, surrounded by those who take you as a Sister, in whose very hearts you have no doubt of the sincere wish for your future happiness, let me impress upon you, in the most lasting and substantial manner possible, that this old Book contains the mind of God, the state of mankind, the way of salvation,

the due of sinners and happiness of believers; its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its decisions are tried and its history is immutable.

Read it to be wise, believe it to be saved, and practice it to be Holy. It contains light to direct you, strength to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveller's map, the pilgrim's staff, to the pilot, compass; to the Rainbow Girls, light; and the Christian's character. Through it, happiness opens, paradise is restored, the gates of Hell are closed. The Messiah is its grand subject, your good its design, and the glory of God its end.

And, now, on behalf of the Grand Assembly, I have the very distinct honor, as well as the supreme pleasure, of presenting to you this beautiful white Bible, the gift of Grand Assembly. May it be a beacon of light to direct them to that Assembly above, where all is love and religion and nature and immortality and fidelity and patriotism and service.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Bobbye Yearout, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of Rainbow for Girls. I am touched by this presentation. As I looked into your eyes, Bobbye, I remembered our visit some three months ago when I was inspired by the freshness of your smile and your friendliness. I am deeply honored that you would present this Bible to me and I assure you that it shall be one of the most honored treasures in my possession. Thank you.

(The girls joined in singing "My Rainbow", after which a simple March was presented in the retirement of the great number of El Paso Rainbow Girls).

Mr. J. Victor Jones: The Order of the Eastern Star recognizes its dependence upon Freemasonry. We are indeed honored by the presence of Right Worshipful R. FURMAN VINSON, Deputy Grand Master, Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Welcome Brother Vinson, please. (Standing — applause).

Mr. R. Furman Vinson: Thank you, Brother Victor. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter Officers, Grand Lodge Officers present — particularly those of the future — I've been so thrilled at the number of next year's District Deputies that I have seen here, and Ladies, Sisters, and my Brethren, all. When I first heard of Lexington I got my map out and started looking and I think I can save the rest of you a lot of trouble. Lexington is about 400 miles southeast of Flomot (Laughter). Flomot-Matador is the metroplex area of Motley County. I was somewhat interested in coming from — you find names such as Matador, Lexington, Mart, Floydada. It's really going to be a metropolitan year, next year, it looks like.

Sister Mary, it's a privilege for me to bring the greetings of the Master Masons of Texas, who incidently will be meeting in their Annual Communication in slightly over a month in Waco. That will be December 1, 2, 3. We hope all Master Masons here will be there.

We hope that most of you will be accompanied by your ladies. We have opening ceremonies that are open to the families of Master Masons.

I am particularly happy to bring the greetings of all Masons of Texas because of what Masonry stands for — because of what the Eastern Star stands for. Some few weeks ago I noticed in U. S. News & World Report, the following: "that morality is now the "in" thing in America". Of course, I had to go to my 8 year old grandson to find out what "in" thing meant, but this is wonderful. This is what Freemasonry has been teaching, and has been working for and praying for for many years. Sister Mary, the Grand Lodge of Texas is so happy to have a powerful ally like the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, to see that morality stays the "in" thing in Texas and in America. Thank you.

Mr. J. Victor Jones: The personification of all things good in our Order is in the being of Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, an eminent Past Grand Matron of Texas. I present to you Mrs. Harris.

Mr. Mildred Haney Harris: Thank you, Brother Victor Jones and our great membership. Sister Mary Brown, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Murray Watson, Worthy Grand Patron, tonight you stand upon the threshold of a new year. It is with faith and courage you go forth to possess it. You must have mixed emotions as you look ahead. "What shall we find in the new year? What great needs will arise? What new challenge will be ours?" For this gift of a new year, you must have your ideals. The projects of this Grand Chapter, and of the General Grand Chapter of which we are a living part, are presented as a great challenge to you both and to the entire membership of Texas — the challenge of a dedicated service next year through your great personal talents and your devotion to your fellowman and to our Order. Our great Order of the Eastern Star, worldwide, has raised the courage and love that are reflected for you, by more than 3 million Stars, our individual members around the world. They form a great storehouse of inspiration, understanding, and love which is at your disposal and in great abundance. You will successfully reach the mountain top with your ideals. Helen Steiner Rice has said, "Ideals are like Stars". I believe that. Our ideals in our General Grand Chapter of love and hope for universal brotherhood and international friendship is our answer to guide each individual in his or her pathway of service. Ideals are always kind and beautiful, let's let them reflect gentle harmony for you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, in every act throughout the year. A glorious day for you would be one touched only by kindness and goodwill. Brotherhood and friendship, lived sincerely and honestly, will make its ideals reach around the world. Mary and Murray, we of the General Grand Chapter, shall be thinking of you each step of the way — holding your ideals for our Order deep in our hearts and lives. Tonight the new year for you is a flower unblown, a book unread, a tree with fruit unharvested, a path untrod, a house, whose rooms lack yet the heart's divine perfume. This is the year that waits for you beyond tomorrow's mystic gates. May your ideals become realities in the hearts of your entire membership. Thank you.

Mr. J. Victor Jones: An installation brings a new beginning. A beginning brings HOPE; HOPE brings INSPIRATION; and INSPIRATION brings ACCOMPLISHMENT. To dedicate this 96th INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS IN TEXAS is one of our most dedicated Past Grand Matrons, Sister Mabel Stark Harle. Mabel.

DEDICATION OF INSTALLATION

Mrs. Mabel Harle:

THIS INSTALLATION IS DEDICATED

to our mothers and fathers, who taught us to love God and one another and who were living examples of these teachings;

to our children, Missy, Marcus, Betts, Sandy, Phillip, Linda, and Jennifer, who have taught us the full meaning of love, and in whose lives we find fulfillment;

to Doss and Greta, our family and friends, whose love has been shown in their loyalty and patience, and who are ever walking that second mile; and

to Eastern Stars throughout God's beautiful world, who have helped us to know the joy of sharing in service the talents, the material blessings with which He has endowed us.

TO THIS SELECT GROUP —

we pledge our best efforts as we seek the will of God in molding our lives during this year of 1977-1978 which we have dedicated to His service among our fellowmen.

Mr. J. Victor Jones: To dedicate the year is our esteemed Past Grand Matron, Sister Viva Huffman.

“Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute—
What you can do, or dream you can, begin it”

DEDICATION OF YEAR

Mrs. Viva Huffman: This year is dedicated to serving our fellowman in a manner which will be pleasing to our Star of the East. Whatever may be accomplished, to Him be the glory.

The life of Jesus, from his first recorded miracle at Cana to his final act of world redemption on Calvary, was one of service — “I am among you as he that serveth” Whosoever “would be great among you must be your servant” Matt. 20:26. “Ye cannot serve God and Mammon. Matt. 6:24.

And there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit . . . All these are inspired by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you still a more excellent way. 1 Cor. 12:5-9, 11, 31. This way is service to mankind.

So, in closing may we say “trust in the Lord with all Thine heart and lean not unto Thy own understanding. In all Thy ways acknowledge Him and he will direct Thy paths.”

Mr. J. Victor Jones:

“The depth and dream of my desire,
The bitter paths wherein I stray —
Thou knowest Who has made the Fire,
Thou knowest who has made the Clay.”

Sister Lois Burnett, our distinguished Past Grand Matron, will present the Worthy Grand Matron’s Theme.

DEDICATION OF THEME

Mrs. Lois Burnett: Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: I am most appreciative of the generosity and signal honor attended to me by our gracious Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Brown — that is to present her theme “LOVE” for the coming Grand Chapter year of 1977-1978.

LOVE

There is one drive within man that creates only good — that is Love, If we weak mortals could find the strength to deny our selfish desires and motives and yield our minds and actions to the “Master Touch” of the Creator, love could be the prevailing drive within our Order — within our lives.

It was through a Hand of Love that God created the world from a yielding lump of clay — fashioned Man — you and me. We were only one of the objects of Creation, yet He sat us apart and made us above others. He created us in His Image.

Out of love, God created man and out of that love he came each evening and walked and talked with Adam — fellowshiped with him. This was the ideal pattern . . . this beautiful, unrestrained sharing of thoughts, desires, joys, one with another.

There was no problem until sin entered the picture through temptation. Even then, God's love found a way. He sent His precious Son to die upon the cross to pay for our debt of sin. God's love reaches from Creation to Death on the Cross and to an Eternity of Paradise. This is the perfect love.

Jesus came to his earth, not only to pay the supreme price of death for us; He came to show us the way to live.

As a small lad of twelve, He exhibited a deep interest in all things about God as he studied and shared His thinking on the Scriptures, indicating that, first, we must know God and find His way for our lives.

Then He began working with His hands in His Father's carpenter shop, performing the every-day task of building — a work that needed to be done to contribute to the overall pattern of life — assuming His place in the on-going of the world about Him. His Hands built the support structure for the house down the street — the Gate for the man on the hill. He repaired a broken latch for His neighbor. No doubt, he also used those Hands to assist his mother, for she loved him dearly.

As he entered upon his spiritual ministry,

He used those same precious Hands to pull corn for his companions to eat, and to wash their feet at the end of a long tiring day.

He gave the example of the Good Samaritan who aided a stranger and provided for his future care;

He held the children upon His lap and fed those who were hungry, both spiritually and physically;

With a touch, He gave hope to the lame, the blind, the critically ill — even the dead.

He gave His Hands in service to those about Him, walking with them.

With folded hands, He prayed, "Not my will, but Thine . . ."

In that final hour, again those Hands were used.

They bore the nails that hung Him to the Cross.

Thus, the pattern of Jesus' life and our example, first secure in God's love and submission to His will; then serving His fellowman until death . . . and all because of LOVE.

SHOULD WE STRIVE FOR LESS?

May we yield our wills to the touch of the Master Potter, that He may share the vessels of our lives to His purpose for the coming year. Then, may we go forward in love and use our Hands in service to our fellowman, ever reaching upward that we might claim the reward of that perfect love.

Our Worthy Grand Matron's MOTTO:

"Through love, serving together."

Mr. J. Victor Jones: The son of our Worthy Grand Matron, Mr. Frank D. Brown II, will honor his mother with a song.

(Mr. Brown rendered "Take my Hand, Precious Lord")

ECCLESIASTES: "There is nothing better for a man, than that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the Hand of God."

Sister Lallah Mae Vollus, our beloved Past Grand Matron, will present the 1977-1978 Benevolent Program.

1977-1978 BENEVOLENT PROGRAM

"CROSS OF LOVE" FORMATION

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: As I shall be speaking the "Cross of Love" Formation will be taking its place upon the floor.

Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers:

"Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the laws of Christ" saith Paul to the Galatians (Galatians 6:02). As we seek as an Order to give to this admonition the breath of life, we are living the Golden Rule which gives to mankind the same direction; "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye, even so unto them".

Such a pattern of fraternal life fulfills the destiny of this great Order as set forth in its purposes of Charity . . . Benevolence . . . and the Cementing of the bonds of Brotherly Love.

Upon this scriptural and fraternal philosophy, the Benevolent Program of the Grand Chapter of Texas is builded. Ours, yours, and mine, is a great heritage; many charitable deeds; programs of far reaching good; and millions of dollars have come from the concerned hearts of our membership. As this Torch of Benevolent Works passes unto the hands of a new Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it is my privilege to present to you their program of Welfare call unto you . . . "The Completion of the ENDOWMENT of our Eastern Star Home". As our members apply and are accepted into the Home, they release to us any material acquisition of their life's years. We, in turn, assume full responsibility for their care until their "Journey's End".

The economic inflationary curve of the past few years has pointed clearly to the fact that, for such care to be guaranteed, there MUST be an increased Endowment.

The 100% gift of a Chapter, based on \$1.00 per member, will remain, as it has been for many years, a part of the Welfare Program. In addition, this program of great Vision that is presented to you tonight, calls for "Second-Mile Giving". Through the Legacy of Love Committee, directed by the Endowment Committee, and through the Deputy Grand Matrons, the full details of the program will be available to you. They will assist you in charting the course of this inspired undertaking.

The SECOND PHASE of the Welfare Program is ESTARL. The Grand Chapter of Texas is an intregal part of General Grand Chapter, the world-wide tie that binds three million hearts in fraternal love and philanthropic endeavor. We embrace its great program of ESTARL . . . "Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership". Christ gathered about him His disciples and then said unto them, "Go ye into all the world and teach the gospel." Literally, you and I cannot heed this call, but, through this program, we can assist in better preparing young men and women to carry the words of LIGHT and LIFE into communities of this State, this Nation, and our Father's World. Through such participation we contribute to bringing unto remembrance the Eternal Gospel amid the temporal pleasures of a troubled world.

This, my Sisters and Brothers, is the Welfare Program for 1977-1978 . . . HOME ENDOWMENT AND ESTARL . . . In the UPWARD Reach to fulfillment, our Worthy Grand Matron will now sound the call, "FORWARD IN FAITH".

(The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were conducted to the HEART of the Cross behind the Altar).

Worthy Grand Matron: Will the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons please stand wherever you are. My beloved friends and distinguished members: Each of you has given to this Grand Chapter — to every member of the Order in this State—a Legacy of LOVE; one that made bright your term of service and continues to reflect a guiding light upon the Highway of Service of those who are walking after you.

Upon the threshold of this new year, as we present the plan of Welfare for 1977-1978, I would have you know that we covet your support. I ask you to join with the Worthy Grand Patron and me and those appointed to reach the STAR of Hope, in strong Faith in this service of Love and to serve as Honorary Members of the Legacy of Love Committee.

Through the membership of the Endowment Committee, the Legacy of Love Committee, and the Estarl Committee, assembled close to our holy Altar, your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are clasping the HAND of each Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, as we clasp the hands of these committee members. They represent YOU in our thoughts and our plans for OTHERS. We are committed to the task before us. We are strengthened and inspired in the sincere belief that the Rays of His Star will light our way to the attainment of our goals. The goal WILL be reached but the climb will be steep. It will not be easy but the rewards of attainment, the view from the crest of the mountain, and the satisfaction of a task completed will be GREAT. Will you join us in this sacred and meaningful moment. Please stand and clasp the hands of those about you, as we clasp hands at the Altar, thus signifying your willingness to join in this challenging undertaking.

Worthy Grand Patron: May every head be bowed as we lift our Hands in this "Chain of Fraternalism", heavenward. Father, we would not set forth on any great and laudable undertaking, without reaching UP for THY Hand. We are weak but Thou art strong . . . we see the way dimly. Thy vision is clear and direct. We seek Thy Guidance. We know that any success of this program will be the result of Thy leadership through us, Thy children, as we seek to give expression to the new commandment given unto us by Thy Son. To Thee will be given the glory of any attainment, for we serve in Thy name. Amen.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Members of the Welfare Committees . . . Form the CROSS FORMATION — "a symbol of sacrifice". Forward now together toward the attainment of our Goals.

(As all march off, a solo "Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung).

Grand Marshal and Assisting Grand Marshal return the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Worthy Grand Matron, I am asking one, dear to you as a loved one and as a friend, to come and hold your hand and to make a presentation through you to this Grand Chapter.

Mr. Doss Brown: Sister Lallah Mae, since I feel I am somewhat acquainted with our newly installed Worthy Grand Matron and knowing her love for each member of this Grand Chapter of Texas and for humanity everywhere, at this time, I would like to reassure you of the support of her family, Betty Suzanne Brown, Frank D. Brown II, Phillip Allen Brown, Linda Gayle Brown, and Little Jennifer Brown, and myself. At this time, I would like to give a token gift towards these welfare programs, hoping to see, and help make her dream become a reality.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: And now, Worthy Grand Matron, I am going to ask one, who, you might say, engineered the first collection for your Endowment Program, Mrs. Gloria Striez, to come forward.

Mrs. Gloria Striez: Sister Mary, I am here and I would like to be one of the first Mary Brown Girls to call you "Worthy Grand Matron" and Brother Murray, "Worthy Grand Patron". We, Mary Brown Girls and Murray's Men, in Corpus at our Round-up of 1977, realized your dream for the Home Endowment. We pledge ourselves to you and, through your guidance, we would like to help that dream come true. There in Corpus a dream began to mold — that lump of clay. Here, I would like to present to you on behalf of the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, of 1977-78, who are Murray's Men and Mary's Girls, a check for the Home Endowment. We realize that this will continue to grow. This can never be used, only the interest. This will be a living memorial in your behalf. The check is in the amount of \$250.00.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: And now, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, a final presentation. Your Endowment Committee has committed themselves to seeing your project through and Mr. C. L. Pribble, one of the members of the Committee, wishes to speak for the Committee.

Mr. C. L. Pribble: Thank you, Sister Lallah Mae. Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of the Endowment Committee, we would like to present this token contribution toward this fund. We would like to do this for a number of reasons, the first and most important, is to express to you and the membership the faith that your Endowment Committee has in this program. We hope that every member of Grand Chapter joins with us in this same faith. I present this check to you.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Sisters and Brothers, those of you who have known the Browns very long, know they are modest, and Doss would not tell you the amount of the gift from the family, to the program of his beloved wife. I am going to share the secret. It was a check for \$1,000.00.

Worthy Grand Matron: At this point — let's see — Sister Lallah Mae is also very modest. I would like to know the amount of the gift from the Home Endowment Committee. We have individual checks amounting to \$345.00.

ADDRESSES

Mr. J. Victor Jones: We will now have Greetings from our Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Murray Watson, Jr.

Worthy Grand Patron: Our able Master of Ceremonies and good friend, Brother J. Victor Jones, our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Brown, our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mildred Haney Harris, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Members of the Order, the Right Worshipful Furman Vinson, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, my Sisters, Brothers, and Friends. It is indeed a distinct honor for me to be here tonight to share this day with a truly lovely lady who will guide this Order during the coming year. I want to express my sincere thanks to Sister Mary Brown for giving me this opportunity to serve with her during the coming year.

Tonight I would like to introduce some special guests that are here. First, the members of my family — my father seated over here, Murray Watson, Sr.; our daughter, Millicent; our son, Marcus; my wife, Greta; and a niece, Robbin Murray; and also, the members of Mart Chapter No. 109 who came to El Paso to start a westward — I mean an eastward Journey for the beginning of a new year back to Central Texas. Members of Mart Chapter No. 109, will you stand. (Applause).

I have a lot of friends and supporters who have meant a great deal to me over the years, both in and out of the Order of the Eastern Star. To those who have been able to come and be with us tonight, my special thanks. I would like the members and friends of District III, Section 9, my home Section, to please stand wherever you are. Tonight I received a couple of personal telegrams I would like to share with you as we get ready to go on the new year;

First, "Dear Murray and Greta. Tom and I wish very much that we could be with you tonight in our home town, El Paso. As a colleague of yours for many years in Texas City and over the years as a friend, my respect for you has increased day by day. The honor you are receiving tonight is certainly commendable. Best wishes in your endeavor. Sincerely, Joe Christen."

Another came to Mary Brown and Murray Watson. "Congratulations and best wishes. Regret that I cannot be with you to attend your installation. Harvey C. Byrd, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Texas A.F. & A.M."

Another to Mary Brown, Worthy Grand Matron, and Murray Watson, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas OES. "Congratulations on your being chosen to serve the Order in this capacity for the coming year. Best wishes for a successful, productive year. Your friend, Bob Bullock, Comptroller of Public Accounts."

Next is one, "Congratulations on the occasion of your installation as the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of the Eastern Star. This is an honor. Please convey my greetings to all in attendance at the 95th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. My sincere best wishes for a most successful year. Dolph Briscoe, Governor of Texas." (Applause).

To my Sisters and Brothers:

It is with great humility and sincere appreciation that I say, "Thank you for the privilege and honor of serving you, the membership of the Order of the Eastern Star."

As we travel together this year, we must always remember the benevolent purposes of our Order and the opportunities that are ahead of us. We must never forget those who have gone before and who have made our Order what it is today. As each of us accepts our office of appointment for this year, we accept the responsibility to work together for the good of the Order.

The author Robert Browning said, ". . . Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp," or "What is a heaven for . . ." May our reach exceed our grasp and may it always be so. May we be able to make today a better day than yesterday and work to make tomorrow a better day than today.

We have more power and more opportunities to do good and our opportunities are greater than ever before. The opportunities are unlimited. Let me remind you of the words of the Poet:

"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the years, 'Give me a light that I might travel safely into the unknown.' He replied, 'Put your hand in the hand of God and it will be better for you than a light and safer than a known way.'"

We may have difficulty avoiding the perils that lay ahead of us and realizing the fulness of the opportunities. Only with divine guidance will each of us find the uncertain way.

As Dag Hammarskjold has said, "Don't measure the height of the mountain until you have reached the top." So this year, as we all work together, as we serve the Order, may we work toward that end, so that at the end of the year we will have reached the top, and, once we have reached the top, we will make our Order and all the things around it better for those who will follow.

Mr. J. Victor Jones: And, now, Greetings from our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary M. Brown.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother J. Victor Jones, our extremely proficient and charming Master of Ceremonies, and my precious friend.

Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Sister Ruth Sorenson, Junior Past Grand Matron, of New Mexico, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, my precious members, friends, and family, and Right Worshipful R. Furman Vinson, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M. For three years I have thought about just the right things to say at this moment — how to tell you “thank you” for all that’s in my heart, and tonight I am just as uncertain as I was when I first started.

Brother Victor, you are tremendous. The manner in which you have conducted the various functions of this entire evening has been outstanding. The presentation of the emblems was most impressive and I sincerely appreciate the participation of the five Past Grand Matrons representing our heroines. It would be difficult to recount the many ways in which you have assisted me to come thus far. You and your precious Jocie are very dear to me, and having you as Master of Ceremonies has made this evening perfect.

The Grand Officers are now installed and ready to begin the work of the new Year, due to the efficient manner in which these responsibilities were performed by our beautiful Installing Grand Officers. Each of you have a special place in my heart and in my Eastern Star life. I know it will take you only a moment to recall in what way you’re precious to me.

Sister Ruby, will you come and stand by my side? In June of 1956 this lovely lady came to the little Chapter of Lexington, she was the Grand Conductress and installed me as Worthy Matron of my Chapter. Again, in 1971 and 1975, she returned to install me in that same office. Today, October 27, 1977, she installed me in the highest office within the gift of the Grand Chapter of Texas, and, somehow, Sister Ruby, I do not believe I could perform the responsibilities assigned to me during the coming year unless you had installed me. It just takes you to make it legal! Thank you, my precious friend, for giving me this one additional reason to love you.

All appointive officers for the coming year are listed in your printed program. Those elected today are:

Associate Grand Patron — Mr. T. L. “Duke” Weaver
 Associate Grand Conductress — Mrs. Viola Edwards
 District III, member of the Board of Grand Trustees — Mrs. Maude Arnold
 District II, member of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences
 — Mr. Clifford Malone
 Grand Examiner, District II — Mrs. Beulah Speer
 Grand Examiner, District IV — Mrs. Elsie Paladino

The following members were appointed to ENVOYS OF SERVICE:

Mrs. Lena Mae Cook
 Mrs. Ann McConathy
 Mrs. Ethel Pratt
 Mrs. Velma Davis
 Mr. John S. Shearer
 Mrs. Wanda Smith
 Mrs. Dorothy Vernon
 Mrs. Annette V. Greer
 Mrs. Ruth Starke
 Mrs. Frances Reedy
 Mrs. Merle G. Young
 Mrs. Blanche Robinson
 Mrs. Beulah Holliday
 Mrs. Helen B. Yarling
 Mrs. Margie Baker

Mrs. Doris M. Eford
 Mrs. Mae Powell
 Mrs. Grace Hare
 Mrs. Roberta Boling
 Mr. R. H. Billings
 Mr. Maxwell M. Sanderford
 Mrs. Thelma Slate
 Mrs. Marjorie Errington
 Mrs. Sylvia Cucino
 Mrs. Lena B. Mechler
 Mrs. Ruth Carson
 Mrs. Dottie Griffith
 Mrs. Vera Evans
 Mrs. Billie V. Lewis
 Mr. Leonard C. Dunford

My deep appreciation to our distinguished leader of Rainbow, Sister Martha Marie Whitfield, and her beautiful Rainbow Girls. To Brother R. Furman Vinson, for bringing Greetings to this assembly; and to Eastern Stars in the form of our precious Sister Mildred Haney Harris. Sister Mildred is the epitome of Eastern Star, revered throughout the world. Brother Furman shall soon take over the reins of that great Fraternal Organization of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; and Sister Martha Marie is respected and adored by the daughters of our great State, and many of the members who have passed under her guiding hand. We are aware of the many demands upon the time of the three of you, and we feel especially privileged that you would share this evening with us.

Our program for the year has been given by several of the beautiful Past Grands of Texas, who are especially dear to me and gave added meaning to my plans and their presentation. There is little I can add. As you have been told, our high aim for the year is to Endow our Eastern Star Home, and that drive shall be spearheaded by the dynamic lady who presented our Cross of Love, Sister Lallah Mae Vollus. Thank you, Sister Lallah, for the many hours you have devoted, and will devote, to this effort.

I was especially proud to have the invocation given by my Worthy Patron, Brother Reuel Cooper, and to have the active participation in songs, and escorting by his lovely wife and my Worthy Matron, Sister Lanelle Cooper.

As a matter of fact, I am proud of all of the members of Lexington Chapter No. 996 and I am extremely pleased so many of them are here. You know, our little Chapter is slightly over 50, yet we have 13 Lexington members in attendance here tonight. Will the members of Lexington Chapter please stand? (Applause)

These are the ones to whom I owe so much. And, of course, there is our Grand Ruth on the floor and my Grand Escort on the stage. Then there are those who have given my life meaning, my family. My sister Jean, thank you for singing "Blessed Book" just because you knew that I wanted you to and because that "Blessed Book" that was presented at the Altar belonged to my mother and your mother. Thank you, my precious One, for sharing this evening with me.

My thanks also to Sister Janice Thornhill for leading your beautiful voice to the musical presentation and to Dorothy Cleveland and Cloe Morris for sharing your nimble fingers with us. To my brother-in-law, Homer Brown, having the Square and Compasses presented by you, a 50-year Mason, and my husband's oldest brother, certainly gave it added meaning, for I know what Masonry meant to your father and to your brothers.

To my extra special friends, Anna Ruth and Von Griffin from Houston, Brother Von D. Manning and his wife, Juanita, and Peggy Dodson, my dear, and your mother. There are those within one's life that are so close that it is difficult to tell the difference between blood kin and those that are kin just by the ties of the heart. These sweet friends share with me in this feeling of love for one another. Thank you for being here this evening.

And, then, to my precious children — always my love and devotion. To little Jennifer, "light of my life", what a delightful performance by you and Master Marcus Watson. Thank you, Marcus, and thank you, my precious friend, Barbara Robinson, for writing and reading that charming poem. Betts, Sandy, Linda Gayle, and Phillip, as always, your participation added an otherwise impossible dimension to this evening. Just having you with me makes life beautiful, but having you participate gave me joy beyond words. Thank you, my precious ones. I'm very proud of you for the manner in which you performed.

Then there is one to whom I owe thanks for making this evening possible, my husband, Doss. I want you to come and stand by me, because you have been standing by me these 38 years and supporting me in whatever endeavor I might enter. Because you were a Mason, I have had the privilege of coming to know the joy of serving others

through Eastern Star. I have come to know many beautiful friends I have found among the membership of our Order and I have come to know, in a somewhat limited fashion, the very fine standards upon which Masonry and Masons stand. Limited, not because you were not a fine example of those standards, but simply because the Masonic Fraternity is a great organization that is available only to men. Thank you also, my dear, for being there whenever I've needed you, for setting me straight when I deviated from the right pathway. Thank you for being a good father and husband. Many times during the coming year, you will be at home alone and though I did not write these words, they seem to express the things I wanted to say:

I said a prayer for you today
And I know that God must have heard;
I felt the answer in my heart
Although He spoke no word.

I didn't ask for wealth or fame,
I knew you wouldn't mind;
I asked Him to send treasure
Of a far more lasting kind.

I asked that He be near you
At the start of each new day;
To grant you health and blessings
And friends to share your way.

I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small,
But it was for His loving hand
I prayed the most of all.

There is another young lady I would like to recognize, Mrs. Cora Bailey. Cora? I hope you will allow me these few moments to have this precious one stand by my side. It was Cora who stood that first year and said: "I'd like to place in nomination the name of Mrs. Mary Brown". She was my Worthy Matron then. Cora is now a resident of our Eastern Star Home at Arlington and is one of the members whom we have designated as the "Special Ones." They are Past Matrons and Past Patrons residing in the Masonic Home for the Aged and the Eastern Star Home. As you have been told tonight, our goal for the year is Endowing our Home. I made that decision some three years ago, but when Cora moved there last Spring, it gave my goal added incentive. Several weeks ago when I stopped over night at our Home, I slipped into Cora's room for a quick "hello and good night". She had already gone to bed. As I sat there on her bedside in the semi-darkness, she looked up at me and said, "Each night the last thing I do before I go to sleep, I thank the Lord for this Home". Isn't that a beautiful testimony for our Home. Thank you, Cora.

For Someone Special



THE SPECIAL ONES — to whom we give our "LEGACY" of Love

Just as the ROSE is a symbol of LOVE, these precious ones are symbols of our dream for the year — the ENDOWMENT OF OUR HOME! They are the Past Matrons and Past Patrons who reside in, and spread the beauty of their love throughout our Eastern Star Home and the Home for the Aged Masons in Arlington. . . .

Their colors run from pink to rosy red,
 To signify the love they always spread,
 Each waking hour of every passing day,
 To visitors who chance to come their way!

They shall have a PLACE OF HONOR — wherever and whenever they are in our presence during the year of 1977-1978.

Eastern Star Home

Mrs. Maude Amis (381)
 Mrs. Maggie Amsler (510)
 Mrs. Cora Bailey (996)
 Miss Alma Beall (186)
 Mrs. Bertha Belew (429)
 Mrs. Icie Cox (659)
 Mrs. Myrtle Dale (848)
 Mrs. Agnes Eaves (959)
 Mrs. Emma Farler (718)
 Mrs. Eva Glimp (425)
 Mrs. Beulah Hampton (585)

Mrs. Edna Johnson (794)
 Miss Maude Kirk (427)
 Mrs. Sarah Jane Koontz (756)
 Mrs. Claudie McCoy (871)
 Mrs. Alpha Pruitt (167)
 Mrs. Clara Redding (304)
 Mrs. Olga Rosenbaum (713)
 Mrs. Mattie Sellars (240)
 Mrs. Lucille Stringfellow (842)
 Mrs. Effie Taylor (389)
 Mrs. Clara Wynne (684)

Home for Aged Masons

Mr. Henry Lee Minor (326)
 Mr. Hugh John Parkinson (249)

Mrs. Myrtle Atkinson (440)
 Mrs. Marguerite Buck (118)
 Mrs. Beulah Hickey (769)

Mrs. Iva Shelby (86)
 Mrs. Mary Vandiver
 Mrs. Florence Wynne (684)

For those of you who might not have caught the significance of this Master Potter Installation, may I explain briefly? Our theme is LOVE, the most dynamic force on earth, and a cure for the problems of the world. Creation was based on love, and down through the annals of history it has motivated man and God in mysterious and wonderful ways. Our emblems are the Cross, the Hand, and the Urn. Beloved, let us love one another, for God is of love and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us. Beloved, if God so loved us we ought also to love one another.

The Cross is a symbol of God's love for us.

The Hands are the symbol of our love for one another through service.

The Urn is a symbol of our love for God in yielding ourselves to His Will.

Though I listed it last, the yielding to God's will must come first. Thus, the reason for the Master Potter Installation.

This is the beginning of a new year. We have set as our aim what some might term an impossibility. If we are to succeed, we must yield our lives to God's will, that He may shape us into vessels of service to His liking. With such a beginning, there is no limit to what we can accomplish through Him. Thank you.

Mr. Victor Jones: The grand Marshal will now present the Grand Officers, Officers of Grand Chapter, Worthy Grand Matron's Special Committees, with the exception of those previously presented, and Grand Representatives in the Master Potter Formation.

(As the formation was being executed the following Narration was being given).

Miss Bette Suzane Brown:

Have you ever watched a Potter
Fashion vessels out of clay,

He takes the form and substance
And in a wonderous way,

With patience, skill and pressure,
Makes perfect works of art;
That which was clay is now a joy,
To please the potter's heart!

So, too, the Master Potter
Takes clay so rough and rude,
And fashions perfect patterns,
From forms that have been crude;
He shows such skill and patience,
Uses gentle pressure, too,
In molding lives for service —
HIS daily work to do!

WHAT AM I?

I dreamed I was a lump of clay,
Part of a gray, primeval bog;
A sticky mass of ugliness,
Spread near a lichen-covered log.

The Lord walked by on shining feet,
Viewing earth, His new creation;
He sat upon the fallen tree,
Bowed in silent meditation.

A smile of joy then touched His face;
He reached His hands to where I lay;
With warmth and tenderness, He cupped,
A formless mass — that lump of clay.

With nimble fingers, sure and true;
He sculpted a body and a face;
"In His own image", writers say,
Of earthen man with God-like trace.

He breathed into this work of art,
Giving me life, pulsating birth;
Then sent me out with solemn charge,
To have dominion over earth.

I waked in my familiar room;
The dream was gone; the day begun;
A span of hours for hate and love,
For battles lost and battles won.

Yet, deep within my soul I knew,
 For me there is a better way;
 Now when I fail, the question comes,
 AM I PART SPIRIT OR ALL CLAY?

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Master Potter, you did not mold a passive creature. No! You breathed life into your creation. I am vital! I am aware! I am joyous! My being pulsates with the need to love and be loved' to cherish and to assist others, and thus show my love for you. My spirit — my mind — my body, reach out yearningly to feed the hungry, house the homeless, comfort the lonely and outcast, protect the helpless, caress the unloved, and above all, teach those who know you not.

Giving help and encouragement to your other children is the only way I can do anything for you.

There will be times when I sink into a morass of selfishness; when I shut out the sounds of weeping which cause me distress — retreating into my private world where nothing unpleasant can intrude. In such moments, Heavenly Father, please nudge me; prick my conscience. Use gentle pressure — reminding me of a lifelong commitment to serve always as ministering hands for your loving heart. This will renew the brightness of my spiritual core and set my feet back upon the path that you direct.

Help me to live fully each day, as if it is my last day upon the earth — my final chance to love bountifully, seringly. TODAY is all that I possess with certainty. This I know and accept.

Help me to fill this moment with love, lest it flutter away like a golden butterfly, leaving me bereft.

Tell me where is the field in which I may serve you best?

Yes, Heavenly Father, Master Potter, I am waiting, I am listening, yielded and still. I am the crude vessel, not yet a work of art; but eager for the shaping that I may serve you more effectively. I have cast off my roles and pretenses — a quiet core within the real me is waiting; waiting to be filled with Your guiding, loving, living spirit; a brightness that will light my way and cast a warm glow upon my fellow travelers.

Yes, Heavenly Father, Master Potter, this earthen vessel is waiting to be filled, waiting for your gentle touch, your guiding spirit. My hands are yours — my heart is yours, my spirit waits your Call.

(As the narration was in progress, the Grand Officers were executing a most impressive and appropriate formation — A VESSEL or URN).

Mr. J. Victor Jones: (When the formation was complete, the Master of Ceremonies said): The earth, in all its bountiful glory now waits expectantly for these whom you have selected to administer; to direct the hands of our Order in attending the fields which are ripe for harvest. We hope they will be free from anxiety about tomorrow, knowing that the power of God is ever at hand. May they have love that knows no barrier, courage that cannot be shaken, faith strong enough for the darkness, strength sufficient for the task, wisdom to meet life's complexities, and sympathy that reaches to all . . .

Bette Suzanne Brown: We stand before our Creator gawky and fumbling, worth only a lump of clay, but if we yield ourselves to Him, give our lives to Him for guidance and keeping, He will mold us into Christians more worthy of His name, our lives will be more beautiful for the touch of His Hand.

BENEDICTION

Dr. James H. Goettee: But now, Oh Lord, Thou art our Father, we the clay and Thou our potter. And, we all are the work of Thy Hand. Isaiah 64:8.

(The message of the impressive formation was brought as Mrs. Janice Morton Thornhill sang "HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD").

Dr. James H. Goettee: continuing: May we mold our lives so that others may see the loveliness of Thy Spirit reflected in us. Amen.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Warder, you will see that the doors to this Grand Chapter are secure and inform the Grand Sentinel we are about to call this Grand Chapter from Rest to Labor.

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED FROM REST TO LABOR.

Worthy Grand Matron: The Bible that is now open upon the Altar is the Bible that belongs to my Chapter. The Square and Compasses are those that belong to my Worthy Patron and they are the gift presented to my Chapter by my Worthy Patron and me when I served as Worthy Matron the first time.

Mr. Paul Fitch: Worthy Grand Matron, it is a rare privilege for me — I have never been in this spot before and will probably never be here again, but I'd like to read this letter to you. It goes something like this:

Mrs. Mary M. Brown
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.

We do, truly, wish you a most successful and happy year. Now, then, there is one other point.

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams: Sister Mary, it is my honor to present to you the keys to this automobile and this pleasure was accorded me because I am the District IV representative. We trust that you will invite God to be your "unseen guest" while you drive and we know that you will have a safe journey for this coming year. We hope that we have met your wishes in this automobile. The color didn't come out quite right, but it is your pleasure to have this. And Mr. Fitch got this specially for you.

(Keys are presented).

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you Brother Paul Fitch, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees. You know this is the first time I have been in this position too; so we share something in common. Thank you, Sister Elizabeth Williams, for your part in this presentation. Our Constitution provides that Grand Chapter furnish a car for the Worthy Grand Matron, and I think it is a very thoughtful courtesy in the conducting of the

Worthy Grand Matron's responsibilities. I appreciate this Board. I have told them so before and I think they are aware of that. But I want to tell them now, and I know that the Worthy Grand Patron joins me, in saying that we join with them in working for the good of our Order this year. We invite their wise counsel in all matters which they feel they should call to our attention, and, in turn, we shall be coming to them and asking them for guidance in matters pertaining to their responsibilities. Thank you for this presentation, and I know — Sister Elizabeth — I will like the color. I haven't seen it. I really intended to and I know my husband has told me it is parked out front, but my sweet driver always brings me to the back where I can get in in a hurry, so I haven't gotten to look at it, but believe you me, as soon as this Grand Chapter is closed, I shall. Thank you again.

Brother Murray, is there anything you would like to bring before this Grand Chapter Session before we close?

Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, I just want to pledge to you my support during the coming year in working with you and out of this year we hope we can lay the seed and help get the Home Endowment really on sound footing and provide for the future. It's been a wonderful evening, and we have enjoyed it, and we are looking forward to a great year. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. I just must say this — he thanked me at the open installation for the office in which he is serving — now you know, Sisters and Brothers, and I do too, that you elected him — and it wasn't because Mary Brown thought he was a great man, but he has shown that he is the fine person that he is, and I know that this Grand Chapter elected you, Murray, for yourself, and I thank you for serving by my side — and your sweet wife, Greta. I am looking forward to many, many years of companionship for you and Greta, Doss and me, and our families. I really think my little granddaughter and your son have a good friendship going.

Is there any further business to come before this Grand Chapter Session?

CEREMONIAL CLOSING

Sister Grand Marshal, you will retire the Flag of our country.

Grand Warder.

Grand Warder: Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to close this Grand Chapter Session, and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

("HAVE THINE OWN WAY" was the closing hymn).

Mrs. Ruby Enlow, Member of the Ritual Committee of General Grand Chapter, was invited by the Worthy Grand Matron to give the farewell.

Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this 95th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas closed. (Sounds gavel).

Inspired with the message of the Theme for 1977-1978 —

"THOU ART THE POTTER
I AM THE CLAY"

the members of the Grand Chapter of Texas turned homeward with challenges for great tasks facing them, and with the determination to do their best.



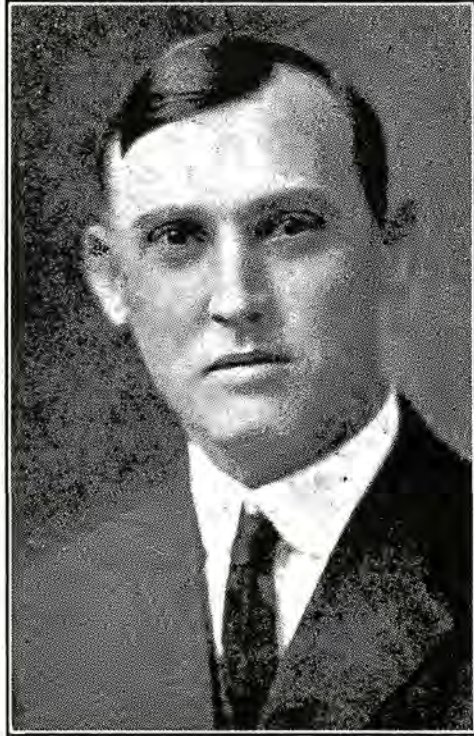
APPENDIX





Dr. Hiram Columbus Sloop
Worthy Grand Patron
1950-1951
Died
November 4, 1976

*"His life's work, stretching o'er the years
Records many good deeds done
Much joy he cast along the way
Before the setting of his sun."*



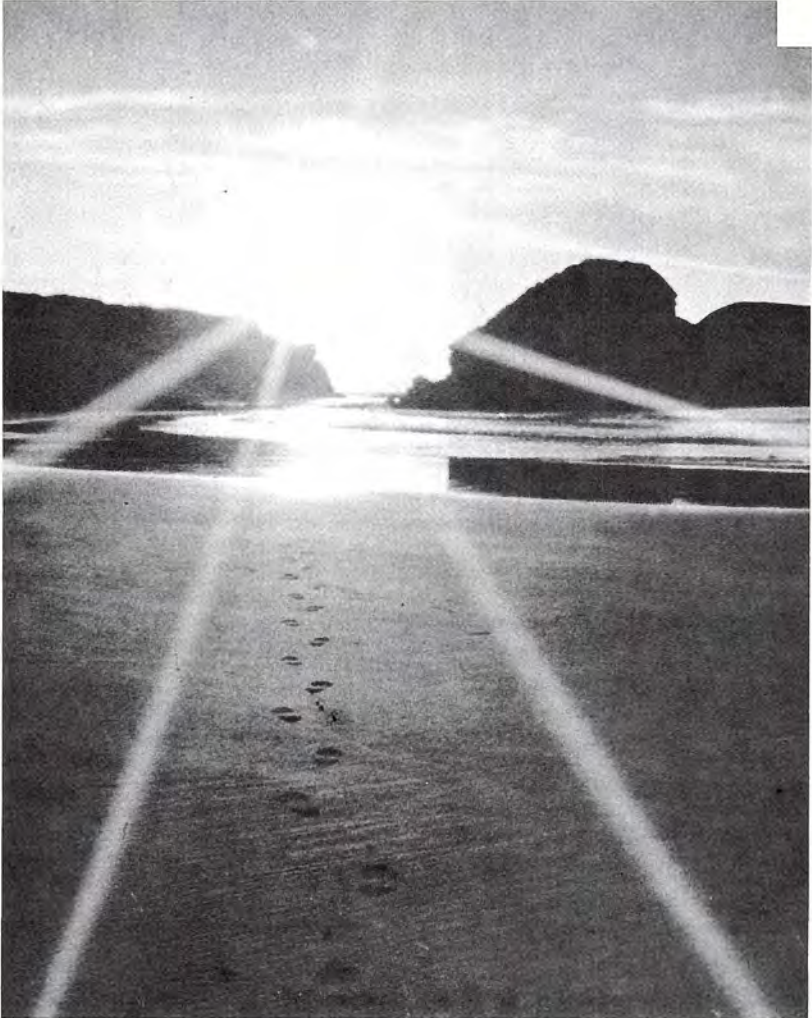
Mr. Frank Holt
Worthy Grand Patron
1926-1927
Died
November 28, 1976

"I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage."

—Joshua 1:5, 6

Brother Holt was initiated into Granger Chapter No. 504 (demised) on November 11, 1910. He served as Worthy Patron in 1912, 1913 and 1914. He affiliated with Waco Chapter No. 7 on July 1, 1920. He served as Worthy Patron in 1921 and 1926.

*In Remembrance
Of The
Loved Ones Gone Before
Of
Other Grand Jurisdictions*



No man who is fit to live need fear to die. To us here, death is the most terrible thing we know. But when we have tasted its reality it will mean to us birth, deliverance, a new creation of ourselves. It will be what health is to the sick man; what home is to the exile; what the loved one given back is to the bereaved. As we draw near to it a solemn gladness should fill our hearts. It is God's great morning lighting up the sky. Our fears are the terrors, its darkness, its feverish dreams, its passing away; and when we awake it will be into the sunlight of God.

Dedicated To The Memory
 Of The
 Two Thousand One Hundred
 And Eighty Seven Members
 Of The
 Subordinate Chapters
 Of Texas
 Who Entered Their
 Eternal Home This Year.



EVENING IS THE DELIGHT OF VIRTUOUS AGE, IT SEEMS AN EMBLEM OF THE TRANQUIL CLOSE OF A BUSY LIFE — SERENE, PLACID, AND MILD, WITH THE IMPRESS OF THE GREAT CREATOR STAMPED UPON IT; IT SPREADS ITS WINGS OVER THE GRAVE, AND SEEMS TO PROMISE THAT ALL SHALL BE PEACE BEYOND IT.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Fathers house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:1-3

LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF TEXAS, 1884-1876

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. Lemond	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart
1902	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†R.W. Lemond	†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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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	††J. Holbrook	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1923	†Mrs. Norton B. Wellborn	††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 LeFan	†L.E. Tennison	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Miss Cora Posey
1927	†Mrs. Lulu LeFan	†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. Lallah Mae Vollus	†Norman H. Read	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1945	Mrs. Lallah 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 Gaudin	†Miss Blanche Earl	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1949	Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gaudin	†Mrs. Lucile Dufner	†Dr. H.C. Sloop	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1950	†Mrs. Lucile Dufner	†Dr. H.C. Sloop	Mrs. Flora Best Boone	†Earl G. Manning	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1951	Mrs. Flora Best 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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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 Neinst	Joseph B. Powell	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
1974	Mrs. Patricia Major Neinst	O. D. Christian	Mrs. Doris Easterling	O. D. Christian	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
1975	Mrs. Doris Easterling	Perry Smithwick	Mrs. Joyce Roberts	Perry Smithwick	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
1976	Mrs. Joyce Roberts		Mrs. Mary Brown	Murray Watson, Jr.	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard

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‡Suspended

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- Mrs. Mattie Mitchell (616), 302 Barrett 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
Mrs. Eunice Connell (3), 259 Thoraine, San Antonio 78212
Mrs. Lois Burnett (820), 4801 Bryce Ave., Ft. Worth 76107
Mrs. Ruby Enloe (222), Box 1026, Bryan 77801
Mrs. Katherine Poulis (664), 104 Chimney Rock Ln., San Antonio
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Mrs. Mary Katherine Smith (90), 924 S. Denton, Gainesville 76240
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Mrs. Thelma Chandler (574), 6434 Mercedes St., Dallas 75214
Mrs. Molly Goodpasture (785), 1011 E. Tate Brownfield 79316
Mrs. Amy Goebel (639), 4104 Morrow Ave., Waco 76710
Mrs. Edna Earl Duke (823), 165 Central Caldwood Dr., Beau-
mont 77707
Mrs. Mildred Sharpe (574), P.O. Box 140716, Dallas 75214
Mrs. Nancy Bailey (616), 167 Rosemont, San Antonio 78228
Mrs. Robbie Yates (960), P.O. Box 720, Stratford 79084
Mrs. Sally Matranga (856), 10019 Greentree Rd., Houston 77042
Mrs. Frances Key Herrin (803), 119 Academy Dr., Austin 78704
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Mrs. Katherine Harbour (384), Drawer 231, Shamrock 79079
Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsop (651), 2802 Jarrard, Houston 77005
Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast (830), 6405 Malcolm Court, Dallas 75214
Mrs. Doris Easterling (308), P.O. Box 598, Clyde 79510
Mrs. Joyce Roberts (244), 10660 Park View Circle, El Paso 79935

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Mr. Earl G. Manning (153), 1208 N. Second St., Temple 76501
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Mr. Ed. L. Sharpe (574), P. O. Box 140716, Dallas 75214
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Dr. R. O. Fuqua (352), 804 Josephine St., Sweetwater 79556
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Mr. Paul Stoneman (703), 322 Oakcrest Dr., Richardson 75080
Mr. Hal Burnett (132), 605 E. Avenue B, Alpine 79830
Mr. E. F. "Van" Plumlee (930), Route 1, Aquilla 76222
Dr. James H. Goettee (728), 8106 Beverly Hill, Houston 77042
Mr. Herbert L. Arnold (1040), 3313 Crites, Ft. Worth 76118
Mr. J. T. Sanders (716), 4701 Ave. R½, Galveston 77550
Mr. Richard T. Porter (835), 4408 Angus, 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), Box 746, Teague 75860
Mr. J. Perry Smithwick (684), 3829 Earl, Fort Worth 76111

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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. Alveretta 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	12-31-79
British Columbia	— Mrs. Billie Horton	20	1015 Turner, Cleburne 76031	12-31-77
California	— Mrs. Alice Fair	1	6807 Northport, Dallas 75230	12-31-77
Colorado	— Mrs. Molly Kuns	802	P. O. Box 727, White Deer 79097	11-16-77
Connecticut	— Mrs. Ruth Palmer	959	11016 Wyatt, Dallas 75218	12-31-79
Delaware	— Mrs. Flo Sullivan	651	5424 Oates Rd., Houston 77029	12-31-79
District of Columbia	— Mrs. Mildred Brenner	701	4800 N. Stanton #196, El Paso 79902	9-30-80
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Georgia	— Mrs. Clara Klein	324	P. O. Box 206, Columbus 78934	9-30-78
Idaho	— Mrs. Eula Reed	651	226 E. Lake Dr., Livingston 77351	2-13-79
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Indiana	— Mrs. Alice Mathews	738	3650 Morenci Rd., El Paso 79903	12-31-78
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. Helen Smithwick	684	3829 Earl, Fort Worth 76111	9-30-79
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Maine	— Mrs. Marie Harcum	755	7230 E. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas 75214	3-1-78
Manitoba	— Mrs. Joy Shackelford	1109	3116 Sappington Place, Fort Worth 76116	6-30-80
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Nebraska	— Mrs. Frances Christian	74	Box 746, Teague 75860	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. Cassie Sligar	1008	2414 Park Blvd., Odessa 79763	1-1-79
New Jersey	— Mrs. Margaret Pribble	1109	Rt. 10, Box 70, Fort Worth 76135	1-1-78
New Mexico	— Mrs. Ann Thompson	244	3221 Jefferson, El Paso 79930	1-1-79
New York	— Mrs. Mary Horton	374	1027 Tipperary, Dallas 75218	8-1-79
North Carolina	— Mrs. LaVern Banks	830	McMillan Library, Overton 75684	1-1-78
North Dakota	— Mrs. Edna Littig	684	P. O. Box 589, Burleson 76028	1-1-79
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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR — 1976-1979**

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AUDITOR'S REPORT OF ALL O.E.S. FUNDS

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Board of Grand Trustees
Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star
Arlington, Texas 76011

We have examined the accompanying financial statements of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, for the year ended October 31, 1977. 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, 1977; and (2) the fund balances of cash, investments and securities for the Order, as of that date.

TRAVIS & RAMSEY

Dallas, Texas
January 12, 1978

ANALYSIS OF GRAND CHAPTER EXPENDITURES

Schedule 7

	Years ended October 31,			
	1977	1976	1976	Budget
Grand Officers				
Worthy Grand Matron's expense fund	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
Worthy Grand Patron's expense fund	1,500	1,500	2,000	2,000
Associate Grand Matron's expense fund	1,250	1,250	1,500	1,500
Associate Grand Patron's expense fund	250	250	350	350
Grand Conductress expense fund	150	150	250	250
Associate Grand Conductress expense	150	150	250	250
Worthy Grand Matron's auto expense	2,465	3,600	3,217	3,600
Worthy Grand Matron's automobile	2,569	2,345	3,099	2,345
Grand Examiners' expense	600	600	900	900
Past Grand Matron's Jewel	500	500	750	750
Past Grand Patron's Jewel	300	300	450	450
Worthy Grand Matron's secretary expense	500	500	500	500
Grand Chaplain's memorial	36	—	100	100
Grand Historian	—	—	50	50
Worthy Grand Matron/Patron Jewel expense	—	—	29	—
Total Grand Officers' Expense	\$ 13,270	\$ 14,145	\$ 16,945	\$ 16,545
Boards and Committees				
Board of Grand Trustees	\$ 1,227	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,609	\$ 1,800
District Deputies and Grand Matrons	5,000	5,000	5,574	6,000
Fraternal Correspondent	—	—	39	100
International Temple Committee	—	—	49	50
By-laws Committee	100	100	150	150
Welfare Committee	600	600	700	700
Transportation and Mileage Committee	—	—	25	25
Credentials Committee	—	—	25	25
Registration Committee	—	—	100	100
ESTARL Committee	100	100	100	100
Total Boards and Committees Expense	\$ 7,027	\$ 7,300	\$ 8,371	\$ 9,050
Grand Chapter				
Grand Chapter Session	\$ 18,094	\$ 19,250	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Installation expense	750	750	2,315	1,250
Entertainment — visiting Grand Officers to Texas	1,000	1,000	3,000	1,500
Entertainment at General Grand Chapter of our				
Texas General Grand Chapter Officers	750	750	1,790	750
Other Grand Chapter session expense	—	—	39	—
Total Grand Chapter Expense	\$ 20,594	\$ 21,750	\$ 27,144	\$ 23,500
Grand Secretary's Office				
Grand Secretary's salary	\$ 10,000	10,000	\$ 7,750	\$ 7,750
Office salaries	24,905	25,000	18,365	17,500
Office expense	14,448	11,000	10,247	8,500
O.E.S. office building maintenance	2,150	4,510	2,103	3,000
Payroll taxes	1,871	1,600	1,781	1,500
Equipment	548	1,000	1,333	500
Total Grand Secretary's Office Expense	\$ 53,922	\$ 53,110	\$ 41,579	\$ 38,750
Grand Treasurer's Office				
Grand Treasurer's salary	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,900
Grand Treasurer's expense	400	400	400	400
Total Grand Treasurer's Office Expense	\$ 4,300	\$ 4,300	\$ 4,300	\$ 4,300
Printing and Editing				
Roster and Proceedings	\$ 900	\$ 33,000	\$ 15,800	\$ 15,250
Annual printing	20,979	39,225	39,932	20,750
Assoc. Grand Matron's Books/Supplies	2,342	1,900	4,864	750
Editing proceedings	106	100	100	100
Total Printing and Editing Expense	\$ 24,327	\$ 74,225	\$ 60,696	\$ 36,850
Mileage	\$ 26,351	\$ 14,000	\$ 9,018	\$ 13,000
Legal and Professional				
Audit and accounting services	\$ 6,184	\$ 5,500	\$ 9,074	\$ 3,500
Legal	1,399	500	253	—
Total Legal and Professional Expense	\$ 7,583	\$ 6,000	\$ 9,327	\$ 3,500
Memorials				
Grand Chapter Budget	\$ 26	\$ 150	\$ 94	\$ 150

Other	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Fidelity Bond (Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer)	\$ 151	\$ 200	\$ 132	\$ 150
Board of Trustees Contingency Fund	—	10,000	—	12,555
Worthy Grand Matron's Contingency Fund	360	1,500	—	—
General Grand Chapter — Mileage (Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron)	—	—	469	—
Total Other Expense	\$ 511	\$ 11,700	\$ 601	\$ 12,705
Total Budgeted Expenditures	\$157,911	\$206,680	\$178,075	\$158,350
Supply Fund	\$ 33,915		\$ 26,351	
Bulletin Fund	21,091		18,452	
	\$212,917		\$222,878	

ANALYSIS OF HOME FUND EXPENDITURES

Schedule 8

	Years ended October 31, 1977			
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Board of Directors' Expenditures				
Administrator conference expense	\$ 1,053	\$ 1,000	\$ 870	\$ 750
Repairs and replacements	33,703	53,000	9,625	55,555
Insurance (Schedule 10)	12,765	15,000	17,663	12,000
Funeral expense (less insurance reimbursements)	2,520	4,620	2,995	4,620
New equipment	752	3,000	446	3,000
Travel and Board expense	2,218	3,850	3,069	3,850
Printing and supplies	281	600	149	600
Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, etc.	935	1,000	500	1,000
Cemetery maintenance	—	400	—	400
Hospital	—	3,000	—	8,000
Painting	—	—	—	8,250
Hospital renovation	—	25,000	—	—
Contingency fund	—	7,500	—	—
Total Board of Directors Expenditures	\$ 54,227	\$117,970	\$ 35,317	\$ 98,025
Superintendent's Expenditures for Daily Operation				
Employee group insurance	\$ 3,795	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,924	\$ 2,675
Superintendent's salary	10,800	10,800	9,900	9,900
Nurse salary	9,000	9,000	8,400	8,400
Kitchen supervisor	8,317	8,400	7,400	7,800
Maintenance engineer	7,800	—	7,200	—
Salaries — home and kitchen	102,422	189,838	98,002	175,610
Salaries — clerical	8,920	—	8,400	—
Salaries — hospital	90,964	94,658	79,517	90,480
Matron's salary	15,000	—	12,900	—
Salaries — yard	20,382	—	17,345	—
Food	64,340	65,000	59,888	62,000
Utilities	36,645	32,000	31,046	30,000
Telephone — home	3,186	2,750	2,667	2,500
Car, tractors and mowers	2,366	2,750	2,509	2,400
Laundry and cleaning	4,520	5,000	4,804	4,500
Doctors (net of reimbursements from Medicare)	20,567	20,000	17,536	20,000
Drugs and pharmacy expense	34,332	35,000	34,923	30,000
Office supplies and postage	1,442	1,500	976	1,500
Maintenance supplies	9,726	10,800	9,936	10,800
Pest control	437	850	372	850
Payroll taxes	18,147	22,000	15,958	22,000
Newspapers and magazines	348	—	213	—
Other miscellaneous	1,993	2,000	531	1,000
Hospital	—	3,000	—	—
Trash pickup	1,032	1,200	936	1,200
Yard maintenance	—	3,000	—	3,000
Total Superintendent's Expenditures	\$476,481	\$522,546	\$434,283	\$486,615
O.E.S. Expenditures				
Insurance and ad valorem taxes	\$ 1,756	\$ —	\$ 969	\$ —
Allowances to Home Members	\$ 27,432	\$ —	\$ 29,322	\$ —
Total Home Fund Expenditures	\$559,896	\$640,516	\$499,891	\$584,640

ANALYSIS OF CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES

Schedule 11

Chapter		Years ended October 31,		1975
		1977	1976	
20	Ruth	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 150
35	Texas	1,200	1,200	1,175
49	Adah	600	600	600
71	Beaumont	1,500	1,275	375
156	Garland	50	—	600
204	Del Rio	1,200	900	675
220	Velasco	—	—	675
249	Arlington	1,200	1,200	1,200
258	Houston Heights	550	—	—
262	Port Arthur	1,350	1,800	1,350
354	Corpus Christi	1,200	1,200	1,175
382	Lufkin	—	—	75
399	Sunshine	900	600	600
502	Roscoe	1,800	1,725	450
562	Happy	600	600	1,000
616	Bexar	500	1,200	1,200
675	Pine Hill	600	600	600
681	Fort Worth	900	900	900
684	North Fort Worth	1,200	1,200	1,200
701	Rose Croix	600	600	150
702	Arlington Heights	1,800	1,800	1,800
724	Kountze	900	900	900
743	Tahoka	600	600	600
817	Prospect Hill	—	—	300
820	Crescent	2,100	2,250	2,450
834	Riverside	—	300	150
835	South Hills	900	900	900
877	Abernathy	1,200	1,200	1,200
898	Freedom	—	—	300
899	Azle	600	600	600
938	Huntington	525	900	900
971	Cockrell Hill	900	900	900
994	Camelia	900	900	900
1011	Clute City	900	900	900
1040	Richland Hills	—	—	300
1053	White Settlement	1,800	1,800	1,800
1104	Valley Hi	300	—	—
Total				
Chapter Benevolences		\$29,375	\$29,550	\$29,050

**COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF HOME FUND EXPENDITURES
PER MEMBER FOR THE YEARS ENDED
OCTOBER 31, 1973 THROUGH 1977**

Schedule 12

Year	Average Number of Members in Home	Total Expenditures	Annual Cost Per Member	Monthly Cost Per Member
1977	85	\$559,896	\$6,587	\$549
1976	90	499,891	5,554	463
1975	89	486,217	5,463	455
1974	89	416,697	4,682	390
1973	88	374,268	4,253	354



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