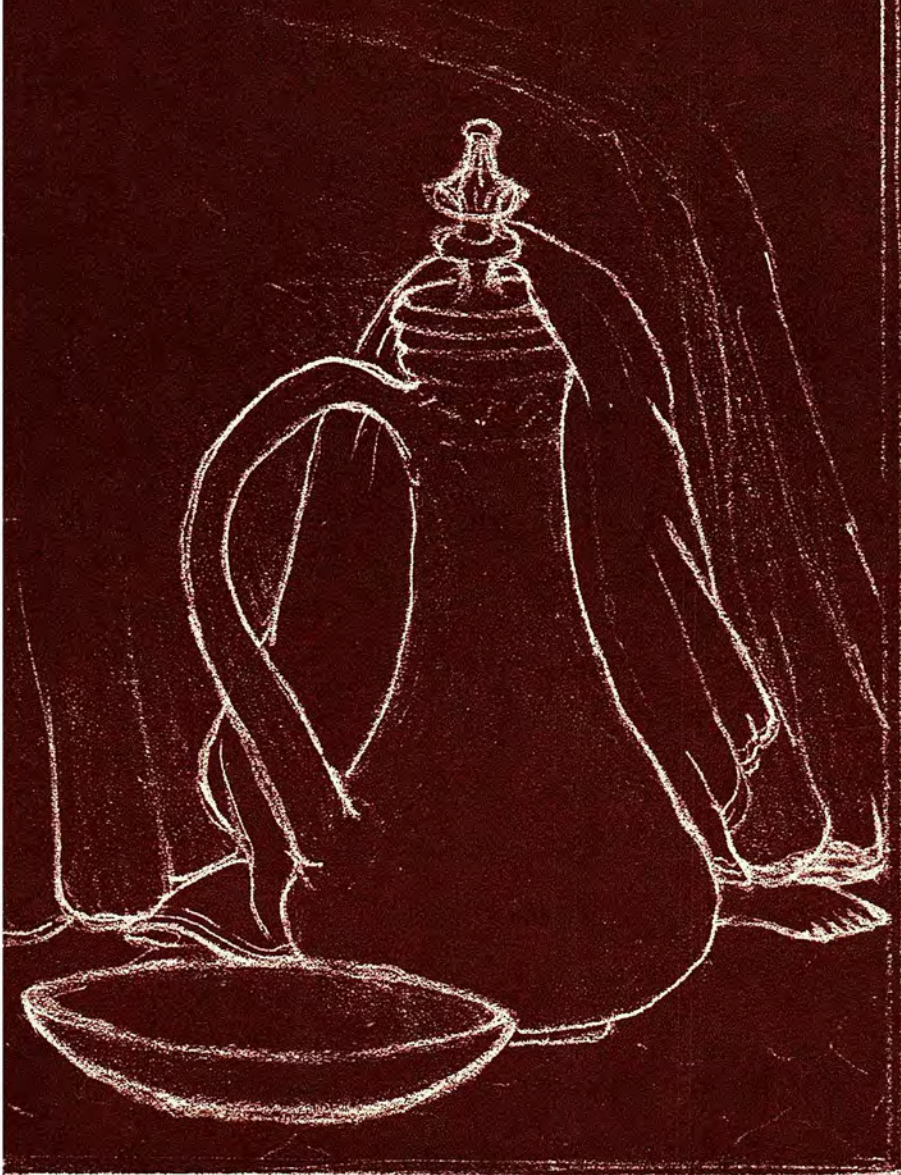


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Webmaster Grand Chapter of Texas O.E.S.

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For Love's Sake

“Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant.”

He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel and girded himself. After that he poured water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

“If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you.”

“By love serve one another.”

## *Preface*

As we go to press, we are brought to a new depth of despair by the loss of two friends and helpmates — two whose walk with us through this year was one of joy, understanding, and common purpose . . . . Sister Viola Edwards, our Grand Conduress whom God called home on January 24, and Brother J. Victor Jones, Past Grand Patron, Member of International Temple Committee of General Grand Chapter, our Chairman of Jurisprudence who extended himself beyond all reason to help a friend, and to whom All Texas looked to bring future honor to our Grand Jurisdiction. As son David expressed it — God needed someone special to help him in Heaven so on January 31, he took Dad home with him! To these two whose past performance gave high hopes for great things in the future we dedicate each minute, each hour that has gone into the editing — the preparation of these Proceedings — *through LOVE they served!*

Viola was quiet, thoughtful of others, and as constant as the sun that rises in the morning to bless each new day. To her beloved Buddy and her precious friends who shared her plans — her dreams, that sun no longer shines; there's a void in their world that mere words cannot fill . . .

Tall, handsome Victor — whose agile mind was always one step ahead, meeting you at the bend of the road, foreseeing and smoothing the rough spots — possessed an exuberant joy for living and an inner depth that inspired those who knew him best. With his beautiful Jocie on his arm, he presented a picture of commanding elegance — yet his disarming smile and twinkle in his eye reminded he had the common touch.

Our hearts are devastated with grief — but we know they would say, “weep not for me” . . . and our thoughts turn to Sarah Churchill's book, “A THREAD IN THE TAPESTRY”, and the heart-rending poem written on the death of her father, Sir Winston . . . “Forgive Me” . . .

"Forgive me if I do not cry  
The day you die,  
Streams at some seasons  
Wind their way through country lanes of beauty  
And are dry.

"The willow bends its head  
To kiss the empty river bed  
With the same caress it gave  
When in its heyday it was full and high.  
Oh river know that I remember  
The splashing laughing clatter  
Of a bubbling day in Spring  
When everything was blossoming!

"Butterflies still hover  
Down the rocky bed  
And weeds grow strong and  
Guard the pebbled way.  
In this high noon of nothing  
Which is death  
Brave flags still wave  
Cowslip-parsley, rag weed and sorrel  
Shout to me  
That Spring is on her way  
Comfort, I am still too deaf to hear.

"Yet forgive me if I do not cry  
That day you die  
The simplest reason that I know  
You said you'd rather have it so  
And that I held my head serenely high  
Remembering the love and glory that we knew.  
Forgive me if I do not cry  
The day you die . . .  
Forgive me  
If I do . . .

Forgive us if we cry, dear friends . . . "

Mary M. Brown, Past Grand Matron  
Murray Watson, Jr., Past Grand Patron



Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Murray Watson, Jr. — at the Sunday Afternoon Reception.



**WELCOMES YOU TO THE  
NINETY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION**



take our hands and walk by our sides  
as we serve

***“FOR LOVE’S SAKE”***

October 23-26, 1978  
Sam Houston Coliseum  
Houston, Texas

Mrs. Mary M. Brown  
Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Murray Watson, Jr.  
Worthy Grand Patron

Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard  
Past Grand Matron  
Grand Secretary





Decorations in the East  
Decorations — Dale Shackelford, Doris Scheidemantel, and Bette Suzanne Brown



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Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, General Grand Chapter

Mrs. Sally Matranga  
Worthy Grand Organist, General Grand Chapter

Mrs. Ruby Enloe  
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Mr. Herbert L. Arnold  
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Mr. J. Victor Jones  
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and

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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

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**MR. WILLIAM E. "BILL" GEORGE  
MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON  
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

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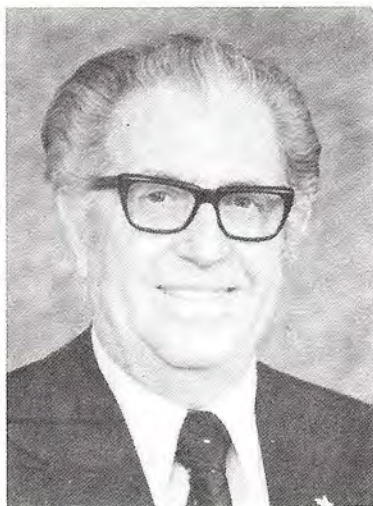
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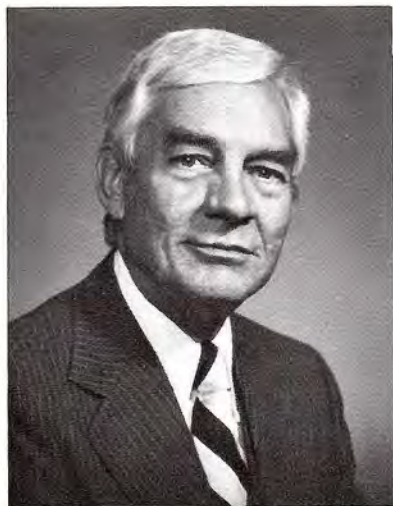
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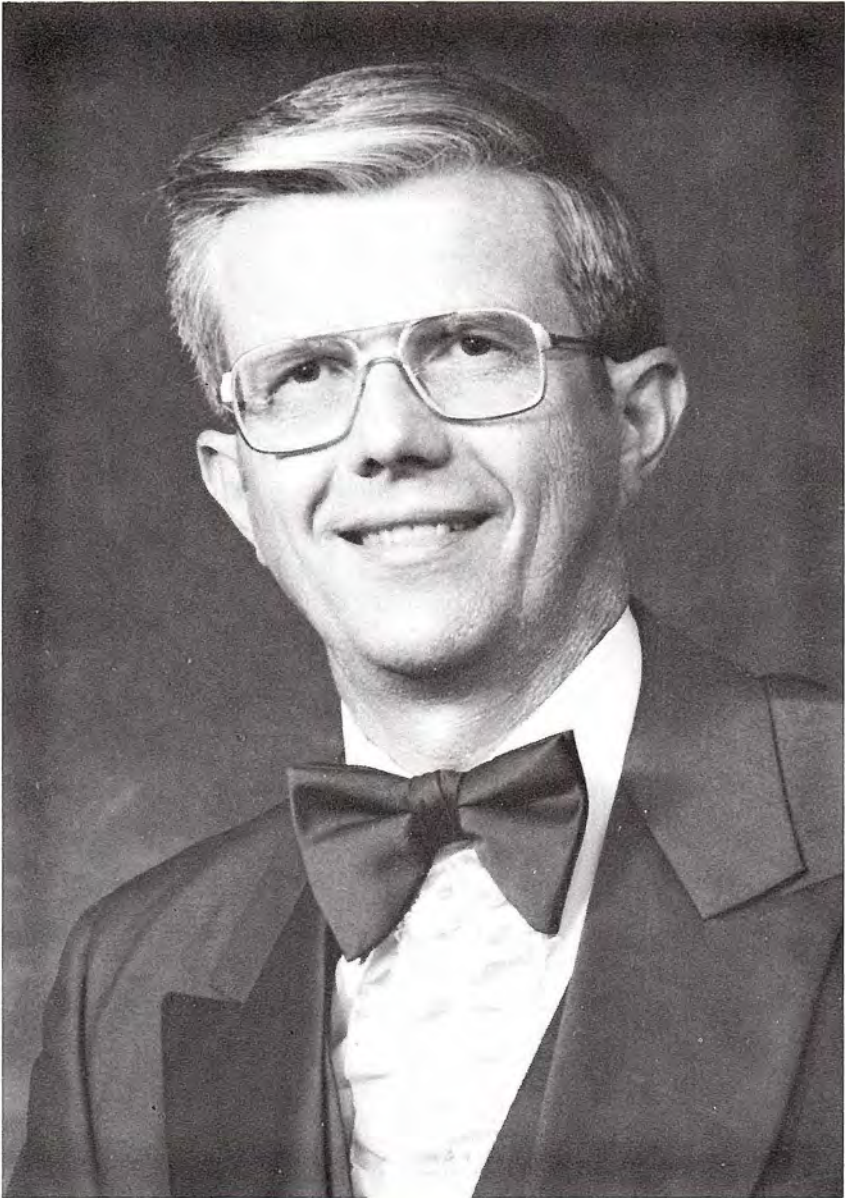
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General Grand Chapter



**MRS. RUBY ENLOE**  
Ritual Committee  
General Grand Chapter



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Worthy Grand Matron  
Grand Chapter of Texas  
Order of the Eastern Star  
1977-1978



MR. MURRAY WATSON, JR.  
Worthy Grand Patron  
Grand Chapter of Texas  
Order of the Eastern Star  
1977-1978

**GRAND OFFICERS — 1977-1978****MRS. RENNIE OFTON***Associate Grand Matron*

- 1963-64 Arrangements Committee
- 1965-66 Deputy Grand Matron  
Dist. 5, Sec. 7
- 1967-68 District Deputy Grand Matron  
District 5
- 1968-69 Grand Examiner-at-Large
- 1969-73 Grand Examiner Dist. 5
- 1973-74 Kindness & Hospitality  
Committee
- 1974-75 Brilliance Committee
- 1975-76 Associate Grand Conductress
- 1976-77 Grand Conductress
- 1977-78 Associate Grand Matron

**MR. T. L. "DUKE" WEAVER***Grand Representative of Arkansas  
Associate Grand Patron***MRS. AGNES LEE HOWARD***Grand Secretary*

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



**GRAND OFFICERS 1977-1978**

**MRS. JETTIE HINTON**

*Grand Treasurer*

- 1933-36 Grand Representative
- 1937-38 Deputy Grand Matron
- 1945-47 Grand Representative
- 1949-78 Grand Treasurer



**MRS. VIOLA EDWARDS**

*Associate Grand Conductress*

- Grand Page ..... 1955
- Chairman, Souvenir and Ticket  
Distribution Distinguished  
Guests Committee ..... 1956
- Assistant Grand Warder ..... 1958
- Chairman, Resolutions Committee 1961
- Assistant Grand Warder ..... 1962
- Assistant Grand Warder ..... 1963
- Deputy Grand Matron ..... 1965
- Registration Committee ..... 1966
- Assistant Grand Warder ..... 1967
- District Deputy Grand Matron .... 1969
- Founder's Day Committee ..... 1970
- Time & Talent Committee ..... 1971
- Grand Examiner-at-Large ..... 1972
- Grand Examiner, District 3 ..... 1973
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- Founder's Day Committee ..... 1977
- Associate Grand Conductress ..... 1978

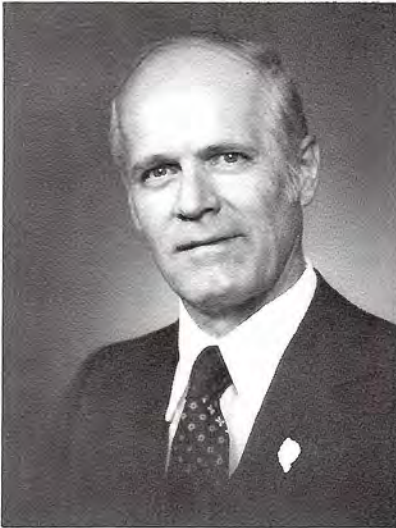


**MRS. KATHY JOHNSTON**

*Grand Conductress*

- Deputy Grand Matron ..... 1961-1962
- Secretarial Committee
- District I ..... 1963-1964
- District Deputy Grand Matron
- District I ..... 1966-1967
- Chairman, Welfare  
Committee ..... 1967-1968
- Grand Examiner-at-Large ... 1969-1970
- Grand Examiner, District I .. 1970-1974
- Grand Marshal ..... 1974-1975
- Grand Historian ..... 1975-1976
- Associate Grand Conductress 1976-1977
- Grand Conductress ..... 1977-1978

**GRAND OFFICERS 1977-1978**



**MR. REDELL HENSON**  
*Grand Chaplain*



**MRS. JERRY MILLER**  
*Grand Marshal*



**MRS. GENEVIEVE HALBERT**  
*Grand Organist*



**MRS. LOIS BELL**  
*Grand Adah*

**GRAND OFFICERS 1977-1978**



**MRS. THELMA WATSON**  
*Grand Ruth*



**MRS. GRETA WATSON**  
*Grand Esther*



**MRS. VIRGINIA SANDERS**  
*Grand Martha*

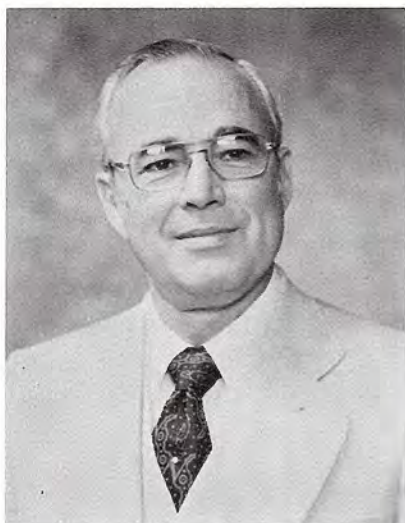


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*Grand Electa*

**GRAND OFFICERS 1977-1978**



**MRS. MARY K. LESTER**  
*Grand Warder*



**MR. MAXWELL M. SANDERFORD**  
*Grand Sentinel*



**MRS. FRANCES BURBANK**  
*Fraternal Correspondent*

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1977-1978**



**MR. GENE BELK**  
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*Coordinator*



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*Chairman*



**MRS. BENNIE KINCAID**  
*Co-Chairman*



**MR. JACK L. WRIGHT**  
*Co-Chairman*



**MRS. BESSIE STOEVER**  
*Housing Chairman*



**MRS. IRENE SCARBOROUGH**  
*Social Chairman*

**OFFICIAL PROGRAM****SUNDAY***(Open to families and friends of Eastern Stars and Masons)***11:00 A.M.****“COME, LET US WORSHIP HIM”**

Music Hall

Mrs. Mary Louise Williams, Chairman, ESTARL Committee

Speaker: Dr. Harold L. Adams, Pastor, Sherwood Forest Baptist Church, Houston

**2:30-5:00 P.M.****“THE BEAUTY OF THE SEASONS” RECEPTION**

Grand Ballroom, Sheraton-Houston Hotel

honoring

Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Worthy Grand Matron  
 Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Worthy Grand Patron  
 Mr. William E. “Bill” George, Most Worthy Grand Patron  
 Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron  
 Mrs. Josephine Ruhsam, Right Worthy Asso. Grand Conductress  
 Mrs. Sally Matranga, Worthy Grand Organist  
 Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Ritual Committee  
 Mr. J. Victor Jones, International Temple Committee  
 Mr. Herbert L. Arnold, Jurisprudence Committee  
 Other Officers of General Grand Chapter

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Floor Officers of The Grand Chapter of Texas

**7:00 P.M.****“THE MUSIC OF LIVING” BANQUET**

Grand Ballroom

Whitehall Hotel

honoring

General Grand Chapter Officers  
 of Texas and Other Grand Jurisdictions

**NINETY-SIXTH SESSION****“FOR LOVE’S SAKE”****MONDAY****INFORMAL OPENING****5:30 P.M.**

Musical Selections ..... Mr. Gary Pemberton, Chairman, Music Committee



5:45 P.M.

PROCESSIONAL

Assisting Grand Marshal..... Mrs. Frances Key Herrin, Past Grand Matron  
 Mrs. Sally Matranga, Worthy Grand Organist  
 Escorted by Mr. Donald Matranga  
 Mr. Richard T. Porter, Past Grand Patron,  
 Escorted by Mrs. Earnesteen Porter

CALL TO ORDER ..... Mrs. Matranga  
 Mr. Porter

Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron,  
 Escorted by Mr. Robert L. Wood  
 Mrs. M. Josephine Ruhsam, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress  
 Escorted by Mr. J. T. Sanders, Past Grand Patron  
 Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Ritual Committee, GGC,  
 Escorted by Dr. S. J. Enloe  
 Mrs. J. Victor Jones, International Temple Committee, GGC,  
 Escorted by Mrs. Jocie Jones  
 Mr. Herbert L. Arnold, Jurisprudence Committee, GGC,  
 Escorted by Mrs. Maude Arnold  
 Mrs. Viva S. Huffman, Past Grand Matron,  
 Escorted by Mr. Bryan Pettus  
 Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, Past Grand Matron,  
 Escorted by Mr. Robert E. Franklin  
 Mrs. Mable Stark Harle, Past Grand Matron,  
 Escorted by Mr. C. B. Davidson  
 Mr. Earl G. Manning, Past Grand Patron,  
 Escorted by Mrs. Kathrine Manning  
 Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling, Past Grand Matron,  
 Escorted by Mr. Howard Sides  
 Dr. Robert S. Fitch, Great-Grandson of Dr. Rob Morris,  
 Escorted by Mrs. Alice Burkhart

Other Distinguished Guests from Other Grand Jurisdictions

Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Supreme Faith and Supreme Inspector in Texas,  
 International Order of Rainbow for Girls,  
 Escorted by Mr. Vaughn Johnson  
 Mr. Chas. W. Wesbrooks, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand  
 Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas,  
 Escorted by Mrs. Nell Davidson  
 Mr. J. W. Wilson, Jr., Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the  
 Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas,  
 Escorted by Mrs. Jeffie Roberts  
 Mr. Geo. E. Hulbert, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council  
 of Royal and Select Masters of Texas,  
 Escorted by Mrs. Wanda Gilmore  
 Mr. J. W. Chandler, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the  
 Scottish Rite Bodies of Texas,  
 Escorted by Mrs. Betty Phillips

The Honorable Dolph Briscoe, Governor of Texas,  
 Escorted by Mrs. Loyce Loper  
 The Honorable Jim McConn, Mayor of Houston,  
 Escorted by Mrs. Cloe Morris

Presentation of Mr. J. Victor Jones, Master of Ceremonies ..... Mrs. Matranga

"The Chosen Vessel" ..... Miss Bette Suzanne Brown

"Vessels of Service" Drill ..... Mary Brown Girls  
 and Murray's Men

“The Broken Vessel” by Andrae Crouch  
(during formation of urn on floor)  
Presentation of Floor Officers of 1977-78

**EMBLEM PRESENTATIONS**

The Gavel ..... Mr. Joel W. Cherry, 32° Mason  
The Bible ..... Mr. Phillip A. Brown

“I Know Who Holds Tomorrow” ..... Mr. Sandy Brown

The Square & Compasses ..... Mr. R. Furman Vinson, Most Worshipful  
Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas,  
Ancient Free & Accepted Masons  
Escorted by Mrs. Beverly Vinson

Escort to the East ..... Masonic Brotherhood Committee, chaired by  
Mr. W. P. Lamb, Deputy Grand Master

Invocation ..... Mrs. Viva S. Huffman

Presentation of Flags:

United States Flag ..... Mr. C. A. “Bill” Holmes, Past Grand Patron  
Escorted by Mrs. Fae Holmes

Texas Flag ..... Mr. Perry Smithwick, Past Grand Patron  
Escorted by Mrs. Helen Smithwick

Christian Flag ..... Mr. Paul Huffhines, Past Grand Patron  
Escorted by Mrs. Leona Huffhines

O.E.S. Flag ..... Dr. R. O. Fuqua, Past Grand Patron  
Escorted by Mrs. Clara Fuqua

Pledge of Allegiance ..... led by Mr. Earl G. Manning

“America” by Henry Carey ..... Grand Choir and Assembly

Tribute to Flags ..... Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling

DEDICATION OF SESSION ..... Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus

Anthem — “His Eye is on the Sparrow” by Charles Gabriel ..... Grand Choir

WELCOMES:

Governor of Texas ..... The Honorable Dolph Briscoe

City of Houston ..... The Honorable Jim McConn, Mayor

Houston Eastern Stars . Mr. James E. Belk, Chairman of Executive Committee  
assisted by members of Executive Committee, Arrangements Committee  
and Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Host Chapters

Texas Grand Chapter ..... Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Worthy Grand Patron  
Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Worthy Grand Matron

RESPONSE ..... Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Associate Grand Matron

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

GREETINGS from Masons:

Mr. Chas. W. Wesbrooks, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

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Mr. R. Furman Vinson, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

GREETINGS from the Order of the Eastern Star:

Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron

“The Loveliest Night of the Year” by Irving Aaronson ..... Grand Choir and Assembly

Formation — “Labor of Love” ..... presenting the Grand Family of 1977-78 as they form a replica of our Eastern Star Home, which they have labored to endow.

“Bless This House” by Taylor & Brahe ..... Grand Choir

Benediction ..... Mrs. Mable Stark Harle

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Non-members are respectfully asked to retire at this time

**FORMAL OPENING**

**8:00 P.M.**

Call to Order ..... Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Ritual Committee, GGC  
Mr. Herbert Arnold, Jurisprudence, GGC

Partial Report of the Credentials Committee ..... Mrs. Hazel B. McGhee

Drill — “Trophies of Love” ..... Floor Officers and Personal Pages  
Entrance of Grand Officers

**RITUALISTIC OPENING**

Opening Ode: “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” ..... Grand Choir and Assembly

INTRODUCTIONS:

- Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons
- Elective and Floor Officers of General Grand Chapter
- Other General Grand Chapter Officers
- Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions
- Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions
- Texas’ Own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons
- Grand Officers and Officers of Grand Chapter of other Grand Jurisdictions
- Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions
- Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions to Texas

Response to Welcome to Distinguished Guests ..... Mrs. Pat Bradshaw  
Jr. Past Grand Matron of New Mexico

Introduction of Distinguished Masons

Filling of Vacancies

Appointment of Committees

Reports:

By-Laws Committee

Chapters Under Dispensation Committee

Benediction -- "Is Your All on The Altar?" by Elisha Hoffman ..... Grand Choir

Call from Labor to Rest until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday

**TUESDAY MORNING**

**8:45 A.M.**

Musical Selections ..... Mrs. Mildred Priddy

**9:00 A.M.**

Call to Order ..... Mrs. Amy Goebel, Past Grand Matron  
escorted by Mr. Lud T. Goebel  
Dr. James H. Goettee, Past Grand Patron  
escorted by Mrs. Edna Goettee

"Trophies of Love" Drill ..... Floor Officers and Personal Pages

**ENTRANCE OF GRAND OFFICERS**

Devotional ..... Mrs. Lillian B. Parker, Past Grand Matron  
escorted by Col. Stanton C. Parker

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee" by Lowell Mason ..... Grand Choir

Prayer ..... Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Past Grand Matron  
escorted by Mr. Paul Compton

Call from Rest to Labor

Introductions

**REPORTS:**

Worthy Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Patron

Grand Secretary

Grand Treasurer

Jurisprudence Committee

ESTARL Committee (Adoption of Report given Sunday)

Music Committee

District I Musical Presentation ..... Solo by Mrs. Marejohn Brock  
 Benediction ..... Mr. Perry Smithwick, Past Grand Patron  
 escorted by Mrs. Helen Dupree  
 Call from Labor to Rest

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

Musical Selections ..... Mrs. Johnnie Burgess

**2:00 P.M.**

Call to Order ..... Mrs. Doris Easterling, Past Grand Matron  
 escorted by Mr. J. B. Easterling  
 Rev. O. D. Christian, Past Grand Patron  
 escorted by Mrs. Frances Christian

**ENTRANCE OF GRAND OFFICERS**

Call from Rest to Labor  
 Prayer ..... Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup, Past Grand Matron  
 escorted by Mr. Paul Huffhines, Past Grand Patron

**Reports:**

- Jurisprudence Committee
- Board of Grand Trustees
- Board of Directors, Grand Chapter Benevolences
- Deputies and Grand Examiners
- Grievances and Appeals Committee
- Secretarial Committee
- Masonic Brotherhood Committee

District II Musical Presentation — Organ/Piano duet by  
 Mrs. Johnnie Burgess and Mrs. Barbara Trayler  
 Benediction ..... Mrs. Mary Katherine Smith, Past Grand Matron  
 escorted by Mr. Gordon B. Smith, Sr.  
 Call from Labor to Rest

**TUESDAY EVENING**

(Open to families and friends of Eastern Stars and Masons)

**7:45 P.M.**

Musical Selections ..... Mrs. Dorothy Cleveland

**8:00 P.M.**

Call to Order ..... Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Past Grand Matron  
 escorted by Mr. Murle Howard  
 Mr. Gerald C. Allen, Past Grand Patron  
 escorted by Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen, Past Grand Matron

## ENTRANCE OF GRAND OFFICERS

(seated on North and South Sides)

- Prayer ..... Mr. J. T. Sanders, Past Grand Patron  
escorted by Mrs. Martha Sanders
- Anthem — “Faith of Our Fathers” by Henry Hemy ..... Grand Choir
- Tribute to Texas’ General Grand Chapter Officers ..... Mrs. Mildred Garlitz,  
Past Grand Matron  
escorted by Mr. Fred Dupree
- Introduction of Dr. Robert S. Fitch ..... Mr. J. Victor Jones, G.G.C.C.M.  
escorted by Mrs. Jocie E. Jones
- “O, Galilee,” by Dr. Rob Morris ..... Mrs. Colleen Taylor  
    accompanied by Mrs. Johnnie Burgess
- Greetings ..... Dr. Robert S. Fitch, Great Grandson of Dr. Rob Morris,  
escorted by Mrs. Alice Burkhart
- Introduction of Mrs. M. Josephine Ruhsam ..... Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris,  
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron  
escorted by Mr. Robert Wood
- “Hail Minnesota” by Truman Richard and Arthur Upson ..... Grand Choir
- Greetings ..... Mrs. M. Josephine Ruhsam,  
Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress  
escorted by Mr. Doss Brown
- International Temple Committee Report ..... Mrs. Billie Rogers
- Fraternal Correspondent’s Report ..... Mrs. Frances Burbank
- Benediction ..... Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen, Past Grand Matron

## WEDNESDAY MORNING

8:45 A.M.

- Inspirational Music ..... Grand Choir

9:00 A.M.

- Call to Order ..... Mrs. Lois Burnett, Past Grand Matron  
escorted by Dr. Bert Hammack
- Mr. Charles E. Bairfield, Past Grand Patron  
    escorted by Mrs. Thelma Bairfield
- Drill: “Precious Peace” ..... Grand Pages, Assistant Grand Warders,  
Assistant Grand Sentinels
- Drill: “Trophies of Love” ..... Grand Floor Officers and Personal Pages

ENTRANCE OF GRAND OFFICERS

Devotional ..... Mrs. Edna Earl Duke, Past Grand Matron  
escorted by Mr. Lloyd T. Crabb

Prayer ..... Mrs. Aliene Houston, Past Grand Matron  
escorted by Mr. J. C. Allen

Three fold "Amen" ..... Grand Choir

Call from Rest to Labor

Introductions

Reports:

- Jurisprudence Committee
- Educational Fund Committee
- Purposes and Policies Committee
- International Temple Committee (adoption)
- Fraternal Correspondent (adoption)
- Museum Committee
- Poet Laureate
- Grand Historians
- Fraternal Friendship Committee

District III Musical Presentation ..... Sing-Song

Benediction ..... Mrs. Katherine Harbour, Past Grand Matron  
escorted by Mr. C. A. Holmes, Past Grand Patron

Call from Labor to Rest

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

1:45 P.M.

Musical Selections ..... Mrs. Mary Alberts

2:00 P.M.

Call to Order ..... Mrs. Thelma M. Chandler, Past Grand Matron  
escorted by Mr. Marvin Chandler  
Mr. Hal Burnett, Past Grand Patron  
escorted by Mrs. Rachel Burnett

ENTRANCE OF GRAND OFFICERS

Call from Rest to Labor

Prayer ..... Mrs. Patricia M. Neinast, Past Grand Matron

"Fill My Cup, Lord" by Richard Blanchard ..... Grand Choir

50-Year Member Recognition

"Always" ..... Grand Choir

Tribute to Special Ones ..... Mrs. Barbara Robinson, Grand Electa

REPORTS:

- Superintendent of our Eastern Star Home
- Home Endowment Committee
- Founders Day Committee
- Time & Talent Committee
- Bulletin Committee
- Jurisprudence Committee

- District IV Musical Presentation ..... Harp Solo by Mrs. Sally Matranga,  
Worthy Grand Organist, GGC
- Benediction ..... Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, Past Grand Matron
- Call from Labor to Rest

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

(Open to families and friends of Eastern Star and Masons)

**8:15 P.M.**

- Musical Selections ..... Mrs. Violet Sellers

**8:30 P.M.**

- Call to Order ..... Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling, Past Grand Matron  
escorted by Mr. Howard Sides
- Mr. Paul Huffhines, Past Grand Patron  
escorted by Mrs. Leona Huffhines

**ENTRANCE OF GRAND OFFICERS**

(Star Points seated on north and south sides)

- Welfare Report ..... Mrs. Eva G. Johnson, Chairman
- "Our Legacy" Formation ..... The Special Ones, Legacy of  
Love Committee, Welfare Committee, Worthy Matrons,  
Worthy Patrons, Jr. Past Matrons, Jr. Past Patrons of  
100% Chapters





**“IMMORTAL HANDS OF GOD”**  
*Memorial Service*

*“My Father, which gave them me, is greater  
than all; and none is able  
to pluck them out of my Father’s hand.”*

*John 10:29*

CHORAL ENTRANCE “He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought” ..... Grand Choir

DRAPING OF ALTAR

FLORAL TRIBUTE To

Mr. W. Kendall Baker, Grand Sentinel  
Dr. Russell Holt, Past Grand Patron  
Mr. Frank R. Phillips, Past Grand Patron

..... Mrs. Rennie Ofton  
Associate Grand Matron  
Mr. T. L. Weaver  
Associate Grand Patron

LORD’S PRAYER ..... Mr. Redell Henson  
Joined by Assembly  
Grand Chaplain

“BE STILL MY SOUL” ..... Grand Choir

DEDICATION ..... Mr. Redell Henson  
Grand Chaplain

“HOW GREAT THOU ART” ..... Grand Choir  
Soloist: Rev. Paul Hancock, Past Patron

GRAND CHAPLAIN REPORT ..... Mr. Redell Henson  
Grand Chaplain

TRIBUTE To Mr. W. Kendall Baker ..... Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling  
Grand Sentinel Past Grand Matron

TRIBUTE To Dr. Russell Holt ..... Mrs. Ruby Enloe  
Past Grand Patron Ritual Committee  
General Grand Chapter

TRIBUTE To Mr. Frank R. Phillips ..... Mr. J. Victor Jones  
Past Grand Patron International Temple Committee  
General Grand Chapter

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER MEMBERS .. Mrs. Sally Matranga  
Worthy Grand Organist  
General Grand Chapter

TRIBUTE TO MEMBERS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS .... Mrs. Amy Goebel  
Past Grand Matron

POEM ..... Mr. Redell Henson  
Grand Chaplain

STAR POINT TRIBUTE ..... GRAND STAR POINTS

“PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND” ..... Grand Choir

CLOSING PRAYER ..... Mr. Redell Henson  
Grand Chaplain

“I KNOW WHO HOLDS TOMORROW” ..... Rev. Paul Hancock  
Past Patron

SCRIPTURAL BENECTION ..... Mr. Redell Henson  
Grand Chaplain

*DEATH is the golden key that opens  
the palace of eternity. Milton*

**THURSDAY MORNING**

**8:45 A.M.**

Musical Selections ..... Mr. Bob King

**9:00 A.M.**

Call to Order ..... Mrs. Katherine Poulis, Past Grand Matron  
escorted by Mr. Frederick Herrin

Mr. Harold C. Todd, Past Grand Patron  
escorted by Mrs. Cleta Todd

**ENTRANCE OF GRAND OFFICERS**

Devotional ..... Mrs. Eunice Connell, Past Grand Matron  
escorted by Mr. Oliver Chamberlin

Anthem “Texas, Our Texas” by Wm. J. Marsh ..... Grand Choir and the Assembly

Prayer ..... Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, Past Grand Matron  
escorted by Mr. Ed L. Sharpe, Past Grand Patron

Call from Rest to Labor

Introductions

Reports:  
Credentials Committee

Election of Officers

Reports:  
Welfare Committee (adoption)  
Jurisprudence Committee  
Transportation & Mileage Committee  
Registration Committee  
Resolutions Committee  
Grand Examiner-at-Large  
Executive and Arrangements Committee  
Telegram Committee  
Protocol Committee

Invitation to 1979 Grand Chapter Session ..... Mr. Fred Britz

District V Musical Presentation ..... “Tramp, Tramp, Tramp,”  
by Edwin Franko Goldman  
Tuba Solo by Mr. Kenneth A. Lowe,  
accompanied by Mrs. Edith Head

Closing Hymn: "God Bless America" by Irving Berlin ..... Grand Choir  
 Benediction ..... The Rev. Reuel J. Cooper  
 Call from Labor to Rest

**INSTALLATION OF 1978-1979 GRAND OFFICERS 5:30 P.M.**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE "LABOR OF LOVE" FORMATION — INFORMAL OPENING. PRACTICE AT 10:00 A.M., MONDAY.

Official Photographer ..... Mr. Don Hutcheson, 2606 S. 14th, Abilene 79604  
 Note: In order that we may have good pictures for the Proceedings, as well as the members, all others PLEASE REFRAIN from taking pictures. See schedule for GROUP PICTURES.

Headquarters Hotel ..... Sheraton-Houston

Sessions ..... Sam Houston Coliseum  
 Monday evening Informal Opening ..... 5:45 p.m.  
 (Open to families and friends of Eastern Stars and Masons)  
 Formal Opening ..... 8:00 p.m.  
 (Open to members only)  
 Morning Sessions ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Afternoon Sessions ..... 2:00 p.m.  
 Evening Sessions ..... as noted in Program

Distinguished Guests — Registration and Hospitality Room — LaSalle Room, 3rd Floor Sheraton-Houston Hotel. Chairmen: Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling, Past Grand Matron, and Mr. J. Victor Jones, Past Grand Patron.

Registration, Transportation & Mileage, and Credential Committees will be in session at the Sheraton-Houston, 2nd Floor, Saturday, October 21, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, October 22, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. These Committees will move to the lobby of the Coliseum and be in session there Monday through Wednesday beginning at 8:00 a.m., and beginning at 7:00 on Thursday morning.

REGISTRATION OF VOTING DELEGATES closes at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, October 26.

Delegates registering after the Tuesday morning Business Session will not receive mileage (Const. Article 180, p. 110).

BALLOTS are not transferable and if lost, will not be replaced.

Important — Committee Members will report to their Chairman upon arrival. ALL BOARDS and COMMITTEES will be in Session at the Sam Houston Coliseum from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day.

Receipt for Dues or 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 and Pages will be on duty FORTY-FIVE minutes before each Session. Warders, Sentinels and Pages will please assist in proving Grand Chapter following the Installation on Thursday evening, October 26.

Thursday — ONLY VOTING DELEGATES will be seated on the lower floor, in the box seats, and designated sections. NON-VOTING members will please cooperate by taking ONLY those seats reserved for non-voters.

Attendants will be on hand during all Sessions in the FIRST AID ROOM.

FOUR copies of all reports, addresses, responses, tributes, etc., typewritten and double-spaced MUST be filed with the Grand Secretary immediately upon their acceptance by Grand Chapter. Please be brief and concise as possible.

THE EXAMINING ROOM at the Coliseum will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon Monday through Wednesday, and from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

Members receiving 50-YEAR MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES this year will be recognized Wednesday afternoon. Please be seated near the East.

Those appearing on programs will please be seated in the West ten minutes prior to the opening of the Session in which they participate.

ALL General Grand Chapter Officers, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions and of Texas are cordially invited to sit in a section reserved for Distinguished Guests during all the Sessions of Grand Chapter.

ATTENTION — Chairmen of Committees: Please be seated in the East, along with those to appear with you, during the Session at which your report is scheduled.

WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS of 1977-78 are invited to participate in the Presentation of Floor Officers at the Informal Opening Monday evening. MUST practice Monday. See schedule.

Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Junior Past Matrons and Junior Past Patrons of Chapters participating 100% in Welfare and Legacy of Love Committee will be presented in the Welfare Committee Report. Please check the practice schedule.

**SOCIAL FUNCTIONS**  
**96th SESSION**  
**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS**  
**ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

**SATURDAY, October 21, 1978**

10:00 A.M. — COFFEE — Worthy Grand Matron's Suite for out of State Distinguished Guests, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, and Floor Officers. Hosted by Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Chairman: Mrs. Genevieve Halbert. (Open this group only)

6:30 P.M. — FLOOR OFFICERS BANQUET — Warwick Hotel. Chairman: Mrs. Barbara Robinson. (Open to this group, their husbands and wives only)

**SUNDAY, October 22, 1978**

- 11:00 A.M. — ESTARL CHURCH SERVICE — Music Hall, Chairman, Mrs. Mary Louise Williams. (Membership and friends invited)
- 2:30-5:00 P.M. — RECEPTION— Grand Ballroom, Sheraton Houston Hotel honoring Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Worthy Grand Matron; Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Worthy Grand Patron; General Grand Chapter Officers; Past Grand Matrons and Patrons; and Grand Chapter Floor Officers. General Chairman: Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus. (Open to membership and friends)
- 7:00 P.M. — "The Music of Living" GENERAL GRAND BANQUET — Whitehall Hotel, honoring Brother William E. "Bill" George, Most Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron; Mrs. Josephine Ruhsam, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress; Mrs. Sally Matranga, Worthy Grand Organist; Mr. Herbert L. Arnold., Jurisprudence Committee; Mr. Victor Jones, International Temple Committee; Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Ritual Committee; and other General Grand Chapter Officers. Chairman: Mrs. Edna Earl Duke. Price \$12.50. Reservations close 10/18/78. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Pauline Haussner, 5955 Townhouse Lane, Beaumont 77707, Phone 713-892-1111; Ticket co-chairman: Mrs. Lena Mae Cook, 7722 Wedgewood Lane, Houston 77055 Phone 713-686-0030

**MONDAY, October 23, 1978**

- 7:00 A.M. — "Love's Harvest" BREAKFAST — Assistant Grand Warders, Assistant Grand Sentinels, Personal Pages, Grand Pages, and Grand Choir Members honoring Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Worthy Grand Patron. Whitehall Hotel, Chairman, Mrs. Mary K. Lester. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Hattie Jean Bogue, 400 Benita Dr., Marshall TX 75670. Phone 214-935-5043. (Open this group, their husbands and wives) Price, \$6.75. Reservations close 10/18/78.
- 7:00 A.M. — "A Garden of Friendship" BREAKFAST, DISTRICT IV, SECTION 2 — Honoring Mrs. Mable Harle and Mrs. Edna Earl Duke, Past Grand Matrons; and Mr. W. Taylor Hood, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences. Mariner Ballroom, Holiday Inn. Chairman, Mrs. Lula Mae Matthews. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Ann Potter, P.O. Box 538, Winnie TX 77665. Phone 713-296-4545. Price \$6.00. Reservations close 10/22/78.
- 10:00 A.M. — BUSINESS MEETING — of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Massanet Room, Sheraton Houston Hotel.
- 12:15 P.M. — LUNCHEON — Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. Honoring General Grand Chapter Officers. French Salon, Sheraton Houston Hotel. Chairman, Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup, 2802 Jarrard, Houston TX 77005. Phone 713-668-5666. Price \$8.25. (Past Grands of Texas and their guests)
- 12:15 P.M. — REFLECTIONS OF O.E.S. 1977-1978 LUNCHEON — District Deputy Grand Matrons, Deputy grand Matrons, Grand Examiners, honoring Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Worthy Grand Patron. Gulf Coast Suite, Houston Club, Chairman, Mrs. Jeffie Roberts; Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Ettie M. Hubbard, P.O. Box 331, Bronte TX 76933. Phone 915-473-3761. Price \$10.50. (Open to this group only)

**TUESDAY, October 24, 1978**

- 7:00 A.M. — BREAKFAST — Grand Representatives honoring Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Worthy Grand Patron, Foyer & West Ballroom, Sheraton Houston Hotel, Chairman, Mrs. Charlene Faulk; Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Cloe Morris, 1015 South Ripple Creek, #37, Houston TX 77051. Phone 713-464-2053. Grand Representatives and guests. Price \$6.50.
- 7:00 A.M. — SECRETARIES BREAKFAST — East Ballroom, Sheraton Houston Hotel. Open to present and past Secretaries. General & Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Edith Alford, 8822 Rowan, Houston TX 77036. Phone 713-771-5332. Reservations close 10/21/78. Price \$6.00. (Includes dues)
- 7:00 A.M. — BREAKFAST — District 5, Section 9. Holiday Inn. General and Ticket Chairman: Ruth Jones, Box 43, Aransas Pass TX 78336.

- 7:30 A.M. — Sunrise — No Host BREAKFAST — Honoring Mrs. Doris Easterling, Past Grand Matron, and Rev. O.D. Christian, Past Grand Patron. Terrace Ballroom, Remada Inn. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Mattie Barak, 11516 Craighead, Houston TX 77025. Phone 713-666-8579. Price \$4.50. Open to membership. (Tickets close 10/17/78)
- 7:00 A.M. — CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST — Honoring Mrs. Mattie Mitchell, Mrs. Hallie Anglin, Mrs. Hattie Lucille Dowell, Mrs. Eunice Connell, Mrs. Katherine Poulis, Mrs. Nancy Bailey, and Mrs. Frances Key Herrin, Past Grand Matrons; and Mr. Gerald Allen and Mr. Harold Todd, Past Grand Patrons; District 5. Hosted by Club Girls of District 4, section 5. Sheraton Houston Hotel, French Salon, Price \$2.75. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Virginia Walker, 8922 Talcott, Houston TX 77049. Phone 713-456-0085. Chairman, Mrs. Marie Rabby. (Open to membership)
- 12:15 P.M. — LUNCHEON — "Hour of Love". Whitehall Hotel, Grand Ballroom. Girls of District 4, Section 5, honoring Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Worthy Grand Matron; and Mr. Muray Watson, Jr., Worthy Grand Patron. Chairman, Mrs. Pat Gay. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Thelma Stepp, 10311 Tolman, Houston TX 77034. Phone 713-944-8580. Price \$9.50. Reservations close 10/22/78. (Open to membership)
- 12:15 P.M. — LUNCHEON — "Bird in a Guilded Cage". Honoring Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Associate Grand Matron and Mr. T.L. "Duke" Weaver, Associate Grand Patron. Grand Ballroom. Sheraton Houston Hotel. Chairman, Mrs. Emily Urban; Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Barbara Forbus, 11318 Holly Park, Houston TX 77015. Price \$8.75 Reservations close 10/13/78. (Open to membership)
- 12:15 P.M. — LUNCHEON — Honoring Mrs. Kathy Johnston, Grand Conductress. Ramada Inn, 101 Main St. Chairman, Mrs. Marilyn Martin; Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Katherine Mize, 5435 Ariel, Houston TX 77096. Phone 713-668-8972. Price \$8.00. (Open to membership)
- 12:15 P.M. — LUNCHEON — "Heads Up, Eyes Bright", honoring Mrs. Viola Edwards Associate Grand Conductress. Holiday Inn, Grand Ballroom, 801 Calhoun. Chairman, Mrs. Hazel Smith; Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Jane Pyle, 726 East 7th. Ave., Houston TX 77007. Phone 713-869-4000. (Open to membership) Price \$8.75. Reservations close 10/20/78.
- 12:15 P.M. — LUNCHEON — Honoring Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Past Grand Matron. District Deputy Grand Matrons, Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Examiners, and District Secretaries, 1976-1977. Sheraton Houston Hotel, Coronado Room. General and Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Jerre Lucas, Rt. 2 Box 200-A, Marion TX 78214. Phone 512-420-2053. Price \$8.75. (Open to this group only)
- 6:00 P.M. — DISTRICT I, "Peanuts Parley" BANQUET — Honoring Mr. T.L. "Duke" Weaver, Associate Grand Patron, and Mrs. Kathy Johnston, Grand Conductress. Whitehall Hotel. Chairman, Mrs. Wanda Faye Gilmore; Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Maxine Reaney, 6812 Iverness Lane, Dallas TX 75214. Phone 214-821-3815. Price \$12.00. Reservations close 10/15/78.
- 6:00 P.M. — DISTRICT II, "Love Letters" BANQUET — Honoring all Past Grands of District 2. Co-Chairmen; Mrs. Irene Shearer and Mrs. Gladys Jarrard. Ticket Chairman, Mr. Leonard Ellington, First National Bank, 301 West Main St., Brownfield TX 79316. Texas Room, Houston Club. Price \$13.50. Ticket Chairman Phone 806-637-6441
- 6:00 P.M. — DISTRICT III, "Silhouettes & Shadows" BANQUET — Honoring Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Worthy Grand Patron, and Mrs. Viola Edwards, Associate Grand Conductress. Sheraton Houston Hotel, Foyer & West Ballroom. Chairman, Mrs. Maxine Burns; Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Oleta Domes, 2217 Lake Forest, Waco TX 76708. Phone 817-753-7418. Price \$12.50. Reservations close 10/20/78. (Open to membership)
- 6:00 P.M. — DISTRICT IV, "Grand Rose" BANQUET — Honoring Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Worthy Grand Matron; Mrs. Sally Matranga, Worthy Grand Organist of General Grand Chapter; and Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Ritual Committee Member of General Grand Chapter. East Ballroom, Sheraton-Houston Hotel. Chairman, Mrs. Jean Lee; Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Ray Wagstaff, 16923 Ave. B, Channelview TX 77530. Phone 713-452-7596. Price \$11.50. Reservations close 10/14/78. (Open to membership)
- 6:00 P.M. — DISTRICT V, "Rennie's Kuntry Kitchen" BANQUET — Honoring Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Associate Grand Matron, Scottish Rite Temple Banquet Hall, 1229

Polk & Caroline, General Chairman, Mrs. Carrie Schilling; Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Cleatis Cobb, 118 Village Dr., Kerrville TX 78028. Phone 512-257-3024. Price \$6.00. Reservations close 12:00 Noon, 10/23/78.

**TUESDAY EVENING AFTER SESSION PARTIES FOR  
GRAND CHAPTER LINE OFFICERS**

Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Associate Grand Matron and Mr. T.L. "Duke" Weaver, Associate Grand Patron, Foyer West, Second Floor, Sheraton Houston Hotel. Hosted by Redbirds of District 4, Section 5, (Open to Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons only)

Mrs. Kathy Johnston, Grand Conductress, Starlight Room, Sheraton Houston Hotel. Hosted by Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons of District 4, Section 5. (Open to Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons only)

Mrs. Viola Edwards, Associate Grand Conductress. Sheraton Houston Hotel, French Salon. Hosted by Conductresses of District 4, Section 5. (Open to Conductresses and Associate Conductresses only)

**WEDNESDAY, October 25, 1978**

7:00 A.M. — MEMBERS OF DISTRICT IV, SECTION 4 BREAKFAST — East Ballroom, Sheraton Houston Hotel. Chairman Mrs. Jane Gregory; Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Evelyn Kennedy, 122 South Seventh St., La Porte TX 77571. Phone 713-471-3053. Price \$7.50 (Open to members of this section only)

6:30 P.M. — BREAKFAST — MEMBERS OF DISTRICT V, SECTION 6 — Whitehall Hotel, Concourse A. Chairman, Mrs. Betty Friend; Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Olivia Wilkinson, 395 Howard, New Braunfels TX 78130. Phone 512-625-3675. Price \$5.75 Reservations close 10/23/78. (Open to members of this section only)

7:00 A.M. — BREAKFAST — "Sweethearts" honoring Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup, Past Grand Matron, and Mr. Paul Huffhines, Past Grand Patron, Holiday Inn; Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Olivia Rousseau, 2406 Haverhill, Houston TX 77008. Phone 713-862-8077. Price \$5.95. General Chairman Juanita Emmett. (Open to members and friends)

12:15 P.M. — "Autumn Love" LUNCHEON — Grand Chapter Boards and Committees honoring Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Worthy Grand Patron. Whitehall Hotel. Chairman, Mrs. Ruth Maness. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Elsie Wilkie, 407 John Alber, Houston TX 77076. Phone 713-447-4450. Price \$9.25. Reservations close 10/23/78. (Open this group, their husbands and wives)

6:30 P.M. — GENERAL BANQUET — "Love Makes the World Go Around" — Grand Ballroom, Sheraton Houston Hotel, honoring Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Worthy Grand Patron. Chairman, Mrs. Ruby Enloe. Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Myrtle Speck, 7822 Peekskill, Houston TX 77034. Phone 713-991-4178. Price \$12.50. (Open to membership)

**THURSDAY, October 26, 1978**

7:00 A.M. — "Friendly Fellowship" BREAKFAST — honoring Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Associate Grand Matron, Sheraton Houston Hotel, Grand Ballroom. Chairman, Mrs. Jimmie Huey; Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Nelda Hastings, 206 Northridge Drive, San Antonio TX 78209. Phone 512-822-9545. Price \$6.50. Reservations close 10/19/78. (Open to membership)

**FRIDAY, October 27, 1978**

7:30 A.M. — "Our Rising Star" — BREAKFAST — honoring the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress. Grand Ballroom, Sheraton Houston Hotel. Chairman, Mrs. Julia Dickerson; Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Alice Hoisington, 7043 Kingsway Drive Houston TX 77087. Phone 713-645-1318. Price \$7.00. Reservations close 10/24/78. (Open to membership)

## PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 21

1:30 p.m. — Floor Officers and Personal Pages, Arabia Temple,  
2900 N. Braeswood

Monday, October 23

8:30 a.m. — Executive and Arrangements Committee and Worthy Matrons and  
Worthy Patrons of District 4, Section 5

8:30 a.m. — Fraternal Correspondent and Grand Representatives

9:00 a.m. — Floor Officers and Personal Pages

9:30 a.m. — Floor Officers, Escorts, Jr. Past Matrons and Jr. Past Patrons

10:00 a.m. — All Grand Officers (Entire Grand Family of 1977-78)

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

11:30 a.m. — Welfare Committee, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Jr. Past  
Matrons and Jr. Past Patrons of Chapters 100% in Welfare, and Legacy  
of Love Committee

12:00 noon — International Temple — Worthy Matrons and Jr. Past Matrons of  
Chapters 100% in International Temple.

## PHOTOGRAPHER'S SCHEDULE

Mr. Don Hutcheson  
P. O. Box 2795  
Abilene, Texas 79604

Sunday, October 22

10:30 a.m. — Group picture of ESTARL recipients, ESTARL Committee, Dr.  
Harold L. Adams, and Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron  
— Music Hall

2:00 p.m. — Reception — Floor Officers, Grand Examiners, District Deputies  
and Deputies — plus other Distinguished Guests — Sheraton-Houston

Monday, October 23

5:15 p.m. — Grand Choir with Mr. Kenneth A. Lowe, Grand Choir Director —  
Choir Section at Coliseum

Tuesday, October 24

8:20 a.m. — Pages, Assistant Grand Warders, Assistant Grand Sentinels —  
in East at Coliseum

8:40 a.m. — Floor Officers and Personal Pages — in East at Coliseum

After Session — Floor Officers and Personal Pages — in East at Coliseum

Followed by Grand Pages, Assistant Grand Warders, Assistant Grand  
Sentinels — in East at Coliseum

Wednesday, October 25

8:40 a.m. — Grand Examiners, District Deputies and Deputies — in East at  
Coliseum

GROUPS PLEASE ASSEMBLE quickly at the designated time and place.

Individual Committees or groups desiring pictures, please make arrangements with  
Mr. Hutcheson.



## NOTICE OF INSTALLATION PRACTICE

1978-1979 Floor Officers and Escorts will practice Wednesday 8:00 A.M. in the Coliseum. Please meet behind the Grand East.

Practice for Installation will be Wednesday Evening, October 25, 1978, immediately following the close of Grand Chapter Session. This includes Boards, Constitutional and Special Committees, Grand Representatives, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons.

All Pages, Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels, please assist in proving Grand Chapter following the Installation on Thursday Evening. Thank you, in advance.

Organ Prelude will begin at 5:30 P.M. — Call to Order 6:15 P.M., Thursday, October 26, 1978.

The School for Deputies will be held Friday morning, October 27, 1978, 9:30 A.M. in the Sheraton-Houston Hotel. Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Floor Officers and Board Members are invited to attend.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON  
Associate Grand Matron

T. L. WEAVER  
Associate Grand Patron

## PERSONAL PAGES

Chairman: Mrs. Loyce Loper

Aderholt, Grace  
Aderholt, Jess  
Benefield, Thelma  
Bogue, Hattie Jean  
Brannam, E. L.  
Brannam, Mary  
Brown, Victor  
Burns, Maxine  
Clayton, Corine  
Cooper, Lanelle  
Coursey, Sarah V.  
Gage, Sallie L.  
Henry, Dave  
Henson, Frankie  
Horton, Mary  
Jefferies, Eleanor  
Loper, Loyce  
Love, Lois  
McAlexander, Anita

McHargue, Thelma  
Middleton, Madge  
Morris, Cloe  
Mueller, Margot  
Penix, Pauline  
Pope, Corinne  
Pratt, Oleene  
Ramsey, Opal  
Rogerson, Irene  
Sizemore, Florena  
Swetland, Rosemary  
Swetland, Russ  
Veach, Buna  
Warneke, Virginia  
Warren, Nellie  
Weaver, Helen  
Williams, Nan  
Williams, Nina  
Wilson, Blanche E.

**GRAND PAGES**

Chairman: Mrs. Jean Hunt

Co-Chairmen: Mrs. Marian L. Draper, Mrs. Pauline Haussner,  
Mrs. Mary Sparks

Andreas, Mary Lou	Harris, Ruth M.
Baker, Estelle	Harrison, Frieda
Bales, Faye	Haussner, Pauline
Bell, Grace	Hendrick, Christine
Besecker, Geraldine	Hicklin, Jeane
Bolton, Marilyn	Hight, Ann
Boone, Genevieve	Hill, Lois L.
Borges, Blanche L.	Hooch, Dorothy J.
Bowen, Leona	Horn, Katy L.
Box, Jacqueline	Huffman, Jessie
Bricker, Luella	Hunt, Jean
Bright, Charlotte	Hunt, Zelma
Brown, Lanna	Jenkins, Tommie
Burleson, Ella Ruth	Johnson, Sandra
Carter, Virginia	Kalil, Gladys
Castille, Opal	King, Cindy
Champion, Joyce	King, Loretta
Chasteen, Cora M.	Kissinger, Dorothy Joyce
Clark, Jeanelle	Kito, Frances L.
Coffee, Gerry	Knight, Pearl
Coleman, Carol	Legge, Bobbye J.
Coleman, June	Leutwyler, Oneta
Collins, Madeline	Loewen, Betsy
Cook, Eleanor S.	Maddox, Agnes
Cozby, Lillian	Malone, Montie
Crow, Jo Ann	McArthur, Ellen
Cummings, Jean	McBride, Ruth
Cunningham, Edna L.	McCamant, Dorothea
Draper, Marian L.	McCord, Catherine
Dykes, Quania	McDaniel, Ann E.
Erwin, Eula	McMullen, Rachel
Fairchild, Wanda	McWilliams, Ola Mae
Frentress, Kathryn	Miller, Donna
Gay, Patricia M.	Mooneyham, Lavalda
Glanton, Merle W.	Moore, Georgia
Glaze, Linda	Moore, Naomi J.
Glover, Ruth M.	Mosby, Mary Nell
Goekler, Hazel	Mustian, Leona E.
Green, Gertrude	Nado, Jeanne C.
Green, Virginia L.	Nordin, Geraldine
Gunnin, Betty Jane	Norman, A. Louise
Halbrook, Marjorie	Orr, Max Dean
Hancock, Modean	Palmer, Elizabeth
Harmon, Modell	Palmer, Juanita
Harrell, Dorothy	Peterson, Mavis
Harrell, Muerl	Pointer, Jacqueline

Pompa, Lea  
 Post, Janis  
 Prine, Myrle  
 Randall, Irene Ruby  
 Read, Pansy  
 Reeves, Marie  
 Richards, Frances R.  
 Rogers, Clarice  
 Rogerson, Irene  
 Salyer, Dee  
 Scarber, Racheal  
 Schilling, Carrie  
 Scott, Florence  
 Scruggs, Nadine  
 Sheffield, Irene  
 Simons, Hazel  
 Slaughter, Dorothy  
 Sparks, Mary  
 Starr, Minnie Lee

Stephens, May  
 Stepp, Thelma  
 Streig, Gloria  
 Sullivan, Ethel  
 Taylor, Verna  
 Tolson, Juanita W.  
 Turner, Oleta  
 Turner, Nona  
 Tyler, Jane  
 Vandel, Marilyn  
 Weaver, Anna Lee  
 Westbrook, Claire  
 Wilkinson, Olivia  
 Williams, Frances  
 Williford, Lena  
 Winfile, Jeanene  
 Winston, Pauline  
 Withrow, Ruth  
 Yates, Billie  
 Yurk, Fredda

### ASSISTANT GRAND WARDERS

Chairman: Norine Turner  
 Co-Chairman: Hazel Stevens

Adams, Bernice  
 Anderson, Glennie  
 Anderson, Mary Nan  
 Andrews, Marie  
 Armstrong, Rubye Nell  
 Bennett, Dorothea  
 Bledsoe, Norma  
 Braswell, Jessie D.  
 Brown, Alta  
 Brown, Patricia  
 Burson, Evelyn  
 Carroll, Claudette  
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**Opening Ode**

**Have Thine Own Way, Lord**

*Have Thine own way, Lord  
 Have Thine own way  
 Thou art the potter  
 I am the clay  
 Mold me and make me  
 After Thy will  
 While I am waiting  
 Yielded and still.*

**Grand Old Names**

*For it is Ma-ry and Murray,  
 Sweet as an-y two can be  
 You have win-ning smiles  
 Your own sweet styles  
 and personality  
 We love you Ma-ry and Murray,  
 You are loy-al, sweet, and true  
 When all is said and done  
 You are the Ones  
 And we all love you.*

**Somewhere My Love**

*Friendships like yours  
We treasure every day  
Steadfast and true  
Loyal in every way  
Your presence here  
Tells us how much you care  
You're in our thoughts  
Whether you're here or there*

*Your days, we know  
Are spent always  
Helping make us  
The group we praise*

*Your plans and hopes  
Long hours of toiling too  
Some day, somehow,  
Will be repaid to you  
But until then  
Dear friend, we hope you know  
Sure as the Stars  
All Texas loves you so.*

**Deep in The Heart of Texas**

*The stars at night—are big and bright  
Deep in the Heart of Texas  
The prairie sky—is wide and high  
Deep in the Heart of Texas*

*The sage in bloom—is like perfume  
Deep in the Heart of Texas  
Reminds me of—the one I love  
Deep in the Heart of Texas!*

**My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

*My Faith Looks up to Thee  
Thou Lamb of Cal-va-ry  
Sav-ior di-vine  
Now hear me while I pray  
Take all my guilt away  
Oh, let me from this day  
Be wholly thine.*

**The Loveliest Night of the Year**

*When you are in love  
It's the loveliest night of the year  
Stars twinkle above  
And you almost can touch them from here  
Words fall into rhyme  
Any time you are holding me near  
When you are in love  
It's the loveliest night of the year*

*Waltzing along in the blue  
Like a breeze drifting over the sand  
Thrilled by the wonder of you  
And the wonderful touch of your hand, And  
My heart starts to beat  
Like a child when a birthday is near  
So, kiss me my sweet  
It's the loveliest night of the year.*

**God Bless America**

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

**Around The World**

*Around the World I've searched for you  
I traveled on, when hope was gone  
To keep a rend-ez-vous  
I knew some where, some time, some how  
You'd look at me, and I would see  
The smile you're smi-ling now  
It might have been in County Down  
Or in New York, in Gay-Pa-ree,  
Or even Lon-don Town  
No more will I go all a-round the world  
For I have found my world in you.*

**You're a Grand Old Flag**

*You're a grand old flag  
You're a high fly-ing flag  
And forever in peace may you wave  
You're the emblem of the land I love  
The home of the free and the brave*

*Every heart beats true  
Under Red, White, and Blue  
Where there's never a boast or brag  
But should auld acquaintance be forgot  
Keep your eye on the grand old flag.*

**It's a Most Unusual Day**

*It's a most unusual day  
 Feel like throwing my troubles away  
 As an old native born  
 Californian would say  
 It's a most unusual day*

*There's a most unusual sky  
 Not a sign of a cloud passing by  
 And if I want to sing  
 Throw my heart in the ring  
 It's a most unusual day*

*There are people—meeting people  
 There is sunshine every-where  
 There are people—greeting people  
 And a feeling of spring in the air*

*It's a most unusual time  
 I keep feeling my temperature climb  
 If my heart won't behave, in the usual way  
 Well, there's only one thing to say  
 It's a most unusual, most unusual,  
 Most unusual day.*

**Sweet, Sweet Spirit**

*There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place  
 And I know that it's the spirit of the Lord  
 There are sweet expressions on each face  
 And I know that it's the presence of the Lord*

*Sweet Ho-ly Spirit—Sweet Heav'nly Dove  
 Stay right here with us  
 Filling us with your love  
 And for these blessings  
 We lift our hearts with praise  
 Without a doubt we'll know*

*Without a doubt we'll know  
 That we have been revived  
 When we shall leave this place.*

**My God and I**

Text: Leslie Brandt, 1974

Tune: I. B. Sergei

My God and I walk thru the streets together —  
 I celebrate His presence by my side;  
 Whate'er may be the dangers that beset me,  
 He shall forever in my life abide.

He bids me look upon the mis'ry 'round us —  
 To sense the pain His creatures know and feel;  
 He urges me reach out to them in kindness,  
 That they may know His love for them is real;

My God is here amidst this world's great sorrows —  
 He knows the hurts His children must endure;  
 He gives to me His grace and pow'r eternal,  
 That I may touch them with His loving cure,

My God and I walk thru the streets together —  
 I am His own, and always shall I be  
 His Son and Servant sent to show His power,  
 That all His children His great love may see.

**May The Good Lord Bless and Keep You**

Meredith Wilson

*May the good Lord bless and keep you,  
 Whether near or far away.*

*May the good you wish for others  
 Shine on you today.*

*May your heart stay tuned to music  
 That will cheer the hearts of men.*

*May the good Lord bless and keep you  
 Till we meet again.*

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GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER	Mrs. Virginia M. Jones, 1618 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. Washington D.C. 20009

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### SATURDAY COFFEE

The Social functions for the 96th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas began with a Saturday morning Coffee hosted by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, honoring their Distinguished Guests from other Grand Jurisdictions, the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, and the Texas Floor Officers. The location was the lovely suite of the Worthy Grand Matron, the food prepared by the Floor Officers and served by the District Deputies was delightful, and each member left with a fragrant pomander, filled with dried rose petals — made by the busy hands of Mary Brown Girls as gifts from the hosts.

### FLOOR OFFICERS DINNER

In a setting of beautiful simplicity, the dinner for the Floor Officers was held at the Warwick Hotel on October 21, 1978. Blooming African Violets, in hand-painted pots, centered each table and added to the sentimental theme of neighborly love and joy. The printed programs carried out the Autumnal theme and the favors of delicate hand-painted Cross Bible markers, strung on velvet ribbons, celebrated this session of Love. These Crosses were a gift of the Grand Electa and had been executed by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, of the Board of Grand Trustees. Mrs. Shirley Hodgekinson, Past Matron of League City Chapter, rendered a program in song, ending with all Officers singing "Always" to the Worthy Grand Matron. The gifts of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to their Officers were hand painted scenes of Texas, executed and framed by Mary Brown girls. The Evening ended on a note of happiness and love celebrated in never-tobe-forgotten memories.



Floor Officers Dinner – Saturday evening



## THE BEAUTY OF THE SEASONS RECEPTION

The Annual Reception honoring the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Floor Officers, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, and the Elective Boards was held in the Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel. The four refreshment tables were effectively decorated in the theme of each Season. Some 1600, members and friends, enjoyed the function, as they greeted the honorees who were spaced in separate lines about the room. Presiding at the tables were the District Deputies and Deputy Grand Matrons of Texas.

## THE MUSIC OF LIVING BANQUET

The Sunday evening Banquet was a compliment to the General Grand Chapter Officers. The decorations and entire program was woven about the theme of MUSIC with soft shades of pink and small red "Sweetheart Roses" casting a soft glow in the candle lit room. All in attendance reported a most outstanding evening of fellowship and Music.

Texas was indeed honored to again have as guests, our Most Worthy Grand Patron Bro. Wm. E. "Bill" George and the Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Josephine Ruhsam, in addition to our own precious Past Grands who are serving in General Grand Chapter. Although our own beautiful and beloved Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron was unable to be present, all planned remarks were addressed to her and the messages were taped for her enjoyment.

### General Banquet

#### "LOVE MAKES THE WORLD GO AROUND"

On Wednesday at 6 O'Clock, the "Love Makes the World Go Round" General Banquet was held in the beautiful and spacious ballroom of the Sheraton-Houston Hotel. The honorees were Mrs. Mary Brown, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Worthy Grand Patron. The Mary Brown Girls and Murray's Men presented Mrs. Brown and her husband, Mr. Doss Brown, and Mr. Watson and Mrs. Greta Watson, Grand Esther. Mrs. Ruby Enloe, a member of the Ritual Committee of General Grand Chapter served as Master of Ceremonies.

The theme of the banquet was emphasized by a large revolving world placed before the podium. Replicas of this world were found at intervals on the tables. The beauty of the room and tables was enhanced with a profusion of red roses artfully used at vantage points.

Mrs. Mabel Harle, Past Grand Matron spoke on "Love is a Gift—Use It;" Mr. Gerald Allen, Past Grand Patron, on "Love is a Treasure— Cherish It;" Mr. Herbert Arnold, a member of Jurisprudence Committee of General Grand Chapter, on "Love Is a Duty— Practice It;" and Mr. Victor Jones, a member of the International Temple Committee of General Grand Chapter, on "Love is Universal— Spread It."

Following the talks, the honorees brought Greetings to the Assembly, and Mrs. Josephine Ruhsam, Right Worthy Association Grand Conductress of General Grand Chapter, followed with inspiring but brief remarks.

## FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The traditional Breakfast honoring the Associate Grand Matron, in her last hours of service in that station, was held in the Sheraton Hotel. In every respect, the atmosphere and decorations lifted up the theme, for the hour was truly spent in "Friendly Fellowship."



## OUR RISING STAR BREAKFAST

The final Social of the 1977-1978 Session was the breakfast tendered as a compliment to the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress. Again, the setting was the Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel, and, once again, the cleverness of "Stars" was reflected in the development of the theme.

## ESTARL INSPIRATIONAL SERVICE

*"I have made the earth, and created man upon it; even my Hands have stretched out the heavens and all their host have I commanded."*

—Isaiah 45:12



*"... Freely We Have  
Received, Freely Give."*

*Matt. 10:8*

MUSIC HALL  
SAM HOUSTON COLISEUM  
11:00 a.m.  
Sunday, October 22, 1978



ESTARL Committee, Dr. Harold Adams, speaker, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.



ESTARL Recipients attending the Sunday morning ESTARL Service

# ESTARL INSPIRATIONAL SERVICE

*“My times are in thy hands”*

—Psalms 31:15

(As the membership were quietly escorted to seats in the huge auditorium, an auxiliary stage began to rise in front of the main stage, revealing the Hand Bell Ringers of the West University Baptist Church. This very special and talented group brought the PRELUDE to this service, rendering many of our favorite hymns. As their last number was being played, the stage began lowering and the Grand Choir and participants filed on the main stage.)

**Mrs. Mary Louise Williams:** WELCOME, to this HOUR OF WORSHIP. May your faith be strengthened, renewed, restored and your life touched by the Hand of God who dreamed, planned and created the splendor of this galaxy to place MAN, the highest of His creations — created in His image — in whom He breathed the breath of life.

As God had a plan in His divine creation, He has a plan for every life. May today, we commit our life to His plan, trusting Him when we cannot know, waiting when we cannot see, but looking with assurance to the fulfillment of His promises to those who walk in His will and way.

What a joy to worship as a “FAMILY OF GOD” — made possible by the touch of many hands — these delicate, intricate hands that are symbols by which thoughts, imaginations and dreams are put into action, without which this service would have been impossible.

On the platform here are those who will have a part on the program. I present them to you now.

- Our Worthy Grand Matron . . . . . Mrs. Mary M. Brown  
and her devoted husband . . . . . Mr. Doss Brown
- Our Worthy Grand Patron . . . . . Mr. Murray M. Watson, Jr.  
and his precious wife . . . . . Mrs. Greta Watson
- Our Choir Director . . . . . Mr. Kenneth Lowe
- Our Grand Organist . . . . . Mrs. Genevieve Halbert
- Our Grand Soloist . . . . . Mrs. Janice Thornhill
- Three Committee persons of the ESTARL Committee  
Mrs. Blanche Wilson — Mrs. Dickie Jane Calame — Mrs. Pauline Perkins

Our speaker and minister is Dr. Harold L. Adams and with him, his helpmate, Mrs. Adams. Dr. Adams is pastor of the Sherwood Forest Baptist Church in Houston but most important of all, he was the former pastor of the BROWNS — Mary and Doss. How heart-warming it was to sit across his desk and listen as he related the warm hospitality — the many delicious meals prepared by our Mary. At the close of the Service in the little church, they always found groceries or other needs and somehow or other Doss always saw that gas was in the tank with it registering “full”. I know you will be blessed as you listen to this truly humble and dedicated man of God.

Mrs. Adams is a talented artist. I want to express my appreciation to her for her help in the design of our program cover.

You have listened to the beautiful music of the HAND BELL RINGERS from the West University Baptist Church, with their soloist, Miss Emily Reinhart.

I can’t name all of the Hands that were used or contributed in the preparation of this service — Our Jr. Past Matrons and Jr. Past Patrons; the Arrangements Committee; and last but not least, our Distinguished Guests.

This morning we had to change our program slightly. Two of our Recipients could not be with us at the last minute. We are so happy that we could get:

Milton Magness who will give the Offertory Prayer, and  
Mark Jones who will bring the Benediction

Heaven knows how to put a proper praise upon its goods. It would be strange indeed, if so celestial an article as Religious Leadership should not be rated highly.

You, the membership of the Eastern Star Chapters in Texas, because of your generous gifts, have demonstrated that the measure of success is not how much a man possesses but the contribution he makes in the lives of others. Thus far, you have allowed us to grant 67 SCHOLARSHIPS at \$400.00 each. I would like at this time for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to present the scholarships to those who are present.

(The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron made the presentation to the following:)

Joseph Wesley Brown	Milton Stuart Magness
Mark Sibley Jones	Roxie Louise Mallett
Thomas Edward Lyles	Jeffery Mark Toronjo

(The Worthy Grand Matron pointed out that the entire list of Recipients was in the program.)

### ESTARL Scholarship Recipients 1978 — 1979

Jay Ron Adkins	Stephen Wayne Lovett
James Lee Albright	Thomas Edward Lyles
John Franklin Allen Jr.	Lujet Clements McCullough
Peter Constantine Anton II	Milton Stuart Magness
Gary Dean Baldwin	Roxie Louise Mallett
Jay Cooper Barnes	Steven Leonard Mansen
Ina Sue Boyd	Jeff Stinson May
Edwin Eugene Brown	Johnny Frank Miller
Joseph Wesley Brown	Robert Vincent Miser
Daniel Rex Carfrey	Gary Len Newman
Timothy Lynn Carson	James Neil Norman
Steven David Coffman	Stacy Lee Patty
Brynda Michelle Cooper	Richard F. Paul
Thomas Hart Davis Jr.	Darylene Perkins
Timothy James Demy	Rex Douglas Perry
Robert Francis Deawolfe	Larry Dean Petton
James Wade Duck	Thomas Allen Pieper
Terry Douglas Easley	Jack David Read
Robert Ray Ellis	Walter Charles Rittle Jr.
Edward Brewer Emerson	Wyman Kyle Robertson
Bonnie Ruth Ernst	Jack Clifford Rothenflue
Robert Brown Fortney	Lanny Neal Spruill
Lon Jay Gregg	Thomas Martin Thompson
Marty Joe Hamrick	William D. Thrasher
Rickey Lee Hargrave	Larry Don Tinsley
Mark Stephen Hartman	Jeffery Mark Toronjo
Terry M. Hefley	John William Turner
Billy Glenn Holland	James Wesley VanRite
Merle Matthew Idom Jr.	Paula Marie Waters
Mark Sibley Jones	Douglas Grice Watts
Thomas Wayne Jones	James Stanton Weatherly
John Matthew LaBranche	David LeRoy White
Allan Bryant Lane	Richard Alvin Young

John Lynn Youngblood

(ESTARL — Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership)

After the free-will offering, the following names were added to the ESTARL Scholarship List for 1978-1979:

Lois Elaine Benton; Ken Dalton; Carola Sue Moore and Joyce Helen Slade.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**In Meditation**, Grand Organist ..... Mrs. Genevieve Halbert  
**In Song**: Grand Choir and Congregation ..... Doxology  
**In Reading God's Word**: J. Wesley Brown ..... Psalms 95:1-7

“O Come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

“Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

“For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

“In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

“The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

“O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

“For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To-day if ye will hear his voice.”

**In Prayer**: ..... John Youngblood

“Almighty God, we confess that you alone are holy and deserving of Praise and Honor. You love us but we have not loved you; You call, but we have not listened; we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. Help us to face up to ourselves so that we, recognizing in faith your boundless mercy, may repent and turn to you.

We have gone along with evil, O God, our Father; for this and the silent confessions of our heart that we are now making to you, we appeal to you for your sweeping forgiveness. We thank you for the assurance given us in your good news.

God of prophets and of apostles, you have chosen leaders to train your people in the way of Jesus Christ. We thank you that in our day, you are still claiming men and women for special work within the church.

Thank you for those in your family of faith who are filled with energetic love and work for the welfare of others. As you have given yourself to us, O God, help us, each one, to give ourselves to one another in perfect charity.

Watch over people who are traveling that they may safely reach their destinations. Teach us that we never journey beyond your loving care.

Father, today we have suffered an emergency situation and we ask for your care and your blessings upon that one and her loved ones.

And now, O Father, as you call us to worship, keep us from saying words or singing Hymns with ritual disinterest. Fill us with such wonder, in truth and in spirit, that we may worship you, grateful for your unfailing love for us demonstrated through Jesus Christ, the Lord.

Amen.

**WORSHIP IN SONG**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” . . . . . Choir and Congregation  
“My Tribute:” . . . . . Grand Choir  
Mr. Kenneth Lowe, Grand Choir Director.

**WORSHIP IN THE SPOKEN WORD** (Responsive Reading)

Leader — Thomas Edward Lyles, ESTARL Recipient

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork.

PEOPLE: Day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night showeth knowledge

Leader: There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world

PEOPLE: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

**WORSHIP IN GIVING**

All Offerings will go to ESTARL.

Offeratory Prayer, Milton Magness, ESTARL Recipient:

Father in Heaven, we thank you for the privilege and opportunity that is ours today. We thank you that we may come to you in Worship. Together we represent many Faiths, though we worship one Lord. We thank you, Father, for the supreme gift that Jesus Christ gave to us — the gift of salvation that can be received freely by faith.

Father, we thank you for this group of Christian women and the need they see and the way they supply that need through their faith in making these 67 scholarships possible. Father, I pray that you will help them to keep the zeal that they have to continue to make these scholarships possible on through the years.

We come to you this morning with a special request. Father, we pray that you will be with Nellie Sowell. Lord, you know the need and the injury in her body and only you can heal. Father, we trust in You for that healing.

We pray that as we come to the time of the taking of this offering, that you will help us to give in the way that You have given to us; that you will put the burden on each heart, that we might give generously in order that this work might continue.

Lead and guide us in all of our separate way. In Jesus Name, we pray. Amen.

**WORSHIP IN SPECIAL MUSIC**

“The Family of God:” . . . . . Grand Choir  
“Without Him” — Solo . . . . . Mrs. Janice Thornhill

**THE PREACHED WORD**

Dr. Harold L. Adams, pastor Sherwood Forest Baptist Church, Houston, Texas

“It is a delight to be here this morning. As difficult as the world situation is, it is a joy to be most anywhere I guess, but it is especially delightful to be here.

I tried to find out how to approach this situation and I went through all my seminary notes and the closest thing I could come to had to do with a funeral (laughter). One of my professors said never praise some one in a religious service unless they have honored God with their lives and your praise of them might honor God.

Now I could take some time this morning in praising Doss and Mary Brown to the glory of God for what they have meant to his Kingdom and what they have meant to my life and to the lives of my family, but we have something that is far more important to do, so without going through them, we will just worship the Lord. I appreciate this opportunity to share with you through God's words and to take these moments to speak to you from my heart, the things that I feel are God's will for this moment."

The summation of the "Preached Word" by Dr. Adams follows:  
The subject for the message was, "GOD'S CALL TO US". He called to mind the seriousness of this call with many illustrations. He cited Daniel Webster's being questioned as to what was the most important thought he ever had. Without a moment's hesitation, Mr. Webster replied, "The most important thought that I ever had was of my responsibility to God."

His text was taken from the 10th chapter of Matthew, verses 1-15 wherein is recorded Jesus' call to the twelve disciples — just plain people like you and me — and then the statement "... these twelve He sent forth". Just as Jesus had a plan for the lives of the twelve, so does God have a tremendous, beautiful plan for each of our lives. He is the Master Potter and will mold and shape us into something worthy, if we but hear and answer the call.

He spoke of Moses' call from God and his argument with Him, stating that he could not go to Egypt to return the people to the Promised Land . . . In the record of this encounter, we are reminded that if God has given us life, then God can use our lives. If God has placed some talent into our lives, then that talent can be used for His glory. God calls us and gives us POWER.

He recalled David's and Saul's plan to overpower Goliath . . . of how David put on the armour of Saul but he couldn't take a step in it. This reference reminds us that we are not expected to do the task of others. They may not fit or become us. God calls US to use the talents that WE have for His glory. He furnishes the power, which translated means the authority — the right.

We were reminded of Jesus' words to the disciples after the Resurrection, "Tarry in Jerusalem until you have received the promise of the Father which is the fulfillment of the scripture." He was saying, you shall receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you.

God has freely given us body, mind, knowledge, and strength. Freely we have received . . . therefore, freely, we should give.

We cannot make the journey in life with God if we do not begin that journey with Him. God is calling unto each of us . . . He has given each of us some talent. He wants and needs the service of those talents in the bringing forth of the Kingdom of Heaven upon Earth.

God calls us: The choice is ours. The decision is ours.

## WORSHIP IN COMMITMENT

Joined by the congregation, the choir brought a fitting closing to the morning worship in our commitment through the beautiful Hymn, "OUR BEST".

**Mrs. Mary Louise Williams:** Before our Benediction I am sure that each of you would be interested in knowing that our offering for the morning was \$1,443.91.

### PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

**Mr. Mark Jones:** Lord, we just want to thank you for the many blessings you have given to each and every one of us.

Lord, as we leave this service, we pray that the worship service will not stop here but will go on in our hearts that we might remember the blessings that you have given to us.

Lord, help us to remember to give those gifts that you have given to each of us back to you so that you can use them to better Your Kingdom and to help in Your service.

In your Son's blessed name, we pray. Amen.

(The Grand Organist, Mrs. Genevieve Halbert, presented the Organ Postlude as the large crowd in attendance upon the service filed out.)

## PROCEEDINGS

### Ninety-Sixth Annual Session of the GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

### THE "FOR LOVE'S SAKE" SESSION

The Ninety-Sixth Annual Session, the "For LOVE'S Sake" Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, was held in Houston Monday, October 23 through Thursday, October 26, 1978. All Sessions were held in the Sam Houston Coliseum. The Informal Opening was Called to Order at 5:45 p.m. Monday and was immediately followed by the Formal Opening.

### DEDICATION

The "For LOVE'S Sake" Grand Chapter Session was dedicated to the "Grand" Membership of Texas — whose unfaltering love and dedication resulted in an outstanding year of Service.

### DECORATIONS

As the membership of Texas Grand Chapter, Guests, and Friends gathered for the Informal Opening of the Ninety-Sixth Session, they were awed by the simple beauty of the decorated Coliseum.

The entire Grand Chapter floor was covered with a soft green carpeting, blending with the green skirting of the stage and the green panels on each end of the off-white drapes forming the backdrop for the East.



Earthen urns from the Master Potter Installation were again employed, reminding us of the continuing need to yield ourselves to the Master Potter that He might make us into more useful vessels of Service. On the Grand Chapter floor, centered between the two podiums in the East, was an artistic arrangement of urns of various sizes, shapes, and colors, surrounding a white cross — symbol of God's love, and flanked by pots of tall, flowing, and feathery green plants. One large mis-shapen urn, made by Mrs. Fae Holmes for the Lubbock School and brought to Houston at our request, exemplified the results of resistance to the gentle touch of the Master as he strives to shape our lives.

The stage itself was bordered with potted plants and the desks of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer held arrangements of pink roses.

Center back stage, just in front of the drapes, was a huge replica of the printed program. This was cut from plywood, painted, and erected by Mr. Dale Shackelford as an added emphasis of humility in serving those we love — as depicted by Jesus' washing of the Disciples' feet. Carrying out this same theme of serving "For LOVE'S Sake" was a large pitcher (urn) and basin at each Star Point Station.

At the elevated stations in the West, South, and North were other urns of varying shades and shapes, flanked by potted greenery. Atop each pedestal were baskets containing pink silk roses. The appointments of all stations were off-white, and back of the West was an off-white trellis entwined with green vines.

The focal point of the floor was the Altar, covered with a slightly bouffant skirt over which was draped a beautiful crocheted cloth, handmade by the mother of Grand Martha, Mrs. Virginia Sanders, and given many years ago to Miss Bette Suzanne Brown, daughter of the Worthy Grand Matron.

## DRESSES

Into this setting came the Grand Officers in their various responsibilities and drills. . . . dressed during the day in crystal pleated skirts and long-sleeved, cowl-necked tops of shades from pale pink to burgundy. The Floor Officers' dresses were a paisley print of softest pinks and browns. In the evening the ladies wore earth tone formals, varying from off-white to deep brown, with the gentlemen in brown tux or suits, beige shirts, and bow ties to match the dresses. The Grand Pages and Assistant Grand Warders wore formals in shades of pink.

## INFORMAL OPENING

**Monday, October 23, 1978**  
**5:30 p.m.**

Preceding the Processional, Mrs. Mary Alberts, District 3 Member of the Music Committee, presented beautiful musical selections to the enjoyment of all.

The Informal Opening was called to order by a beloved Past Grand Matron of Texas, Mrs. Sally Matranga, Worthy Grand Organist of General Grand Chapter. She was assisted by Mr. Richard T. Porter, Past Grand Patron, who served with Mrs. Matranga in 1969-70. Opening of their Session was also held in the Sam Houston Coliseum.



Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. J. B. Easterling

## PROCESSIONAL

Mrs. Frances Key Herrin, Past Grand Matron, serving as Assisting Grand Marshal, escorted to the East:

Mrs. Sally Matranga, Past Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Organist, GGC escorted by Mr. Donald Matranga

Mr. Richard T. Porter, Past Grand Patron escorted by Mrs. Earnesteen Porter

## CALL TO ORDER

5:45 p.m.

**Mrs. Sally Matranga:** Good evening Sisters and Brothers, What a thrill, a joy, and an honor to be given the privilege by our Worthy Grand Matron to greet so many wonderful people and to share in this 96th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas — the "For Love's Sake" Session.

It is always an honor and added pleasure to share the East with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Richard T. Porter. It brings back many wonderful memories of a very rewarding year of service together.

We are mindful of the fact that you have traveled many miles to participate and to lend your talents in the deliberations of the ensuing week. We wish you every success and many happy and enjoyable memories.

It is a pleasure to welcome so many of our General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members. We are honored that you have come our way.

Sister Josephine Ruhsam, it is indeed an added pleasure and privilege to welcome you to Texas again. May God bless and keep you in your years of service in the General Grand Chapter.

Brother Richard T. Porter, will you speak to us.

**Mr. Richard T. Porter:** Thank you Sister Sally. My dear Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed a privilege to join my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sally Matranga, in bidding you a hearty welcome to this 96th Session. To all of these Distinguished Members who have traveled from the far distant parts of the land to be with us on this occasion, we say we hope your visit with us will be a joyous and happy one.

**Mrs. Sally Matranga:** I now call this Informal Opening of the 96th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas to Order.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present our most honored Guest in the State of Texas — our most honored member, Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, in the East.

(Mrs. Harris was presented to a special chair in the North as the Grand Chapter stood and accorded a hearty welcome while the organist played, "Let me Call you Sweetheart".)



PROCESSIONAL OF PARTICIPANTS, INFORMAL OPENING



Mr. J. Victor Jones, Master of Ceremonies for the Informal Opening with his Worthy Matron, Miss Kathy Winborn, Mrs. Josephine Ruhsam, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, and his wife Jocie.



Visiting Floor Officers from Other Grand Jurisdictions with Mrs. Viola Edwards, Associate Grand Conductress



DEPUTIES LUNCHEON

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the General Grand Chapter Officers in the East.

Mrs. M. Josephine Ruhsam, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress  
Escorted by Mr. J. T. Sanders, Past Grand Patron

Mrs. Maxine Justice, Worthy Grand Adah  
Escorted by Mr. Paul Justice

Mrs. Blanche Shaw, Worthy Grand Ruth  
Escorted by Mr. John Shaw

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the General Grand Chapter Committee Members.

Sisters and Brothers, it is our pleasure to welcome Texas' own —  
Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Member of the Ritual Committee,  
escorted by Dr. S. Jewett Enloe

Mr. Herbert L. Arnold, Member of the Jurisprudence Committee  
escorted by Mrs. Maude Arnold

Mr. J. Victor Jones, Member of the International Temple Committee, Texas' own,  
escorted by Mrs. Jocie Jones

Mr. Eugene Hedgepeth, Member of the International Temple Committee  
escorted by Mrs. Cubie Hedgepeth

Mrs. Maxine Simmons, Member Appeals and Grievances Committee  
escorted by Mr. Monty Montgomery

Mrs. Stella Pollock, Peace Garden Chapel Committee  
escorted by Mr. Gene Belk

Mr. O. W. Diederich, General Chairman for the 1979 Triennial Assembly  
escorted by Mrs. LaNora Diederich

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, who are on the program for the Informal Opening.

Mrs. Viva S. Huffman, was escorted to a chair in the North by Mr. Bryan Pettus  
Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, escorted by Mr. Robert E. Franklin  
Mrs. Mable Stark Harle, escorted by Mr. C. B. Davidson  
Mr. Earl G. Manning, escorted by Mrs. Lena Maye Cook  
Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling, escorted by Mr. Howard Sides.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present our beloved leader in the Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and our most Distinguished leaders in the Masonic Bodies.

Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Supreme Faith and Supreme Inspector in Texas,  
International Order of Rainbow for Girls, escorted by Mr. Charles Wright

Mr. Charles W. Wesbrooks, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand  
Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas, escorted by Mrs. Nell Davidson

The other leaders of our Masonic Bodies have not arrived as yet. They will be presented later.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the most Honored Guest of the State of Texas, the Honorable Dolph Briscoe, Governor of the State of Texas.

(Governor Dolph Briscoe was escorted by his beautiful wife, Janey Briscoe, to the strains of "The Eyes of Texas are Upon you", to the East. They were hailed with a hearty applause and given a standing ovation)

It is now my privilege to present to you Texas' own pride and joy, Brother J. Victor Jones, the Master of Ceremonies.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Thank you very much Mrs. Sally Matranga and Mr. Dick Porter. May I tell you how very pleased I am to share this evening with the two of you — most excellent — most outstanding leaders.

Sisters and Brothers, one year ago the Grand Officers reached out their hands to the membership and, together, unearthened the clay with which to mold their lives in service to others. Throughout this week, these Vessels of Service, fashioned in love, fired with devoted attention, and polished with compassion, will be presented for inspection by you, the delegates and visitors to this, the 96th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

The kilns have been emptied, the Vessels prepared and the ovens closed. The "Chosen Vessel" will be presented by Miss Bette Suzanne Brown, daughter of the Worthy Grand Matron. Miss Brown.

**Miss Bette Suzanne Brown:**

"THE CHOSEN VESSEL"

—B. V. Cornwall

The Master was searching for a vessel to use;  
 Before Him were many, which one would He choose?  
 "Take me", cried the gold one, "I'm shiny and bright.  
 I'm of great value and I do things just right.  
 My beauty and luster will outshine the rest,  
 And for someone like you, Master, Gold would be best."

The Master passed on with no word at all,  
 And looked at a silver urn, narrow and tall.  
 "I'll serve you, dear Master, I'll pour out your wine,  
 I'll be on the table whenever you dine.  
 My lines are so graceful, my carvings so true,  
 And silver will always compliment you."

Unheeding, the Master passed on to the brass,  
 Wide mouthed and shallow and polished like glass.  
 "Here! Here!" cried the vessel, "I know I will do,  
 Place me on your table for all men to view."

"Look at me", called the goblet of crystal so clear,  
 "My transparency shows my contents so dear.  
 Though fragile am I, I will serve you with pride,  
 And I'm sure I'll be happy in your house to abide."

The Master came next to a vessel of wood  
 Polished and carved, it solidly stood.  
 "You may use me, dear Master," the wooden bowl said,  
 "But I'd rather you used me for fruit, not for bread."

Then the Master looked down and saw a vessel of clay,  
 Empty and broken it helplessly lay.  
 No hope had the vessel that the Master might choose  
 To cleanse and make whole, to fill and to use.

"Ah! This is the vessel I've been hoping to find,  
 I'll mend it and use it and make it all mine.  
 I need not the vessel with pride of itself,  
 Nor one that is narrow to sit on the shelf;  
 Nor one that is big-mouthed and shallow and loud,  
 Nor one that displays his contents so proud.  
 Nor the one that thinks he can do all things just right;  
 But this plain, earthly vessel, filled with power and might."

Then gently he lifted the vessel of clay,  
 Mended and cleansed it, and filled it that day;  
 Spoke to it kindly — "There's work you must do —  
 Just pour out to others, as I pour into you!"

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** The 1977-1978 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons (The Mary Brown Girls and the Murray's Men of Texas) will assist in the presentation of the Grand Floor Officers, as they join hands with their leaders in the "Vessels of Service" drill.

(The Junior Past Matrons and Junior Past Patrons formed a broken vessel on the Grand Chapter floor. The Floor Officers entered the formation forming the handle of the Vessel making it whole. The Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the floor to walk within the Vessel. During the formation a beautiful solo **THE BROKEN VESSEL** by Andrea Crouch was rendered).



The Broken Vessel Drill

Proudly, I present to you at this time those leaders who ask only that you take their hands and serve "For Love's Sake":

Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Worthy Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Doss Brown  
 Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Worthy Grand Patron, escorted by Mrs. Florena Sizemore



Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Associate Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Paul D. Ofton  
 Mr. T. L. "Duke" Weaver, Associate Grand Patron, escorted by Mrs. Helen Weaver  
 Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, escorted by Mr. Murle Howard  
 Mrs. Jettie Hinton, Grand Treasurer, escorted by Mr. Robert S. Beverly  
 Mrs. Kathy Johnston, Grand Conductress, escorted by Mr. J. E. Johnston  
 Mrs. Viola Edwards, Associate Grand Conductress, escorted by Mr. Austin Edwards  
 Mr. Redell Henson, Grand Chaplain, escorted by Mrs. Frankie Henson  
 Mrs. Jerry Miller, Grand Marshal, escorted by Mr. Floyd Howard  
 Mrs. Genevieve Halbert, Grand Organist, escorted by Mr. Tom Halbert  
 Mrs. Lois Bell, Grand Adah, escorted by Dr. Wilson Guy Bell, Jr.  
 Mrs. Thelma Watson, Grand Ruth, escorted by Mr. Homer Oliver Watson  
 Mrs. Greta Watson, Grand Esther, escorted by Mr. Dave Henry  
 Mrs. Virginia Sanders, Grand Martha, escorted by Mr. Gene Belk  
 Mrs. Barbara Robinson, Grand Electa, escorted by Mr. Jay Robinson  
 Mrs. Mary K. Lester, Grand Warder, escorted by Mr. George C. Lester  
 Mr. Maxwell M. Sanderford, Grand Sentinel, escorted by Mrs. Helen Sanderford

The gavel will be placed upon the podium by Mr. Joel W. Cherry as the Bible is placed upon our hallowed Altar by Mr. Phillip A. Brown. Mr. Cherry is escorted by his wife, Mrs. Gillie Cherry. Mr. Brown is escorted by his wife, Mrs. Lynette Brown.

(As Mr. and Mrs. Brown approached the Altar, the Granddaughter of the Worthy Grand Matron, Jennifer Brown beloved by all of Grand Chapter, came with them and placed a bouquet of pink roses upon the Altar)

Mr. Cherry held our Worthy Grand Matron on his knee when she was three years old — they have been friends since. He is a Past Master of Bridge City Lodge No. 1345 and holds dual membership in Magnolia Lodge No. 495, Woodville, Texas. The gavel is from the Grand Lodge of England and is inscribed with the Worthy Grand Matron's name, title, and year of service. Additionally, it carries the names of Magnolia Lodge No. 495 and Woodville Chapter No. 462, in whose names it is presented.

Phillip A. Brown is the youngest son of our Worthy Grand Matron and his bride is being presented to you for the first time. The Bible which he is placing upon the Altar is the family Bible of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Curlee, parents of the Worthy Grand Matron. The Curlee family tree is recorded therein. The Bible cover was made by Mrs. Connie Tucker of Odessa and bears the Cross of Love with Hands forming the urns, emblems of the Master Potter. A pale pink rose has been beaded on each end of the Bible Marker, signifying our Worthy Grand Matron's love for each of us. Miss Jennifer Brown is presenting the Bouquet of pink roses for her Grandmother.

(As Mr. and Mrs. Brown and Jennifer leave the Altar, the Master of Ceremonies continued)

This Holy Bible sets out God's plan for man. If we study it prayerfully, we are free from anxiety, confident of the future and rest in the knowledge that all is well.

Mr. Sandy Brown, eldest son of our Worthy Grand Matron, will now express this blessed assurance in song.

(Mr. Sandy Brown, eldest son of our Worthy Grand Matron, rendered "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow" in song. The rendition of the chorus of the song was augmented by the combined voices of the Grand Choir).

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** The Order of the Eastern Star walks hand-in-hand with its Masonic Brothers and since the early days of the Grand Chapter of Texas, the Grand Lodge has shown its recognition of the Order by permitting the use of its Square and Compasses. These sacred emblems of Free Masonry will be presented by Most Worshipful R. Furman Vinson, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. (Applause)

Brother Vinson is escorted by a Past Matron of his Chapter Mrs. Winnifred Dorsey. The Honor Guard for the Most Worshipful Grand Master is composed of the Masonic Brotherhood Committee, directed by Right Worshipful W. P. Lamb, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas. (Applause)

(The Emblems were brought to the Altar, and as the Grand Master stepped out of the Labyrinth, he was met by the Honor Guard who escorted him to the East. The entire membership stood respectfully, according him a most hearty welcome by their applause.)

Our Invocation will be given by Sister Viva S. Huffman, Past Grand Matron.

**Mrs. Viva S. Huffman:** Heavenly Father, we ask Thy blessing upon this Assembly opening the Grand Chapter of Texas at the Informal Session of the "For Love's Sake" 96th Session. May peace and harmony prevail and may our accomplishments be for Thy honor in all that we say and do in the "For Love's Sake" Session.

We ask Thy blessing upon our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as they preside at this Session. May all they strive to do, in every way, bring benefit to the Grand Chapter and reflect love to this "For Love's Sake" Session. May each one of us remember to be a good citizen in his community and country and throughout our Father's World. Amen.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** The Flags of our Country, State, Persuasion, and Ideals are symbols for which peoples have fought, died, worked, suffered, and travailed. The Flag of the United States of America will be presented by Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes, Past Grand Patron, escorted by Mrs. Fae Holmes.

(The Flag of our great Nation was brought alone through the Labyrinth, to its position of honor, at the right of the Presiding Officer.)

The Flag of the great and sovereign State of Texas will be presented by Mr. Perry Smithwick, Past Grand Patron, escorted by Mrs. Helen Smithwick.

The Christian Flag, with its Cross of our risen Lord, will be presented by Mr. Paul Huffhines, Past Grand Patron, escorted by Mrs. Leona Huffhines.

The Eastern Star Flag, symbolic of Truth and Loving Kindness will be presented by Mr. Gerald Allen, Past Grand Patron, escorted by Mrs. Nancy Allen, Past Grand Matron.

(These three Banners were brought to the East and placed together at the foot of the stage and to the left of the Worthy Grand Patron's station)

Mr. Earl G. Manning, Past Grand Patron, will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country, which will be followed by the singing of "AMERICA". (The Assembly was called up).

**Mr. Earl G. Manning:** Ladies and Gentlemen, will you join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

"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."

(Assembly joined in the singing of AMERICA)

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling, Past Grand Matron, will deliver the tributes to the FLAGS.

## TRIBUTE TO THE FLAGS

**Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling:** These four Flags to which we pay our tribute have been handed down to us to honor, protect, cherish, and defend. They are our sacred heritage reminding us of a glorious past and future which is our responsibility. We love these Flags and pledge to protect them because they represent our firm belief in our American form of government, our loyalty and pride in our glorious State, our reverent devotion to our Christian faith; and our Fraternal obligation to the Order of the Eastern Star.

### U. S. FLAG

America, "America the beautiful, God shed His grace on Thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea."

Old Glory, precious Flag of our country, we stand in awe and reverence as we recall the heritage you give to us; for the freedom and justice you bespeak to the world.

Our humble hearts would express our love and gratitude to you for the honor and privilege of living under your protection.

This nation was born out of faith in God. Faith in God remains the solid rock that stands unmoved amid the trials of our land.

We are grateful for the countless numbers who have gladly given their lives that you may proudly wave over this wonderful land of the free and the brave. You are a ribbon of honor for those who have served our country in peace and war; you are a warning for us not to detour from the long road that has brought our country and its people to a degree of happiness and prosperity never attained under any other banner.

As we behold your beautiful stars and stripes we hear you proclaiming to the world our hopes, our aspirations, our faith. You are a symbol of our churches, our schools, our homes, our industry.

"God bless America, land that we love,  
Stand beside her and guide her  
with a light from above,  
God bless America, Our Home sweet Home."

### TEXAS FLAG

As we lift our eyes to our Lone Star, we realize you are the essence of courage, faith and loyalty woven through the dedication and devotion of our forefathers, into one glorious Flag. As we behold the reflections of our Lone Star we are reminded of the great men and women whose dedication to freedom made them willing to die that we might have peaceful and fruitful lives. Forever we shall be indebted to those dear hearts and gentle people who gave us the joy and privilege of living under this significant Star.

We rededicate ourselves to your security as your glorious song of justice and freedom continues to ring throughout our beautiful State.

### CHRISTIAN FLAG

With reverence and praise to our Heavenly Father, we pause to pay our tribute of love and gratitude to our Christian Flag which is recognized throughout the world as a symbol of the greatness and glory of our blessed Lord. With humble hearts we proudly salute our revered Flag and pray we shall ever hold fast to a true and strong faith in Him.

He beckons us to come within the circle of His Love where there is peace, hope, and courage. To those who walk in the footsteps of Jesus, the victory is everlasting life.

### EASTERN STAR FLAG

The Eastern Star Flag holds a place of devotion in the heart of each member of our beloved Order.

Each point in this Star is endowed with beauty and significance. May we ever emulate in our daily living the sacred virtues found in its eternal truths. There is something of nobility which speaks to us of living a more worthy life; something of its beauty that urges one to a higher goal; something that reminds us of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love.

May this glorious Star ever lead us in its brilliant path into the presence of God.

“Oh Eastern Star Flag, smiles of our Saviour  
Are mirrored in Thee  
Glimpses of heav'n in Thy light we see  
Guide us onward to that blessed shore  
After our journey on earth is o'er.”

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** The Dedication of this, our 96th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, will be made by our Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus. Mrs. Vollus.

### DEDICATION OF SESSION

**Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus:** Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished General Grand Chapter Officers, Honorable Governor and other Distinguished Guests upon the platform:

The “Overture” for this dedication was sounded twelve months ago through the phrase:

“TO GOD BE THE GLORY”.

Since that dedication fell upon the listening hearts of the loyal membership of Texas, they have walked “Hand in Hand”, as good friends should and do, as they have labored to attain the majestic heights set forth in the goals for the year. The great challenge for the climb that reached before them lay in the realization that their labor was in the name of Him whose Star we follow.

The climb is finished. Tonight we stand upon the crest of the Mountain heights. The Trail of days, weeks and months has winded its way upward, ever upward. It has been an easy climb for the journey has been brilliantly lighted by the Star of HOPE under the guidance of devoted leaders who have faltered not for a moment in encouragement and challenge.

Together, our leaders, their officers and the membership have given to the Grand Chapter a “LEGACY OF LOVE” in their labor and accomplishments. Many charitable deeds — many acts of kindness — and great sums of money will be laid at the feet of the Master through reports of those responsible for the VISTA of INSPIRATION now before us.

The admiration, appreciation and gratitude of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron is deep and sincere. Just as a great membership has given for “Love’s Sake”, for “Love’s Sake, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron likewise do now give “Honor unto those to whom honor is due” by dedicating this Session to:

**“THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS”**

May the blessings of Him, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, be upon this Session. As we chant together in the closing hours of this year, “we have finished our task — we have kept the faith”, we shall pray that our labors, “For Love’s Sake”, have not been lacking in His sight.

In this sacred moment and throughout the hours of this Session may the sweet benediction of our Heavenly Father sound softly unto all,

“Well done, Thy good and faithful Stars”

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** As we realize our unworthiness and the insignificance of our meager being, let’s listen with prayerful attentiveness as the Grand Choir sings, “His Eye is on the Sparrow”.

(“HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW” was rendered by the Grand Choir, under the direction of the Grand Choir Director, Mr. Kenneth A. Lowe)

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Texans are always proud to welcome visitors to our magnificent State; prouder yet are we, when this welcome is to be extended by the highest office in what we consider to be the greatest State or Commonwealth in all the world. I present to you at this time the Honorable Dolph Briscoe, Governor of the Great State of Texas. Governor.

**HONORABLE DOLPH BRISCOE:** Thank you so very much, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members of the Order, Distinguished Guests one and all, and my fellow Texans. It is a privilege and thrill this evening, on behalf of all of the people of the Lone Star State, to welcome each of you. To welcome, too, our visitors from other states, to this the 96th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. To those of you who have traveled to our State from other States, I want to join the welcome that you have received here and express the wish that you will enjoy your stay here with us.

The religious and charitable work performed by this Grand Chapter is well known, well respected throughout our nation. Nowhere is your dedication benefitting mankind more appreciated and honored than it is here in your home State of Texas. Your service represents a spiritual and material commitment that illuminates the life of every one you touch. More than 118,000 members of this Order, representing every part of our State, make many valuable contributions to your fellowman, and surely, you carry on in the greatest and best fashion the great heritage that belongs to each Texan. I know that you will continue to provide this State and our Nation with spiritual, moral guidance and commitment, so important in these days to the growth of the minds and souls of each person. Janey and I are so very appreciative for the opportunity to share this very special, this most thrilling and inspirational occasion with each of you tonight. I know that this annual session will be a most successful and meaningful event, touching the lives of every one who has the privilege to participate. Thank you so very much, and God bless each of you! (applause)

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Thank you, Governor, for being with us tonight and may I tell you on behalf of this Order how very much we have appreciated your tenure of service; and thank you, Mrs. Briscoe, for accompanying him.

Much work has been expended in getting ready for this annual Session. In fact, a full year’s work has been spent for this one week and the heavy load will not lighten until after the last gavel is sounded. Mr. Gene Belk, Chairman of the Executive Committee, will now welcome you on behalf of the Executive Committee, the Arrangements Committee, and the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of the Houston Chapters. Brother Belk.

**Mr. Gene Belk:** Master of Ceremonies, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers, and Friends of the Order of the Eastern Star. On a Thursday morning October 10, 1977 in the Sun City of El Paso, Texas, I had the happy privilege of extending an invitation to the members of our great Order to come to the Wondrous Space City of Houston, Texas for our "96th" Session in October of 1978. Now one year later, I stand before the members and friends of this great Order, humbled in the knowledge that my invitation has been so wonderfully accepted.

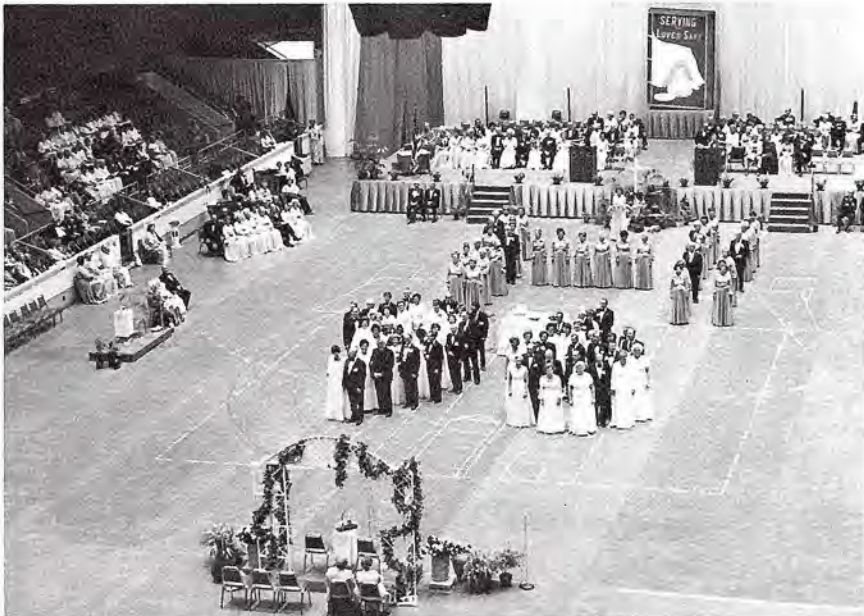
Let me assure you again tonight, as I did on that occasion, that the Mayor of the City of Houston, The Chamber of Commerce, The Houston Hotel and Motel Association, The Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Center, The Houston Restaurant Association, The Retail Merchants Association, The Harris County Sheriff's Department, and all representing the Civic side of our area — and undergirding these are the more than 250,000 Masons of Harris County, the more than 16,000 members of the Scottish Rite Bodies, the more than 11,000 members of Arabia Temple Shrine, the several Commanderies of the City of Houston, the Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association of the City of Houston, and, last but not least, the membership of the 32 Chapters of Houston welcome you. At this time under the direction of our Grand Marshal, Mrs. Jerry Miller, the Executive, the Arrangements Committee, and the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons will form a figure upon the floor as I call their names.

(As he called the names of the Executive Committee and the Arrangements Committee, they formed an "H" upon the Grand Chapter Floor.)

With great pride I now present the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of the 32 Chapters in Houston, your Hosts and Hostesses throughout this Grand Chapter Session:

Aldine Chapter No. 1088 .....	Elaine Spann, Worthy Matron Jackie Owens, Worthy Patron
Alma M. Walker No. 1101 .....	Delores Hicks, Worthy Matron Eldon E. Finley, Worthy Patron
Almeda Chapter No. 1081 .....	Helen Laughlin, Worthy Matron Ira Laughlin, Worthy Patron
Andral Vann Chapter No. 741 .....	Fay Scrivner, Worthy Matron Marcus Gay, Worthy Patron
Bellaire Chapter No. 1021 .....	Betty Benson, Worthy Matron David Allan, Worthy Patron
Bethlehem Chapter No. 728 .....	Lorene Blank, Worthy Matron Gilbert Theiler, Worthy Patron
Bluebell Chapter No. 856 .....	Louise A. Kemm, Worthy Matron Earl Long, Worthy Patron
East Houston Chapter No. 955 .....	Naomi Smith, Worthy Matron Talmadge Smith, Worthy Patron
Eastwood Chapter No. 1077 .....	Alice Whittleman, Worthy Matron Dr. Doyle Blackford, Worthy Patron
Fairbanks Chapter No. 1041 .....	Anne Farrow, Worthy Matron Gilbert Ruffle, Worthy Patron
Frank W. Lynn Chapter No. 1015 .....	Buelah M. Snell, Worthy Matron R. B. Hones, Worthy Patron
Garden Oaks Chapter No. 987 .....	Sue Sims, Worthy Matron Sam Crawford, Worthy Patron
Houston Chapter No. 385 .....	Maybell Brehm, Worthy Matron Howard Sides, Worthy Patron
Houston Heights Chapter No. 258 .....	Louise Nordenstrom, Worthy Matron James Paulk, Worthy Patron
Jaques DeMolay Chapter No. 1094 .....	Dolores McCafferty, Worthy Matron James McCafferty, Worthy Patron
Magnolia Chapter No. 706 .....	Vivian Scott, Worthy Matron Donald G. Scott, Worthy Patron

Melrose Chapter No. 920 . . . . .	LaVerne Jones, Worthy Matron William A. Claunch, Worthy Patron
Memorial Chapter No. 958 . . . . .	Wilnettia Pitchford, Worthy Matron Roy Palmgren, Worthy Patron
Mt. Houston Chapter No. 1034 . . . . .	Bethel Bell, Worthy Matron Lloyd Rock, Worthy Patron
Norma D. Allen Chapter No. 1050 . . . . .	Dorothy Montgomery, Worthy Matron Leonard C. Dunford, Worthy Patron
North Shore Chapter No. 1058 . . . . .	Barbara Forbus, Worthy Matron Lanie Forbus, Worthy Patron
North Side Chapter No. 651 . . . . .	Laura Warren, Worthy Matron Francis W. Warren, Worthy Patron
Oak Forest Chapter No. 1080 . . . . .	Marcell Bailey, Worthy Matron Orval Ford, Worthy Patron
Park Place Chapter No. 731 . . . . .	Bernice E. Powell, Worthy Matron Bennie B. Heugatter, Worthy Patron
Ransford Chapter No. 135 . . . . .	Emily L. Urban, Worthy Matron George Reeve, Worthy Patron
Rosewyn Chapter No. 927 . . . . .	Janice Sickles, Worthy Matron Clifton Hughes, Worthy Patron
Rothwell Chapter No. 669 . . . . .	Faye Schmick, Worthy Matron Hayward Krouse, Worthy Patron
South Houston Chapter No. 915 . . . . .	Marjorie McCarter, Worthy Matron James L. Morton, Worthy Patron
Spring Branch Chapter No. 984 . . . . .	Kay Swafford, Worthy Matron W. Ralph Walker, Worthy Patron
Sunshine Chapter No. 199 . . . . .	Eleanor Pettus, Worthy Matron Nathan Segal, Worthy Patron
West University Chapter No. 933 . . . . .	Bettye Jo Brice, Worthy Matron Donald C. Brice, Worthy Patron
Woodland Chapter No. 696 . . . . .	Eunice Goss, Worthy Matron Robert Patterson, Worthy Patron



Executive and Arrangements Committees, Host Chapters of Section 5, District 4

(The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of the Host Chapters assembled in a very unique formation — the Worthy Patrons in dark suits and the Worthy Matrons in their white formals formed the numbers "96")

**Worthy Grand Matron:** As we view these fine committees upon the floor during our Informal Opening, I wish to state that I had planned to present them in the Formal Opening that we might show them our appreciation.

They have worked hard and long. As a matter of fact, were it not for them, we would not be having this Grand Chapter. To save the time and trouble of their coming out later, I have asked the privilege of speaking to them at this moment, and expressing the appreciation of this Assembly for the many hours of labor they have expended in our behalf.

"A friend does not ask, May I help with your load?  
He has already carried it half way up the road."

Sisters and Brothers this is what they have done for your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron — and for you! Let us say THANK YOU to them. (A standing ovation and applause were given.)

**Mr. Gene Belk:** We in Houston have all looked forward to this momentous occasion, and extend you a Welcome unexcelled! Many long hours of hard work and loving devotion have gone in the preparation for your coming. Many, many fine people have given long and tirelessly of their time and effort. We promise to do all in our power to make your stay one worthy of "fondest memories". Again we say WELCOME. Thank you, Master of Ceremonies.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., our Distinguished Worthy Grand Patron, will now extend his welcome to the Grand Chapter of Texas.

**Mr. Murray Watson, Jr.:** Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Members of General Grand Chapter, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Jurisdictions, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, the Honorable Governor of the State of Texas, other distinguished members of the Order, my Sisters, Brothers, and Friends.

How honored I am, and I know you are, that the Governor of our State would come and be with us tonight as we open this Grand Chapter Session. Governor and Mrs. Briscoe have provided a leadership for us in our State for the past six years, and Governor, I want to express to you our sincere thanks and deep appreciation for joining with us tonight. I wish for you the very best in whatever the future may hold.

To those who have come to be with us tonight we extend to each of you a warm welcome, and invite you to take our hand in friendship and walk by our side during this week, as we work and plan for the future of the Order of the Eastern Star, and for the betterment of mankind.

Houston means a great deal to our Worthy Grand Matron, for four years ago she started her way to the East, and I know that this is a happy moment in her life and her family's life as this Grand Chapter Session begins.

Houston's historic achievements have long distinguished it as one of America's most exciting cities. Aside from being the cultural center of the Southwest, it is also the Petroleum Capital, and the Center of Medical Advancement in technology with a complex of teaching hospitals and medical facilities. Here in Houston, Texas, we have more modern equipment for research and treatment for the leading killer diseases in our country — including Cancer and Heart research — and, I would not fail to mention the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children that is included in this medical complex adjacent



to the downtown area. There are many, many other important and interesting things that I could mention about this beautiful city, but time will not permit.

To the out-of-state guests, I bid you a special welcome, and I hope to have the pleasure of greeting each of you personally. May the pleasure you have here long be remembered.

We are looking forward to this week in Houston, and our sincere prayers are for a productive and beneficial and a beautiful session; which will be for us, the culmination of a memorable year. We know that our highest expectations will not only be fulfilled, but will be exceeded.

Again, I extend a warm welcome to each of you this evening as we begin this 96th Session, and I sincerely hope that this will be an enjoyable week for all. The days will go quickly as we conduct the business of our Grand Chapter, but the attention that you give to every detail will make it lasting in our memories.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Always cheerful — always radiant — always loving in her concern for the membership, the Worthy Grand Matron has administered the affairs of our Order with dignity and keen perception. As we enter upon this week of finalizing the business of the year 1977-1978, we do so with grateful hearts that MARY M. BROWN has devoted a year of her life to our betterment. She will now welcome us to HER Session. Worthy Grand Matron.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Patron, the Honorable Governor of Texas, Distinguished Eastern Stars and Masons, our Friends, and our Families.

We have been fully — and sincerely welcomed — not only to our Grand Chapter Session, but to our beautiful State of Texas, as well! And that, by the No. 1 man in our State Government!

Governor Briscoe, how grateful we are to you for sharing this evening with us — and how grateful we are that the leader of our State is a fine Mason (applause). May I say to you and Your lovely wife Janey — how honored I am to be serving in this place so that I might extend to you a very personal welcome — and a heartfelt thank you for lending the dignity and stature of your high office to this occasion.

This is not the first welcome I have received from Governor Briscoe; when we arrived in Sabinal for our School of Instruction, a telegram was awaiting us, welcoming us to the Governor's home County — I was quick to share it with those in attendance at the School.

My personal welcome also to these Masonic leaders. We're honored to have the Grand Master as a member of our Order — and, as I've said on other occasions — to you Masons who are not Eastern Stars, you'd make a fine addition to our membership! (applause)

And to Sister Martha Marie, we are always delighted to have you with us — you represent so many years of leadership among the youth of our State.

To our Distinguished Eastern Star Guests, welcome to this 96th Session in Texas. "Friendships are like heirlooms — to be treasured". We treasure your friendship and hope this time together will strengthen our ties.

All the families and friends of Eastern Stars are genuinely welcomed to this Informal Session — and to the other evening Sessions this week. You add much beauty to our lives, and we're glad to share these hours with you!

And now, to my precious family — “Welcome, my dears, from a heart that is full — full of love and gratefulness that God has blessed my life by giving you to me. May I somehow, someday, repay you for the love and devotion you have given me!

To my Sisters and Brothers in Texas Grand Chapter, from time to time you may hear me refer to this as my Grand Chapter Session; forgive me, it's really yours. I appreciate the privilege of welcoming you to your 96th Session!

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** We now know we are welcome in Texas, welcome to Houston, welcome to the Order, and welcome to the Grand Chapter Annual Session! To respond to these warm welcomes is our delightful Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Rennie Ofton, of San Antonio, Texas.

**Mrs. Rennie Ofton:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, Brother J. Victor Jones, Member of the International Temple Committee, General Grand Chapter and Esteemed Past Grand Patron of Texas.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Governor, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Honorable Governor of Texas, Distinguished Masons, Sisters, Brothers, and Friends.

I believe the sincerity of each welcome extended has reached the hearts of all who are present. It is my honor and pleasure to respond on behalf of each person who is here to enjoy this “For Love’s Sake” 96th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Brother T. L. “Duke” Weaver, our Associate Grand Patron, who is standing by my side, as always, joins in expressing appreciation for this privilege also.

It is a signal honor for this Assembly to have the Honorable Dolph Briscoe, esteemed Governor of Texas, bring words of welcome to our Session. Thank you, Governor Briscoe, for your presence and the good wishes extended to us. We are pleased, also, to have your beautiful Mrs. Briscoe join us this evening.

Brother Gene Belk and other dedicated members of the Executive and Arrangements Committees have shown us they are the epitome of an enthusiastic team, sincerely interested in serving their guests. Thank you, Gene, and all members of both Committees, for all you have done, are doing, and will be doing for each of us during our stay in Houston.

And what a special joy it is to accept the cordial welcome exhibited by the very special Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of District 4, Section 5 — our very own redbirds and cardinals. Thank you so much, dear ones.

Sister Mary Brown and Brother Murray Watson, your courteous and sincere welcome is but a beautiful culmination of all the kindnesses you have extended all this past year. We are grateful for the leadership you have shown and at this time pray for a special blessing from above for you both — every minute of this important time in your lives. Thank you for the love and friendship we are privileged to enjoy with you both, and Doss and Greta.

On behalf of all of you visitors, Duke and I are privileged, indeed, to express sincere appreciation for everything. We are delighted to be here.

Thank you.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** We now ask Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Supreme Faith and Supreme Inspector in Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, to bring greetings. Mrs. Whitfield.

**Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Members and Friends. It is always an honor for me to bring Greetings from the Grand Assembly of Texas, Order of Rainbow for Girls. I do appreciate the courtesy. As adults we are interested in and in many ways responsible for the youth today. As Eastern Stars, possibly our interest should be for Rainbow Girls, the daughters of Masons and Eastern Stars and their friends.

The Founder, the Late Rev. W. Mark Sexson, in our Installation ceremony said, I quote, "Someone is looking to you." So true of any age. Rainbow Girls are not only looking but are being observed and tested. They are aware of the Masons and Eastern Stars who love and care for them and who attend their meetings, bringing in members, and really caring.

The membership has declined and there must be a reason, not just school and outside activities, but lack of interest of girls and adults. Many of our Chapters do not have members who care to give their time and love to the girls or accept them into their Chapters — can you help with the answer? If our Grand Chapter Appointments could let us know of members that they feel are concerned for Today and Tomorrow, we would welcome their help.

To the countless friends who are and have been Rainbow workers — our thanks.

With best of wishes to our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and each of you from every past and present Rainbow girl.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Thank you Mrs. Whitfield. All phases of Masonry have made a terrific impact upon the history of Texas since the days of the Republic.

To greet you at this time is MR. CHARLES W. WESBROOKS, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas. Mr. Wesbrooks.

**Mr. Charles W. Wesbrooks:** Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron. It is indeed that you have honored me tonight to invite me to attend this 96th Session of your annual Eastern Star, and it is a pleasure for me to extend to each of you greetings from the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas. (Applause)

(Mr. J. Victor Jones then called upon Mr. J. W. Wilson, Jr., Most Excellent Grand High Priest; Mr. George E. Hulbert, Most Illustrious Grand Master from the Royal and Select Masters of Texas, and Mr. J. W. Chandler, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the the Scottish Rite Bodies of Texas to bring greetings. There were none present at this time).

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** To extend greetings from all Masons throughout the vast State of Texas — Most Worshipful R. Furman Vinson, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M. Brother Vinson.

**Mr. R. Furman Vinson:** (Audience stood as he approached the podium) Thank you very much. Brother Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Dolph Briscoe, my Sisters and Brothers. Thank you for the privilege of sharing this occasion with you tonight.

First of all, I must say that Beverly sends her highest regards and her deepest regrets. She planned to be here, but her doctor says otherwise. She's had surgery and he has not yet released her.

You know, there is quite a bit of difference between the Panhandle and Houston. Now, if you don't believe it, it was 30° this morning in the Panhandle. It was blowing and raining when I left Lubbock. I had my heater on all the way. I got down here. One of my District Deputies picked me up and we were running the air conditioner.

(Laughter) But Beverly vows she's going with me to Amarillo this weekend. I told this Grand Chapter how to find Amarillo last year. You go to Flomot and go 110 miles north and you'll find Amarillo!

I bring you the sincere fraternal greetings of 225,000 Master Masons of the Grand Lodge of Texas. I don't think any man could serve as Grand Master up to this point without having the fraternalistic feeling towards all the dependent bodies of Masonry. I know I do, and I've been proud of each and every one of the bodies — the Eastern Star and all of the others. The support that I have had has been outstanding.

And while I'm talking about families, I'd like to say this, that we, as Masons, are going to become more and more family-oriented. We are going to have to consider each other in the things that we do. The most visible mark that I will have on this, this year, is a film that is called "This is Freemasonry". I hope shortly after the first of the year that it will be on 16 mm movie film, where it will be available to go out to the Lodges and other bodies that may desire to use it. It will be excellent at open meetings. And I tell you ladies this, because if the Masons in your city don't think about it, you request it.

Now, you all know that Free Masons do not solicit membership. This is by tradition and by rule. This does not mean that we have to keep Masonry within the tiled recesses of the Lodge room or the Chapter room. We can invite our friends, we can invite our families to Masonic meetings, and I think that this is where the future of Freemasonry lays. We must go forward. We can't stay still. And I hope that each of you will join with me in future years in making our Fraternity more and more family oriented.

It's a wonderful occasion to be here with you. You're a wonderful group of people and I thank you all so very much for all the favors you have shown me and Beverly during this past year. Thank you so much. (Applause)

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Queenly, beautiful, dedicated. All the loveliness of the precepts of our Order, as envisioned by our illustrious Founder, are embodied in Mildred Haney Harris, our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron. Mrs. Harris, will you greet us at this time?

**Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris:** I have this honor and pleasure of speaking to you, my beloved Grand Chapter of Texas, through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Brown; and it is good to bring you the greetings of our friends in the General Grand Chapter throughout the world of stardom. It represents more than three million people who are greeting you now through me throughout this world of fellowship.

The General Grand Chapter appreciates the Grand Chapter of Texas and all of its efforts and accomplishments in serving our beautiful Order, world wide. We in Texas strive always to promote its projects for the betterment, happiness, and peace of all mankind.

We have been blest in Texas in this Triennium, by the appointment of four of our greatest leaders to carry out the fine programs of our General Grand Chapter and who lend their charm and ability to its beauty and success. Our love and appreciation:

To Sister Sally Matranga, for the charm and grace she gives to the world through her own beautiful self and as a most accomplished musician.

To our Brother J. Victor Jones, a most able speaker, knowledgeable in fraternal affairs, and a fine Christian gentleman, with the opportunity to tell our Fraternal world how proud we should be to own one of the most beautiful buildings in the City of Washington, our International, Order of the Eastern Star Temple. The abode of kings in days gone by and our own priceless treasure today!

To Sister Ruby Enloe, with her fine ability to study, improve, and perpetuate our ritual the firm foundation of our order of the Eastern Star.

To our Herbert L. Arnold, who will give to General Grand Chapter wisdom, fair judgment, and learning to strengthen the cornerstone of our great Order.

So, for all of this the General Grand Chapter wishes for Texas in its Ninety-Sixth Session, complete harmony, Fraternal love and great accomplishments in their program to benefit man and mankind throughout our great Lone Star State. (Applause)

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Thank you, Mrs. Harris, and I believe that with the clarity with which all of us understood you from that mike, I would recommend to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron that we switch the Grand Chapter room around and legislate from over there! (Applause)

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Sister Mildred Haney Harris, our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, how beautiful you are, and how honored Texas is to have you numbered among its membership. Look around you, Sister Mildred; these are your subjects! We claim you as our "Queen" of Eastern Star — we adore you — we revere you! May our Heavenly Father touch you gently, and bring to your heart the blessings of Peace, such as that you gave to others as you served — nobly and with distinction in our Father's World.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Let's stand and join with the Grand Choir in singing "The Lovliest Night in the Year."

(This beautiful song was rendered by the Choir and joined by the assembly.)

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** The Grand Marshal requests that the Labyrinth Committee remove the Altar so the Grand Family of 1977-1978 might make their "Labor of Love" formation.

(The Altar was removed, and the "Labor of Love" formation, a replica of the Eastern Star Home, was made — to the delight of the membership! In a fitting closing for the formation, the Grand Choir sang the beloved song "Bless this House".)



Labor of Love

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** After Mrs. Mable Stark Harle, our Past Grand Matron, pronounces the Benediction, we will prepare for our Formal Opening which is open to members only. Sister Mable Harle —

### BENEDICTION

**Mrs. Mable Stark Harle:** Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, as we opened this Grand Chapter in thy name, so we close it. Grant that those things which we have done in our Opening may be a foundation for greater things.

May a deep sense of warm fraternalism abound within this Grand Chapter and cause each member to feel a closer bond with Thee and with each other, as we ask for thy continued presence with us and thy divine guidance upon our deliberations.

Help us to use the mistakes of yesterday as steps on which to climb through today to a glorious tomorrow.

Dismiss us now with thy richest benediction; and as we go from this place, may your peace go with us. All this we ask in the Master's Name. Amen

### RECESS

(As the non-members were retiring, beautiful musical selections were rendered by our Grand Organist).

## FORMAL OPENING

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Member of the Ritual Committee of General Grand Chapter, and Brother Herbert Arnold, Member of the Jurisprudence Committee of General Grand Chapter, who will open the Formal Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

### CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Ritual Committee, General Grand Chapter  
Mr. Herbert Arnold, Jurisprudence Committee, General Grand Chapter

**Mrs. Ruby Enloe:** Thank you, Brother Victor. I now call the Formal Opening of the 96th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas to Order.

Brother Herb Arnold, member of Jurisprudence, General Grand Chapter, Sisters and Brothers of our beloved Texas Grand Chapter, and our Distinguished Guests. Words are inadequate to express my deep appreciation to our lovely Worthy Grand Matron for bestowing this honor on Brother Herb and me in allowing us to Call this 96th Session to Order in its Formal Opening. This Grand Chapter of 1978 has been appropriately called "For Love's Sake". May we let the spirit of Godly love prevail throughout this week so that much great work can be accomplished.

How good it is to greet Eastern Star members from every Chapter in our State, as well as members from other states in our Great United States. May you at all times feel at ease and a part of our Session. To our most Distinguished Guest, we bid you welcome to our feast of love. You have honored us with your presence. May we honor you with our warm welcome and good wishes for a pleasant, comfortable visit with our Grand Chapter.

Brother Arnold, I would say thank you for sharing this special event with me. Your devotion to our Order has always been an inspiration to me. And now, dear Herb, may we hear from you.

**Mr. Herbert L. Arnold:** Thank you very much, Sister Ruby. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests all, my Sisters and Brothers. It is a special privilege and honor to welcome you to our "For Love's Sake" 96th Grand Chapter Session, along with Sister Ruby Enloe, whom I have admired for many years. Sister Ruby constituted my own Chapter, Richland Hills, when she was Worthy Grand Matron. Our friendship has grown through the years, and now that we are both serving General Grand Chapter, my respect for her dedicated service has grown as well.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, your year was dedicated to walking together by all the membership, always looking upward, climbing upward and onward and it has been an inspiration to us. As you now come to the completion of your year of leadership, this Star you set our sights on has guided us to greater service. That Star still shines and is much brighter because you have pointed the way. I thank you for this honor tonight for opening the 96th Session of Grand Chapter and wish for you God's richest blessings.

Thank you Sister Ruby for sharing the East with you this evening.

**Mrs. Ruby Enloe:** Thank you, Brother Herb, for those warm and inspiring remarks. Now, let us move on to the highlight of this occasion. The Bible tells us there is a time for everything and so it is — it is now time to present to you two of Grand Chapter's brightest Stars. These remarkable, beautiful people have made outstanding contributions to the cause of our great Order and they have come to give us an account of their year's work. My heart is overflowing with admiration and love as I present to you our sweet, intelligent Mary Brown, Worthy Grand Matron, and handsome, capable Murray Watson, Jr., Worthy Grand Patron, at this Formal Opening "For Love's Sake" Session, 1978.

At this time may we have a partial report from the Credentials Committee Chairman, Sister Hazel McGhee.

### PARTIAL REPORT — CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

**Mrs. Hazel McGhee:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Officers, Distinguished Guest, Sisters and Brothers. It is with pleasure that I report we have representatives of more than 200 subordinate chapters in attendance at this Grand Chapter Session. This constitutes a quorum to open this Grand Chapter for the transaction of business.

Respectfully submitted, Hazel McGhee, Chairman Credentials Committee.

**Mrs. Ruby Enloe:** Thank you, Sister Hazel. Sister Grand Marshal, you will invite the Grand Officers and Personal Pages to enter the Grand Chapter room and present their "Trophies of Love" Drill.

### TROPHIES OF LOVE FORMATION

(The Lady Floor Officers in their soft flowing gowns of beige, adorned by a single pink rose, and the Gentlemen in their brown tuxedos entered the Grand Chapter Room accompanied by their Personal Pages. The formals of the Pages were in a soft shade of pink with pleated skirts and a bodice with a cowl neck.

Several most pleasant formations were executed, culminating with the participants receiving a bouquet of red and pink roses in the west, then marching to the East and forming a Cross between the East and the Altar. While they stood in the Cross formation, the Grand Choir sang "THE OLD RUGGED CROSS". When the phrase "my trophies at last I lay down" was reached, all gracefully knelt and laid down their bouquets upon the Grand Chapter floor and in drill formation

retired from the Grand Chapter room. This impressive Cross of Roses, heightened by the soft green of the carpet upon which it rested, remained upon the Grand Chapter floor as a constant reminder to those in attendance of the true meaning of "Serving for Love's Sake")



Floor Officers and Personal Pages forming the cross of roses in their "Trophies of Love" Drill

**Mrs. Ruby Enloe:** Will the Labyrinth Committee please set up the Labyrinth.

(The Labyrinth was set up)

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, the Credentials Committee has reported a quorum and all things are now in readiness for you to ceremonially open this 96th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, the "For LOVE'S Sake" Session.

(The Worthy Grand Patron stepped to the Podium and began the Ceremonial Opening of the Grand Chapter Session)

## INTRODUCTIONS

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the elective and installed Floor officers of the General Grand Chapter at the Altar. (They were presented at the Altar).

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Sister Josephine Ruhsam, how delighted we are to welcome you again in Texas. And Sister Sally, our very own, what a joy you bring to our heart each time you are with us. Sister Maxine and Sister Blanche, you have brought love to this Session by your presence this evening.





General Grand Chapter Floor Officers

It has been said "Your friend is your needs answered. He is your field which you sow with love and reap with thanksgiving, and he is your board and your fireside. For you come to him in your hunger and you seek him for peace." You are our friends. We have sown our love in the fertile fields of your hearts and we're reaping the thanksgiving, the harvest of your presence, at this "For Love's Sake" Session.

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

(As they were escorted to the East, the membership was called up and they were given a hearty welcome.)

Sisters and Brothers, it is with much pleasure that I introduce to you Sister Josephine Ruhsam, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress; Sister Sally Matranga, Worthy Grand Organist; Sister Maxine Flint Justice, Worthy Grand Adah; and Sister Ruth Blanche Shaw, Worthy Grand Ruth, of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join with me in saluting them with Grand Honors.

(The membership was seated and the Grand Conductresses returned to the West.)

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Committee members of General Grand Chapter at the Altar. (They were presented at the Altar.)

**Worthy Grand Matron:** My dear ones, Robert Bridges gave the definition "Friendship is loving rather than being loved" — this is so expressive of you. Yours is the outpouring of loving service to others. You have learned well the Scripture, "It is more blessed to give than to receive". And, just as the outgoing tide returns to the ocean sun,

so the gift of outgoing friendship returns back to the giver. As you have gone about serving others, you have gained countless friends and we're deeply honored to be numbered among them.



Committee Members of General Grand Chapter

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Distinguished General Grand Chapter Officers to the East.

(As they were escorted to the East the membership was called up and they were given a hearty welcome.)

Sisters and Brothers, it is with much pleasure and pride that I introduce to you Sister Ruby Enloe, Ritual Committee; Sister Stella Pollock, Peace Garden Chapel Committee; Sister Maxine Simmons, Cancer Research Committee; Brother Herbert L. Arnold, Jurisprudence Committee; Brother Eugene Hedgepeth, International Temple Committee; Brother O. W. "Bill" Diederich, 1979 Triennium Committee; and our own Brother J. Victor Jones, International Temple Committee, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join with me in saluting them with Grand Honors.

(The membership was seated and the Grand Conductresses returned to the West.)

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.

There are none. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** God never loved me in so sweet a way before. 'Tis He alone can such blessings send. And when His love with new expression finds, He brought

Thee to me, and He said "Behold a friend". God has shown his love for me by giving me you to walk by my side as I have served in my beautiful Texas. Getting to know you has been one of the true rewards of service.



Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions

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

(As they were escorted to the East, the membership was called up and they were given a hearty welcome.)

Sisters and Brothers, it is with much pleasure that I introduce to you Sister Helen Mitchell, Past Grand Matron, Indiana; Sister Johnnie Richardson, Past Grand Matron, Mississippi; Sister Pat Bradshaw, Immediate Past Grand Matron, New Mexico; Sister Emma Lou Johnson, Past Grand Matron, North Carolina; Sister Irene Walker, Past Grand Matron, North Carolina; Sister Blanch Laswell, Past Grand Matron, New Mexico; Brother Ray Baker, Past Grand Patron, South Dakota; Brother Ray Osborne, Past Grand Patron, Tennessee, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in saluting them with Grand Honors.

(The membership was seated and the Grand Conductresses returned to the West.)

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the beloved Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas at the Altar. (They were presented at the Altar.)

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, what a joy was yours as you escorted these precious ones to our Sacred Altar. Welcome to this, your 96th Grand Chapter Session of Texas, and thank you, my friends, for the heritage you have given us.

I never came to you, my friend,  
And went away without  
Some new enrichment of the heart;

More courage for the days ahead,  
And often in great need  
Coming to you, I went away  
Comforted, indeed.

How can I find the shining words  
The glowing phrase that tells  
All that your love has meant to me,  
All that your friendship spells?

There is no word, no phrase for you  
On whom I so depend,  
All I can say to you is this:  
"God bless you, precious friend!"



#### Beloved Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these beloved ones to the East.

(As they were escorted to the East, the membership was called up and they were given a hearty welcome.)

Sisters and Brothers, it is with much humility that I stand before you as Worthy Grand Matron and yet with great pride at the privilege of introducing these beloved Past Grands of Texas:

Sister Viva S. Huffman;  
Sister Lillian Barnard Parker;  
Sister Lallah Mae Vollus;  
Sister Mildred Garlitz;

Sister Mary Ella Schoverling;  
Sister Eunice Connell;  
Sister Lois Burnett;  
Sister Katherine Poulis;

Sister Mary Katherine Smith;  
 Sister Agnes Lee Howard;  
 Sister Thelma McReynolds Chandler;  
 Sister Amy Goebel;  
 Sister Edna Earl Duke;  
 Sister Nancy Bailey Allen;  
 Sister Frances Key Herrin;  
 Sister Aliene Houston;  
 Sister Doris Easterling;  
 Sister Joyce Roberts, Past Grand Matrons, and

Brother Charles E. Bairfield;  
 Brother Gerald C. Allen;  
 Doctor James H. Goettee;  
 Brother J. T. Sanders;  
 Brother Richard T. Porter;  
 Brother Harold Todd;  
 Brother C. A. "Bill" Holmes;  
 Brother Paul Huffhines;  
 Rev. O. D. Christian;  
 Brother J. Perry Smithwick,

Past Grand Patrons, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

You will join with me in saluting them with Grand Honors.

(The membership was seated and the Grand Conductresses returned to the West.)

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Floor Officers and Elected Boards of other Grand Jurisdictions back of Esther's station. (They were presented.)

**Worthy Grand Matron:** My Sisters, how good it is to welcome you to Texas, where we serve together "For Love's Sake." You are serving your Grand Jurisdictions in high places and no doubt your hours are filled with plans, not only for today but for tomorrow as well. We are very pleased that you took the time to share these moments with us and we wish for you rewarding experiences as your service continues.

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

(As they were escorted to the East, the membership was called up and they were given a hearty welcome.)

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

Sister Jeanne Beck, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Kansas;  
 Sister Lenore Bergman, Grand Conductress, Grand Chapter of North Dakota;  
 Sister Jerry Ray, Grand Marshal, Grand Chapter of Mississippi;  
 Sister Lottie Buehler, Grand Warder, Grand Chapter of Kansas; and  
 Sister Gloria Davis, Grand Warder, Grand Chapter of Louisiana, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in giving them a hearty welcome to Texas. (Applause.)

(The membership was seated and the Grand Conductresses returned to the West.)

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the visiting Grand Representatives at the Altar. (They were presented at the Altar.)

**Worthy Grand Matron:** My friends, you are the ambassadors who carry the story of loving service from one Grand Jurisdiction to another.

Those of you who represent our Grand Texas have brought a special pleasure by your presence and we sincerely hope our actions will tell you just how welcome you are. And to those who represent other Grand Jurisdictions, thank you for thinking of us, for coming our way. Our fireside always glows brighter when friends gather 'round the board.

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

(As they were escorted to the East, the membership was called up and they were given a hearty welcome.)

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

Sister Marie Roberts, Grand Representative of Texas in Arizona;  
 Sister Irene R. Morrison, Grand Representative of Oklahoma in California;  
 Sister Harriet Durand, Texas in Colorado;  
 Sister Mary Maus, Texas in Indiana;  
 Sister Norma McCanon, Nova Scotia in Kansas;  
 Sister Joan Mylee, Texas in Kansas;  
 Sister Cleo Loving, Iowa in Louisiana;  
 Sister Doris Stewart, Texas in Maryland;  
 Sister Evalyn Cooksey, South Carolina in Louisiana;  
 Sister Evelyn Stewart, Texas in Massachusetts;  
 Sister Joyce Montieth, Texas in Michigan;  
 Sister Rosalyn Craig, Alabama in Mississippi;  
 Sister Mary Kersh, Texas in Mississippi;  
 Sister Cubie Hedgepeth, Oregon in Mississippi;  
 Sister Ellen Wallace, Texas in Missouri;  
 Sister Alice Brown, Texas in New Jersey;  
 Brother Raymond Johnson, Arkansas in North Carolina;  
 Brother Joel Walker, Texas in North Carolina;  
 Sister Alma Perry, Texas in Ontario;  
 Sister Isabella Belamy, Texas in Saskatchewan;  
 Sister Helen Baker, Texas in South Dakota;  
 Sister Theira Flood, Florida in Tennessee;  
 Sister Louise Osborn, Texas in Tennessee;  
 Sister Frances Riley, Texas in Washington;  
 Sister Lucille Miller, Montana in Washington;  
 Sister Phyllis Bunner, Texas in West Virginia; and  
 Brother George Notman, Texas in Wisconsin,

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

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, our Grand Representatives would like to be escorted back to their seats.

(The membership was seated, the Grand Representatives were escorted to their seats, and the Grand Conductresses returned to the west.)

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present at the Altar our Grand Representatives who are members of our Texas Grand Chapter. (They were presented.)

**Worthy Grand Matron:** My dear ones, a very special "thank you" for the outstanding work you are doing in making our Distinguished Guests KNOW how welcome they are. And now I say to you, Welcome to your Session! John Ruskin has said, "It is a good and safe rule to sojourn in every place as if you meant to spend your life there, never omitting an opportunity of doing a kindness, or speaking a true word, or making a friend". As you travel to the Grand Jurisdictions which you represent, you are also representatives of our Texas. We have had glowing reports regarding your visits, and we are justly proud of you!



Texas members serving as Representative of other Grand Jurisdictions

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

(As they were escorted to the East, the membership was called up and they were given a hearty welcome.)

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

Sister Ruth Deacon, Grand Representative of Alberta to Texas;  
 Brother Jewett Enloe, Arizona;  
 Sister Barbara Guthrie, Arkansas;  
 Sister Mozelle Baker, British Columbia;  
 Sister Kate Clay, Colorado;  
 Sister Ruth Palmer, Connecticut;  
 Sister Mildred Brenner, District of Columbia;  
 Sister Lela Ard, Georgia;  
 Sister Eula Reed, Idaho;  
 Sister Alice Mathews, Indiana;  
 Sister Jocie Jones, Iowa;  
 Sister Helen Smithwick, Kentucky;  
 Sister Opal Lee Kelly, Louisiana;  
 Sister Fae Holmes, Maryland;  
 Sister Josephine Turner, Massachusetts;  
 Sister Lillie May Thomas, Michigan;  
 Sister Fannie Mae Fox, Mississippi;  
 Sister Ann Strobl, Missouri;  
 Sister Frances Christian, Nebraska;  
 Sister Cassie Sligar, New Hampshire;  
 Sister Mattie Bachus, New Jersey;  
 Sister Mary Horton, New York;  
 Sister Corine Clayton, North Carolina;  
 Sister Matilda Strunk, Ontario;  
 Sister Isabella Sellers, Pennsylvania;

Sister Juanita McFarland, Puerto Rico;  
 Sister Dorothy Dickson, Scotland;  
 Sister Gladys Dupree, South Carolina;  
 Sister Mary Sue Fox, South Dakota;  
 Brother Dave Henry, Maine;  
 Sister Oleta Domes, Kansas; and  
 Sister Cleo Jackson, Saskatchewan,

Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

Sisters and Brothers you will join with me in saluting them with Grand Honors.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be escorted back to their seats.

(The membership was seated and the Distinguished Members were escorted back to their seats.)

Are the presiding officers of our Masonic Bodies still with us? (Masonic leaders had evidently retired)

Is Sister Martha Marie Whitfield still with us? Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present Sister Martha Marie Whitfield back of Esther's station. (She was presented)

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Sister Martha Marie, my friend of many years, welcome to another Session of your Grand Chapter. We are all indebted to you for the years you have devoted to training our daughters in the beautiful principles of the Order of Rainbow. May the years ahead hold for you the same beauty you have added to the lives of these young girls.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort Sister Martha Marie Whitfield to the East.

(As she was escorted to the East, the membership was called up and she was given a hearty welcome.)

Sisters and Brothers, it is with much pride that I introduce to you Sister Martha Marie Whitfield, Supreme Faith and Supreme Inspector in Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Please join with me in giving her a very hearty welcome. (Applause)

We have on the stage with us a very delightful and charming young lady with whom I have worked these past four years and whom I have come to love as my very own, Mrs. Pat Bradshaw, Junior Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, who will respond to the Welcomes. Sister Pat.

**Mrs. Pat Bradshaw:** Thank you, Mary. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my dear Sisters and Brothers. Hello, Texas! I am glad to be with you. On behalf of your Distinguished Guests, I wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for your kind words of welcome and for the many courtesies that you have extended to us, all of you Texas folks. We look forward to returning to this great Lone Star State of yours and we'll carry home with us happy memories of walking hand in hand "For Love's Sake."

How blessed you have been, my friends, to have such a grand, gracious lady serve as your Worthy Grand Matron this year. Why, I'll never forget a meeting with your lovely, vivacious Mary, a number of years ago. There seemed to be an immediate warmth between us and a lasting friendship has grown. I thank you so much, Mary, for responding for this group and we wish for you and Brother, Murray, a Session of love,



joy, and happiness. And your Distinguished Guests would like to leave you with this little thought: Sisters and Brothers, with each rising sun, think of your life as just beginning. Show kindness and love today, for tomorrow's chance may be lost.

We love you, Texas, and we thank you for everything. And the distinguished guests have just a little bit of love for your Worthy Grand Matron and Patron and we love them too.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you, my precious friend. You know that it added a special meaning to have you do this for us. Thank you.

## FILLING OF VACANCIES

**Worthy Grand Matron:** We will now have the filling of the vacancies on committees.

We have one member who could not be present on the Registration Committee from District 2. I am going to ask Brother Edward Meckley of Tascosa to serve on the Registration Committee for this Grand Chapter Session.

We also need a member of Transportation and Mileage and I have asked Brother Floyd Green to serve on this Committee for the remainder of this Grand Chapter Session representing District 1.

We have had two — well, one illness and one accident, that will deprive us of members that are needed at this Session. So, I have asked Sister Edwina Cage to serve as the District 2 member of Welfare, receiving all those contributions of Legacy of Love that I know will come pouring in she can count the mileage checks that are going to be turned in!

On our Time and Talent Committee, Sister Sarah Coursey will be the acting Chairman of that Committee in place of Sister Nellie Sowell.

I have also asked Sister Thelma Joyce Alsup to serve on the Telegram Committee. She is not here this evening. I'm assuming that she is going to serve in that place; I have written to her. If we hear differently, we will appoint someone else later.

There is one thing, Sisters and Brothers, I caution you about. In the morning we will begin our business Session and you'd better get here early if you want to participate in business, because Brother Murray says he isn't going to read his report and I'm not going to read mine — only the supplemental report which is not printed in the Advance Report. We hope to get into business quickly. Also, I have been asked to again remind you — throughout the year as we traveled, I cautioned the Chapter representatives — those of you who receive mileage, if you do not pick up your credentials before the close of the Tuesday morning Session, your mileage check will be removed, for our Constitution requires that you attend all business Sessions to be eligible. Now, we do not know what you are going to do after you get that money, but if you do not pick it up before 12:00 noon, we know you cannot possibly have attended all business Sessions.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, I have another little chore for you, if we can find him. Will you present Brother Doss Brown back of Esther's station.

Brother Doss — I am sure all of you know he is my husband, but he's also my Brother — what a joy is mine tonight to recognize the fine work, the sacrifice, the many hours of service that you have given to this Grand Chapter, not only in your Subordinate Chapter but in assisting the Worthy Grand Matron. This is one of the privileges granted to the Worthy Grand Matron.

“TO THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, GREETINGS:

“Whereas the Grand Chapter, order of the Eastern Star of Tennessee and the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Texas, seeking to promote fraternal relations between Grand Jurisdictions and believing that the ties of affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of the Order promoted, its unity and strength be protected and its utility and honor confirmed by the appointment and reception of Grand Representatives from each of the aforesaid Grand Chapters to the other, therefore,

“Be it known that as evidence of our trust and confidence, we, by these presence, do constitute and appoint MR. FRANK DOSS BROWN, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee near the Grand Chapter of Texas.”

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort Brother Doss Brown to the East. (As he was escorted to the East, the membership applauded.)

Doss, as I always tell those to whom I present these Commissions I won't try to pin the pin on your shoulder, but I know you will wear it in the manner that all of Texas will be proud of you! It is my pleasure to hand you your Commission; therefore, you are now the Grand Representative of Tennessee near the Grand Chapter of Texas. I so introduce you and I ask this membership to join with me in according you Grand Honors. (Applause)

Thank you, my sweet friends, for according me this courtesy.

We will now receive the Benediction in song by our Grand Choir.

**BENEDICTION**

(The Grand Choir rendered reverently “I'll Tell the World That I'm a Christian”)

Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter Session from Labor to Rest until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday morning.

(The Formal Opening was declared closed at 11:10 p.m.)

**TUESDAY MORNING  
October 24, 1978  
8:45 a.m.**

Musical Selections .....Mrs. Mildred Priddy

(As the membership gathered they enjoyed musical selections rendered by Mrs. Mildred Priddy at the piano)

**PROCESSIONAL**

Mrs. Amy Goebel, Past Grand Matron  
Escorted by Dr. James H. Goettee, Past Grand Patron

Mrs. Lillian B. Parker, Past Grand Matron  
Escorted by Col. Stanton C. Parker

Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Past Grand Matron  
Escorted by Mr. Paul Compton

Mr. J. Perry Smithwick, Past Grand Patron  
Escorted by Mrs. Helen Dupree

## CALL TO ORDER 9:00 A.M.

**Mrs. Amy Goebel:** Good morning, my Sisters and Brothers! It is a special privilege and pleasure for me to greet you this morning, along with the one who served with me, Dr. James H. Goettee, and we both extend to each of you a warm welcome to the Tuesday morning Session of the 96th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, the "For Love's Sake" Session.

We were thrilled and inspired last evening by the beautiful Informal Opening. The pageantry and the beauty of the decorations were an inspiration to all. Many of you are here for the first time, and I extend to you a special welcome. To our out-of-state guests who have traveled many miles to get here to be with us this week, we are delighted that you have come. We hope that you will take home with you our deepest appreciation for your presence, that you will make new friends, and will plan to attend our Grand Chapter Session each year.

We will now enjoy a special drill, "Trophies of Love" Drill, by the Floor Officers and their Personal Pages. The Drill will be directed by the Grand Marshal, Sister Jerry Miller.

(The Grand Chapter again enjoyed the presentation of the "Trophies of Love" Drill by the Grand Officers and their Personal Pages — the Floor Officers being in "day dresses" of an earth tone and pink print on off white and the Personal Pages in short pink dresses. The same inspiring effect of the Drill was experienced by the membership as in the presentation of the evening before.)

Sisters and Brothers, you will join with me in expressing appreciation for this beautiful drill.

Will the Labyrinth Committee please set up the Labyrinth at this time.

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

(The Grand Officers entered)

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 special pride and pleasure that I present to you the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Brown, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Murray Watson, Jr., Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors.

The Grand Officers will take their respective stations.

At this time our beloved Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Lillian Parker, will bring the Devotional.

## DEVOTIONAL

**Mrs. Lillian B. Parker:** For this Tuesday morning Devotional of the For Love's Sake Session, let us discuss love. The perfect exercise of love includes our whole duty to God and our fellow creatures. The Son of God is the special object of Divine love. God's love for us is manifested in Jesus Christ, who died to save the world; Christ's love in his

willingness to be sacrificed for sinners. Therefore, let us recall a few passages from the Holy Bible on certain aspects of love.

What should be our first love is stated in Deuteronomy: "What doth the Lord Thy God require of Thee, but to fear the Lord Thy God and to walk in all His ways, and to love Him and to serve Him with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength."

Love is also a command. Mark quotes Jesus as saying, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength." In Leviticus of the Old Testament, we find, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self".

Love is a proof of discipleship. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, that you have love one to another . . . Beloved, let us love one another . . ."

In John 15:13 we find the largest expression of love: "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." First John 4:20 also warns us, "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is not of God." And in the same chapter, goes on to say, "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God, and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifest the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His son to save us from our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love: and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him.

"Wherein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. We love him because he first loved us.

"If a man say, I love God and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen. And this commandment we have from Him. That he who loveth God loveth his brother."

We recall these passages from the Holy Scriptures in this FOR LOVE'S SAKE Session that we may continue to love one another.

**Mrs. Amy Goebel:** We will now be favored with a song, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" by the Grand Choir.

("My Faith Looks Up to Thee" was rendered by the Grand Choir — the declaration of the Grand Chapter as they face the Tuesday business session to follow)

That we may be ever mindful of the touch of the Master's hand, and of his steadfast love, let us pause for the invocation. I am happy to present Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Past Grand Matron, who will give the invocation.

## INVOCATION

**Mrs. Joyce Roberts:** Dear Lord and Maker of all Mankind, Creator of Life and the Reason for our Love of Life.

Look down upon us with compassion and understanding. Give us strength to do Thy work well, and guide our minds into the paths of righteousness and forbearance, one toward the other, that our labors here will be looked upon with favor in Your eyes, and the eyes of Man.

Fill our hearts and minds with an awareness of the needs of others that we may strive to fulfill their desires with acts of kindness and consideration. Help us to make decisions that will benefit all, and that will generate a feeling of unity and fellowship to bind us together in bonds of friendship and love.

Bless us, O Lord, and stand among us.

These things we pray, in Thy Holy Name. Amen

**Mrs. Amy Goebel:** Grand Warder, you will see that the doors to our Grand Chapter are secure and inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter from Rest to Labor and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

(Grand Chapter was called from Rest to Labor in ceremonial form)

Worthy Grand Matron, I am truly grateful to you for the privilege of calling to order this Tuesday Morning Session of the "For Love's Sake" Session of this Grand Chapter. This will be the culmination of all your plans and dreams for this year. I know that the Great Master's hand has been your guide, as you have led the members of the Eastern Star through an interesting and successful year. You have exemplified the true meaning of your Motto — "Through Love Serving Others." Your unwavering Christian Spirit, your patience, love; and kindness, have endeared you to the hearts of all the members. May this Grand Chapter Session be a very satisfying close to a year of great achievement, and may it leave with you precious memories to cherish always.

Worthy Grand Patron, I have watched you with special pride this year. The ability to hear what another is trying to say — that intuition to really know what is being said, and the gift of an understanding heart is yours. Like Solomon, perhaps the greatest gift for which we could ask is for an understanding heart. You have that perfect gift to give to anyone whose life touches yours. You have brought to the office of Worthy Grand Patron every quality which could be desired by one who attained this high office. You have stood proud, yet humble, and your integrity, Spiritual leadership, honesty, and genuine concern for others, has been an inspiration to the members, and has given them a feeling of renewed confidence.

Dr. Goettee, it has indeed been a pleasure and honor to have my own Worthy Grand Patron, Dr. James H. Goettee, here in the East with me. I am sure that he wants to speak to you now. Dr. Goettee.

**Dr. James H. Goettee:** Thank you, Sister Amy Goebel. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Other Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. This is a special privilege to greet you on this beautiful morning of the 96th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. I consider it a signal honor to have the privilege of presiding in the East with my own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Amy Goebel. This brings back many pleasant memories. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Brown, for asking me to join Sister Amy Goebel in Opening this Tuesday morning "For Love's Sake" Grand Chapter Session.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Brown, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Murray Watson, Jr., your year of service to Grand Chapter as our leaders has been a credit to our Order and to each of you. May this Grand Chapter Session, when completed, be a pleasant memory for each of you always.

**Mrs. Amy Goebel:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure and pride that I present to you your gavel, with the earnest hope that the sound of it will herald the building of a greater tomorrow through the efforts of the members this year, under your leadership.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** To my two precious friends, Sister Amy Goebel and Dr. James H. Goettee, how deeply we appreciate your calling to order this first business session of our Grand Chapter. You have a very special place in my life for it was through your request that I was privileged to serve my District as District Deputy Grand Matron. I knew you and loved you before then, but I came to know and appreciate you even more and to know the fine examples both of you are as Eastern Stars. May God bless you for the influence you have had on this Grand Chapter and my very special thank you for this particular service this morning.

May I make an announcement? Will Alberta Mann and Mr. Pickett come to the foyer.

Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to express your appreciation to these fine loved ones of ours?

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Past Grand Matron, Sister Amy Goebel, and Past Grand Patron, Dr. James H. Goettee, how pleased I am that you could call this session to order. I have known Sister Amy for a long time while I have just within the past few years had the opportunity of knowing Dr. and Mrs. Goettee. I don't know of more genuine and truer friends than the Goebels and Goettees.

In the history of our Order, the record of accomplishments of Christian leaders and their many influences and incentives drives each and every one of us on to a fuller accomplishment of the purposes for which we were organized. The path that you have left for those who have followed has been well trodden and planned and given us a sense of direction and meaning to our lives.

As my journey over this path is coming to a close, I realize how good it is to have you for my friends — how good it is for a sojourner on the Road of Life to have a Guide to follow and a path that is well trodden and well marked, if we are to walk onward in doing the work for our God.

Thank both of you for your confidence, for your loyalty, for your kind and considerate assistance, and for all your encouragement and praise that you have given to me and to Greta throughout this year. With your distinguished qualities of character and dignity, you have both served the Order well — both in the past and continued into the present — and I know, on into the future. May our Heavenly Father continue to bless both of you, our Leaders of Yesterday and Today. Thank you for calling this Tuesday morning of the 96th Session, "For Love's Sake Session", to Order.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** A special thank you to our precious friend, Sister Lillian Barnard Parker, for that inspiring devotional; and to you, Sister Joyce, thank you for leading us in prayer to the throne of God, and to Brother J. Perry Smithwick, may I say now, we appreciate your willingness to dismiss us at noon.

To my previous friends who opened the Session last evening, Sister Sally Matranga and Brother Richard T. Porter — thank you for calling to Order the Informal Session. To Brother J. Victor Jones, our delightful Master of Ceremonies for the Informal Opening last evening — in addition to your presiding in your usual charming manner, there are many things for which we should thank you — the updating of our Historical Highlights, overseeing the printing of our beautiful programs for our Installation as well as for this 96th Session, the wise counsel you have provided at any hour of the night or day as Chairman of our Jurisprudence Committee, and especially for the sincere friendship you freely gave. Brother Murray loved you first because he was a Jones Boy, but I'm a Jones Girl by marriage — you're married to a girl I love — Jocie! To our precious Viva — and I do not know if she is here this morning but may God bless her in a very special way — both Sister Viva and Sister Mildred Haney Harris. Let us each pray that God will add strength to these fine, noble ladies, who are such outstanding examples of the principles of our Order. Sister Viva's favorite charge is that of the Associate Grand Matron, wherein she states that the "principles

of our Order should shine with undiminished lustre through our lives" — and it does in the lives of both of these beautiful ladies. I know that all of you will join with me in a prayer that God will treat them tenderly and gently and add strength that they might enjoy this Session as we enjoy them.

To Sister Ruby Enloe and Brother Herbert L. Arnold — my deepest appreciation to these fine leaders for having Called to Order our Formal Opening last evening. Sister Ruby gave me my very first appointment in Grand Chapter, so whatever I am today, she's to blame for it! So if there is something I do that I should not, would you go and tell Ruby — "Ruby, you should never have gotten this lady started." Thank you, my dear friend! To Herbert L. Arnold — Herbert knows the place he has in my heart, for he knows our experiences when he was serving on the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences and how he came to my aid in honoring my precious friend and your Past Grand Matron, Sister Norton B. Wellborn, and for his service in that capacity, I shall always love Herb.

I trust I have not overlooked someone — I am not looking at a program, but if your name has not been called, please know that we acknowledge your service last evening with very grateful appreciation. Thank you, Grand Choir, for adding much to our Session! I believe those mikes have been turned on, because you came forth better this morning, with more volume. I knew we had beautiful music, but I couldn't hear it as I wanted to last evening.

I wonder if there are those Distinguished Members present who have not been introduced.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Past Grand Matron at the Altar. We'll take that Past Grand Patron, too.

While they are being escorted to the Altar, may I share with you this bit of information. This morning's session was Called to Order with the gavel of the Worthy Grand Matron of Indiana, and I have just given that gavel to my Pages. It will be leaving with their Grand Representative shortly as she wings her way back to Indiana. I hope that she will express to her Worthy Grand Matron our deepest pleasure in Calling to Order this Session with her gavel.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** My precious friends, how pleased I am to welcome you to this "For Love's Sake" Grand Chapter Session. I know that each of you is a fine example of love and I know that within my heart is a deep appreciation of the fine qualities that each of you exhibit in your lives. Our Grand Chapter Session will be made more meaningful for all this great membership of Texas because you are here. Welcome to your own 96th Session. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron to the East.

(Amid applause they were brought to the East).

Sisters and Brothers, it is with great pride that I introduce to you Sister Thelma Joyce Alsup, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Hal Burnett, Past Grand Patron, of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join with me in saluting them with Grand Honors.

You know, if Brother Hal just had time, he would sing us a song, wouldn't you, Brother Hal? And I'd sing with you as we did in Alpine!

Worthy Grand Patron, I am going to ask you to preside while I present my report.

(The Worthy Grand Patron stepped to the podium and recognized the Worthy Grand Matron)

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Good morning, my beloved Sisters and Brothers. We have gotten off to a beautiful start with our Grand Chapter Session and I'm not going to ruin it by reading a long report. you have a copy of my report in the Advance Annual Report and I shall merely read to you an accounting of my actions since that report was turned in, or items I overlooked. I have addressed myself to some of you personally and I do hope you will read my report for I meant each word I wrote. Time and space would not allow my expression of appreciation to every one, but let's pretend, my dear ones, that I am talking to you, individually, when I say this has been a beautiful year in my life and I owe it all to you.

As the Apostle Paul said in his letter to the Phillipians, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you. Being confident of this very thing that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." May God's love surround you and keep you daily in His embrace.

## **WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

Due to the death of our Grand Sentinel, Brother W. Kendall Baker, another was selected to fill this very important office.

On August 7, 1978 at the Stated Meeting of Southside Chapter No. 673, Mr. Maxwell M. Sanderford was installed as Grand Sentinel, in an impressive, yet abbreviated ceremony with Past Grand Matrons Mrs. Aliene Houston and Mrs. Lois Burnett serving as Installing Grand Chaplain and Installing Grand Marshal, respectively, and the Worthy Grand Matron serving as Installing Grand Officer. Mrs. Irene Barclay, Organist for Southside Chapter No. 673, served as Installing Grand Organist. We are indebted to the membership of this fine Chapter for sharing their Stated Meeting with us that this business of Grand Chapter might be consummated.

Additional honors I received was an Honorary Citizenship of Amarillo; a tea given by the Grand Officers of Bryan No. 222. This morning I was given an Honorary membership to the Grand Representatives Club, and I also received a Certificate from the Secretary of State of West Virginia.

We did not have the report of the By-Laws Committee last evening as planned; thus, I must read the By-Laws approved since my Advance Report was turned in.

(Read, but for listing, refer to By-Laws Committee Report)

### **SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS**

Following is a listing of additional Special Dispensations granted, and a listing of those that were not granted throughout the year:

#### **Granted for Reasons Indicated —**

**Moving the place of the Meeting —** Winnie No. 160 and San Benito No. 565

**For the election of one or more of the six elective officers, excluding the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, due to unfilled stations or to replace officers unable to serve because of illness or moving away —** El Paso No. 4, La Porte No. 683, Texas No. 35, Burke No. 1098, Midland No. 253, Corpus Christi No. 354, San Angelo No. 10, Nederland No. 1079, Valley High No. 1104, University No. 1082, Laura B. Hart No. 1019, Austin No. 304, Rob Morris No. 759, Alamo No. 665, and Lakeside No. 1054.

**Replacement of Secret Work and/or Diagram of the Labyrinth —** Spur No. 164, Smithville No. 39, Huntsville No. 240, and Garden City No. 143.



**Not Granted for Reasons Indicated (Fees returned):**

**Participate in Joint Fraternal Visit** — Not required for individual Chapters on School Schedule; Worthy Grand Matron provided without fee — Midland No. 253, Crane No. 816, Ysleta No. 991, and Andrews No. 849 (Andrews requested in lieu of Stated Meeting, which was covered by Amendment in El Paso).

**Install Officers after regular Installation** — We have no law covering this — Muleshoe No. 792 and Seguin No. 555.

**Replace Worn Copies of the Secret Work** — Our Laws provide for replacement of lost or destroyed copies by Special Dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron; however, the Grand Secretary will exchange a new copy for a worn copy without Special Dispensation and for a nominal fee — Kerrville No. 24.

**Joint Meeting to Honor the Associate Grand Matron** — The Joint Meeting covered in our Laws, Article 308, refers to the visit of the Worthy Grand Matron — Frank W. Lynn No. 1015 and Keystone No. 9.

**To Elect a Worthy Matron** — The Associate Matron must fill this station — Morton No. 841.

**To Hold a Meeting without a Quorum** — Our Laws do not provide for this — they are very specific in the requirements for a Meeting — Richland Springs No. 264.

Now, Sisters and Brothers, this is something that touches ones heart — when a Chapter wants to continue, but does not have enough members for a quorum. Some would like to use Honorary Members, and this Chapter asked for some means to hold its Meeting without a quorum so that the few who came might continue!

**Change the Hour and Date of a Stated Meeting** — Our Ritual, p. 164, and Constitution, p. 141, specify the Stated Meeting shall be as specified in the By-Laws, and the By-Laws state the hour and date — Bluebell No. 856, New Caney No. 1093, and Roy Stanley No. 1086.

**To Change the Place of Meeting because of Saints John Days** — Denied as a properly secured place was not available according to the Request — Mathis No. 874 and Sinton No. 515.

**Change Place of Meeting without Vote of Chapter** - Did not concur with emergency nature of Request — Carlton No. 4.

## FRATERNAL RELATIONS WITH OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

The Waiver of Grand Territorial Jurisdictions requested of Arkansas was received and forwarded to Border Chapter No. 211, Texarkana, Texas.

Willis Chapter No. 1017, Willis, has been requested to conduct a courtesy investigation for Florida. This is still pending.

## DECISIONS

Permission was granted to use a wheelchair, if necessary, for a candidate who suffered a heart attack after having been elected to receive the degrees. They were informed this fell within the category of waiving physical requirements, and thus a Special Dispensation was not required, simply a letter of permission.

The privilege of meeting in the Masonic Lodge which had been withdrawn from a Chapter, as covered in my Advance Report, has now been restored, which makes me very happy.

Another item that was pending in my Annual Report was the total amount received from our Tour Program this year for our Home Endowment Fund. I now have a letter from Mr. Fred Chandler, Trans-National, which I will be pleased to share with those interested. Mr. Chandler states that we had the following number of passengers on each tour, with monies indicated going to our Home Endowment as a gift from Trans National.

Greece	45 passengers at \$20 each	\$ 900.00
Majorca	109 passengers at \$20 each	2,180.00
London	114 passengers at \$20 each	2,280.00
Bringing the grand total to Home		
Endowment from October		\$5,360.00

These tours were marvelous — and I speak from experience — a lot of fun and educational. At the same time, the net result was a nice gift toward endowing our Eastern Star Home. No doubt it would have been much greater had our Chapter Secretaries sent in a list of the names and addresses of members on their rolls, as requested some two years ago by our Grand Secretary and urged by me at all of our schools. I am grateful to Grand Chapter for having discussed this program last year, allowing Texas to enjoy the generosity of Trans National, along with 22 other Grand Jurisdictions. I am sure our residents in the Home are grateful also.

And, speaking of the residents in the Home — my most rewarding experience this year has been my association with my Sisters and Brothers who live and work there. They have received me as one of their own, returning the love I offered. During my three years of preparation, I stayed there as often as possible — as a convenience for my work with the Grand Secretary and another avenue of learning more about our basic benevolent purposes. This year, I have taken advantage of every opportunity to enjoy the lovely facilities provided by you, the membership, for the Worthy Grand Matron — and more especially, to spend a few hours with those who had become so dear to me. Though I hate to get up in the morning, I always rose in time to join with my Sisters in singing praises to the Lord before breakfast. Incidentally, their hymn books are falling apart — I'm sure some of you have recently purchased new hymnals at your Church. Your discarded books would be deeply appreciated by them — and me — 14 to 20 would be sufficient.

Our Superintendent, Sister Patsy Sawyer, has a remarkable relationship with each Sister there. She takes care of them in a manner that clearly reflects she truly cares about them. They love her deeply and are quick to sing her praises. Her assistants have been selected with equal care and render the same loving service. Our Home is a place of quiet dignity and warmth, where friends are received graciously. It is a credit to our Grand Chapter and an outstanding example of our purposes to love and to serve one another.

Worthy Grand Patron, I move that this Supplemental Report and my Report as printed in the Advance Reports be referred to the proper Committee.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the motion. Is there a second? Motion seconded. All those in favor will say aye.

“AYE”.

Those Opposed “No”. The Ayes have it. The Worthy Grand Matron's Report and her Supplemental Report are referred. (Applause)



LOUISIANA-TEXAS EXCHANGE



OKLAHOMA-TEXAS EXCHANGE



NEW MEXICO-TEXAS EXCHANGE



Past Matrons Club, Order of the Eastern Star Home

## REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

"It is the sense of mystery that gives to life  
its majesty — for it comes — it goes — it is the  
song of bird upon the branch — it is the  
silence when the song is gone . . ."

— Selected

What a majesty has been mine as I've walked among the membership of Texas, for the song you sang was LOVE — and what majesty there will be in the silence when this year is ended, for your song of LOVE is in harmony with mine and, God willing, we shall travel to Life's end, hand in hand!

Together we shall explore the mysteries of tomorrow. Not one of us can know what the future holds, but we will face it with faith that the same one who made this universe, who made the heavens and hung the stars in their places, holds our lives in His hands.

We also recognize that we were created to fellowship, to love, and to serve — for Jesus said, ". . . whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." (St. Matthew 20:27) And in Galations 5:13-14, ". . . by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." In St. John 13:4, 5, 14, 15 he gave us the example of service, "He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded." "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you."

### IN MEMORIAM

Two of our beloved Past Grand Patrons, Dr. Russell Holt and Mr. Frank R. Phillips, have passed from our midst to be with their Lord and Master. I was unable to attend either of these services and requested Mrs. Joyce Roberts to represent the Worthy Grand Matron at Dr. Holt's funeral in El Paso, and Mrs. Eunice Connell to represent the Worthy Grand Matron at the services for Mr. Phillips in San Antonio.

Mrs. Connell reported, "The following Grand Officers attended the Memorial Service for Brother Frank Phillips:

Mrs. Hallie Anglin, Past Grand Matron  
Mrs. Eunice Connell, Past Grand Matron  
Mrs. Katherine Poulis, Past Grand Matron  
Mrs. Nancy Bailey, Past Grand Matron  
Mrs. Frances Key Herrin, Past Grand Matron  
Mr. Harold Todd, Past Grand Patron  
Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Associate Grand Matron  
Mrs. Dorothy Littlepage, Deputy Grand Matron  
Mr. D.A. Morris, Credentials Committee  
Mrs. Cleta Todd, Chm. Dist. 5 Fraternal Friendship Com.  
Mr. Frederick Herrin, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia

I am indeed grateful to these beautiful friends for assisting me.

The circle of Floor Officers was broken when our Grand Sentinel, Mr. W. Kendall Baker of Houston, answered the Savior's call. My office was honored by the privilege of participating in the memorial service along with the two ministers. We were deeply touched by our great loss, but strengthened by the love and faith of his family.

Two of our Grand Representatives also passed to the Great Beyond — Mr. James Clayton and Mrs. Mattie Belle Henry. It was my pleasure to recommend for completion of the commissions of these precious ones, their respective wife and husband, Corine and Dave.

No doubt there are others in our Grand Family whose names were not listed, and there were countless close family members as well as members of our Subordinate Chapters.

Let me come in where you are weeping, friend,  
 And let me take your hand.  
 I, who have known a sorrow such as yours,  
 Can understand.  
 Let me come in — I would be very still  
 Beside you in your grief;  
 I would not bid you cease your weeping, friend.  
 Tears bring relief.  
 Let me come in — I would only breathe a prayer,  
 And hold your hand  
 For I have known a sorrow such as yours,  
 And understand.

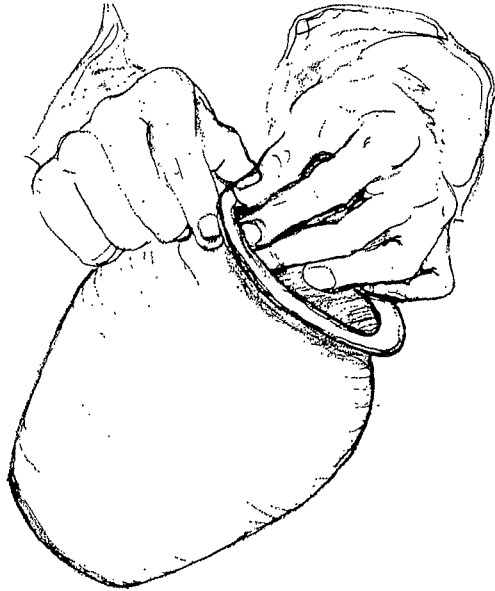
— Grace Noll Crowell

## PROGRAM FOR YEAR

To give background to this report, I present the thinking and program for this year's work; however, I do not plan to include all instructions (to conserve space and printing cost). Complete program and instructions will be printed in the Proceedings.

# THE MASTER POTTER

## INSTALLATION



El Paso Civic Center  
October 27, 1977

# THE MASTER POTTER

*Have you ever watched a potter  
Fashion vessels out of clay?  
He takes the formless substance  
And in a wondrous 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!*


—Sarah Ingham



## Dedication

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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!





## 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.

“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 64:8

At the “Master Potter” Installation in El Paso October 27, 1977, we sought God's will in our lives that we might be made vessels worthy of His service. Because of my resistance to His will at times, I feel my life is somewhat like the misshapen urn here in the East — form without symmetry — yet, hopefully, a vessel of service.

Hands of Love fashioned us and Hands of Love will redeem us — as we will it —

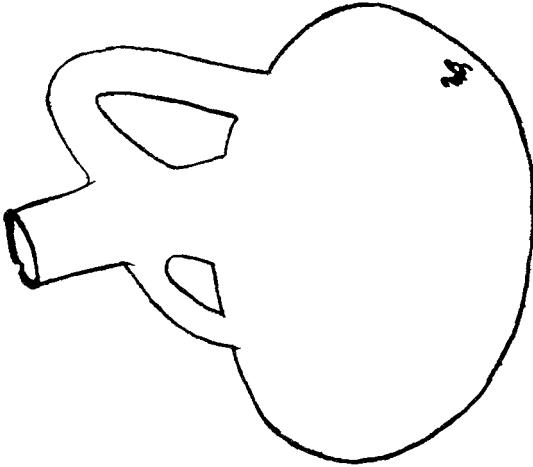
God takes the clay of our lives  
and places it on the wheel of life.  
The whirl is our response.  
If we make the right choice,  
The right decision,  
And become pliable in the hand of  
the Master Potter,  
He makes us again.

LOVE



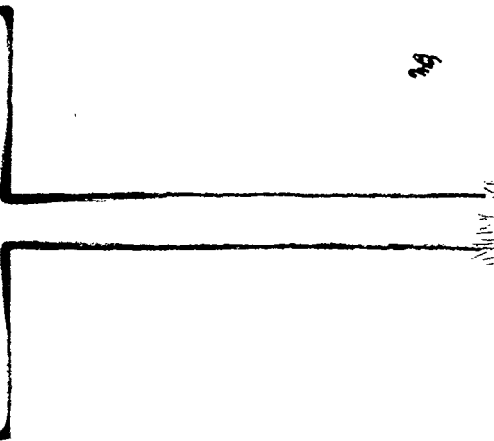
SERVING OTHERS

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SUBMISSION TO HIS WILL

LOVE



SECURE IN HIS LOVE

I humbly acknowledge the privilege of serving the membership of Texas this year of 1977-78 and I hasten to give credit for accomplishments to the one who has been my constant companion. It has been a joy to witness for my Lord and proudly proclaim my love for Him and dependence upon Him for all things. Whatever we have achieved, let us give thanks to Him and praise His name!

Witnessing the manner in which each Section developed our theme for the year has been a rewarding experience. Each idea that was presented, each song that was sung — seemed to be just right for that day and that time. We humbly present again —

our theme . . .

## Love

There is one drive within man that creates only good — and that is LOVE. And 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 our Creator, love could be the prevailing drive within our Order . . . within our lives.

It was through a heart of love that God created the world and from a yielding lump of clay, fashioned man — you and me. We were only one of the objects of Creation, yet He set us apart and made us above all others . . . He created us in his own 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 were no problems until Sin entered the picture through temptation. Even then, God's love found a way . . . He sent his own 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 to an eternity in Paradise . . . this is the Perfect Love!

Jesus came to this 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 12, 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 everyday tasks of building . . . a work that needed to be done to contribute to the overall pattern of life . . . assuming his place in the ongoing of the world around him. Those hands built the supporting structure

for the house down the street . . . the gate for the man on the hill . . . or 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, talking with them, and breaking bread with them.

With folded hands He prayed, “Not my will, but thine . . .” and 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 unto 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 shape 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 motto . . .

*Through Love, Serving Together*

# TOGETHER

## 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 the journey . . . HAND-

IN-HAND ALONG WITH GOD.

"For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand,  
saying unto thee, Fear not, I will help thee."

—Isaiah 26:4



## 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

FRIENDS WALK BY OUR SIDE!

"A friend loveth at all times."

—Proverbs 17:17

## The Rose

God took the pink from the evening sky.

And the yellow from the sunset glow,

He took a wee bit of the Cardinal's wing,

How much, only He could know.

He fashioned and wove with the greatest of care

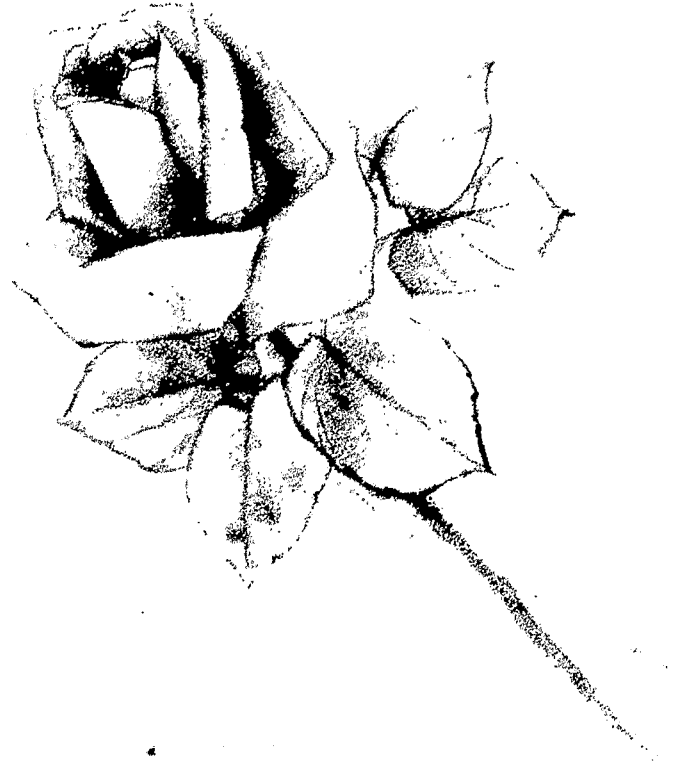
And with drops of fragrance divine,

The Rose came to life by the Master's hand,

To brighten your heart and mine.



The Rose has ever been the symbol of LOVE.



**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. Edna Johnson (794)
Mrs. Magie Amsler (510)	Miss Maude Kirk (427)
Mrs. Cora Bailey (996)	Mrs. Sarah Jane Koontz (756)
Miss Alma Beall (186)	Mrs. Claudie McCoy (871)
Mrs. Bertha Belew (429)	Mrs. Alpha Pruitt (167)
Mrs. Icie Cox (659)	Mrs. Clara Redding (304)
Mrs. Myrtie Dale (848)	Mrs. Olga Rosenbaum (713)
Mrs. Agnes Eaves (959)	Mrs. Mattie Sellars (240)
Mrs. Emma Farler (718)	Mrs. Lucille Stringfellow (842)
Mrs. Eva Glimp (425)	Mrs. Effie Taylor (389)
Mrs. Beulah Hampton (585)	Mrs. Clara Wynne (684)

**Home for Aged Masons**

Mr. Henry Lee Minor (326)	
Mr. Hugh John Parkinson (249)	
Mrs. Myrtle Atkinson (440)	Mrs. Iva Shelby (86)
Mrs. Marguerite Buck (118)	Mrs. Mary Vandiver
Mrs. Beulah Hickey (769)	Mrs. Florence Wynne (684)

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“MAKE NO LITTLE PLANS...”



“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

### 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 EN-

DOWING 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 tithe. 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

## Worthy Grand Patron's Message

To My Sisters and Brothers:

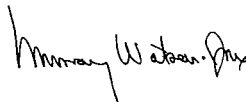
It is with great humility and sincere appreciation that I say, "Thank you for the privilege and honor of serving you, the membership of the Order of Eastern Star".

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 or 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.

As Dag Hammersjold has said, "Don't measure the height of the mountain until you have reached the top." So this year, may we all work together as we serve the Order so that at the end of the year we will have reached the top and those who will follow will find a better way.

Fraternally,



Murray Watson, Jr.  
Worthy Grand Patron, 1977-78

## *Worthy Grand Matron's Message*

We invite you to come with us as we walk among the membership this year. There are 755 galaxies of Stars out there, awaiting our arrival — and we know their brilliance will add a luster that will shine undiminished throughout the remainder of our lives!

“The Stars are daisies in the field of night.  
Come, help me gather them before the light . . .”

—Abbott

Won't you come with us? We promise you joy and fulfillment untold as we walk together, talk together, laugh together, cry together . . . sharing each other's load in the work of ENDOWING OUR EASTERN STAR HOME . . . showing our LOVE for our Master by serving our fellowman. We can but gain — for just getting to know and understand each other better as we serve side by side make us the winner! Each life we touch will be blessed, and we shall be blessed for having passed that way!

Our goal is high above us but we should not fret, for this will keep us looking upward . . . and nothing is impossible if we serve within the will of our Master . . . as we fulfill his admonition, “feed my sheep.”

THROUGH LOVE, SERVING TOGETHER, we prepare to go forward with this exciting challenge ever urging us on!

*Mary M. Brown*

(Mrs. Mary M. Brown  
Worthy Grand Matron 1977-1978)



**Instructions for  
Subordinate Chapters – 1977-1978**

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

1977 — 1978

*These Instructions are written for and dedicated to the Mary Brown Girls who have faithfully walked by my side in the three years of preparation for my year of service as Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Jurisdiction. Their love and loyalty have lightened the load and brought much joy to my heart — fortunate indeed are we who have the privilege of sharing this year with them!*

Striving for perfection in our work is a worthy aim and will add to our appreciation of the beautiful ceremonies written by our founder, Dr. Rob Morris. Remember, however, important as proficiency may be, it is not nearly so important as the feeling within one's heart. May our every thought — our every act be guided by a deep and abiding LOVE for one another!

The wording of our Ritual is beautiful and significant. We shall stress dignity and perfection — so far as it is humanly possible. To make our ceremonies as impressive and effective as we desire, it is important that the officers MEMORIZE their work, if possible. God has blessed some with a talent for learning, others a talent for serving — and the two do not necessarily go together. When your Deputy Grand Matron visits your Chapter, she will prepare a report which will include the number of officers using the Ritual. Except in the case of pro tems, this is a reflection against your Chapter.

These instructions are not intended to replace the Ritual and Constitution and Laws—but are offered to assist in the studying of these instruments of direction, and page references are given for this purpose. For the purpose of these instructions, all study references to our CONSTITUTION AND LAWS shall be designated "CONST." and references to the RITUAL shall be "RIT." You cannot know the answers just by reading these instructions — you must CHECK THE REFERENCES LISTED.

Another caution is to always read both the fine print and the large print in the Ritual. As you have heard many times — the fine print tells you what to do; the large print tells you what to say — one is not complete without the other. Neither is study of the Ritual sufficient — you must also study your Constitution and Laws.

These instructions are for the use of ALL CHAPTER OFFICERS and should be made available to them for study.

Worthy Matron, plan your meetings well in advance. Confusion breeds discontent and unhappiness; PREPAREDNESS avoids confusion. Designate committees to assist in preparing for the meeting; however, remember it is your responsibility to see all things are in order before the meeting begins. In the absence of the Worthy Matron, the Associate Matron will fill her station and fulfill her responsibilities (Rit. p. 109, Const. p. 139).

The furniture shall be as listed on page 166 of the Ritual and shall be arranged in accordance with instructions on the same page and the diagram on the following page, with one exception — the Star Point Officers and their chairs *shall face the East* (Const. p. 153). The diagram preceding the Table of Contents and the diagram on the page following 166 of the Ritual indicate the only proper position of the emblems upon the pedestals. NOTE: Uniform distances should be maintained between the star point stations so they may be positioned as closely as possible in the form of a star.

The meetings of a Chapter are either Stated or Special (Const. p. 140, Rit. p. 164). STATED meetings are those held at the time prescribed in the By-Laws, and any business of the Chapter of whatsoever kind or character may be transacted. SPECIAL meetings are those held on call and no business shall be transacted except that specified in the call (Const. p. 141, Art. 265-270).

Six requirements for opening a Chapter and for transaction of business are listed on page 142 of the Const. — study them carefully and if it is helpful, make a brief list for your ready reference each time you meet.

Pro tems are appointed for one meeting at a time *only* (Const. p. 139, Art. 256), and the pro tem may be a member of the Chapter or a visitor (Const. p. 144, Art. 280); however, anyone occupying a chair pro tem will relinquish it if the regular officer enters (Const. p. 139). Elective or appointive officers may relinquish their stations to others *temporarily* when authorized to do so by the Worthy Matron or other presiding officer **EXCEPT IN THE OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE CHAPTER** (Const. p. 139). Pro tems should be appointed *before the meeting begins*.

No meeting of a Chapter may be held outside the regular meeting place designated in the Chapter By-Laws without a dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron (Const. p. 142, Art. 272), and no business may be *legally* transacted unless the Chapter has been opened in regular form (Const. p. 143, Art. 276).

NOTE: Our Ritual on pages 54 and 98 instructs all Officers and members to observe SQUARE CORNERS unless they are otherwise directed. It is the interpretation this year that *this applies to any movement about the Chapter room at any time during the ceremonies or while the Chapter is in session, closed or open . . . ALWAYS OBSERVE SQUARE CORNERS!*

### OPENING CEREMONY

The Chapter meetings should begin **ON TIME**. When the hour designated in the By-Laws is reached, all officers except the Worthy Patron, Associate Patron, Associate Conductress and Organist **RETIRE** to the anteroom. The four officers remaining in the Chapter room, wearing their badges, assume their stations, with the Worthy Patron ascending the dais last. If the Worthy Matron so desires, she may use any impressive ceremony of her choice for these four officers to assume their stations, providing the formation begins **WITHIN** the Chapter room for the Ritual states they do not retire. The Opening will proceed in accordance with the Ritual, p. 23.

When instructed by the Worthy Patron, the Associate Conductress **RETIRE**s from the Chapter room, then addresses the Officers with the words shown in the fine print at the bottom of page 23 of the Ritual. She takes her place at the head of the North line and the Officers, wearing their badges, enter the Chapter room in two files led by the Conductress and Associate Conductress. If the Officers step off on the downbeat with the **LEFT** foot and keep time to the music, they will always be in step.

It is permissible to have an Opening Drill provided the Officers assume the position shown at top of page 24 of the Ritual, either inside or outside the chairs. They must be either **COMPLETELY WITHIN** or **COMPLETELY WITHOUT** the line of chairs.

In conducting the Worthy Matron to the East (Rit. p. 24), the Conductress simply turns right, then marches west a sufficient distance to allow two members (Conductress and Worthy Matron on her right arm) to march north in a straight line back of Esther's station. If the formation is inside the chairs, the Worthy Matron will step out to meet her. The Ritual stipulates the Worthy Matron shall turn to meet the Conductress, which implies she would turn to her right, toward the approaching officer. The Conductress bows to the Worthy Matron and offers her right arm.

Upon reaching the East, the Conductress bows to the Worthy Matron and the Worthy Matron returns the bow in grateful acknowledgement of the courtesy of being escorted. As the Worthy Patron assists the Worthy Matron to the dais and hands her the gavel, the Conductress proceeds across the East to a point directly east of the south line of Officers, turns a square corner and marches west, assuming her former place at the head of the south line.

Our Ritual does not provide for the manner in which the Officers obey the command of the Worthy Matron to take their respective stations; however, our Code of Laws, p. 152, states they will go directly to their stations and be seated immediately. It also stipulates that if the line is formed outside the chairs, the Officers will proceed to the east line of march and counter-march. If the line is formed inside the chairs, they are instructed to leave the Labyrinth between Adah and Electa. It does not stipulate where the Officers will turn to the south and north, and it is the interpretation this year they



should proceed to the line of march in the East — for the sake of uniformity. Regardless of whether the formation has been made inside or outside the chairs, the Officers will drop off at their respective stations and be seated.

As the north line begins to move eastward, the Associate Matron will step north, then turn east, making a square corner, that she may be in a direct line back of the other Officers as she proceeds to the line of march in the East.

Worthy Matron, impress upon your WARDER and SENTINEL that they are two of the *most important Officers* of the Chapter and that you are depending on them to assist you in maintaining security and order within the Chapter room. In conformity with this responsibility, urge them to practice together that the raps may be properly given and that **ONLY** the *Officer inside* opens or closes the door. Often the Sentinel is a man and the Warder is a lady and the man feels it is a courtesy to handle the door for the Warder, **BUT THIS IS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR LAW** (Rit. p. 16). Once the Warder assumes her station following the opening drill, she never leaves it (or he, as the case may be) — not even for the Prayer Circle in an Initiation (Rit. p. 78, Dia. 9 of Diagram of Labyrinth). Have an understanding with the “inner and outer guards” of your Chapter so that they will know when you will allow entrance of members to the Chapter room; thus, they will not have to consult you each time (Const. p. 132).

When given the charge by the Worthy Matron, the Warder will first secure all other doors, then advance to the entrance of the Chapter where the Sentinel is on guard and proceed according to the Ritual, p. 25, being careful to **OBSERVE SQUARE CORNERS**.

### PROVING THE CHAPTER

Proving the Chapter is the responsibility of the Associate Matron, who will remain standing during the procedure. If she is able of her own knowledge to vouch for all present, she will report to the Worthy Matron at once, but if she is not, she will direct the Conductress and Associate Conductress to assist her in the prescribed manner (Rit. pp. 26-27, Const. pp. 143 & 152-153), keeping in mind that to be valid, the dues card or demit must be countersigned.

If a member is found belonging to a Chapter other than those under the Jurisdiction of General Grand Chapter (Rit. p. 11), special attention should be directed to (1) assure a lady has the *proper relationship* to the Mason on whose Masonic affiliation she became a member, and (2) assure a man has been regularly initiated into our Order (Rit. pp. 17 & 161, Const. p. 143); some jurisdictions allow nieces to become members, and allow men who have not been regularly initiated to attend meetings — such members are not eligible to attend our meetings (GGC Inst. p. 50). Each visitor must be examined separately.

Again, Worthy Matron, if you prepare well in advance and request your Examining Committee to arrive early, visitors for whom you cannot vouch may be examined prior to the meeting and thus, if found eligible, may enjoy the fellowship of your Opening Ceremony. If a visitor must be examined during the proving of the Chapter, the *Examining Committee and visitor cannot return until after the Chapter is opened*.

NOTICE: Star Points, *hold your Signs until after the Pass is given*.

### ALTAR SERVICES

This is a beautiful and solemn moment in the proceedings of our Chapters and should be performed in an atmosphere of dignity and reverence. Sacred music may be played softly during the Altar Services *except during the prayer* by the Chaplain (Rit. p. 42). To facilitate this, the Chaplain will remain standing until the music ceases, then kneel for prayer. Each member faces the Altar during Altar Services and assumes the Reverent Attitude, holding it from the time the Conductress enters the Labyrinth until the Chaplain steps back into the semicircle of Star Point Officers in the Opening — and from the time the Chaplain enters the Labyrinth and the Conductress steps back into the semicircle of Star Point Officers in the Closing. The head is bowed in the Attitude of Prayer while the Chaplain is praying and is lifted after the Response is given. A prayer in your heart during this moment will help maintain the proper reverence.

When instructed to attend at the Altar, the Conductress will proceed west on the south marching line to a point sufficient to allow her to make an acute angle and continue without hesitation in a straight line to the center point on the west side of the Altar, entering the Labyrinth at a point equidistant between Ruth and Esther. The Chaplain will enter in the same manner between Esther and Martha. Their mannerism and pace should be such that they will denote reverence for God's Holy Word upon the Altar.

To properly open the Bible, the Conductress places her right hand firmly in the center of the front edges and places her left hand firmly on the back edge, just opposite her right hand. With her right hand she raises the front edges of the Bible to the center of the Altar and with her left, guides the back of the Bible to the center of the Altar. She then moves the left hand slowly up the front side of the Bible until it meets the right hand and opens the Bible with both hands, lowering both sides at the same time. If a marker is used, she removes it, and places first the Square and then the Compasses upon the open Bible, drawing both hands away to form the Salutation Sign. The Conductress should practice this so she may perform in a graceful and reverent manner. Facing the Altar, the Conductress then steps back into the semicircle of Star Point Officers and assumes the Reverent Attitude. Conductress, do not be confused regarding WHERE the Square and Compasses are to be placed upon the open Bible. Our Laws, p. 142, require the Bible to be opened at the Second Chapter of St. Matthew and also state the Square and Compasses MUST be placed upon the Bible. *It doesa not specify a particular Scripture*; place them where they look the best and where they are the least likely to be dislodged. Only the Conductress moves the Bible, except that she may be assisted by the Chaplain during a Memorial or Draping of the Altar.

At times, there seems to be uncertainty about when the Reverent Attitude should be assumed other than in the Opening and Closing of the Chapter and Obligations (Rit. p. 16). The instruction is given again during the Initiatory prayer (Rit. p. 79). For the sake of uniformity and in respect to the Holy Bible upon the Altar, it is requested that this attitude of reverence be assumed during Draping of the Altar, all devotionals, memorials, and Rob Morris ceremonies that allow entry into the Labyrinth (Const. p. 145, Art. 283). When any ceremony is being performed within the Labyrinth, the Chapter should be called up. Though we are allowed the privilege of these programs within the Labyrinth, we must remember **NO ONE PASSES BETWEEN THE OPEN BIBLE AND THE EAST** except as required in the Ritual.

It is not felt the Response is given by the members to other than Ritualistic prayers.

Whether the meeting is Stated or Special, the Worthy Matron will use the wording in the Ritual, p. 43. If a Called meeting, the Worthy Matron will announce the purpose after the Chapter Opening is completed.

The Conductress and Chaplain return to their stations **AFTER** the Warder reports to the Worthy Matron. The Worthy Matron should wait for them to reach their stations before calling for the Pledge.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag will be given immediately following the wording in the Ritual and is a part of the Ritualistic Opening (Rit. p. 43). All members will face the Flag and salute during the Pledge, and if the National Anthem is used as a Flag song, the members will continue to stand at attention during the singing.

If the Flag is not being presented, it should be placed on a level with the Worthy Matron or the Presiding Officer prior to the Opening Ceremony.

If the Flag is to be presented, it should be immediately after the Warder responds to the Worthy Matron and the Conductress and Chaplain have returned to their stations (Flag Ceremony, Const. p. 191). The Marshal receives the Flag from the Associate Patron — the right hand holding the staff at about eye level, with the left hand holding the staff close to the side just below the waist — and proceeds according to the Flag Ceremony.

The Salute is given by placing the right hand over the heart and the left hand at one's side. It is held while the Flag is in motion, during the Pledge of Allegiance, and during the singing of the National Anthem.

The Worthy Matron seats the Chapter. At this time, the Sentinel and Warder may allow entry of members or properly vouched for visitors.

If the Flag has been presented, it must be retired just prior to the Closing Ceremony (Const. p. 191). The Worthy Matron calls up the Chapter and the Salute will be given while the Flag is in motion. The Worthy Matron will seat the Chapter when the Associate Patron receives the Flag, will wait for the Marshal to reach her/his station, and will immediately go into the Closing Ceremony.

IN PLEDGING ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG, BE CAREFUL NOT TO PAUSE BETWEEN "NATION" AND "UNDER" — it should be given "*One Nation under God*" . . . not "One Nation, under God"!

### INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS

Introductions immediately follow the Opening of the Chapter and proceed in the manner and order set out in our Laws (Const. pp. 144-145). By PRACTICE ONLY can the Worthy Matron, Conductress, and Associate Conductress present and introduce distinguished members properly. Perhaps it will help to remember these few pointers:

The Conductress offers her *left arm* to the Associate Conductress and her *right arm* to the Distinguished Member.

The Associate Conductress offers her *left arm* to the Distinguished Member.

By practicing together, the Conductresses will learn that in most instances, turning in place to face each other will automatically place them on the proper sides.

It would be well for the four lady line officers to arrive well in advance of the meeting and greet the guests; this would facilitate introductions and proving of the Chapter.

The Worthy Matron would use her good judgement in introducing from the sideline, back of Esther's station, or from the East. HOWEVER, she would *always* want to *present at the Altar and introduce from the East those entitled to receive Grand Honors* . . . particularly, if there are other Distinguished Members present.

The Worthy Matron requests the Distinguished Members to rise in the order outlined (Const. pp. 144-145) and instructs the Conductresses to PRESENT them — remember, the Conductress PRESENTS and the Worthy Matron INTRODUCES.

Upon order from the Worthy Matron, the Conductresses meet in the West and bow to each other — they bow only twice to each other — at the beginning and when the Worthy Matron indicates their assistance is no longer required. If Distinguished Members are seated on both sides of the room, each Conductress picks up on her side and proceeds to the southwest corner of the Chapter room. If Distinguished Members are seated only on one side, the Associate Conductress takes the left arm of the Conductress and they proceed TOGETHER. In either instance, when the Conductresses reach the Distinguished Member(s), they bow to them and offer an arm or request them to follow in single file. They may walk in couples or single file to the southwest corner of the room where the Grand Officers will get in proper order for presentation.

After the Conductress presents the Distinguished Member(s) to the Worthy Matron, both Conductresses take one step back and remain in that position until further instructed by the Worthy Matron.

Remember, Worthy Matron, you WELCOME them while they are yet at the Altar or in the West — THEN proceed with further instructions to the Conductresses or to the Distinguished Members.

If they are to be introduced from the East, the Conductresses will proceed according to our Laws (Const. p. 144), and will remain in the East during introductions. If the Grand Officers are to be seated in the Chapter room, the Conductresses will escort them back to their seats. If they are to remain in the East, the Conductresses will return to the West to await further instructions, crossing over to their respective sides with the Conductress taking the eastern-most side.

If the Grand Officers are to be introduced from the West, the Conductress will *present* them collectively as Distinguished Members, the Worthy Matron will *welcome* them, and will then introduce them or request they assist her by giving their names and titles. After they have complied, she will add, "Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star," will call up the Chapter and request the membership to join with her in giving them a hearty welcome. She will instruct the Conductress to seat them and will sound the gavel to seat the membership. If they are to be seated on both sides of the room, the Conductress will proceed on the north and the Associate Conductress on the south. If seated on one side, the Conductress will lead the line and the Associate Conductress will follow at the end and continue up the line of the march until she reaches the Conductress; they bow together to seat the Distinguished Members, the Conductress offers her left arm, and they return to the West. *In all instances*, the Conductresses will proceed only as far East as necessary — and when seating on both sides, they coordinate their movements so they both bow from the same point on each side of the room.

In order for the membership to better see and appreciate the Distinguished Members being introduced — provided there are two or more lines across the West — after the names and titles of those on the front row have been given, that line will move single file past the Conductress to the back of the group. The next row will do likewise until all have been introduced. The Conductresses assist in the orderly movement of the Distinguished Members and always position themselves one step back of the front row.

If Distinguished Members are recognized from the sidelines, the Worthy Matron will offer words of welcome, will call their names and titles or request their assistance in so doing, and will request the membership to join her in giving them a hearty welcome. *She will not call up the Chapter*, for rather than showing them a courtesy, this would obstruct view of the Distinguished Members. In this instance, the assistance of the Conductresses would not be required; however, if they have assisted in any introductions, they will remain in the West until all introductions have been completed.

In using her prerogative to decide if the Distinguished Members will be introduced from the East, from the West, or from the sidelines, the Worthy Matron shall be guided by the expected length of the meeting, and the number of members involved in the introductions; **HOWEVER**, I would remind her these are some of the hardest working members of Grand Chapter and every possible courtesy should be accorded them!

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

Chapters must use the Order of Business prescribed in their By-Laws. After the reading of the minutes, which establishes the business to come before the meeting, such order may be suspended by unanimous consent or by two-thirds vote of the members present (Const. p. 145).

## CLOSING THE CHAPTER

The same directions are to be observed by the Chaplain and the Conductress in the performance of their duties in the Closing Ceremony as stated for the Opening (Rit. pp. 46-47). *Only a SISTER gives the Farewell Address.*

## MEMBERSHIP AND RELATED MATTERS

Study carefully the Code of Laws, Chapters 2 thru 7 (Const. pp. 121-131) — recognizing our need to influence new members by our example and at the same time, being careful to abide by Article 214 (Const. p. 124) which tells us soliciting persons to become members is prohibited.

A non-member can know nothing about Eastern Star except what they see and hear from known members. They do not know they cannot be invited, but must seek admission — unless we, through some means, can communicate this to them.

I well remember the lady who led me to become a member. I had known her many years as the mother of a classmate whose love excelled all bounds, whose Christian service numbered many years as a teacher and leader, and who was always seen at the bedside of a sick friend, or consoling the bereaved.

It was this lady who said to me one day as I left the polling place during a school board election — “Mary, I know that Doss is a fine Mason and that both of you enjoy working in your church and the community. We are organizing an Eastern Star Chapter and if you should ever like to become a member, I would be pleased to secure a petition for you.”

Had I known then what I know now, I would have hastened to secure that petition and become a charter member of the new Chapter—but I merely thanked her and in my usual manner of procrastination, waited several months before approaching her regarding that petition.

She was the first Worthy Matron of Lexington Chapter No. 996 and her devotion to the Order shall always be a shining light in my Eastern Star Life! Were it not for this one word from a lady I deeply admired, I might never have known this field of service — thank you, Mrs. Edna Hester!

My question is — can someone say the same for you — for me?

If we will but remember what led us to want to become an Eastern Star, and then so live that our lives will emulate those fine attributes which caused us to seek this avenue of service, attributes we have vowed to uphold, then surely God will bless our Order and multiply our membership!

Our youth in recent years have turned from the mercenary to the service-oriented philosophy. They have a need which we can fulfill — and they, likewise, can fulfill our need. If we cannot get our young people enthusiastically involved in our work, our Order is headed for extinction.

But, if we profess to believe one thing, and our lives point in the other direction, we cannot hope to influence them. They see through our hypocrisy and quickly recognize when we merely give lip service to our basic beliefs and continue to lead self-centered lives.

If we will but live according to the examples illustrated in the lives of our heroines, our sons and our daughters will recognize we have within our Order something deeper, something fulfilling, and they will want to become a part of it. That’s our challenge — not only for our Order, but for our own fulfillment!

## PETITIONS

Though it is not written in our Laws, it might save considerable heartache and embarrassment if the two members recommending an applicant would conduct their own investigation prior to placing their names upon the petition. Thus, the names of recommendation placed upon the petition should say, in effect, this is a man or woman of high moral character who would be an asset to our organization. Unless assured of this within his own knowledge, a member should not allow his name to be placed in recommendation of a petitioner; otherwise, he is misleading the members who have faith in his recommendation.

Likewise, the two sisters and one brother appointed to the Investigating Committee, should carefully study their responsibilities outlined in our Laws (Const. p. 124). In addition to a careful investigation by all three members as to the eligibility, character, residence, physical qualifications and fitness to become a member, the brother must ALSO investigate the standing and status of the Masonic relationship named in the petition.

A petition for degrees must be presented at a Stated Meeting, be referred to a committee for investigation and lie over four weeks. It *cannot be withdrawn* after it has been received by a Chapter and must be balloted upon unless the committee report is "ineligible" (Const. pp. 125-127).

A request for Demit must be presented at a Stated Meeting and lie over four weeks. No balloting is required. If no charges have been preferred against the applicant within the four-week period, the Demit is automatically granted. A request for Demit *may be withdrawn* by the applicant at any time before it is automatically granted.

Again, PLEASE STUDY CAREFULLY OUR LAWS GOVERNING OUR ACTIONS ON PETITIONS (Const. pp. 121-131).

### BALLOTING

The ballot may be taken at a Stated Meeting ONLY. A brother must be present and occupy the Worthy Patron's station (Rit. p. 13, Const. p. 131).

A properly prepared ballot box contains as many white balls as there are members present and at least ten black balls or cubes.

One black ball or black cube on the second and final ballot rejects a petitioner. Study carefully the conditions allowing and requiring a second ballot, as well as the rules regarding Collective Balloting (Const. pp. 132-133).

It is necessary to work from the Ritual (pp. 13-15) and the Code of Laws (Const. pp. 131-137); therefore, it requires much advance preparation for the Worthy Matron to handle this matter smoothly. The Ritual gives overall instructions in the fine print on page 13, but it does not give the wording used until the Sentinel is invited in to ballot. Thus, you will begin with the appropriate wording, determined by the type of petition, as shown on pages 135 and 136 of the Code of Laws (Art. 247-250).

After the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron have examined the ballot box to assure it is properly prepared, we are told it is DECLARED OPEN WITH ONE BLOW OF THE GAVEL (Rit. p. 13). Under Use of Gavel (Rit. p. 16), we are told one blow affirms a declaration of the presiding officer. Thus, the Worthy Matron should say, "I now declare the ballot open," and she will then strike one blow of the gavel — just as the Ritual instructs us in the closing of the ballot (Rit. p. 14; General Grand Chapter Instructions p. 31).

Both the Ritual and Constitution state the Associate Conductress PRESENTS the ballot box to the Worthy Matron and the Worthy Patron for them to ballot. It would seem that this means she physically lifts the ballot box and offers it to each of them separately. To maintain the secrecy of the ballot, it is felt that each should be seated while the other is balloting (Landmarks — Rit. pp. 162-163). The Worthy Patron would again be seated and remain until the Officers are called up by the Worthy Matron. The Worthy Matron would rise after the Worthy Patron has balloted and remain standing throughout the balloting as it is under her direction (Rit. p. 13).

The Associate Conductress has an important responsibility and must be on constant watch that she may respond knowledgeably when questioned by the Worthy Matron. If passing the ballot, she must make certain all members ballot; and when balloting at the Altar, she must stand back of Ruth's station, making certain only Chapter members enter the Labyrinth to ballot, that ALL Chapter members present ballot, and that each member pauses at the edge of the Labyrinth as the preceding member ballots (Rit. p. 13). Officers and members, when instructed to ballot, will proceed from the southwest corner of the Chapter room to the edge of the Labyrinth, forming a solid line. The line of those waiting will be formed on the line of march from which side they came, exercising care to keep the line straight. All officers and members, balloting in the prescribed form, with their footsteps will trace the pattern of the triangle upon the floor and return immediately to their stations or seats.

The Associate Conductress is instructed (Const. p. 134) on placing the ballot box on the Altar, balloting, and retiring from the Labyrinth. She assumes her station behind Ruth's chair by turning left when she reaches the West line of march and proceeding in

a straight line across the West until she reaches a point directly west of Ruth's station; she then turns left and marches east in a straight line until she reaches her position behind Ruth.

Balloting will proceed as described and worded in the Constitution and Ritual. After all have balloted and the Associate Conductress is instructed to bear the ballot West, she retraces her steps west to a point that will allow her to make an acute angle and enter the Labyrinth in the same manner as the Conductress when Attending at the Altar. Without bowing, she lifts the ballot box from the Altar, backs to the edge of the Labyrinth between Esther and Martha, turns left and continues in the same straight line to the line of march, turns left and continues in a straight line across the West to a point directly east of the Associate Matron, turns right to approach the Associate Matron, and proceeds according to Rit. p. 14.

Backing to the edge of the Labyrinth is in respect to the Holy Bible upon the Altar. The only time we are instructed in the Ritual to take one step back and turn and walk away from the Altar is in the actual process of balloting. It is felt this is a safety measure for our dear members who must exercise their privilege of balloting, but who are too unsure of their footing to attempt to back out of the Labyrinth.

Special care should be taken to use the proper wording in declaring the ballot (Const. pp. 135-136 & 145, Art. 286), and in the case of a rejection, to make the admonition in the fourth paragraph of Article 247 (Const. p. 135). The SECRETARY ONLY notifies the petitioner of election or rejection (Const. p. 131).

## INITIATION

Again, I would urge a thorough study of Ritual, including both the fine and large print, correlating it with both the Diagram of the Labyrinth and the coded Secret Work. PRACTICE, PRACTICE — as the principal participants in the Initiation, it is imperative the Worthy Patron, Conductress, and Associate Conductress practice TOGETHER — that we may make the desired and permanent impression upon the new member. A good beginning makes for a good member!

When the Associate Conductress retires to prepare the candidate, she should receive her in a most cordial and friendly manner. After explaining that hats and gloves may not be worn in the Chapter room (as a symbol of our wanting nothing between us and God and nothing between us and our Sisters and Brothers), the Associate Conductress escorts the candidate to the preparation room. Only the candidate should accompany the Associate Conductress. Other information that would be helpful may be explained, such as the hands must be empty of handbag or handkerchief because they will be used to hold the Bible, that she will be escorted about the room to be instructed concerning the Scriptural and moral lessons upon which our Order is founded, and that a member will always be by her side to guide her and assist her in receiving these instructions — symbolic of her relationship to the members throughout the remainder of her life.

The Associate Conductress should memorize her lecture and SHOULD NOT TAKE A RITUAL to the preparation room. It would be better to forget and leave out a portion than to read from the Ritual. She should speak in a conversational manner so the candidate will not know she is reciting. This is a very impressionable stage of the Initiation and is an excellent opportunity to assure the first impressions are as we desire.

When the Conductress is ready to give her lecture upon entering the Chapter room, she should be careful to wait until the Associate Conductress has closed the door and assumed her place beside the candidate. Then she should step to the north side of the line, being careful to center herself to form the triangle. Though this is not shown on the Diagram of the Labyrinth, it is felt this would not be an exception to the forming of a triangle as at the other lecture points in the ceremony.

The Conductress should note she offers her LEFT arm to the candidate when she escorts her into the room, and her RIGHT arm after she delivers her lecture and they continue around the room. The Associate Conductress will reverse the procedure by offering her right arm as they enter, and her left as they continue — provided there is more than one candidate; otherwise, the Associate Conductress drops off at her station.

If there is more than one candidate, the Associate Conductress will assist the Conductress in demonstrating the position of the hands when holding the Bible at the Altar. The Conductresses take the Bibles in their hands as the Conductress gives the instruction audibly, using the wording from the first paragraph of the Secret Work. As the wording is being given, they demonstrate the proper manner of holding the Bibles. After the instruction is completed, the Bibles are placed in the hands of the candidates.

The Worthy Patron should use special care to avoid reaching across the open Bible in assisting the candidates to their feet following the Obligation. He addresses each one individually, "Arise, my Sister" or "Arise, my Brother", as this is the first time the title of Sister or Brother is conferred upon them. The Conductresses with the candidates remain standing at the Altar until the Worthy Patron has seated the Chapter.

Please remember, whenever within our ceremonies the Sign of a Degree is given, it is held until the Pass is given. The Signs should be given in a natural, easy and graceful way, always striving for accuracy and suiting the action to the words. The lectures should be delivered in an impressive manner, but without affectation and with sincere interpretation. The important thing to remember is the officer is teaching the lessons of the Order of the Eastern Star to others and the initiatory work should always remain a pleasant and permanent memory.

Since we are given the choice of placing the pedestals in front, at the side, or in back of the Star Point chairs, the handling of the emblems will be guided by the position used. If the pedestal is at the side of the chair, the officer should go back of the chair to pick up the emblem, rather than reach across the vacant chair. If this is the position of the pedestal, the officer should return to her former position beside the chair before beginning the explanation of the emblem. If the pedestal is at the back of the chair, she may turn and pick up the emblem without leaving her place beside the chair. If in front, the emblem may be reached easily.

The emblems are taken up with the right hand and rest on the palm of the left hand while the officer explains their significance. Adah and Esther take the sword and scepter, respectively, with the right hand and the veil and crown with the left hand to illustrate how these are placed together.

Each officer waits until the Conductresses and candidates have passed to the next station before replacing the emblems on the pedestal; she is then seated.

## NEW MEMBERS

As most of us are aware, our membership is declining, and we are desperately in need of young, active members. We must attract and merit the interest of our youth — for their sake and ours!

Now that we have initiated new members, let us not make the sad mistake of going about our business, ignoring the responsibility we have to teach them the joy of serving in the Order. Our new members are eagerly awaiting more information concerning the work.

Worthy Matron, to aid in stimulating this interest, appoint a member to meet with the newly initiated member and teach the following:

1. What is required in visiting a Chapter.
2. How to obey the gavel.
3. How to ballot.
4. Chapter Courtesy.
5. How to enter and retire from a Chapter while in session.
6. How to give Grand Honors.
7. To countersign the Dues Card.
8. How members obtain Rituals and Constitutions.
9. How to investigate a petitioner.

To the above list, add an invitation to attend with you the meeting of another Chapter, to visit our Eastern Star Home, or a visit to the sick. If we teach them to enjoy



the privileges of our Order and give them a responsibility, perhaps someday in the distant future, they will share the same joy with another youth, thus perpetuating the Order we love!

## ELECTION

The first eight officers shall be elected annually at the Stated Meeting next preceding April 30, or at a later meeting under a Special Dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron (Const. p. 137).

The Worthy Matron may ask the Worthy Patron to preside at any time and for any length of time except in the Opening and Closing of Chapter (Const. p. 139, Art. 257). It is suggested the Worthy Patron be invited to preside during election; however, it is the responsibility of the Worthy Matron to see that needed paper and pencils for balloting are at the Secretary's desk.

The presiding officer should first appoint three tellers (five may be needed if the Chapter is large) and have them assemble near the Secretary's desk where the votes will be counted. One shall be named as Chairman. The Chairman of tellers gives the presiding officer the result of an election, and the presiding officer declares the election.

To determine the number of votes necessary to elect, the presiding officer will have the members rise and count off, beginning with the Worthy Matron and the Worthy Patron. Each member is seated after calling out his number.

It would be well if the presiding officer gave the following instructions to the members:

- In nominating candidates, ONLY the name of the nominee and the office are given.
- Nominations need not be seconded.
- It is not necessary to move the nominations cease and the nominee be elected by acclamation.
- Before a nomination may be made, the member should rise, address the presiding officer and wait for recognition.
- After waiting sufficient time for other nominations, the presiding officer will declare the nominations closed and will proceed to elect by acclamation or ballot.

After these instructions have been given and the tellers are in place, the presiding officer will say:

Presiding Officer: "Nominations are now in order for the office of Worthy Matron of this Chapter for the ensuing year."

Member (usually WM): "I take pleasure in nominating Sister \_\_\_\_\_ for the office of Worthy Matron of this 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?"

(After allowing a reasonable time for other nominations, he says —)

Presiding Officer: "Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and we shall proceed to elect by acclamation. 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'.

"The 'ayes' have it. I declare Sister \_\_\_\_\_ elected Worthy Matron of this Chapter for the ensuing year."

The Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Secretary, Treasurer, and Conductress are usually elected in like manner. HOWEVER, since there are often several nominated for the offices of Associate Patron and Associate Conductress, the wording might go somewhat like this . . .

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 chair, waits for recognition, then says . . .)

Member: "It is my pleasure to nominate Brother \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ for the office of Associate Patron of this Chapter for the ensuing year."

Presiding Officer: "Brother \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ has been nominated. Are there other nominations?"

Another Member: "I nominate Brother \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ for the office of Associate Patron of this Chapter for the ensuing year."

Presiding Officer: "Brother \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ has been nominated. Are there other nominations?"

(After allowing sufficient time, he says —)

Presiding Officer: "Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed, and we will proceed to elect by ballot."

(The Tellers will distribute and collect the ballots.)

Presiding Officer: "Has each member cast his ballot?" (Pauses) "I declare the ballot closed."

(After the tellers have counted the ballots, the Chairman of the tellers addresses the presiding officer and reads the following report.)

Number of votes cast	_____
Necessary to elect	_____
Brother _____ A _____ received	_____
Brother _____ B _____ received	_____

(The Chairman of the tellers hands the report to the Presiding Officer who reads the report, then declares . . .)

Presiding Officer: "Brother \_\_\_\_\_ having received a majority of all votes cast, is duly elected Associate Patron of this Chapter for the ensuing year."

Read instructions for procedure when there are three or more candidates and one does not receive a majority (Const. p. 137, Art. 253).

It is normally a courtesy for each of the line officers to nominate his/her successor; however, it is suggested this not be done in the case of the Associate Patron and Associate Conductress. There may be more than one nominee and it could create problems for the smooth working of the Chapter if one other than the member nominated by the preceding officer were elected. Worthy Matron, you should advise your Associate Patron and Associate Conductress of this potential problem prior to election of officers.

**INSTALLATION**

Our Ritual does not provide for a GRAND INSTALLATION — Associate Matrons, do not word your invitations or your printed program with such a designation.

Officers must be installed on June 1 or as soon as possible thereafter. Open Installation is permissible only if voted by the Chapter at a previous Stated or Called meeting. There are only two situations which require a Special Dispensation for Installation, i.e., (1) — if an OPEN Installation is scheduled after June 15, or (2) — if the Installation is to be held outside the regular meeting place (Const. p. 138, Art. 254).

However, the Chapter's Annual Report must be in the Grand Secretary's hands BEFORE JULY 1. Failure to meet this deadline will forfeit mileage and Chapter vote of the Chapter representative (Const. p. 140).

*If you are having a late Installation, send in your Annual Report as soon as possible after May 31.* Our Grand Secretary will secure the information needed for her purposes and return it to you for signature of the Installing Officer at the time of Installation. After securing the IO's signature, you will again send it to the Grand Secretary for her continued usage and permanent records.

Please study your Ritual (pp. 93 thru 98) and the referenced instructions in the Constitution (p. 138). The Installing Officer must be of no lower rank than Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron; the assisting officers must be members. Furniture arrangement and list of items that must be present are shown in the Ritual (p. 93).

Worthy Matron, your responsibilities are not over at the close of your last meeting — you will continue to be responsible for Chapter affairs, and will be in charge of the Opening of the meeting for Installation — whether closed or open — and will remain responsible until your successor is installed (Const. p. 138); however, it shall be the privilege of the Worthy Matron-elect to plan the Installation and choose the Installing Officers.

In an Open Installation, distinguished guests are escorted to seats in the East (provided there is room for them there — otherwise, they may be recognized at their seats), and Grand Honors may be given to those entitled to receive them (Rit. p. 97). This means exactly what it says — they are escorted to the East — IT DOES NOT MEAN THEY ARE PRESENTED AND INTRODUCED the same as in a Closed Meeting.

During the recess to prepare for the Installation, members should remain seated unless their assistance is needed — and then they should observe square corners in moving about the room. No one should enter the Labyrinth to place the badges upon the Altar except the Marshal — this is her responsibility (Rit. p. 93). It is also her responsibility to get the officers to be installed in proper order in the preparation room.

When all is in readiness and the Installing Officers are ready to assume their stations, the Marshal should see that the door to the preparation room is closed as our Ritual (p. 98) states that she opens the door as a part of the ceremony.

The Chaplain enters the Labyrinth for prayer between Electa and Martha in the same manner as the Marshal enters the Labyrinth from the South between Adah and Ruth.

When the Marshal is instructed to invest with badges a group of officers, she will pass back of them and the officers will turn slightly toward her to receive their badges. When all have been invested with their badges, she will return to her place at the north end of the line — THEN the Installing Officer will proceed with the instruction regarding their badges.

The manner in which the Marshal approaches the Altar for declaring the officers installed is detailed in our Constitution (p. 138). After the declaration, she steps back with face toward the Altar until she reaches the edge of the Labyrinth between Esther and Martha, turns left and continues in the same straight line to the line of march, and proceeds via the line of march to her station.

Quite often it is necessary to install an officer after the regular Installation. Our Laws provide no specific instructions for this situation; the following is a suggested procedure:

Installing Officer instructs Installing Marshal to name officer (or call roll of officers) to be installed . . .

Marshal calls name(s), then proceeds to pick up and conduct to Altar. . . .

Installing Officer administers Obligation, gives charge, has badge invested, explains, then has her/him escorted to her/his station . . .

Upon instruction, the Installing Marshal proclaims officer(s) regularly installed . . .

SEND TO THE GRAND SECRETARY the names of all officers installed late.

### **FUNERAL CEREMONY**

The Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Chaplain, Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, and Electa should begin studying immediately after Installation the ceremony for the funeral of a departed Sister or Brother (Rit. p. 153). Please note the last paragraph on page 153 states it should be given from memory and not read! This is an hour of grief and heartbreak for the loved ones — and perhaps the only time many will witness the beauty of our work. Each officer should memorize his portion of the ceremony at the beginning of the Chapter year — thus, it will require only a review when the occasion arises.

It should be a message of consolation to the loved ones and each officer should take care to use the tone and inflection of voice to convey this comforting message.

A page in the Minute Book should be used for recording the funeral of a Sister or Brother. The Chapter of a deceased member should be notified by the Chapter conducting a courtesy funeral (Const. p. 141).

### **ANNIVERSARY**

During August, each Chapter is required to observe in such manner and form as it may deem appropriate, the anniversary of our founder, Dr. Rob Morris (Const. p. 151).

### **CHAPTER OF SORROW**

At some time during the year, each Chapter shall hold a Memorial for deceased Sisters and Brothers (Const. p. 152).

### **DRAPING OF THE CHARTER AND ALTAR**

The Altar shall be draped for a period of 30 days in memory of deceased Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, or installed Grand Officers.

The Charter will be draped for a like period upon the death of a Chapter member.

Should it be necessary to drape both Charter and Altar at the same meeting, the Charter would be draped first.

This is a very solemn and sacred tribute to our departed Sister or Brother and should be given under the Good of the Order, just prior to the Closing Ceremony. The following is the ceremony outline suggested in the 1936 Proceedings. It may be used as written, or revised by substitution of different poetry or a favorite reading of the deceased, or the Worthy Matron may substitute a ceremony of her own choosing.

*Charter* — Chaplain and Marshal participate.

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. Sisters Chaplain and Marshal, you will assume positions for draping of the Charter."

(The Marshal steps in front of the Charter which has been placed in the West in front of the Associate Matron's station prior to the meeting, and the Chaplain enters the Labyrinth between Esther and Martha, goes to the Altar and remains standing.)

Worthy Matron: "Life is like a tree in all its glory, and then comes the falling — the falling of the leaves — and we hear, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.' Sister Marshal, you will arrange the drape on the Charter."

(While this is being placed, an appropriate song is sung. The Marshal should use care to place the drape over the frame only — never over the Charter itself.)

Worthy Matron: "As a token of love and remembrance to our departed loved one, I would ask that we bow our heads in prayer."

(The Chaplain then places a spray of evergreen on the Altar and offers a prayer. At the conclusion of the prayer, the officers return to their stations.)

Worthy Matron: "There are stars that go out in the darkness, but whose silvery light shineth on; there are roses whose perfume still lingers when the blossoms are faded and gone; there are hearts full of light and of sweetness when no longer their life current flows. Still their goodness lives on with the living like the souls of the Star and the rose."

Though the foregoing ceremony does not specify, it is suggested the Worthy Matron call up the Chapter when she requests the prayer. She would seat them at the conclusion of the prayer.

*Altar* — Chaplain, Conductress and Associate Conductress are participants.

The foregoing Charter Draping Ceremony was designed for use in draping the Altar also, with appropriate wording changes. Again, the Worthy Matron may revise as she sees fit, so long as it conforms with our Laws. She may like to substitute her own bits of poetry.

Upon instruction from the Worthy Matron, the three officers rise. The Chaplain immediately leaves her station, proceeding down the north line of march to a point even with or just beyond Esther's station, makes an acute angle and slowly approaches the Altar. The Conductresses leave their stations and proceed directly into the Labyrinth, arriving at the Altar simultaneously with the Chaplain. The Conductress carries the drape, properly folded, upon her left arm. The Worthy Matron calls up the Chapter as the three officers enter the Labyrinth, and the members assume the Reverent Attitude. Soft music is played throughout except for the prayer.

When the three officers are in position at the Altar, the Chaplain on the west side, the Conductress on the south, and the Associate Conductress on the north, the Chaplain reverently raises the Bible. The two Conductresses slowly arrange the drape on the Altar and assume the Reverent Attitude. The Chaplain carefully places the Bible back in place. Should the square and compasses become disarranged, the Conductress would rearrange them.

The Worthy Matron calls for prayer in the words suggested in the Charter draping, or words of her own composition, and all members assume the Attitude of Prayer as the Chaplain kneels and prays. At the conclusion of the prayer, the three officers slowly step back to the edge of the Labyrinth, retracing their steps, turn and proceed to their stations. The Chapter is seated.

Vocal music may be introduced at the discretion of the Worthy Matron at what she considers the most appropriate time.

At the conclusion of the meeting, if the Charter were draped, it would be returned to its normal location with the drape upon it. If within the 30-day period of draping, the meeting place should be changed (such as the Joint Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron), the Charter would be taken to the changed location with drape intact.

The drape upon the Altar would be removed after the close of the meeting, but would be replaced when the Chapter room was set up for the next meeting, provided that meeting fell within the 30-day limit.

Should an additional death occur within the 30-day period, the Worthy Matron would have the same ceremony; however, the Conductresses and the Marshal would use flowers instead of the drapes for the Altar and the Charter. The flowers would be placed upon the existing drape, and the Worthy Matron would announce the Altar or Charter would remain draped another 30 days.

#### CALLING FROM LABOR TO REST

Should it be necessary to call from labor to rest for the purpose of demonstration or programs, the following is an outline of the procedure to use.

Worthy Matron: "\_\_\_\_\_ Warder."

Warder: "Worthy Matron"

Worthy Matron: "You will inform the Sentinel that we are about to call \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_ from labor to rest and direct \_\_\_\_\_ to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged."

Warder: (After having opened the door in regular form . . . )  
"\_\_\_\_\_ Sentinel, we are about to call \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_ from labor to rest and you are directed to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged."

Sentinel: "There will be no interruption \_\_\_\_\_ Warder."

Warder: (Closes door) "Worthy Matron, your order has been obeyed."

Worthy Matron: "It is well, Sister Conductress, you will attend at the Altar."

(Chapter is called up — the Conductress closes the Bible and backs into the circle of Star Point Officers.)

Worthy Matron: "I now declare \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_ called from labor to rest." (Sounds gavel)

"\_\_\_\_\_ Warder, you will so inform the Sentinel."

Warder: (The Warder opens the door without raps . . . )

"\_\_\_\_\_ Sentinel, \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_ is called from labor to rest."

(The Worthy Matron seats the Chapter and the Conductress returns to her station.)

The Chapter is called from rest to labor in like manner with appropriate word change.

#### GENERAL

It is requested that *all prompting be from the East* and that no Rituals be used by members on the sideline. This is very discourteous and frustrating to the officer attempting to perform his/her duties.

Two meetings may NOT be held on the same day except for Funerals, Memorials, Installation, or those called by the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, or a Deputy of one of these (Const. p. 141, Art. 270).

When a *Special Dispensation* is required to hold a meeting, the Worthy Matron or presiding officer will inquire of the Secretary regarding receipt thereof; however, it is not necessary to read the Dispensation.

Three copies of the SECRET WORK and DIAGRAM OF THE LABYRINTH are furnished each Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction — one each for the Worthy Patron, the Associate Patron, and the Conductress. They must be kept under lock and key when not in use (Const. pp. 136-137). Although given to the three officers named, they are for the reference of the membership and should be made available to them upon request. It is suggested the Secretary keep an assignment sheet in the By-Laws book so the chapter may have a record of the members requesting usage from time to time. Take care of them, but remember they may be replaced (Const. p. 137), and a well-worn copy indicates an interested, working membership!

We MUST NOT COPY any part of our Secret Work or reproduce it for any purpose. Any violation of this law must be reported to the Worthy Grand Matron (Const. p. 137).

We hold the MASONIC FRATERNITY in the highest esteem and it is our earnest desire that the Eastern Stars in this Grand Jurisdiction respect the wishes of that great Fraternity in all instances.

In previous years, it has been the request of the Grand Lodge of Texas that no special meetings, programs, ceremonials or initiations be held in the Masonic Halls during the first full week in March, which is known as Public School Week. A bit of research into the history of our Texas Schools will quickly inform us of the vital part played by Masonry in the foundation of our educational system, and Eastern Stars have always been pleased to abide by this request and to participate in the appreciation programs within the Public Schools. However, at the Grand Lodge Session in December of 1976, this restriction on the first full week in March was removed; therefore, unless different legislation is enacted at Grand Lodge Session in 1977, you may plan your meetings for the first full week in March without the former restrictions.

The Masons observe two Saints John Days: December 27 and June 24. These are sacred days. It is their wish that NO MEETING be held on either of the above days. You MUST comply with their wishes. If your stated meeting falls on either of these dates, you will secure a Special Dispensation to move your meeting place.

The Grand Lodge also extends us the courtesy of using their local Lodge rooms for OPEN meetings for the following occasions ONLY:

1. Installation of Officers
2. Memorial Services
3. Observances of anniversaries of the Order

All Eastern Star Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction should obtain permission from the Masonic Lodge in whose room they meet to hold any of the foregoing open meetings.

If we but try a little harder, we may merit in a small way the many courtesies received from Masons. Let us strive each day to be worthy of their devotion and never to miss an opportunity to express our deep appreciation of them. In keeping with this, it is the wish of your Worthy Grand Matron that *each Chapter in the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas plan a special occasion honoring the Masons and their wives* — not just the Masons within the Order, but all Masons belonging the Lodge whose building you use. If you are fortunate enough to have your own building, extend that special courtesy to the Masons within your area.

*Chapter Representative* at Grand Chapter (Const. p. 110, Art. 180) — The one ranking representative from each Subordinate Chapter shall receive actual mileage PROVIDED THEY ATTEND UPON ALL BUSINESS SESSIONS. Do not expect a check if you pick up your credentials after the Tuesday morning session at the 1978 Grand Chapter.

All Chapter paraphernalia when not in actual use should be stored. Each Subordinate Chapter holding its meetings in a Masonic Lodge should contact the Master of the Lodge for any instructions concerning the customs and practices in use of the Lodge room.

The BULLETIN is the only official publication of our Grand Chapter. Support it by subscribing for \$3.50 and become a better informed member!

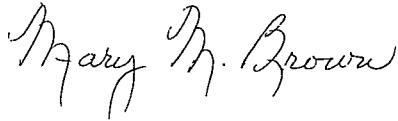
Officers should always be particular to exercise good posture. Do not slump in your chairs, but try to sit gracefully and comfortably. It is desirable that ALL MEMBERS keep both feet on the floor, so that the appearance of the room is orderly and impressive.

And FINALLY, MY DEAR ONES, let us keep ever before us the PURPOSE for which we are organized — CHARITABLE AND BENEVOLENT — and to cement the bond of good fellowship and BROTHERLY LOVE — and that we come together to worship our LORD through SERVICE to his children.

So, with LOVE in our hearts, let us join with the song writer and keep "toiling on . . . let us do with our might what our HANDS find to do . . . and labor 'til the Master comes!"

May God add a special blessing to your life this day!

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Mary M. Brown  
Worthy Grand Matron, 1977-1978

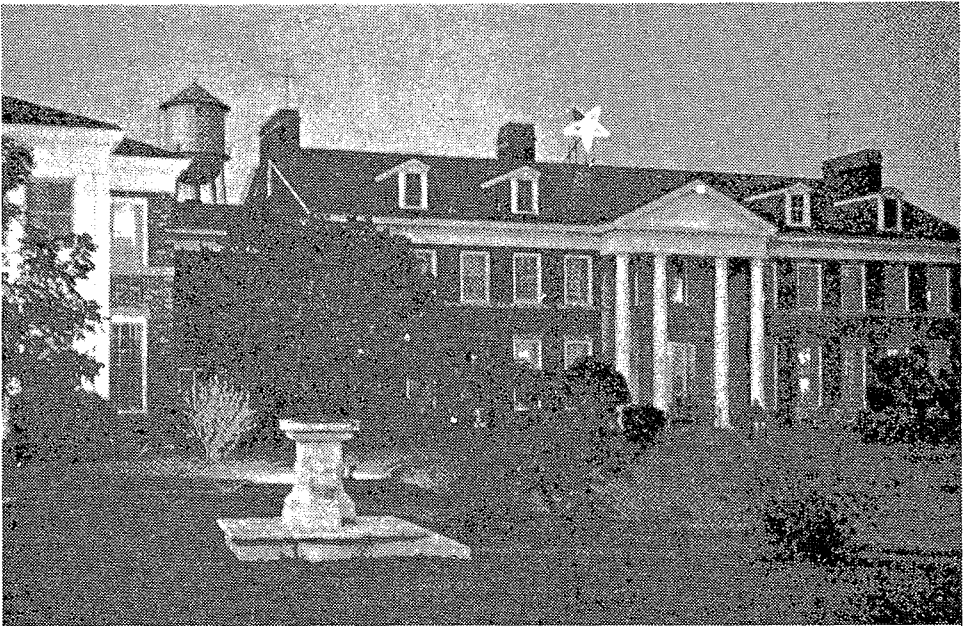
### SUPPLEMENTAL LIST OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS RECEIVED

Sour Lake Chapter No. 75  
Orange Chapter No. 214  
Newton Chapter No. 224  
Kirbyville Chapter No. 263  
Jasper Chapter No. 291  
Spurger Chapter No. 315  
Warren Chapter No. 638  
Port Neches Chapter No. 677  
Kountze Chapter No. 724  
Wisteria Chapter No. 823  
Vidor Chapter No. 914  
Groves Chapter No. 953  
Buna Chapter No. 968  
Bridge City Chapter No. 1038  
South Park Chapter No. 1056  
Winnie-Stowell Chapter No. 1076  
Nederland Chapter No. 1079  
Evadale Chapter No. 1111



***Instructions to Boards and Committees***  
***1977-1978***  
***Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S***

*our objective*



***TO ENDOW***  
***OUR EASTERN STAR HOME***

### GENERAL EXPLANATION & INSTRUCTIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

As we have prayerfully planned for this year of service and have become more and more aware of the urgent need to provide assurance of the continued care of those dear ones entrusted to our keeping, we have received a deep conviction that we MUST increase our ENDOWMENT FUND sufficiently to cover our needs in this area.

With this goal in mind, we have consulted with the Board of Grand Trustees, the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, the Superintendent of our Home, and other leaders of our Order whose wise counsel we trust, and it has been agreed that the Home Endowment Fund should be the No. 1 project for the 1977-78 Grand Chapter Year. All funds received ( unless specifically designated otherwise by the donor) shall be directed to Home Endowment. This includes monies received from the efforts of ALL Special Committees.

#### General Organization

“Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.”

— Proverbs 3:27

Each member elected or appointed has a specific responsibility; if he does not fulfill his assignment, that portion of the work will go undone - or a Sister or Brother will be required to do double-duty to assure coverage!

This year's organization has been carefully planned to cover the entire Grand Jurisdiction; it has meant perhaps less numbers in the highly populated areas, but a more complete representation in the far corners of our great State.

An earnest attempt has been made to secure representation from each Chapter; where this effort has failed, members have been appointed to fill the gap. This is our large Committee, representing this year's benevolent goal - and on whom attainment will depend!

In most other instances, there will be one Special Committee member for each Section. As in the past, we will lean heavily on the Chapter member appointed by each Worthy Matron. The Section member will provide instruction, inspiration, and assistance. It will take ALL WORKING TOGETHER to make each Section count in the year's work!

#### Handling of Funds

All checks must be made payable to the Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S., with an identification of the Committee responsible in the bottom left-hand corner of the check.

An accurate record must be made of all gifts received, including date, contributor's name, Chapter name and number, type of contribution ( cash, check, memorial, insurance policy, pooled income agreement, etc.), and amount.

In the case of contributions **in the name of the Chapter**, such contributions shall be turned in to the Chapter Secretary who will transmit them to the chairman designated in the Committee instructions, for example - if meant for Welfare, the contribution shall be sent to the District Chairman; if meant for Founders Day, the contribution shall be sent to the State Chairman. In all cases where a receipt is requested or needed, the Chapter Secretary shall see that a receipt is issued by the member of the Grand Chapter Committee to the contributor.

In the case of contributions **in the name of an individual**, the following applies:

**Chapter Member appointed by Worthy Matron:**

1. Make an accurate record of all gifts received.
2. Turn money in to the Grand Chapter Committee Member in your chapter or Section.
3. Attach to the money a complete record of the contribution, citing name, Chapter name and number, type of contribution, date and amount; keep a copy for your reference.

**Chapter or Section Member on Grand Chapter Committee:**

1. Receive the monies collected by Chapter Member appointed by the Worthy Matron, along with record of gifts.
2. Make accurate record of all monies collected by you.
3. Issue receipts for all gifts received by you or others in your Chapter or Section - for which you are making an accounting.
4. Send all monies received, together with a detailed report, to the chairman designated in your committee instructions.
5. Copies of your report should be sent to the Chapter Secretary plus all those designated in your Committee instructions; retain a file copy.

Regardless whether contributions are in the name of Chapters or individuals, the **District Chairmen** of the various committees will send a consolidated District report to the State Chairman and will give assistance to any area within his or her District that appears to need it. State Chairmen of other Committees involved in a particular effort will be sent copies of the report to the State Committee Chairman receiving the money.

The State Chairman receiving the contributions will forward same to the Grand Secretary, along with a detailed report; copies of this report shall be sent to the Worthy Grand Matron and the Board of Grand Trustees. On August 31, the State Chairman shall send a final report to the Board of Grand Trustees covering the accomplishments of the Committee, detailing income and source, expense and purpose; copies of this final report shall be sent to the Worthy Grand Matron and the Grand Secretary.

The State Chairman of a Special Committee shall prepare a budget at the beginning of the Grand Chapter year covering estimated expenses for carrying out the Committee's program, and shall present such budget to the Worthy Grand Matron for her approval and forwarding to the Grand Secretary and the Board of Grand Trustees. Such budget shall designate expected date of expenditure.

Special Committees shall be self-sustaining whereby administrative expenses shall be charged against receipts. Upon request by the State Chairman, as approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Trustees, the Grand Secretary shall handle payment of expenses from a Special Fund - such Special Fund to be reimbursed as receipts come in. Any advance must be supported by an itemized expense account after the expenditure with a return of any funds beyond the need.

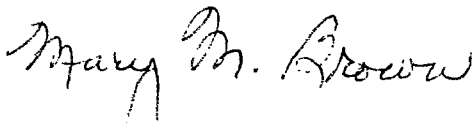
#### **GIFTS (Const. 153, Article 306(b))**

There will be no ASKING for funds for a gift for a friend. If one wishes to present such a gift, he should let others know his plan and allow them to participate IF THEY SO DESIRE - but in no instance will a solicitation be made for such funds.

Webster defines "solicit" as to make petition, to entreat, to approach with request or plea, to strongly urge, to try to obtain by asking. Our Law states it is unlawful to solicit funds for gifts other than charitable or benevolent purposes. According to Webster's definition of benevolent, our gift-giving appears to be within the Law; however, it is the desire this year to stay within the seeming intent of the Law which would restrict solicitation to charitable gifts only. Thus, there will be no solicitation for funds for a gift for a friend.

Never would I take from anyone the special joy of giving a gift of love - for I have known that experience, both as recipient and as giver - and even our precious Saviour, our perfect example in Eastern Star and everyday life, said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." However, feeling that one might have felt "forced" to participate in a gift, takes away the joy of receiving.

DO NOT WRITE A LETTER ASKING FOR MONEY for a gift for a friend in the Grand Chapter Year of 1977-78!



( Mrs.) Mary M. Brown  
Worthy Grand Matron

**INSTRUCTIONS TO BOARDS AND CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES**

**Board of Grand Trustees** - Many are your duties and great is your responsibility ( Const. pp. 39-40, 47, 67-68 and others).

It is our desire to work very closely with you for the overall benefit of our Texas Grand Chapter and our Order world-wide. We would be very pleased if you would be prepared to bring a brief message to the membership when in attendance at our Eastern Star Schools, pointing up areas of your responsibility which you feel is of significance. You might offer your services to subordinate chapters also.

**Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences** - Our Constitution ( pp. 41-42, 68-71 and others) details your responsibility in the upkeep of our Eastern Star Home and care for our members living therein. In addition to the duties outlined, we would be very pleased if you would speak briefly at our Eastern Star Schools, bringing out the basic requirements for entering our Home and explaining to the membership the steps necessary in gaining admittance for members. It would also be helpful if such information could be placed in the Bulletin, and furnished to the Deputy Grand Matrons for submission to each individual Chapter.

Our Home is a beautiful tribute to our basic principles; yet, many of our members know little about the happiness of the ladies living there and know little about the requirements for entry. Our cost per resident would be less if we could keep it filled. We would also appreciate your offering an informative program to interested subordinate chapters.

**Grand Examiners, District Deputy Grand Matrons, and Deputy Grand Matrons**

Your instructions are set out individually in the Deputy's Book, and are listed in the Constitution, pp. 71-97.

**Fraternal Correspondent** - You are our contact with other Grand Jurisdictions and you are requested to promptly respond to inquiries from them, read the Proceedings sent by each and report on them in the Proceedings of the 1978 Grand Chapter Session in Houston. It would be appreciated if you would also place brief articles in each month's Bulletin regarding the various Grand Jurisdictions from whom you have heard.

You will be included in all functions for installed Floor Officers, will fill in for the Grand Marshal in the drills at the 1978 Grand Chapter Session, and will present a brief program at that Session.

See Constitution ( p. 97).

**Credentials** - Your duties are outlined in our Constitution, pp. 97-98. For the convenience in handling the large number of voters at Grand Chapter, it is requested that you begin registering voting delegates no later than Saturday prior to the Monday opening of Grand Chapter in 1978, and just prior to the 8:00 p.m. opening of Grand Chapter, you shall report to the Worthy Grand Matron regarding the question as to whether or not a quorum is in attendance ( Const. p. 104, Art. 164). As required by our Laws, you shall close registration at 9:00 o'clock on the morning of election and immediately report to the Grand Chapter

- The total number of Chapters represented
- The total number of Voting Delegates present
- The total number of Single Vote Ballots issued
- The total number of Two-Vote Ballots issued
- The total number of Three-Vote Ballots issued
- The total number of Eligible Votes issued

**By-Laws** - Your duties are listed in the Constitution, p. 98. You will note the entire Committee does not act as a unit until Grand Chapter in 1978; the Chairman of the Committee performs all the duties until that time.

The **Chairman** will receive all By-Laws, or amendments to By-Laws from the Chapters during the year. As Chairman, you will read and inspect them to see they have been properly executed by the Chapter ( study Chapter 12, pp. 146-148 of the Constitution).

If the By-Laws amendments have been properly executed, you will:

1. Affix the Grand Chapter APPROVAL STAMP to both copies and sign your name to each. This Stamp is provided by the Grand Secretary and should be returned to her at the end of the year.
2. Send both copies to the Worthy Grand Matron for her approval and signature.
3. When you receive the copies back from the Worthy Grand Matron, retain one copy for your file. Send the other approved copy to the Chapter with a letter explaining the By-Laws or amendment become effective immediately and remain in effect until acted upon by Grand Chapter. Refer them to the Constitution, p. 148, Chapter 12, Art. 3c.

If they have not been properly executed, you will:

1. Return them to the Chapter with a letter explaining what is incorrect.
2. When they are returned to you, properly executed, follow the above prescribed method for approving them.

The entire Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Monday of Grand Chapter week and examine together all By-Laws and By-Laws Amendments - both those approved and those disapproved. A detailed report will then be made to Grand Chapter.

Also at Grand Chapter, the Committee will review and pass on the By-Laws of all U.D. Chapters.

**Chapters Under Dispensation** - You will work with the Worthy Grand Patron under his guidance and direction, and will assist in whatever manner he deems expedient to the welfare of the Chapters under Dispensation.

In accordance with the instructions in our Constitution, p. 98, you will examine the minutes and records of each Chapter under Dispensation and report to the Grand Chapter with recommendations.

Early in the week of the Grand Chapter Session, submit to the By-Laws Committee the By-Laws of the Chapters U.D., so that action may be taken by them and submitted to Grand Chapter for approval. This action must be taken prior to your submission of recommendation for granting of Charter.

**Jurisprudence Committee** - Specific instructions for your Committee are detailed on pp. 98-99 of the Constitution. You will initiate whatever steps are necessary to accomplish the duties assigned to you.

Throughout the Grand Chapter year of 1977-78, your opinion will be sought regarding the interpretation of our Laws as regards specific situations; you will ascertain the thinking of the entire Committee prior to submission of a legal opinion. You will search the records for precedent-setting actions, and will be cautious in the execution of your responsibilities, realizing the future of our Order will be affected by the decisions you make.

**Grievances and Appeals** - Yours is a very grave and serious responsibility ( Const. pp. 99-100). It is the deep desire of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron that you will be the least active of any Committee within the Grand Chapter organization; however, we are confident if the need arises, you will handle all matters in fairness to all parties and will see that each member is awarded his rights as granted by our Laws.

**Transportation and Mileage** - Your duties are outlined on p. 100 of our Constitution. These instructions include meetings prior to the Grand Chapter Session to determine mileage of each eligible delegate and the recommendation regarding the appropriation by the Grand Chapter for mileage.

**Educational Fund** - Detailed instructions are listed in our Constitution, pp. 100-102. Zealous exercise of your responsibilities should result in more assistance for worthy students and collection of outstanding debts.

**Purposes and Policy** - Effective and wise execution of your responsibilities should result in recommendations for timely changes in our basic planning - both financial and otherwise. To keep pace with a changing world, it is imperative that the Grand Chapter of Texas utilize every facility at its command to increase return on investment, and to arrange its operation in the most efficient manner. The structure and duties of your Committee are listed on pages 102-103 of our Constitution.

**Registration** - The Chairman of this committee will begin receiving pre-registration forms three to four months prior to Grand Chapter.

With this in mind, early in the Grand Chapter year, you should begin planning for an orderly system of record-keeping. As pre-registration becomes heavy, it would be well to get other members of the Committee involved in the work.

All monies received with pre-registration forms should be forwarded to the Grand Secretary immediately. Keep an accurate account of monies received for your own protection and for the information of those planning for the Grand Chapter Session. Pre-registration fee is \$5.

The latter part of the week prior to Grand Chapter, you will transfer your files to the headquarters hotel where registration will begin on Saturday October 21. On Monday, October 23, you will move to the Coliseum where you will remain throughout the Session.

Your duties are listed in the Constitution, p. 103.

#### **Welfare Committee**

You are the fund handling and reporting segment of a three-committee group...and this year, a fourth committee has been added. The three basic Committees are ESTARL, Home Endowment, and Welfare, and to this has been added Legacy of Love.

ESTARL and Home Endowment will be serving in more of a promotional nature with regard to funds - inspiring the membership and soliciting contributions. They will also have administrative responsibilities within their Committee functions.

The Legacy of Love group will be working with the membership as an outreach of Home Endowment and will be encouraging, exhorting the members to greater participation in our efforts to endow our Eastern Star Home.

As in the past, Chapter contributions to Welfare will be sent in to the District Chairman along with the Welfare form designating the recipient. Each District Chairman of Welfare will forward the money to the Grand Secretary, with two adding machine tapes showing amount. A report showing the amount and name of each Chapter contributing, together with a 100 percent designation if applicable, shall be mailed to the Grand Secretary on the first of each month, with a copy to the At-Large Member, who will be serving as State Chairman, and a copy to the Worthy Grand Matron.

Memorials may be given by individuals to assist in a Chapter's attaining 100 percent standing. The memorial money will be given to the Chapter Secretary, with a notation as to the name of the person being memorialized, plus the name(s) of the persons to be notified of the memorial. The Chapter Secretary will notify those persons named that a gift has been given to Home Endowment (or whatever fund designated) in memory of the person named, by the individual making the contribution. If a receipt is requested by the contributor, the Chapter Secretary will request the Chapter or the Section Chairman of Legacy of Love to issue a receipt in the name of Grand Chapter. **THERE IS NO NEED TO INVOLVE THE GRAND SECRETARY IN LOCAL MEMORIALS.**



The State Chairman will maintain a record of contribution - by District and by designated recipient. You, as State Chairman, will keep the membership apprised of progress through reports in the Bulletin, regarding Chapter Welfare contributions.

Individual contributions will be channeled through the Welfare Committee from the Legacy of Love Committee. If a member wishes to contribute in the Chapter name, or an individual name, either will be permissible.

All monies collected by the Legacy of Love Committee will be channeled through the Welfare Committee District Chairman, who will keep a separate record, but will handle it in the same manner by consolidating it into a District report and forwarding the money to the Grand Secretary. If the contribution is some form other than money, e.g., an insurance policy, deed, or investment in a pooled income fund - it will be forwarded to the Grand Secretary also, with an accurate record of each receipt.

Copies of the reports on Legacy of Love collection shall be sent to the appropriate District Chairman and the State Chairman of the Home Endowment Fund Committee, as well as the State Chairman of the Welfare Committee; this report, of course, will also go to the Grand Secretary who will be the recipient of all monies and papers.

The State Chairman of Welfare will keep the membership apprised of the progress of the Legacy of Love collections through articles in the Bulletin.

The Welfare Committee will make a report of the 1978 Session of Grand Chapter covering the accomplishments of the year, and immediately following the Grand Chapter Session, will submit to the Board of Grand Trustees a detailed report on all receipts, with source, and expenditures with purpose.

Your duties as listed in the Constitution are shown on page 103.

**ESTARL** - Yours will be mainly an administrative responsibility. You will receive and screen all applications for ESTARL scholarships, choosing the ones you deem to be most deserving.

You will report, via the Bulletin, interesting information on former or current recipients of scholarships awarded by the ESTARL Committee.

You will be responsible for the ESTARL program at Grand Chapter in 1978. The Music Hall has been reserved for October 22 and Dr. Harold L. Adams will be the speaker. You will work with him in the planning for the program and will utilize scholarship recipients wherever possible in the musical portion of the program, or in whatever manner you and Dr. Adams deem advisable.

At a later time within the Grand Chapter week, you will make a final report to Grand Chapter and move the adoption of the report as presented Sunday morning, October 22.

You will be responsible for Easter Services for our ladies in our Home.

**Home Endowment Fund** - To you is assigned responsibility for the biggest job of the year - that of endowing our Eastern Star Home!

You will plan the program for the year, determining figures appropriate to our present state - and those needed to accomplish our goal. These facts and figures will be based upon the previous year's audit and will be as factual as we can determine. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron will work with you in this endeavor.

After the figures have been established, your main responsibility will be to promote in every manner conceivable, the accomplishment of our objective. These figures will be made available to our Grand Officers that all may speak knowledgeably when the occasion arises - and particularly to the Deputy Grand Matrons who will have contact with the membership.

We would be very pleased if you would prepare a brief message to present to the membership in attendance at the Eastern Star Schools. We are also inviting members of our Boards to speak; thus, your remarks should be aimed toward endowment and the practical reasoning behind it - plus the most inspirational message at your command. You should also be prepared to explain the various ways of contributing, and answer questions that might be directed to you.

The members of the Legacy of Love Committee will be under your direction and guidance - and will look to you for information and inspiration in carrying out their responsibilities. This Committee will consist of Chapter representatives, a Section Chairman and Co-Chairman who will coordinate the work within a Section and cover the Chapters that do not have a representative on the Committee.

Each District member of Home Endowment will have ten Section Chairmen with whom he/she will work. You should hold a meeting of the Section Chm. soon after Grand Chapter so that all may have the information you have developed. Report forms should be distributed to them, as well as receipt books that they may issue receipts to all contributors who request one for tax considerations. Each member of Legacy of Love should be as fully informed as possible - for they will be the ones contacting the members of each Chapter - and they need to be able to answer questions and suggest means of participation by the membership. Work together to develop the best possible information for them.

Though reporting to you and working under your direction, the Legacy of Love members will send all money to the District Chairman of the Welfare Committee. A copy of the report that accompanies the money will be sent to the appropriate District member of Home Endowment and to the State Chairman of Home Endowment. This should keep you up-to-date on the progress made toward endowment and at the same time, show you the weak spots that might need special attention from you.

You will work with the Welfare Committee in planning a special presentation at the 1978 Grand Chapter Session.

**Choir Director** - You will be responsible for the music at the 1978 Grand Chapter Session in Houston.

Throughout the year, you will work with the Music Committee, offering your services for their benefit programs or Chapter programs - and at the same time, collecting from the Music Committee the names of singers to use in the 1978 Grand Chapter Choir. The Music Committee has been alerted to accumulate names and addresses of singers for your usage.

Some three months prior to Grand Chapter, you will prepare a letter of invitation to be sent to the singers on your list. After securing my approval and signature, these letters will be mailed, inviting them to join our choir.

Songs to be sung will be chosen by you and music secured; this will be a Session expense and the bill will be submitted to the Chairman of the Executive Committee. You might also like to include some instrumental numbers.

You will work with the Music Committee, as needed, in developing the special numbers each District will present at the daytime sessions of Grand Chapter.

You will set up the practice schedule for the Grand Chapter Choir and inform them via the Bulletin or individual letters.

**International Temple** - Many Chapters have become 100 percent during this past year - please continue to develop and encourage 100 percent participation. Some Grand Jurisdictions are 100 percent - and as this beautiful Temple is the symbol of our world-wide charitable and benevolent effort, Texas should stand tall among the contributors as in all other fraternal efforts!

Make a special effort to contact those Chapters not now 100 percent and explain how they might have credit for 25 members with an \$18 payment for a Bond. This is a bargain! Slides of the Temple should be made available, as well as the sale of pictures of the Temple. And remember, once 100 percent, always 100 percent - it is a one-time thing for \$1 for each member on a Chapter's rolls.

Keep the membership informed by way of the Bulletin.

#### **Eastern Star Museum -**

We have a beautiful Museum in our Eastern Star Home, small but large enough to hold the items of greatest importance. Many of the showcases are empty, and it is my understanding there are items in storage.

If it has not already been done, catalog all items in the Museum - both on display and in storage. This record should show the item and where it is located; if the location is changed, the record should be revised to agree. This itemized account should be available for ready reference in a location agreed upon by the Committee and the Superintendent of the Home.

There will **not** be a concerted effort to collect additional items for the Museum, but rather an effort to get all records in order and to properly display the items we now have. We, of course, will accept items offered for the Museum; however, if it is known we already have a like item (such as the same issue of a Ritual), we should discourage their giving the item.

For the Grand Chapter dresses for which we do not have a mannequin, the Worthy Grand Matron has forms that will be helpful in displaying the dresses.

An effort should be made to secure pictures for displaying in the hallway, bringing our history up to date.

You will make a report at the Grand Chapter Session in Houston in 1978, at a time specified by the Worthy Grand Matron.

At least one member of this Committee will be in the Museum to receive tour groups on August 5 and 6. You will host the Homecoming Tea on August 6, with the assistance of the Mary Brown Girls of District 1, Section 5.

**Executive Committee** - Read carefully your instructions in our Constitution on page 103.

Prior arrangements have been made for Grand Chapter to be held October 23-26, 1978, in the Sam Houston Coliseum with ESTARL Services on October 22 in the Music Hall. As representative of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Grand Chapter of Texas, it is your responsibility to assure compliance with regulations contained in Contract No. 8828 with the City of Houston. Become familiar with the provisions of that contract that you might not be caught unawares in its execution.

In keeping with the overall planning for the entertainment of the great membership of Texas at our October 1978 Session, you shall work very closely with the Arrangements Committee, guiding, counseling, and assisting as needed in the performance of their important duties.

As the funds allowed for the Grand Chapter Session rest in your hands, it is essential that you keep accurate and detailed records of all transactions and submit a final (and detailed) report to the Board of Grand Trustees with copy to the Worthy Grand Matron.

**Arrangements Committee** - Within your hands lies the magic formula for a happy and successful 1978 Session of our Texas Grand Chapter. Though your efforts are greatly heightened during the week of Grand Chapter, they extend throughout the year prior to that date...the time to begin is NOW!

No one knows - nor will they know without serving on your Committee - the dedication, the self-sacrificing required in the execution of your trust. The membership shall look to you for pleasing accommodations in housing and social functions, for comfortable transportation to and from the Sessions, for assistance in carrying out their responsibilities as guests in your City, for a smoothly functioning Grand Chapter Session with its many and varied facets of service, and for a welcome that is sincerely extended. Houston excels in all these - and more!

If the 1977-1978 Session is a success, you can be justly proud - for its success depends in great measure on your performance! I have every confidence you will make this Session outstanding!

Study the Constitution, page 103, Article 162-E. Make a careful record of all transactions, submitting to the Executive for payment all bills associated with the Session. Such bills must be approved by the Chairman of Arrangements and Chairman of Executive before payment will be made by the Treasurer. A monthly report on activities and accomplishments will be made by the Chairman of the Arrangements Committee to the Chairman of the Executive Committee, with a copy to the Worthy Grand Matron.

Please know that your Worthy Grand Matron appreciates deeply every effort made and stands ready to assist in whatever manner possible to make your workload lighter. Thank you - and God bless!

## INSTRUCTIONS TO SPECIAL COMMITTEES

### PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

Eastern Star Protocol is a code prescribing strict adherence to etiquette and rules. The Order of the Eastern Star is an organization of reverence, culture, dignity, beauty and refinement. Certain standards and uniform procedures should be followed.

The objective of the Protocol Committee is to provide a guideline of uniform rules for the Chapters and members throughout the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas. The regulations herein provided are the work of this Committee and are placed within this book as a ready reference.

The Committee consists of six members - one from each of the five Districts, and a State Chairman. In addition to the submission of these guidelines, the members of the Protocol Committee will make themselves available to speak to Chapters, to groups, and to provide assistance in the planning of all functions - both business and social.

In Chapter Meetings, the Constitution directs the manner and order of introductions ( Const. pp. 144-145). The following suggestions may be followed:

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are always seated in the East.

If there is sufficient space, the Past Grands are invited to remain in the East; likewise, the remaining elective officers. If space is limited, these two groups along with other floor officers are seated in a reserved section.

If a meeting is honoring a person, he/she is extended the place of honor to the right or left of the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron - determined by the honoree's being a sister or a brother.

The Deputy Grand Matron on her Official Visit receives the place of honor in the East.

All courtesies ( programs and gifts) should be extended **before** inviting the honoree( s) to speak.

If one or two Past Grands are in attendance, call each one by name and extend invitation to speak. If there are a number present, invite one to represent the others. This should not preclude spontaneous talks from our Past Grands - the membership loves them and takes special joy in their words of wisdom - and your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron Wish to show them every courtesy in appreciation of the immeasurable service they have rendered - and continue to render our Order.

Follow same procedure for Line Officers, calling upon the one of highest rank to speak for all if time does not permit all to speak.

No one should speak following the message of the honoree.

**Receiving Lines** - At coffees, teas, receptions, etc., the hostess shall receive, followed by the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron ( if Chapter function), then the honored member. If Past Grands are present, they should be invited to be in the Receiving Line. It is a courtesy to invite them prior to the function, if they live in the area or it is known they plan to attend, so they may dress accordingly. **Never** request a Past Grand to serve at a social function; if participating, they should be in the Receiving Line; they will stand in the order of their rank, with General Grands first, then Past Grands according to seniority.

Depending upon the number in the Receiving Line, Floor Officers may also be invited.

On School Schedule, all School Officers would be in the Receiving Line.

**Banquet Protocol** - If the head table is escorted in, the one of highest rank will enter last; however, at a special honor night, the honoree would be escorted in last. A member should be assigned the responsibility of lining them up outside the banquet room. **If names are called as they enter, there would be no introductions during the banquet.**

The alternate method would be for distinguished members to be escorted to their places as they arrive, the honored member( s) would be escorted in at the appointed hour with name( s) called, and there would be introductions during the banquet.

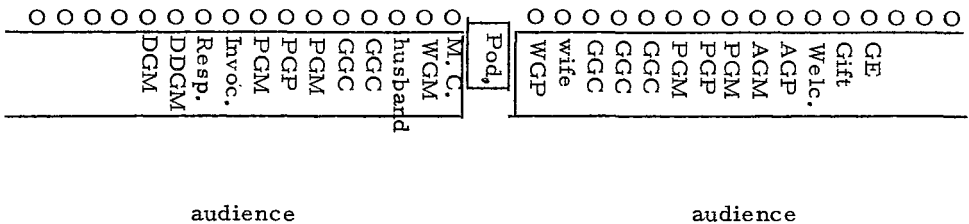
Place cards should be used to facilitate seating in an orderly manner.

**Seating Arrangement** - the Master of Ceremonies should occupy the seat to the right of the podium ( facing the audience) with the Worthy Grand Matron ( or honoree) to her/his right. On the immediate left of the Master of Ceremonies is the Worthy Grand Patron. To the Worthy Grand Matron's right is her husband and the Worthy Grand Patron's wife is to his left.

If General Grand Chapter Officers are in attendance, they are seated to the right of the Worthy Grand Matron and the left of the Worthy Grand Patron in all affairs.

Our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron should always be placed at the head table, along with other General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members. Depending upon the occasion and the space allowed, other Past Grands and Floor Officers should be seated alternately on the right and left in descending order down the table from the podium.

Program participants should be at the head table and on SCHOOL SCHEDULE, the Grand Examiner, District Deputy Grand Matron, and Deputy Grand Matron should also be at the head table.



At large functions, a second head table should be arranged for the overflow of Past Grands, their husbands and wives, and other Grand Officers.

If service is **Buffet Style**, the hostess should invite those at the head table to be served first, **then precede them through the line**. The ones seated at the second head table should follow next through the line.

In planning the outline of your program for the banquet, arrange for all announcements, business, etc., of the group to be given prior to inviting the honoree to speak. **Only the benediction should follow the message of the honoree.**

On occasion, these instructions may not be followed to the letter - do not become excited and be discourteous. Thoughtful consideration of another is also good etiquette. **Assistance should be given before the fact, not afterward.**

**GRAND ESCORTS**

Your duty is what your title implies - be available for your Grand Lady when she needs your strong arm and helping hand, and stand proudly by her side.

### **POET LAUREATE**

Yours is a very special responsibility - with your lovely sensitivity and perception, you will add a dimension of beauty and originality which would otherwise be lacking in this year of 1977-78. Poetry is a medium of communication which brings peace, joy, and inspiration to the heart of your Worthy Grand Matron. Your efforts will be appreciated by her far more than perhaps you realize, and will be a ready reference to bring her pleasure throughout the remainder of her life!

Your compositions will be shared with the membership through our O.E.S. Bulletin, and on other occasions. Submit your work to the Worthy Grand Matron and she will apply them at the appropriate place and time.

### **GRAND HISTORIANS**

The objective of this Committee is to bring to the forefront a just appreciation of the History of our Order - of the vast contributions made by those who have served in high places and led us thus far.

Under your capable direction will be the responsibility for distribution of the Historical Highlights, the "history book" of the Grand Chapter of Texas updated through 1977. As we turn the pages of this book, looking at the pictures, scanning the record of each year, our hearts sing of the influence on our lives by these leaders of our Grand Chapter. From them we have gathered courage and strength - we have learned humility and gentleness and forgiveness...

The Chairman of Grand Historians will be primarily responsible for the sale of these books, aided by the three Committee members assisting her. She will use her good judgement in organization of this work, and in the method of bookkeeping required to maintain an accurate record of all transactions. All monies received will be promptly forwarded to the Grand Secretary by the Chairman and a report will be made at the end of the year, detailing all transactions. Money will be deposited by the Grand Secretary in the Home Endowment Fund. Please refer to General Instructions in the front of this booklet for the handling of the money and reporting.

The Grand Historians will be assisted in this effort by the Envoys of Service Committee.

You will also be responsible for a historical presentation at the 1978 Grand Chapter Session.

### **RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

The objective of this Committee is to acknowledge by resolution all courtesies extended at the Grand Chapter Session and at other times during the Grand Chapter Year of 1977-1978 when requested to do so by the Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron.



The Committee consists of a State Chairman and one member from each of the five Districts. Each District member will be responsible for alerting the Worthy Grand Matron as to possible needs for resolutions arising from situations or courtesies extended within his/her District. The State Chairman shall direct and coordinate the work of the five District members, and shall report on accomplishments at the 1978 Grand Chapter Session.

#### **LEGACY OF LOVE COMMITTEE**

To you is given the "great commission"...GO THOU...

The objective of this Committee is to personally tell the story of our Eastern Star Home to each member of a Chapter's roll...and to help each to find a way to share in the joy of ENDOWING OUR HOME!

The Home Endowment Fund Committee will furnish the facts and figures, as well as the suggested means of participation - the rest is up to you. Study the information carefully so that you may talk knowledgeably and answer questions coming your way. If there is a question you cannot answer, pass it on to the Home Endowment Fund member in your District and he/she will get the answer for you.

**ALL PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS ARE REQUESTED TO SERVE AS HONORARY MEMBERS OF THIS LEGACY OF LOVE COMMITTEE, TO GIVE GUIDANCE AND COUNSEL, TO GIVE ACTIVE ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING THE MEMBERSHIP, AND TO SPEAK ON THE SUBJECT AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY.**

The quiet peace that comes from being loved and cared for is fully experienced by the sweet Sisters residing in our Home; it is not an institution - it is a Home. To understand this, simply take a few hours from your busy life. Visit the most highly recommended home for the aged in your area; then visit with one of the ladies in our Eastern Star Home! You cannot see in one short day all the beauty of which she speaks - but she will tell you about it if you'll only listen!

The Home belongs to the residents there, as well as to us. They, too, have supported it in their youth with their dues, their gifts, their hours of service - and in the twilight of their lives, they gave all their personal wealth that they might spend their last hours there. The knowledge that the Home is theirs as well as ours gives them dignity and pride in its beauty and cleanliness - and the love that is given them by the members throughout our Grand Jurisdiction puts the sparkle in their eyes.

This is a beautiful endeavor! We have accepted their possessions in good faith and we are committed to provide for their care! - not only theirs, but those who follow after them. In this hour of spiraling costs, let us use the business-like approach and place in the Endowment Fund sufficient monies to assure the continuance of this symbol of our benevolent service - our reason for being.

With each member sharing, it will not be burdensome. It is our opportunity to place service above self. In effect, it is simply fulfilling the commitment we made when we placed the first stone, when we admitted the first Sister!

Within the Home will be placed a Legacy of Love Book wherein will be recorded our contributions. If each of our 119,000 members contribute, a space will be provided for his her name!

There will be a section for recording the 100 percent Chapters; the remainder will be divided into various categories, depending upon the amount - these donations may be by Chapter or by individual -

	<b>Color of Page</b>
Donor - 1 cent to \$49.99	White
Sponsor - \$50 to \$99.99	Blue
Grantor - \$100 to \$499.99	Green
Patron - \$500 to \$999.99	Red
Benefactor - \$1,000 up	Gold
100 Percent Chapters-----	Off-White

Again - study your material - and with your receipt book and contributors data sheet, go out into the highways and byways, tell your story, and give our great membership the opportunity to share in adding the description "permanent" to our Home!

Forms will be provided for recording each gift or grant. Cancelled checks may suffice as receipts; however, if the contributor requests a receipt, please comply. A gift to the Eastern Star is tax deductible. Receipt books will be furnished.

If the gift is in the form of insurance, an extra copy of the policy must be secured for forwarding to the Board of Grand Trustees. Any other legal instrument should be handled in the same manner. All monies, policies, etc., will be turned in to the Section Chairman or Co-Chairman by the 15th of each month along with a copy of the report detailing each transaction. Please refer to the General Instructions to Committees in the front of this booklet regarding the procedure for handling funds. Reporting relationship for this Committee shall be in this manner:

- Chapter member appointed by WM will report to the Chapter member on the Legacy of Love Committee by 10th of month...
- Chapter member of Legacy of Love Committee will report to the Section Chairman or Co-Chairman by 15th of month...
- Section Chairman and Co-Chairman will work together and Chairman will turn in monies, legal instruments, etc., and report to District Welfare Committee member -- with copy of report to District member of Committee named as recipient ( Home Endowment or ESTARL) -- by 20th of month...

Each report must be on form furnished, detailing each transaction.

In addition, each Legacy of Love member will be responsible for initiating some fund raising event during the year within his/her Chapter - with proceeds to go to the Home Endowment Fund.

#### **Section Chairmen and Co-Chairmen**

An effort was made to place a member of this Legacy of Love Committee in each Chapter; however, we were not successful in some instances. To give coverage to those Chapters where Committee members could not be secured, and to provide a liaison between the Legacy of Love Member in each Chapter and the Home Endowment Fund, Section Chairmen and Co-Chairmen were set up. These two will divide the responsibilities within the Section to assure complete coverage and no duplication of effort. Assistance will also be given to the Chapter Committee member when needed.

The Section Chairman will send all money and legal instruments to the District Member of the Welfare Committee by the 20th of the month, along with a report detailing sources of receipts ( on form furnished). Copies of this report will be given to the District Member of the Home Endowment Fund Committee, or ESTARL District Member, depending on the named recipient.

The Section Chairman will also see by personal entry or otherwise, that all names of contributors are entered in the Legacy of Love Book in the proper section.

**Chapter Legacy of Love Committee Member** - follow through conscientiously on all phases, giving receipts, filling out data forms, etc. As stated in the foregoing, you will turn in all monies received to your Section Chairman by the 15th of each month, together with a detailed report of each transaction. Be careful to maintain a duplicate copy of all transactions in your files.

#### **BULLETIN COMMITTEE**

The objective of this Committee is to help the membership to become aware of the many advantages of subscribing to the Bulletin.

This Committee is composed of a State Chairman and a Member from each of the five Districts. The Chairman will guide the efforts of the District Members and assist in every manner possible.

Attend as many meetings as possible and always carry a Bulletin with you; explain that the O.E.S. Bulletin is the official organ of Texas Eastern Stars, and will be utilized many times this year by the Worthy Grand Matron in communicating with the membership. By reading the Bulletin, one can become more aware of the happenings over our great State and thus have an opportunity to participate more fully. Messages from the various committees on goals and accomplishments are printed regularly.

Your job is **promotional**. The member wishing to subscribe may order through her Chapter Secretary, or may send her order direct to Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, 1111 East Division, Arlington, Texas 76011. An increase in subscribers will make for a better informed membership and at the same time, cut down on the cost per copy.

#### **ENVOYS OF SERVICE COMMITTEE**

The objective of this Committee is to carry the story of **SERVICE** to the membership through "Historical Highlights" - a book which catalogs the history of our Texas Grand Chapter from its inception to our current day.

The members of this Committee have been selected from over the State and each one was chosen for his/her many years of dedicated service to our Order. Thus, you are especially fitted for your role of presenting our History, and serving during 1977-78 as a "messenger" of service.

You will report to and receive your history books from the Chairman of Grand Historians. Correspond with her, keeping her aware of your need for additional books.

Attend the Eastern Star Schools and all possible meetings in your area. Always carry copies of the "Historical Highlights" with you and promote its sale. All profit made on the sale of these books will go to the **HOME ENDOWMENT FUND**.

Keep an accurate record of all receipts of books so that all may be accounted for. Keep an accurate record of all books sold and at the end of each month, send a detailed report to the Chairman of Grand Historians.

All checks should be made to the Grand Chapter of Texas, designated "Historical Highlights", and should be sent to the Chairman of Grand Historians at the end of each month.

Our goal during 1977-78 is to endow our Eastern Star Home and by serving on the Envoys of Service Committee, you are an integral part of our effort to achieve this goal.

The Worthy Grand Matron shall serve as Ex Officio Chairman of this Committee.

#### **SECRETARIAL COMMITTEE**

The prime responsibility of this Committee is to assist the Worthy Grand Matron in her heavy load of correspondence.

The Secretarial Committee for 1977-78 consists of one State Chairman, five District Chairmen, and one Secretary for each of the 50 Sections.

All correspondence shall be handled in a CONFIDENTIAL manner and in no instance shall the contents of a letter received or written be discussed with another member - except for instructional purposes between Secretaries. Postage will be furnished by the Worthy Grand Matron at the time the letters are prepared.

The Secretaries will attempt to anticipate the needs of the Worthy Grand Matron and will execute their duties with minimal direction or supervision from her.

The following assignment of duties is made in an effort to meet the foregoing objectives:

#### **State Chairman**

You will coordinate the duties of the Secretaries, working through the five District Chairmen. You will be responsible for collecting and distributing instructions and supplies.

#### **District Chairmen**

Each of you will supervise, direct, and instruct the ten Section Secretaries in your District. To accomplish this, you will call a meeting of the ten Secretaries for whom you are responsible and in as thorough a manner as possible, go over with them their duties, sharing with them your interpretation of the likes and dislikes of the Worthy Grand Matron in correspondence with the Chapters and individuals. In this instance, you will use every means within your command to encourage, exhort, instruct and inspire these ten girls to give of their very best efforts in the execution of their responsibilities.

Upon invitation, you will attend the pre-Grand Chapter meeting of the District Deputy and Deputy Grand Matrons in your District and explain to them the functions of this Special Committee.

You will distribute to the ten Secretaries for whom you are responsible, supplies and instructions received from the State Chairman.

You will assure a timely handling of all correspondence in connection with Schools, Fraternal Visits, or social functions in your District in a manner that will be in accordance with the wishes of the Worthy Grand Matron.

You will make yourself available to the Worthy Grand Matron during the School Schedule within your District, supervising or performing the secretarial duties at each function. To assist you in carrying out these responsibilities, you will be invited to travel with the Worthy Grand Matron, but in no instance are you to be considered a SCHOOL OFFICER with regard to a Section's financial responsibility for lodging and food. You will be there as a convenience to the performance of your responsibilities on this Special Committee of the Worthy Grand Matron. It will not be necessary for you to attend all Schools, PROVIDED you can assure competent secretarial assistance for the Worthy Grand Matron at each School.

You will provide secretarial assistance to the Worthy Grand Matron throughout the year, scheduling this at your convenience and in response to the specific needs of the Worthy Grand Matron.

As a general rule, you would delegate all routine correspondence to the Section Secretary, retaining the more complicated matters for yourself. IN ALL INSTANCES, you will assure a personal review and signature by the Worthy Grand Matron PRIOR to mailing.

In carrying out these responsibilities, it is very important that each District Secretary study the manner of expression of the Worthy Grand Matron, passing this instruction on to the Section Secretaries so that State-wide, the correspondence will reflect the image and personality of the Worthy Grand Matron and not each individual Secretary. This will quite possibly be the most difficult part of your assignment.

### **Section Secretary**

You will make yourself available for the secretarial needs of the Worthy Grand Matron when she is in your Section. Mainly, this will consist of letters of appreciation to the Chapters and thank-you's to individuals for courtesies extended at a School, Fraternal Visit, or social function. Also included will be expressions of sympathy and various greetings, as well as regrets to invitations.

You will determine from the Deputy Grand Matron the schedule for presentation of special courtesies, be present to collect items presented to the Worthy Grand Matron, and immediately begin the preparation of letters of appreciation.

When the Worthy Grand Patron is present, the Section Secretary will offer to write his thank-you letters also.

Stationery will be provided through the District Secretary with a guideline as to which should be used for various needs.

IN NO INSTANCE are you considered a School Officer; however, as a convenience to you and the Worthy Grand Matron in carrying out the duties of the Secretarial Committee, you will attend the School and perform your duties so that all correspondence will be available for signature of the Worthy Grand Matron prior to her departure from the Section. It is suggested that you prepare in advance the envelopes to the various Chapters in your Section, or the various hosts of a specific function - in order to facilitate the expeditious handling of the correspondence

To assist you in wording letters and notes - and to reflect the personality of the Worthy Grand Matron, the District Secretary will provide you with suggested terminology and phrases; these you will conscientiously utilize in your correspondence.

You will make carbon copies of all letters to Chapters and prepare a record of all letters, notes and cards, indicating the person to whom it was sent, the subject, and the date prepared ( and mailed). This record will be given to the District Secretary or the Worthy Grand Matron.

If for some reason you find it impossible to be in attendance at a fuction, **you will notify your District Secretary immediately** so that secretarial assistance may be provided.

When the Worthy Grand Matron is not in the Section or has not assigned you a specific task, you will offer your assistance to the Deputy Grand Matron in the performance of her many and varied duties, being careful to emphasize you wish to be of help only when and if you are needed.

### **MASONIC BROTHERHOOD COMMITTEE**

The objective of this Committee is to **CEMENT THE TIES OF FRATERNALISM** between the members of the Order of the Eastern Star and the members of the Masonic Fraternity.

To accomplish this, you will enter into a three-fold program - ( 1) share with Eastern Stars interesting facts on the many charitable projects of Masonry, ( 2) explain to Eastern Stars the Masonic rules by which we must abide in the use of your Lodge rooms, and ( 3) tell the Eastern Star story to the Masons, emphasizing our benevolent efforts.

This Committee has been designed as a 56-member group with a State Chairman, five District Chairmen, and one member in each of the 50 Sections - to allow for equal representation in each District and Section throughout the State.

Each Chapter will be asked to appoint a member to work with this Committee in accomplishments of its objectives.

#### **State Chairman**

You will organize and implement the State-wide effort to improve our Masonic-O.E.S. relationship, working through your District and Section members. To facilitate this, you should call a meeting of your five District Chairmen as soon as possible so material provided Section members will be consistent.

You will apprise the membership of your efforts through the Bulletin and a report at Grand Chapter.

#### **District Chairmen**

You will assist the State Chairman in the planning for the year's work and in the implementation of these plans. You will provide suggested material to the 10 Section members under your guidance, for presenting both the Masonic and the O.E.S. stories. You will coordinate their efforts, assist where necessary, and report monthly to the State Chairman.

### Section Members

You should visit each Chapter at least once during the year, at the time most convenient for the Worthy Matron and you, and share with them the information listed in items ( 1 ) and ( 2 ) above. The Worthy Matron of each Chapter in your Section will be requested to appoint a member to work with you in accomplishing the objectives of this Committee. Share with the Chapter member appointed, information and material he might need in presentations.

Each Chapter in Texas is being requested to honor ALL MASONS (not just OES Masons) and their wives on a special occasion during the 1977-78 Grand Chapter Year. On your visit to the Chapters, you might offer the services of a speaker - yourself or one of the other members of your Committee - for the Masonic honor night.

This would be an excellent opportunity to carry out phase (3) of the program and dispell any misconception your fellow Masons may have that we are a social Order. Point out to them and their wives that we are a service organization - accomplishing much good - and cite our various benevolent accomplishments.

I cannot emphasize too strongly your need for diplomacy and tact! We hope to accomplish good and would not want to do anything that might create any friction and thus defeat our purpose. Our Masons need to know how much we appreciate them and the use of their facilities - and then an attempt be made to create a better image of our Order in their eyes.

Report monthly to your District Chairman on your activities and seek his help if needed.

### FOUNDERS DAY COMMITTEE

The objective of this Committee is to **promote participation of all Chapters** throughout our State, and to **execute to a successful completion** the Founders Day Celebration on August 5, 1978, at our Eastern Star Home in Arlington. This Celebration commemorates the birth of our illustrious founder Dr. Rob Morris-and what better way could we wbserve the birthday of the Master Builder of our Order than to gather at our Home, supreme example of our benevolent purposes, and work together to assure its continued existence. All money made from this project shall go to HOME ENDOWMENT FUND.

To finance this effort and realize a profit, all Chapters will be requested to participate 100 percent by donating 10 cents per member. The 100 percent Chapters will be recognized in an appropriate manner.

The Celebration will again be in the form of a "county fair", and Chapters will be requested to provide the items our membership looks forward to purchasing each year, handmade or otherwise.

This Committee has been designed as a 57-member group with a State Chairman, one Vice-Chairman, Five District Chairmen, and one member in each of the 50 Sections - allowing for equal representation in each District and Section throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. If some Section is lacking a Committee representative, the Chairman of that particular District will assign responsibility for that Section to Committee members in surrounding Sections.



Each Chapter will be asked to appoint a member to work with this Committee in accomplishing its objective.

PLEASE REFER TO THE GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMITTEES found in the front of this book. ALL Committees must abide by these instructions in the handling of money and accounting therefor, as well as other matters.

#### **State Chairman**

You will call a meeting of your Chairmen and plan for a successful Founders Day Celebration, and will estimate to the best of your knowledge the costs involved. You will coordinate the efforts of all Committee members, working through your District Chairmen; you will also be responsible for recording all transactions and reporting to the Grand Trustees in accordance with instructions in this book on all money received and disbursements made by your Committee members.

#### **Vice Chairmen -**

You will be responsible for assisting the State Chairman in whatever manner needed, particularly in the physical execution of plans for the County Fair at the Founders Day Celebration.

#### **District Chairmen**

You will share with the 10 Section Members under your guidance, plans made at your meeting with the State Chairman. You will coordinate in your District the plans for Founders Day Celebration, be responsible for organizing District-wide collection of items for the sale at the Fair, and personally coordinate your District's effort on August 5. If a Section is without representation, you will see the membership in that Section is informed, either by carrying out those responsibilities yourself or by appointing Committee Members in surrounding Sections.

#### **Section Chairmen**

You will write a letter to the Chapters in your Section, telling them of the plans of your Committee, urging them to be 100 percent by contributing 10 cents per member and to participate more fully by making items for sale at the County Fair on August 5. The Worthy Matron of each Chapter in your Section will be requested by the Worthy Grand Matron to appoint one of her members to work with you in accomplishing the objectives of this Committee.

You will visit each Chapter in your Section and discuss with them your plans, and upon receipt of the name of the Chapter member appointed, you will share with that member through correspondence and personal contact the Committee's day-to-day progress.

You will give receipts for all money received, make an accurate record of all transactions including names and dates received, and shall forward all money and reports in accordance with the instructions in the front of this book, to the State Chairman, with copy of report to the District Chairman.

### Chapter Representative

The Chapter Representative should be instructed to handle all Chapter donations and items for sale, being responsible for getting all into the hands of the Section Member prior to the Founders Day Celebration, keeping an accurate record of all contributions indicating source, and reporting to Section Chairman.

### TIME & TALENT COMMITTEE

The objective of this Committee is to bring happiness and fuller meaning to the lives of the residents of our Eastern Star Home in Arlington and to comparable homes for the elderly in other areas of the State - and to bring consolation to the bereaved.

The program of **Pink Ladies and Pink Ties** will be continued. All members of the Order may participate by payment of \$1.00 annual dues. Small stick-on emblems will be given to members for placement on their dues cards, indicating they are participants in this very rewarding endeavor. All monies received above expenses will be applied to the HOME ENDOWMENT FUND, thus assuring continued care of these precious ones. Accurate records must be maintained on all receipts and disbursements and reports and accounting made in accordance with the **General Instructions to Committees** listed in the front of this book.

**Gifts of Love** for our O.E.S. Home are also included in this program - jams, jellies, preserves, cakes, fruit, hand lotion, toothpaste, polident, tissues, etc., and for the hospital - patient bibs (18" X 27" towels with ties), draw sheets hemmed 37" X 78", gowns, etc.

**Hours of Service** is by far the greatest function of this Committee. There are many services to perform to make these dear ones more comfortable and to fill their days with sunshine. They enjoy programs-both inspirational and those on a light and happy note.

The initial award is earned by serving **40 hours**; 20 hours must be in the Home (or another home or hospital) - sitting; reading; writing letters; shampooing hair; teaching art, crocheting or other handwork; attending special needs; errands; outings; etc.; or just plain visiting. If you are not near the O.E.S. Home in Arlington, hours may be earned at a Home in your area. **Actual hours served are counted.**

Also included in these service hours are thoughtful gestures to comfort the bereaved or sick. In this instance, one hour may be counted for attending a funeral, one for carrying food to the bereaved, and one hour for giving food to the sick.

This Committee has been so designed to allow for equal representation in each District and Section, with exception of the area surrounding Arlington where additional members have been placed to assure adequate attention to residents of our Home; there are also two Section Chairmen for this area - one for District 1, Section 4, and one for District 3, Section 1. There is one member assigned for each of the other Sections throughout the State, five District Chairmen, and a State Chairman. If some Section is lacking a Committee Member, the Chairman of that particular District will assign responsibility for that Section to Committee Members in surrounding Sections.

Each Chapter will be requested by the Worthy Grand Matron to appoint a member to work with this Committee in accomplishing its objectives.

### **State Chairman**

You are responsible for coordinating the State-wide effort by working through the various Chairmen to accomplish the objectives outlined. Soon after the 1977 Grand Chapter Session, you will schedule a planning session with your Chairmen, and will estimate the cost of the program for the year. This estimated cost will be given to the Grand Secretary.

You will be responsible for placing articles in the Bulletin to encourage the membership to serve and to keep them informed of progress made by this Committee.

You are also responsible for a final accounting of the Committee's work, and a detailed report to Board of Grand Trustees, setting out receipts (indicating source) and disbursements (indicating purpose) - all handling of money and reports in accordance with General Instructions to Committees.

### **District Chairmen**

You will serve as liaison between the State Chairman and Section Chairmen and Members, transmitting plans for the year, and encouraging and assisting in work within each of the 10 Sections under your guidance. You will also assist the State Chairman in whatever manner is needed.

### **Section Members**

You are the only member of this Committee in your Section and are responsible for all Chapters in your Section. Visit as many Chapters as possible, encourage them to participate, correspond with the Chapter member appointed and instruct him to report to you on the participation of his Chapter. You will issue receipts.

You, in turn, will see that all money is forwarded to the State Chairman with copy of transmittal letter to your District Chairman; that gifts of love are transported to the O.E.S. Home; that Pink Ladies and Pin Ties members are given stick-on emblems for their dues cards; and after August 31, that another emblem showing 40 hours and above will be presented to members so earning. This will require accurate record keeping in accordance with **General Instructions to Committees.**

### **Arlington Area Members (District 1, Section 4 - District 3, Section 1)**

**Section Chairmen** - Your duties are much the same as those for Section Members in the Sections where there is only one Committee Member - EXCEPT you will not instruct the member appointed by the Worthy Matron to keep records and report to you unless there is not a Committee Member in that particular Chapter.

**Section Members** - You will maintain the records of participation for your Chapter and will forward monies received and reports to the Section Chairman. Your special responsibility will be caring for the needs of the residents of our O.E.S. Home.

**ALL MEMBERS of this Committee** will participate in all phases of this program, rendering assistance wherever needed.

### **MUSIC COMMITTEE**

The objective of this Committee is to promote a deeper awareness of the contribution of music in our ceremonies and everyday life, to provide musical programs within each Section and at Grand Chapter, to sell the Worthy Grand Matron's March, and to provide a benefit program in each Section. All monies received from these various projects shall be applied to HOME ENDOWMENT FUND.

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Each Chapter will be requested to appoint a member to work with this Committee in accomplishing its objectives.

The reporting and the handling of money shall be in accordance with the General Instructions to Committees in the front of this book.

#### **State Chairman**

Immediately following the 1977 Grand Chapter Session, you will call a meeting of your District Chairmen to make plans for carrying out the objectives of this Committee. Some of these objectives are:

Attend all functions possible and promote the sale of the WGM's March.

Provide musical presentations within each Section for utilization of the Chapters therein.

Plan and present a musical benefit in each Section.

Present a musical number from each of the five Districts for the Tuesday morning, Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday morning, Wednesday afternoon, and Thursday sessions of the 1978 Grand Chapter.

Provide the Choir Director with names of singers to be invited to participate in the Choir at the 1978 Session.

Secure pianists for the pre-ceremonial periods during the 1978 Grand Chapter, and work with the Worthy Grand Matron in scheduling them.

Report detailed year-end figures to Bd. of Grand Trustees in accordance with General Instructions in the front of this booklet.

**District Chairmen**

You will serve as liaison between the State Chairman and Section Members, instructing and implementing the program within your District.

You will handle distribution of music and the accounting therefor. You will collect from Section Members names and addresses of singers and forward the list to the Choir Director. You will collect a list of pianists, with addresses, and present the list to the State Chairman of Music Committee, who in consultation with the Worthy Grand Matron will select Organ Prelude performers for the 1978 Grand Chapter Session.

You will be responsible for planning a musical presentation for Grand Chapter. Districts will perform in the following order - District 1, Tuesday morning; District 2, Tuesday afternoon; District 3, Wednesday morning; District 4, Wednesday afternoon; and District 5, Thursday.

**Section Members**

You are responsible for the musical program within your Section and shall attend all functions possible and see to it that the Worthy Grand Matron's March is available to those desiring it.

The Worthy Matron of each Chapter in your Section will be requested to appoint a member to work with you. Upon receipt of the names of the members appointed, you will work through them in developing musical programs for use of the Chapters in your Section. Also, through these Chapter representatives, you will develop a list of singers and pianists and forward this list, including addresses, to your District Chairman.

Sometime within the year, you will plan a benefit in your Section to raise money toward Home Endowment Fund.

Accurate records must be kept of all money transactions, indicating amount, source, and purpose - and all reporting and accounting shall be in accordance with the GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO COMMITTEES in the front of this booklet, with detailed report and money to State Chairman, and copy of report to the District Chairman.

**FRATERNAL FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE**

The objective of this Committee is to stimulate interest among our members by encouraging visiting between Chapters. Our total membership has been declining for a number of years and the challenge to this Committee is inspiring the membership to a renewing of interest that will (at least) slow down the decline, or (at best reverse the trend! One point that must be emphasized is our great need for young members, and the valuable contribution that can be made by our youth. They are smart and capable and with a little guidance in our customs and Laws, they can out-distance any of us in their performance!

Again, to stimulate interest, we will give points for visiting another Chapter, and recognition will be given to those chapters amassing the greatest number of points in each District.

Record-keeping will be on a simplified basis of 1 point for each member that visits another Chapter. There will be no minimum to qualify and there will be no bonus given for extra members attending - just a simple 1 point for each member that visits another Chapter whether in a group or alone. The District Chairmen will equate the numbers reported according to Chapter membership.

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Each Chapter will be requested by the Worthy Grand Matron to appoint a member to work with this Committee in accomplishing its objectives.

#### **State Chairman**

You will call a meeting of your District Chairmen and brainstorm for ideas to stimulate the interest of the membership and plan for an appropriate award for the Chapter in each District with the highest points, as well as the highest performer, State-wide. You will place a small article in the Bulletin each month, indicating the high-point Chapter in each District. A report of the year's activities will be made at the 1978 Grand Chapter Session. You will prepare the form for reporting by the Section Chairmen.

#### **District Chairmen**

You will assist the State Chairman in planning and implementing those plans, and will strive to create enthusiasm among the 10 Section Members serving under your guidance. You will equate the visitation figures submitted to you in accordance with the following formula and will report the equated figures to the State Chairman each month.

( Use the current Directory to determine Chapter Membership)

#### **FORMULA:**

Chapters with	0 - 75 members,	1 visit equals	5 points
" "	76 - 125 "	1 " "	4 "
" "	126 - 200 "	1 " "	3 "
" "	201 - 300 "	1 " "	2 "
" "	301 plus "	1 " "	1 "

**Since the emphasis is on YOUTH, a bonus of 10 points will be added for a visit by a member 30 years or younger!**

**Section Member**

You will work with the Chapters in your Section - encouraging, inspiring them to greater enjoyment of the members of neighboring Chapters. The Worthy Matron of each Chapter in your Section will be requested to appoint a member of her Chapter to work with you. This member will be responsible for reporting to you the number of members visiting other Chapters during the month. Reporting will be on a monthly basis and the form used for reporting should provide a space for indicating the number of visits made by members 30 years and younger.

Encourage exchange programs between Chapter - and any other ideas you may have to create an interest in visiting.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES - 1977 - 1978**

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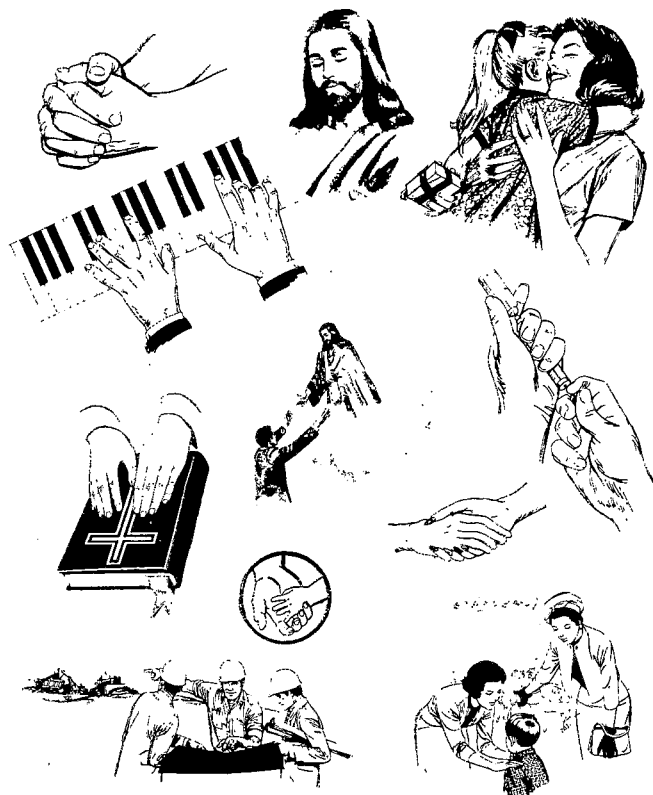
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+This is the time appointed for any major presentation you wish to extend to the membership. Circumstances, quite naturally, may dictate announcements or reports at other times; however, be brief in consideration of other needing news space. If a time is not indicated for your Committee, that indicates submission when need arises. June and July are slow months and good dates for submission of news.



## We Are God's Hands



A **BABY'S HANDS** are soft and curled;  
Pink buds unfolding in our world.

A **MOTHER'S HANDS** seem tender and warm;  
As she cuddles a child, held safe from harm.

A **PHYSICIAN'S HANDS** move skilled and sure;  
Easing our pain; seeking a cure.

A **GRANDMOTHER'S HANDS** hold crochet or knit;  
Though frail, creating bit by bit.

A **MUSICIAN'S HANDS** with beauty and grace;  
Can sweep our hearts through time and space.

A **TEACHER'S HANDS** give a girl or boy;  
A thirst for knowledge time can't destroy.

A **CRAFTSMAN'S HANDS** have competent power;  
Producing with skill, hour after hour.

A **MINISTER'S HANDS**, sincere and firm;  
By touch, reassurance, and faith, affirm.



These and all other hands of man;  
Are part of a wondrous, holy plan.

No matter what varied roles we play;  
An agent of God we must portray.

You and I shall serve from birth,  
**AS THE HANDS OF GOD UPON THE EARTH!**

—Elretta Sudsbury '77  
Poet Laureate 1977-78

Our main objective this year was to endow our Eastern Star Home, and all efforts were pointed in that direction!

We chose the words of Daniel Burnham, "Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood . . . 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."

The membership responded well, and even though our ultimate goal was not reached, we are convinced there will be a continued awareness of this great need, that it will assert itself with growing insistency and the membership will continue to give the gift that will live long after we are gone — and our Home will be endowed!

## MASONS

Texas Eastern Stars have been honored this year to have Brother R. Furman, Vinson Past Patron of Matador Chapter No. 66, serving in the high office of Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. It has been my joy to wear on a silver chain, a small charm depicting the Vinson logo which he presented to me at the Eastern Star School in Matador.

This fine man has been most cooperative, very accessible, and a wise counsel in time of need. I deeply appreciate him and his lovely wife Beverly.

When advised by Brother Vinson that one of our Sisters was writing the Masonic Lodges, identifying herself as an Eastern Star and criticizing the Masonic Home and School, I directed her to immediately cease the mailings.

Surely our fraternal organizations have walked hand-in-hand throughout 1977-78, and a new dimension is added to this Grand Chapter Session because Brother R. Furman Vinson, head of that great Masonic Fraternity in Texas, will place the Square and Compasses upon our Altar!

## ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

One of my most treasured possessions is the beautiful white Bible presented to me at my Installation in El Paso by Miss Bobbye Yearout, Grand Worthy Advisor. On June 13 in San Antonio, it was my pleasure to attend her Grand Assembly and bring Greetings from Texas Eastern Stars. I also attended the Installation of Miss Kelly Arnold as Grand Worthy Advisor the following night.

As I sat and drank in the beauty of those fresh, young faces, I marveled at their poise — their proficiency. Then, again, I realized all this, in great part, is a reflection of the beautiful lady who has been their guiding light for many years — Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Supreme Faith and Supreme Inspector in Texas.

Sister Martha Marie, Texas Eastern Stars are also honored to have you numbered among our membership! May God always bless you for your dedication to the youth!

## NEW CHAPTERS

The two Chapters Instituted in 1976-77 were too young to receive their Charters, Constitutionally — thus, there were no Constitutings in 1977-78.

On June 1 we traveled to Allen and it was my honor to serve in my station when the Worthy Grand Patron instituted a new Chapter, and again on June 2 I was privileged to be with him when he instituted another new Chapter at Kingsland.

The forming of a new Chapter is somewhat like the birth of a child — it is a time for rejoicing. Well-wishers with happy faces filled the room at both Allen and Kingsland, and the members of the newly formed Chapters were enthusiastically planning for the future.

## GRAND CHAPTER CAR

On the night of the Installation in El Paso, the Board of Grand Trustees presented me with the keys to a new 4-door brown LTD Ford car, in accordance our Laws. On November 26, 1977, I wrote the Board the following letter:

Board of Grand Trustees  
Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S.  
c/o Mr. Paul B. Fitch, Chairman  
7764 Cedar Breaks  
El Paso, Texas 79904

Dear Sisters and Brother:

Every time I get into the "Grand Chapter Car" — the lovely brown Ford LTD, I want to tell you how beautifully it performs! The luxury ride we have been receiving going to and from the District II Schools is most relaxing and enjoyable.

Thank you for your part in providing appropriate transportation for the Worthy Grand Matron and the School Officers. We appreciate having this dependable and pretty car to use.

It would be a pleasure to have all of you in the "school room" whenever you can attend. I'll be looking for you along the way.

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Mary M. Brown  
Worthy Grand Matron

MMB:sr

In mid-July, six weeks after the last School, there were less than 20,000 miles on the speedometer and the expense was running less than recent years in spite of the inflated gasoline cost. Hopefully, this economical performance will continue for the remainder of the year.

**SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>NAME OF SCHOOL</b>
	<b>2</b>		
11/14/77	Section 6	Quanah	Reflections of Love
11/17/77	Section 5	Matador	Love Is
11/19/77	Section 1	Borger	The Outreach of Love
11/21/77	Section 3	Canyon	A Harvest of Knowledge and Love
11/26/77	Section 2	Amarillo	Time for Learning Together
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11/28/77	Section 1	Denton	Reflections of Love
12/ 3/77	Section 9	Hughes Springs	We Walk By Faith
12/ 5/77	Section 3	Greenville	Joy of Togetherness
12/ 8/77	Section 2	Honey Grove	Love Made Visible
12/10/77	Section 5	Irving	Cup of Love
12/12/77	Section 6	Fairfield	The Earth is the Lord's
1/ 3/78	Section 10	Wills Point	Hands of Love
1/ 5/78	Section 7	Tyler	The Potter's Dream
1/ 7/78	Section 4	Dallas	The Creative Touch
1/10/78	Section 8	Longview	Thine Own Way
	<b>5</b>		
1/14/78	Section 6	Austin	Harmony with Nature
1/16/78	Section 8	Cuero	Hands in Friendship
1/19/78	Section 10	Weslaco	Hands of Service
1/21/78	Section 9	Aransas Pass	Hands of Friendship
1/23/78	Section 5	Lytle	A Potter's Wheel
1/26/78	Section 4	Sabinal	Reach Out for Love
1/28/78	Section 7	San Antonio	Footprints on the Sands of Time
1/30/78	Section 3	Fredricksburg	The Master's Touch
2/ 2/78	Section 2	Rankin	Star of the East
2/ 4/78	Section 1	San Angelo	Outstretched Hands of Love
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2/ 6/78	Section 8	Big Spring	The Visibility of Love
2/ 8/78	Section 4	Lubbock	The Hands of Love
2/11/78	Section 9	Alpine	Toiling Hands
2/13/78	Section 10	El Paso	As I Go My Way
2/18/78	Section 7	Abilene	Wings of Beauty
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2/20/78	Section 5	Comanche	Hearts & Hands of Service
2/23/78	Section 10	Cleburne	Hands In Love In Service
2/25/78	Section 1	Fort Worth	We Are the Clay
2/27/78	Section 2	Weatherford	Hands That Toil
3/ 2/78	Section 3	Graham	Hands of Independence
3/ 4/78	Section 4	Clyde	Love Makes the World Go Round
3/11/78	Section 9	Waco	Our World of Stars
3/13/78	Section 6	Lampasas	Faith
3/16/78	Section 7	Evant	Hands of Love
3/18/78	Section 8	Killeen	Mary Brown's Beauty School
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3/20/78	Section 9	Edna	Join Hands in Love
3/23/78	Section 10	Texas City	Take My Hand
3/25/78	Section 4	Pasadena	Love of the Earth
3/30/78	Section 1	San Augustine	The Potter's Wheel
4/ 1/78	Section 2	Beaumont	Gingerbred Scenes
4/13/78	Section 3	Colmesneil	The Hands of Friendship & Love
4/22/78	Section 8	Bastrop	Hands of Love
4/27/78	Section 7	Conroe	Roses of Love

4/29/78	Section 6	Rockdale	It's Nice To Be Together
5/27/78	Section 5	Houston	Springtime of Love

**FRATERNAL VISITS**

Each time I met with the membership in Visits of Fraternal Love and fellowship, I had the feeling of fulfillment and I was strengthened for the days ahead.

We had good participation in the Fraternal Visits at our Eastern Star Schools. This was due in great part to Grand Chapter's allowing them to be a part of the Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron in lieu of their Stated Meeting — for this I am deeply grateful.

In addition to the 50 Fraternal Visits at the Schools (as listed in the foregoing section), it was my pleasure to visit the following Chapters:

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|---------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Lexington Chapter No. 996 |           | Nov. 5, 1977  |
| Mart No. 109              |           | Nov. 12       |
| Clarendon No. 6           |           | Nov. 15       |
| Woodville No. 462         |           | Dec. 13       |
| Houston No. 385           |           | Dec. 14       |
| Cedar Bayou No. 11        |           | Dec. 15       |
| Beaumont No. 71           |           | Dec. 16       |
| Tennessee Colony No. 102  |           | Dec. 19       |
| Rockdale Chapter No. 23   |           | Dec. 29       |
| Troop No. 421             |           | Jan. 11, 1978 |
| Seguin No. 555            |           | Jan. 24       |
| Lubbock No. 76            |           | Feb. 7        |
| Lamesa No. 363            |           | Feb. 9        |
| Odessa No. 447            |           | Feb. 15       |
| Floyd Easterling No. 1074 | (Joint)   |               |
| Friendship No. 1008       |           |               |
| Comanche No. 310          |           | Feb. 21       |
| Andral Vann No. 741       | (daytime) | Mar. 21       |
| Park Place No. 731        |           | Mar. 21       |
| Bethlehem No. 728         |           | Mar. 28       |
| Spring No. 1105           |           | April 19      |
| Bluebell No. 856          |           | April 20      |
| West Columbia No. 705     |           | April 24      |
| Sunshine No. 399          |           | April 25      |
| Alvin No. 15              |           | April 26      |
| Rosewyn No. 927           |           | April 27      |
| West University No. 933   |           |               |
| East Houston No. 955      |           |               |
| Spring Branch No. 984     | (Joint)   |               |
| Norma D. Allen No. 1050   |           |               |
| North Shore No. 1058      |           |               |
| Mt. Houston No. 1034      |           |               |
| Amarillo No. 787          |           | May 6         |
| Ransford No. 135          |           | May 12        |
| Houston Heights No. 258   |           | May 22        |
| Cleveland No. 465         |           | May 23        |

Port Arthur No. 262		May 25
Adah No. 49		May 29
Army No. 664		June 15
Nederland No. 1079		July 19
Groves No. 953		
Orange No. 214	(Joint)	
Port Neches No. 677		
Winnie Stowell No. 1076		
Anahuac No. 649		July 20
Southside No. 673		August 7
James Ladd Burgess No. 983		August 8
Fort Worth No. 681		Sept. 2
Riverside No. 834	(Joint)	
Hemphill No. 375		Sept. 12
Mizpah No. 2		Sept. 15
Galveston No. 716	(Joint)	
Pearland No. 1065		Sept. 21
Lake Jackson No. 1009	(Joint)	
League City No. 621		
Archives No. 1095		Sept. 22
Pasadena No. 711	(Joint)	
Woodland No. 696		Sept. 23
North Side No. 651	Joint)	
Frank W. Lynn No. 1015		
Smithville No. 39		Oct. 6
Bryan No. 222		Oct. 7

Each visit was a treasured contact with the members, but sharing a 90th Anniversary with Adah No. 49 was indeed a highlight, and pro-temming as Associate Matron at Comanche gave me a thrill. I shared in several 50th Anniversary celebrations, and was privileged to present 50-Year Certificates to five of our beautiful members in their own Chapter.

It is impossible for the Worthy Grand Matron to visit all those from whom she receives invitations. In an effort to be with more of the membership, I visited many Chapters in the three preparatory years, attempting not to return to the same Chapter this year except in Joint Visits.

### FRATERNAL FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

One of the very special joys of this office has been the contact with my co-workers in other Grand Jurisdictions — friendships which have been in the making for four years as we have visited other Grand Chapters and worked together at General Grand Chapter.

During the course of the 1977-78 Grand Chapter Year, it has been a fulfilling experience to assist in accomplishing courtesy services between the Grand Jurisdictions. In many instances, due to a lack of complete mailing address, I sought the assistance of our Grand Secretary, who cheerfully and capably passed my request to the proper person. Lasting friendships have been formed for which I am deeply grateful.

One of the "extra-curricular" activities to cement the bonds of fellowship has been our Exchange Visits, culminating three years of planning. We were successful in arranging Visits with three of the Grand Jurisdictions adjoining Texas — our numerous letters with Arkansas finally ended on a note of disappointment as we ran out of time in our efforts to find compatible dates and locations. It is difficult to know who was the most disappointed — Sister Ruby Taylor, Worthy Grand Matron of Arkansas, or me! The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of the Jurisdictions with whom we made successful plans were Mrs. Grace Grimes and Mr. Leonard Levy of Louisiana, Mrs. Pat Bradshaw and Mr. Roy Hanson of New Mexico, and Mrs. Maxine Ginn and Dr. John R. McInnis of Oklahoma.

It was my pleasure to visit only two Grand Chapter Sessions — Arkansas and Louisiana — during this Grand Chapter Year. Planning of the School Schedule placed us at the northeast corner of Texas at the time of the Arkansas Session and in the southeast corner at the time of the Louisiana Session. A special privilege was representing my Grand Jurisdiction by responding for visiting elected Grand Officers at the Louisiana Opening Session. Sister Ruby Taylor has honored us by inviting me to respond at the Opening of the Arkansas Session in December.

Following is a listing of the various functions and services with which it has been my delight to work:

### EXCHANGE VISITS

#### Texas — Louisiana

On December 16, 1977, Beaumont Chapter No. 71, Beaumont, Texas, honored the Grand Officers of both Jurisdictions with a salad supper — replete with magnolias and bluebonnets, maps, and other decorations representing the two States — followed by a Fraternal Visit celebrating the Chapter's 75th Anniversary.

December 17 found us in Lake Charles, Louisiana for a "Texas in Louisiana Night" at the Habibi Shrine Temple — for a beautiful banquet and a gala evening of entertainment, including a Christmas tree with gifts for all. Past Grands from both Jurisdictions were present.

#### Texas — New Mexico

On May 5, we traveled to Clovis, New Mexico. At four o'clock in the afternoon, Keystone Chapter No. 27 initiated two young ladies — one from Texas, the other from New Mexico. This was followed by a "Reflections of Love" banquet at the Central Christian Church. Later we returned to the Chapter room for an informative and delightful Official Inspection by the Worthy Grand Matron.

Amarillo Chapter No. 787 hosted the Texas portion of the Exchange on May 6 at the Travel Lodge West, Amarillo. The banquet hall was strikingly decorated with the bright yellow and red flags of New Mexico and the red, white and blue Lone Star flags of Texas. The Fraternal Visit at the same location was an enjoyable experience of reminiscing, inspirational talks, and music — concluded with a "duet" by the Worthy Grand Matrons. Sister Ruby Enloe, Brother J. Victor Jones, and Brother C.A. "Bill" Holmes were the Past Grands from Texas and there were five Past Grand Matrons and two Past Grand Patrons from New Mexico in attendance.

**Texas — Oklahoma**

This Exchange began August 31 in Denison, Texas, with a banquet at the Holiday Inn, followed by a meeting at Gate City No. 77, and concluded with a banquet in Ardmore, Oklahoma and a meeting at Ardmore No. 70. This was a beautifully planned and well executed Exchange between these two Grand Jurisdictions! We were "flowers" in the Texas "garden" and "chiefs" in the Oklahoma "tepee"! I appreciated the support shown by capacity attendance — by the presence of Sister Mary Katherine Smith in Denison and Brother J.T. Sanders in Denison and Ardmore. There were three Past Grand Matrons of Oklahoma in Denison and five plus Brother Harpool, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, in Ardmore.

**Courtesy Investigations by Other Grand Jurisdictions**

**California** for Concho Chapter No. 826, San Angelo, Texas  
**Minnesota** for Lipan Chapter No. 127, Lipan, Texas  
**Iowa** for Norma D. Allen Chapter No. 1050, Houston, Texas  
**Washington** for Vashti Chapter No. 32, Temple, Texas  
**Louisiana** for Walter Baldwin Chapter No. 929, Waco, Texas  
**Arkansas** for Vashti Chapter No. 32, Temple, Texas  
**Kentucky** for Orange Chapter No. 214, Orange, Texas  
**Florida** for San Antonio Chapter No. 3, San Antonio, Texas  
**Oklahoma** for Borger Chapter No. 811, Borger, Texas  
**Kansas** for John L. DeGrazier Chapter No. 881, Dallas, Texas

**Courtesy Investigations by Texas Chapters**

Dickinson Chapter No. 1024, Dickinson — for Arkansas  
 Plano Chapter No. 703, Plano — for Missouri  
 Longview Chapter No. 16, Longview — for Arkansas  
 Rockwall Chapter No. 858, Rockwall — for Arkansas  
 Pleiades Chapter No. 620, El Paso — for New Mexico  
 Harlingen Chapter No. 641, Harlingen — for Nebraska  
 Port Neches Chapter No. 677, Port Neches — for Arkansas  
 White Deer Chapter No. 802, Panhandle — for Arkansas  
 Aurora Chapter No. 799, Marshal — for Arkansas  
 Richardson Chapter No. 921, Richardson — for California  
 Amarillo Chapter No. 787, Amarillo for New Mexico

**Courtesy Initiations**

Keystone Chapter No. 27, Clovis, New Mexico — for Amarillo Chapter No. 787, Amarillo, Texas

San Benito Chapter No. 565, San Benito, Texas — for Cloverleaf Chapter No. 1002, Illinois

**Waivers of Grand Territorial Jurisdiction**

Granted by Las Cruces Chapter No. 20, Las Cruces, New Mexico — to Pleiades Chapter No. 620, El Paso, Texas

Granted by Texarkana Chapter No. 78, Texarkana, Arkansas — to Border Chapter No. 211, Texarkana, Texas

Granted by Pleiades Chapter No. 620, El Paso, Texas — to Hatch Chapter No. 52, Hatch, New Mexico

**Assistance**

At the request of the Worthy Grand Matron of Missouri, Amarillo Chapter No. 787, Amarillo, assisted a member of Crescent Chapter No. 21, Springfield, Missouri, in review of an application to enter the Missouri Masonic Home.



## NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY AND SCOTLAND

New York and New Jersey are the only Grand Chapters within the United States that do not come under the jurisdiction of General Grand Chapter. Scotland has its own Supreme Grand Chapter with jurisdiction over Australia, England, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, and Wales, as well as Scotland (Rit. p. 11).

General Grand Chapter was organized in 1876 and committees were appointed to compile and edit the Ritual, from which was evolved the one presently used by all Chapters and Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction. This Ritual specifies requirements for membership (p. 161) in General Grand Chapter — and thus, Texas Grand Chapter.

It is not permissible for Chapters and Grand Chapters under the jurisdiction of General Grand Chapter to confer courtesy degrees for, or request the conferring of courtesy degrees by Grand Chapters using other than the Ritual prescribed by General Grand Chapter (GGC Inst. p. 35).

A petition for affiliation when accompanied by a demit from a Chapter chartered under the Grand Chapter of New York, New Jersey, or Scotland may be received if Masonic eligibility conforms to General Grand Chapter requirements (Rit. p. 161 — GGC Rules and Regulations, p. 52, Section 26). General Grand Chapter eligibility **does not include** nieces of affiliated Master Masons.

Likewise, in the case of visitors, if the member is from New York or New Jersey, the Chairman of the Examining Committee must ask the eligibility through whom the member attained membership, and if through an uncle, the member is not eligible to visit Chapters or Grand Chapters under the jurisdiction of General Grand Chapter. Master Masons of New York or New Jersey in order to visit any Chapter under General Grand Chapter must show a receipt for dues, demit, or certificate of membership in the Order of the Eastern Star, bearing the seal of a regular Chapter (GGC Inst. pp. 7-8). Master Masons cannot be admitted unless they have been regularly initiated into the Order (Const. p. 143).

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS  
SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND**

As we traveled about the State on School Schedule, we instructed the membership to carefully examine a visitor from the Grand Jurisdiction of Scotland as well as New York and New Jersey, as we were not aware of the membership requirements of Scotland.

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Most Worthy Grand Matron  
Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland

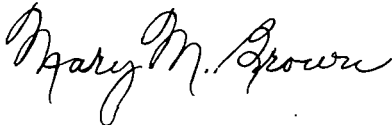
Dear Most Worthy Grand Matron,

Mrs. Dorothy Dickson is your Representative in Texas, and I have asked her to request from you your requirements for membership that we might know how to instruct our Examining Committees.

I wish it were possible for me to attend your Session with Sister Dorothy; however, this is in the midst of my School Schedule.

With best wishes for a highly successful Assembly, I am

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Mary M. Brown  
Worthy Grand Matron

MMB:ama

In response to my request for this information, I am pleased to quote a letter from Miss Mary F. Shirkie, Worthy Grand Secretary of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland.

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Dear Sister Brown,

I have been instructed by the Laws and By-Laws Committee to inform you that your letter of 1st April, 1978 was dealt with at their Meeting on 22nd May, 1978 and I have to inform you that our requirements for Membership are the same as the General Grand Chapter of America under whose jurisdiction your Grand Chapter comes. If you are still in doubt I have to inform you to contact the Grand Secretary of General Grand Chapter.

Yours sincerely,

Mary F. Shirkie (Miss)  
Worthy Grand Secretary.

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Miss Mary F. Shirkie  
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Dear Sister Shirkie:

Thank you for your letter of May 23, and please express my appreciation to your Most Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Sheila Gibson and to your Laws and By-Laws Committee for the prompt handling of my request. I am very pleased that your membership requirements are the same as ours - it eliminates confusion to the examining committee.

Sister Dorothy Dickson who represents you in Texas spoke glowingly of her attendance at your recent Session and of the very courteous manner in which she was received.

It was my pleasure to serve as Grand Conductress in 1976 when your Worthy Grand Electa, Sister Barbara Hansford, attended our Session in Fort Worth, Texas. I feel I made a lasting friend and plan to contact her when we tour London later this year.

Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness - and I hope some day to visit your Grand Jurisdiction.

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Mary M. Brown  
Worthy Grand Matron

MMB/s  
cc: Mrs. Sheila Gibson, MWGM

## HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

One of the highest honors that can be accorded a member of a Subordinate Chapter in Texas is to be voted an Honorary Member by the membership of another Chapter! I am hesitant in listing those I received this year, for some of the Chapters not on the list gave an Honorary Membership to me in the past three years — or earlier, particularly in my own District 4 where I have been privileged to serve as Deputy, District Deputy, and Grand Examiner. It is my feelings that once an Honorary Member, always an Honorary Member — and there's no need to squander the cost of another Certificate! However, many of those I received were repeats and when I scolded them about it, they said — "but we've never given you one as Worthy Grand Matron!" Beautiful and precious friends!! Following is the list in numerical order —

Dallas No. 1	Brazoria No. 74
Mizpah No. 2	Lubbock No. 76
San Antonio No. 3	Gate City No. 77
El Paso No. 4	Rusk No. 79
Paris No. 5	Winters No. 80
Clarendon No. 6	Pecos No. 81
Waco No. 7	Caddo Mills No. 82
Tarrant No. 8	Petrolia No. 84
Keystone No. 9	Laredo No. 86
San Angelo No. 10	Normangee No. 87
Cedar Bayou No. 11	Belle Moon No. 90
McAllen No. 14	Frisco No. 93
Alvin No. 15	Wortham No. 96
Bowie No. 16	Miami No. 98
Saint Jo No. 17	Childress No. 101
Leakey No. 18	Tennessee Colony No. 102
Ruth No. 20	Canyon City No. 105
Weatherford No. 21	Runge No. 106
Kerrville No. 24	Tyler No. 112
Roby No. 25	Fredericksburg No. 113
Norton No. 28	Brownwood No. 116
Abilene No. 30	Corsicana No. 118
Floydada No. 31	Knox City No. 119
Vashti No. 32	Hope No. 124
Tulia No. 33	Lipan No. 127
Texas No. 35	Joshua No. 131
Kenedy No. 36	Alpine No. 132
Plainview No. 37	Pleasanton No. 133
Iowa Park No. 42	Ransford No. 135
Devine No. 43	Sanderson No. 136
Prudence No. 44	Eldorado No. 140
Quanah No. 47	Wimodausis No. 141
Bertram No. 48	Garden City No. 143
Adah No. 49	Falfurrias No. 146
Angelton No. 54	Atlanta No. 151
Mexia No. 57	Temple No. 153
Colorado No. 58	Luling No. 155
Alice No. 61	Garland No. 156
Nocona No. 62	Buffalo No. 157
Bastrop No. 64	Violet No. 158
Pampa No. 65	Prairie Hill No. 159
Matador No. 66	Winnie No. 160
Big Spring No. 67	Perryton No. 161
Stockdale No. 69	Aransas Pass No. 162
Itasca No. 70	Spur No. 164
Troy No. 72	Brady No. 167
Leander No. 73	Ralls No. 169

Quinlan No. 170  
 Glen Rose No. 171  
 Saltillo No. 173  
 Rankin No. 176  
 Athens No. 177  
 Carpenters No. 183  
 Bonita No. 184  
 Tenaha No. 185  
 Trinity No. 186  
 Robert Lee No. 187  
 Hadassah No. 188  
 Greenville No. 189  
 San Saba No. 191  
 R.A. Terrell No. 194  
 Boerne No. 200  
 West No. 203  
 Del Rio No. 204  
 Commerce No. 208  
 Lockhart No. 210  
 Border No. 211  
 Merkel No. 212  
 Hamilton No. 215  
 Llano No. 216  
 Taft No. 218  
 Grand Prairie No. 219  
 Velasco No. 220  
 Bryan No. 222  
 Canadian No. 227  
 Montgomery No. 228  
 Fort Stockton No. 230  
 Dayton No. 233  
 Midlothian No. 234  
 Wichita Falls No. 237  
 Wellington No. 238  
 Huntsville No. 240  
 Elgin No. 241  
 Callahan No. 242  
 Harmony No. 244  
 Sulphur Bluff No. 246  
 Santa Anna No. 247  
 Arlington No. 249  
 Eagle Pass No. 250  
 Mertzon No. 251  
 Midland No. 253  
 Indian Creek No. 255  
 Houston Heights No. 258  
 Denton No. 259  
 Crosby No. 261  
 Richland Springs No. 264  
 Ballinger No. 266  
 Stamford No. 269  
 Floresville No. 271  
 Beckville No. 273  
 Ranger No. 275  
 San Marcos No. 276  
 Rising Star No. 277  
 Pearsall No. 278  
 Eastland No. 280  
 Yoakum No. 282

Regina No. 283  
 Spanish Fort No. 284  
 Marlin No. 286  
 Ozona No. 287  
 Helena No. 289  
 Grand Saline No. 290  
 Lampassas No. 295  
 Uvalde No. 297  
 Oak Cliff No. 303  
 Austin No. 304  
 Mt. Pleasant No. 305  
 Clyde No. 308  
 Navasota No. 309  
 Comanche No. 310  
 Franklin No. 311  
 Hereford No. 312  
 Round Rock No. 316  
 Augusta No. 317  
 Nash No. 320  
 Olney No. 321  
 Summerland No. 322  
 Columbus No. 324  
 Kingsville No. 325  
 Grapevine No. 326  
 Fairfield No. 331  
 Lytle No. 335  
 Jeff Davis No. 336  
 Bronson No. 337  
 Nixon No. 339  
 Rio Vista No. 343  
 Marfa No. 344  
 Brideport No. 346  
 Stinnett No. 347  
 Center No. 348  
 Hughes Springs No. 349  
 Sweetwater No. 352  
 Sarah No. 353  
 Corpus Christi No. 354  
 Gilmer No. 355  
 Marshall No. 356  
 Dunn No. 358  
 Coleman No. 360  
 Strawn No. 361  
 Lamesa No. 363  
 Wills Point No. 366  
 Cushing No. 368  
 Port Lavaca No. 373  
 Templar No. 374  
 Hemphill No. 375  
 Johnson City No. 376  
 Jacksonville No. 377  
 Bay City No. 380  
 Pittsburg No. 381  
 Lufkin No. 382  
 Fidelity No. 383  
 Shamrock No. 384  
 Houston No. 385  
 Wharton No. 389  
 Jacksboro No. 390

Point Rock No. 391  
 Richland No. 392  
 Palestine No. 395  
 Sunshine No. 399  
 Wells No. 400  
 Walnut Springs No. 401  
 Gonzales No. 403  
 Hondo No. 404  
 Sabinal No. 407  
 Teague No. 408  
 Stanton No. 409  
 Hedley No. 413  
 Humble No. 415  
 Sipe Springs No. 416  
 Hico No. 419  
 Polytechnic No. 420  
 Beeville No. 422  
 Vernon No. 424  
 Burnet No. 425  
 Rosenberg No. 429  
 Burleson No. 431  
 Chico No. 433  
 Marble Falls No. 435  
 LaVernia No. 436  
 Lockney No. 437  
 Florence No. 440  
 Gorman No. 443  
 Odessa No. 447  
 London No. 449  
 Snyder No. 450  
 Bishop No. 452  
 Mineola No. 454  
 Cross Plains No. 455  
 Iola No. 458  
 Hamlin No. 460  
 Cisco No. 461  
 Woodville No. 462  
 Center Point No. 463  
 Cleveland No. 465  
 Bangs No. 467  
 Utopia No. 468  
 Travis No. 472  
 Edinburg No. 473  
 Avinger No. 478  
 Rockport No. 479  
 Eagle Lake No. 483  
 Seymour No. 488  
 Killeen No. 490  
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 Douglassville No. 493  
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 Junction No. 497  
 Springtown No. 498  
 Coahoma No. 499  
 Throckmorton No. 500  
 Paducah No. 506  
 Ferris No. 508  
 Crockett No. 509  
 Hempstead No. 510  
 Desdemona No. 512  
 Van Horn No. 514  
 Stinton No. 515  
 McKinney No. 518  
 Oakville No. 521  
 Mission No. 527  
 Vega No. 528  
 Granbury No. 530  
 North Zulch No. 531  
 El Campo No. 535  
 Electra No. 539  
 Robstown No. 540  
 Decatur no. 543  
 Cameron No. 553  
 Seguin No. 555  
 Forney No. 557  
 Bardwell No. 560  
 Monahans No. 561  
 Happy No. 562  
 Calvert No. 563  
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 Turkey No. 569  
 Dal-Cliff No. 574  
 Sonora No. 575  
 Linden No. 576  
 Taylor No. 578  
 Jourdanton No. 581  
 Slaton No. 585  
 Belton No. 589  
 Moran No. 591  
 Lott No. 594  
 Mt. Sylvan No. 595  
 Henderson No. 597  
 Waxahachie No. 599  
 Mertens No. 604  
 Creedmoor No. 607  
 Longview No. 610  
 Bellville No. 611  
 Bexar No. 616  
 Handley No. 617  
 Cuero No. 618  
 Pleiades No. 620  
 League City No. 621  
 Texas City No. 626  
 Jefferson No. 627  
 Kilgore No. 630  
 Corrigan No. 631  
 Radiant No. 636  
 Texline No. 640  
 Harlingen No. 641  
 Royse City No. 642  
 Bandera No. 643  
 Donna No. 644  
 Loyal No. 648  
 North Side No. 651  
 Brookshire No. 652  
 Dumas No. 653  
 Burkburnett No. 655

Alvarado No. 656  
Breckenridge No. 659  
Clarksville No. 662  
Army No. 664  
Alamo No. 665  
Canton No. 667  
Graham No. 668  
Rothwell No. 669  
Miles No. 672  
Southside No. 673  
Collinsville No. 674  
Pine Hill No. 675  
Woodsboro No. 678  
Fort Worth No. 681  
La Porte No. 683  
North Fort Worth No. 684  
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Quitman No. 695  
Woodland No. 696  
Seagoville No. 697  
New Boston No. 700  
Rose Croix No. 701  
Arlington Heights No. 702  
Plano No. 703  
West Columbia No. 705  
Magnolia No. 706  
Southern Star No. 707  
Whitesboro No. 708  
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Faith No. 713  
East Dallas No. 715  
Galveston No. 716  
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Sulphur Springs No. 718  
Spearman No. 721  
Hearne No. 722  
O'Donnell No. 725  
San Juan No. 726  
Bethlehem No. 728  
Somerset No. 730  
Park Place No. 731  
LaFeria No. 732  
Albany No. 733  
Alamo Heights No. 734  
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Andral Vann No. 741  
Littlefield No. 742  
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Carthage No. 747  
Raymondville No. 748  
Harlandale No. 750  
Big Lake No. 752

Mt. Auburn No. 755  
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Rob Morris Daylight No. 759  
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Fabens No. 764  
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A.C. Garrett No. 774  
Irving No. 777  
Wrightsboro No. 778  
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Ft. McKavett No. 783  
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Darrouzett No. 790  
Museshoe No. 792  
Flora No. 794  
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Goose Creek No. 798  
Aurora No. 799  
Stephenville No. 801  
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Lake Jackson No. 1009	Floyd Easterling No. 1074
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River Oaks No. 1013	Oak Forest No. 1080
Duncanville No. 1014	Almeda No. 1081
Frank W. Lynn No. 1015	Bogata No. 1084
Starlight No. 1016	Hitchcock No. 1085
Mamie D. Crane No. 1018	Roy Stanley No. 1086
Laura B. Hart No. 1019	Thunderbird No. 1087
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Vickery No. 1039	Alma M. Walker No. 1101
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Dell City No. 1057	Amistad U.D.
North Shore No. 1058	Lonnie L. Blake U.D.

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The very ultimate in honors is to be accorded a Life Membership by ones own Chapter! This very touching experience was mine at my Section 8 School. Thank you, members of Lexington Chapter No. 996, for just one more reason for me to be loving you always!

## SPECIAL HONORS

It is most difficult to catalog the special honors that have been mine — for the entire year has been special and serving the membership of Texas is the highest honor I could receive!

One unusual honor — and very special to me — was being made an honorary member of the Past Matrons Club in our Eastern Star Home. The Certificate had been prepared by our Grand Secretary, and many had collaborated in its presentation on Monday morning, August 7, along with a beautifully framed picture of the Club in their pretty pink dresses. The picture was an excellent likeness of these Special Ones and included the smiling face of our Past Grand Matron and Grand Secretary Emeritus, Sister Rebecca Miles.

On my birthday, August 27, among the many beautiful greetings I received was one signed by our precious Sisters in our Home — I shall always treasure this expression of love from them.

Another unusual honor was being commissioned a Colonel on the Staff of Governor Edwin W. Edwards, State of Louisiana. I'm sure this was due to the thoughtfulness of my sweet friend Grace Grimes, Junior Past Grand Matron of Louisiana, but I was thrilled by its presentation February 17, 1978, on the occasion of my visit to Baton Rouge.

I have also been honored by honorary Memberships in the Chapters of Keystone No. 27, Clovis, New Mexico, and Ardmore No. 440, Ardmore, Oklahoma, as well as the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.

We were welcomed by Mayors and various City officials as the School Officers traveled throughout the State on the School Schedule. We were most appreciative of the time given us by these very busy citizens.

March 11 was proclaimed "Mary Brown Day" in the City of Waco. I received keys to the cities of Waco, Mart, Dallas, Hughes Springs, and Beaumont and was made an Honorary Citizen of Mart, Abilene, Wills Point, Clyde, Denison, and Pasadena. The wording on these Certificates varied, but all were touching — such as the one which read, "Mary M. Brown, Worthy Grand Matron, shall hold and enjoy a place of high esteem in the minds and hearts of the people of this City."

Appointment as a Special Deputy Sheriff was given me in Dallas County and Galveston County.

On January 8, I was inspired by the message of Dr. W.A. Criswell Pastor of First Baptist, Dallas, and privileged to visit with him a short time after the service. Our group of Eastern Stars were recognized, flowers were placed in the Sanctuary in my honor, and a Bible was given to me by the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in appreciation for what we do in providing scholarships for students.

The Flag which flew over our Capitol on July 4, 1977, was presented to the Worthy Grand Patron and me by The Honorable Chris V. Semos, State Representative, and this Flag was given to Sister Patsy Sawyer for flying at our Eastern Star Home.

## GAVELS

A gavel made from rosewood by Brother C.F. Spencer of Pearland was used at the Installation in El Paso — it has been made for me and presented to me by this precious friend when I last served as Worthy Matron in 1975-76.

Another gavel, secured from the Grand Lodge in London, England, was presented to me by a friend from my childhood. Mr. Joel Cherry, in the name of Magnolia Masonic Lodge No. 495 and Woodville Chapter No. 462. This gavel will be used at the 1978 Grand Chapter Session in Houston.

## BIBLES

It was my joy to have Sister Rennie Often open and Sister Kathy Johnston close my precious mother's Bible — one which had belonged to her mother Mrs. T.N. Gay — at the Installation in El Paso.

It was also a privilege to be allowed to use the Bible from my Chapter, in Lexington No. 966, for the official closing of the 1977 Grand Chapter Session.

The Curlee Bible, belonging to my mother and father, will be used at the 1978 Grand Chapter Session.

The marker for the Installation was a small crocheted piece made by my mother, and the marker for the Closing of Grand Chapter in El Paso and for the Houston Session is a beautiful white velvet upon which is embroidered in pearls a rose and cross — handmade by another precious friend, Mrs. Katharine McKithan of Alvin.

The cover for the Curlee Bible has been painstakingly made by the skilled fingers of Mrs. Connie Tucker of Odessa — another thing of beauty and labor of love!

## PLANNED FUNCTIONS AT THE EASTERN STAR HOME

Our Subordinate Chapters throughout the State bring programs and entertainment to the residents of our Home, and how grateful we are for this added bit of loving care for our precious Sisters who reside there. The following special occasions were planned and carried out by this year's Grand Officers:

### EASTERN STAR HOME SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 1977-1978

#### **Christmas Party**

December 21 — 8:00 A.M.

Mary Brown Girls, District 3, Section 1, Mrs. Joyce Champion, Chairman

#### **Valentine Party**

February 14 — 2:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Mrs. Nellie Sowell, State Chairman, Time & Talent and all Time & Talent Committee Members

#### **Easter Services and Party**

March 26 — 3:00 P.M.

Mrs. Blanche Wilson, District 1 Chairman, ESTARL Committee, and all ESTARL Committee Members

#### **Mother's Day**

May 14 — 2:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Mary Brown Girls, District 1, Section 4, Mrs. Earline Fife, Chairman

#### **Founders Day Celebration**

August 5, 1977

Mr. Dale Shackelford, State Chairman, Founders Day Committee, and all Founders Day Members

#### **Homecoming Tea and Tour**

August 6 — 1:00 - 2:30 P.M.

Mrs. Patsy Wilson, State Chairman, Museum Committee Members and Mary Brown Girls, District 1, Section 5, Mrs. Loretta King, Chairman

Each occasion was a delight! I attended those I could, but at times, I was on the other side of the State when the date arrived; however, I heard glowing reports from the ladies in the Home — and from others — so we know the events were successful and enjoyed by all. All of us who do not attend regularly owe a debt of thanks to those faithful ones who return to the Home, day after day, week after week, to set hair, shop for them, and do the other one hundred and one things that make them happy!

### TEAS

I told the line Officers the Sunday afternoon Teas were theirs during the 1977-78 School Schedule, as we planned a receiving line following each Fraternal Visit and, thus, would have the opportunity of taking the hand of each member in attendance. However, it was my joy to participate in several Teas —

Dallas, Tea (Mary Brown Girls)	December 11, 1977
Houston, Coffee (Ransford No. 135, morning after Fraternal Visit)	May 13, 1978
New Braunfels, Tea (Mary Brown Girls, District 5, Section 6)	June 11
Houston, Picnic (Past Matrons & Past Patrons, initiating Junior Past Matrons & Patrons)	August 27
Houston, Tea	September 24

### TOURS

Grand Chapter voted at the 1977 Session to participate in tours to augment our Endowment Fund. We had three tours during 1977-78; however, all were small, comparatively speaking. All were 8-day. Texas members participating were approximately 266. Trans National gave us \$3,080.00 for Home Endowment on first two trips. Trip to London still pending — audit not completed on this date.

A group left for Greece on November 25, another for Majorca on April 7, and yet another on August 18 for London. It was my pleasure to accompany the groups to Majorca and London. They were delightful and very interesting.

While in Majorca, we were privileged to fly for a day in Madrid, Spain, and for a day in Tangier, Morocco, Africa. Of greatest interest was our stop at Prado Museum, Madrid, and the Casbah in Morocco. But the people themselves were fascinating and delightful to talk with. The beauty of the island of Majorca is overwhelming and you wish it were possible to spend many weeks enjoying the sea gulls floating above the blue, blue water and exploring the intriguing shops and beautiful cathedrals on the narrow, winding streets — the typical white Spanish architecture with flowers on every balcony — and the lush undergrowth, almond and olive trees in the countryside. With so much to see and so little time, your Worthy Grand Matron tried to crowd all she could into the eight days and came back loaded with pictures, souvenirs, and a very weary body!

In August, we toured London, in the country from which came the forefathers of our great Nation. We toured the many beautiful palaces of their Royalty, witnessed the maximum utilization of their beautiful countryside for food production, visited the birthplace of Christianity in England — Canterbury, and many other inspiring cathedrals. We were impressed with the excellent condition of their buildings, built in different eras — the newest group being 200 years old. We in America could learn much from their conservatism — our beautiful old buildings should be preserved and used — not cast aside as an old shoe; but I'm sure they would like to have our conveniences! The double-decker buses and the Tube were interesting experiences as we explored the

City under the guidance of Sister Barbara Hansford who lives in London and is a member of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland; we came to know and love her when she visited our Grand Chapter in 1976 as Worthy Grand Electa.

## DECISIONS

There were very few instances this year where I found it necessary to enter a Subordinate Chapter problem in an official capacity. In most cases, counseling with the various members involved led to a better understanding and tolerance of one another and they were able to work out a solution. Those situations herein cited will not reveal the names of the Chapters nor members involved as it is my feeling names are not of major significance and oftentimes cause embarrassment which leads to further problems.

Many, many were the questions that came my way, channeled through the Deputies and District Deputies; however, a simple reference to the Article and page in our Constitution and Code of Laws pointed the way to the answer which sometimes they already knew, but wanted confirmed by one in authority.

One Chapter requested a review by and recommendations of our Jurisprudence Committee. It was this Committee's considered consensus that even though proper parliamentary procedure had not been followed, the will of the majority of the membership had been determined and that should be the overriding factor in the decision.

Three Chapters were instructed to proceed with Chapter trials as set out in our Legal Code concerning members convicted of crimes in our Criminal Courts. At least one other Chapter tried a member without the need of advice from this office. All members under trial were expelled.

Numerous letters were received regarding rejections of Petitioners. These were answered with much compassion for the agony of the person hurt by the decision of the ballot — but in all instances, they were reminded of our Laws — of the rights of each Chapter to decide who will be accepted to its membership, and of the Law which forbids discussion of the ballot.

Throughout the year letters were received concerning advertising fund — raising projects. They were advised our Laws (p. 151) state we cannot advertise in the name of the Order of the Eastern Star those methods of entertainment that are prohibited — gambling, dances, card games, or anything in violation of the laws of the land. Neither may we accept funds raised from these methods of entertainment.

One Chapter asked if a member could serve as Chaplain even though this member could not kneel because of arthritis. My answer was the Ritual states the Chaplain should kneel — not must kneel, and if this member seemed to be the best for the Chapter, she could serve. It is my feeling this interpretation of should versus must gives us leeway in special cases, but should not be abused.

Following receipt of requests for Grand Demits from members of Chapters demised without the Grand Secretary's knowledge, she requested my interpretation of our Laws concerning demised and consolidated Chapters. The following was sent to her with copies to the District Deputies who were requested to instruct the Deputies to report to me on consolidated and demised Chapters with copy to the Grand Secretary.

**When a Chapter voluntarily surrenders its Charter or Dispensation in accordance with Article 199 (p. 120), it is no longer a Chapter following the meeting at which the vote is taken and disposition of property as outlined in Article 202 (p. 120) should follow immediately.**

**When Chapters vote to consolidate in accordance with the procedure outlined in Chapter 14 (p. 150), the consolidation becomes effective on the**

date the Chapter voted to surrender its name and Charter, or the date the Chapter voted to receive the other Chapter, whichever date is last. The Charter or Dispensation shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, together with a record of what has been done, and all other property and liabilities belong to the Chapter with whom consolidation has been made.

It was determined through members, and review of the minutes and the Annual Report that a Chapter had failed to send Dues Notices and read at the May and June meetings the names of members to be suspended (Art. 293, par 6 & 7) for the past two Chapter years; yet, 37 members were suspended. This Chapter was instructed to reinstate the suspended members, paying per capita and special assessment as applicable along with the corrected Recapitulations to the Grand Secretary, and before taking Chapter action to suspend, would send notices, giving members involved an opportunity to pay dues and maintain good standing. Ultimate results would be reported to Grand Secretary.

A question was posed regarding a neighbor and friend who became an Eastern Star in another Grand Jurisdiction on the Masonic affiliation of an uncle and who is now married to a Mason. Reference was made to the 1955 General Grand Chapter ruling, "A Sister from New York or New Jersey who joined the Order as a niece cannot affiliate on her present husband's Masonic eligibility. She will have to take a demit from New York or New Jersey and submit a new petition for the degrees, using her present husband's Masonic membership as her eligibility." The answer was she cannot affiliate nor visit until her membership is based on the proper affiliation.

Another question was, "is it permissible to take pictures when the Bible is open and the Chapter has not been closed?" I could find nothing within our laws to cover this, and my answer reflected there is no law against it so long as we observe Chapter Courtesy; however, we should use care not to interfere with the solemnity of our ceremonies.

A call was received from a Chapter who had been notified by a representative of IRS that a review would be made of their books and records, including copies of Federal Tax Returns, correspondence files, and minutes of meetings. After consulting with the Worthy Grand Patron and Chairman of Jurisprudence, the Chapter was advised to make records available.

A member asked if a Japanese girl married to an American citizen who is a Master Mason would be eligible to petition for Degrees. Again I referred to a General Grand Chapter decision — "A citizen of a foreign country who fulfills all other requirements for membership is entitled to petition a Chapter. Citizenship is not a requisite in our laws. Ours is an international organization."

A Chapter committed a grave error through omission. An initiation happened to fall on the same Stated Meeting set aside for Friendship night. With visitors from six neighboring Chapters in attendance, the Worthy Patron failed to instruct all who were not members to retire and the Associate Matron did not request the Conductresses to prove the Chapter for she felt she could vouch for all present. It was learned the following day that a Master Mason, husband of a member of many years who had not been active for some time, witnessed the initiation though not a member. Deeply concerned, the Worthy Patron visited with the man and was told he and his wife had believed it to be an Open meeting. He stated he could see and hear very little from where he was sitting, but whatever secrets he might have witnessed were secure with him. The few members of the Chapter aware of what happened were very upset and fearful for what might happen to them. Though this was an error of omission and not a willful violation of the Laws, and though these members have gone through agony since the occurrence, it was felt it was too serious to ignore. In accordance with Article 22 of the Code of Laws governing Grand Chapter, a meeting of the Chapter was called and a written reprimand was administered by the Worthy Grand Matron, which reprimand is to remain as a part of their permanent records.

Much to my distress, a copy of a letter from the Most Worshipful Grand Master made me aware the privilege of meeting in a Masonic Lodge was withdrawn from a Chapter. After investigation, I found the Grand Master's diagnosis of "childish bickering with adult consent" was a fact. I refused to grant an emergency Special Dispensation for the Chapter to meet elsewhere in September and October and advised them of my recommendation to the associate Grand Matron to place them on probation until they had remedied the situation which had caused embarrassment to their Chapter and to our Order. Copies of this correspondence were sent to the Grand Master and to the Associate Grand Matron.

## WAIVERS OF PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

On each request for Waiver of Physical Disqualifications, a representative of the Worthy Grand Matron was appointed to investigate, and after report of this representative, a decision was made. (Const. p. 121, Art. 206)

One request stated the candidate could not kneel as low as the kneeling bench. It was felt this did not require a waiver as there is nothing in our Laws regarding a kneeling bench or its size. The Chapter was instructed to provide a higher kneeling bench for entire functions of the evening.

Two other requests were made for petitioners with one bad knee. Again after it was determined the petitioner could kneel on one knee, holding the other leg in a partially bent position, the Chapters were advised a waiver was not required.

A waiver was granted to another petitioner who had two bad knees, plus a weight problem. A doctor's certificate confirmed it would be impossible for the petitioner to kneel.

Another request was on behalf of a petitioner considered deaf by most standards. However, this petitioner has attended school all her life, wears a hearing aid, and reads lips. It was felt she could receive and impart the work and thus did not require a waiver. With the foregoing request was sought permission to have another member stand by each Star Point and give the lecture in sign language. This was denied as it would not conform to the Diagram of the Labyrinth and the candidate would later have access to a Ritual from which she may study and restudy the beautiful lessons portrayed by the Star Points.

A waiver of physical disqualifications was granted a petitioner with one leg amputated above the knee and the other below the knee. He had artificial limbs, but stated they were uncomfortable and requested permission to be initiated in his wheelchair; permission was granted.

Permission was granted to proceed with the Petition of a lady with a portion of the right forearm missing. She was well respected in her community, wore an artificial limb, and "does anything every person does."



**BY-LAWS**

**FULL CODE OF BY-LAWS APPROVED**

- Fredericksburg Chapter No. 113
- Albany Chapter No. 733
- Alamo Chapter No. 665
- Sugar Land Chapter No. 1107

**AMENDMENTS REJECTED — NO ACTION REQUIRED**

- Willis Chapter No. 1017
- Carpenter Chapter No. 183
- Cooper Chapter No. 885
- Buna Chapter No. 968

**CHAPTERS MAKING MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR BY-LAWS CHANGE**

- Pearland Chapter No. 1065
- Blanket Chapter No. 918
- Goose Creek Chapter No. 798

**REJECTED — NON CONFORMITY**

- South San Antonio Chapter No. 691

**AMENDMENTS APPROVED**

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Concho Chapter No. 826  
 Overton Chapter No. 830  
 Texas Chapter No. 35  
 Merkel Chapter No. 212  
 Pittsburg Chapter No. 381  
 Longview Chapter No. 610  
 Memorial Chapter No. 958

Eustace Chapter No. 1062  
 Bay City Chapter No. 380  
 Mineola Chapter No. 454  
 Leakey Chapter No. 18  
 Marshall Chapter No. 356  
 Canton Chapter No. 667  
 Anson Chapter No. 867

## CHARTERS — RETRACING AND/OR REPLACING

Permission was granted to two Chapters for retracing of their Charters. One Chapter stated the paper was so old the ink tends to feather out when attempting to retrace. Our Grand Secretary worked with them and they were given permission to have it replaced if it could not be retraced.

## SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

Special Dispensations were granted to the following Chapters for reasons indicated:

### Move Place of Meeting

Lexington No. 996  
 Mart No. 109  
 Woodville No. 462  
 Crockett No. 509  
 Bells No. 1110  
 Teague No. 408  
 Robstown No. 540  
 Thunderbird No. 1087  
 Zapata No. 1106  
 Capitol No. 803  
 Creedmore No. 607

Dripping Springs No. 860  
 A.E. Shirley No. 986  
 Adah No. 49  
 Amarillo No. 787  
 Independence No. 1044  
 Freer No. 848  
 Zapata No. 1106  
 Thunderbird No. 1087  
 Winnie No. 160  
 Bandera No. 643  
 Hitchcock No. 1085

Blanket No. 918 was also given a Special Dispensation until such time as their By-Laws could be amended to reflect the regular Meeting Place is now the O.E.S. Temple instead of the Masonic Lodge; the building was given to them by the Masons.

Election of one or more of the six elective officers (excluding the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron) due to unfilled stations, or to replace officers unable to serve because of illness or moving away:

Goldsmith No. 854  
 Clyde No. 308  
 San Antonio No. 3  
 Sequin No. 555  
 Seagoville No. 697  
 Mt. Auburn No. 755  
 Cleveland No. 465  
 Andral Vann No. 741  
 Texas No. 35  
 Clyde No. 308  
 Deer Park No. 1063  
 Port Lavaca No. 373  
 Bridgeport No. 346  
 Ranger No. 275

Deer Park No. 1063  
 Violet No. 158  
 East Dallas No. 715  
 Seymour No. 488  
 La Feria No. 732  
 Dumas No. 653  
 Bellmead No. 980  
 Shepherd No. 1003  
 Garden Oaks No. 987  
 E.C. Cannon No. 825  
 Pecos No. 81  
 Mexia No. 57  
 Memorial No. 958  
 Bridgeport No. 346

Humble No. 415  
 Pittsburg No. 381  
 Timpson No. 396  
 Bexar No. 616  
 Clyde No. 308  
 Alto No. 496  
 Andral Vann No. 741  
 McLennan No. 639  
 Rankin No. 176  
 Eastwood No. 1077

Denton No. 259  
 Centennial No. 842  
 Walnut Springs No. 401  
 Tahoka No. 743  
 Iraan No. 832  
 Teague No. 408  
 Throckmorton No. 500  
 Darrouzett No. 790  
 Port Neches No. 677  
 Teague No. 408

**Election of Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron to replace deceased or critically ill Officers-Elect:**

Breckenridge No. 659  
 Midlothian No. 234  
 Clarksville No. 662

River Oaks No. 1013  
 Dickinson No. 1024  
 Belle Moon No. 90

**Late Election of Officers:**

Goldsmith No. 854

**Replacement of Secret Work and/or Diagram of the Labyrinth:**

Beckville No. 273  
 Daingerfield No. 906  
 Commerce No. 208  
 Weldon No. 969  
 LaMarque No. 979  
 East Houston No. 955  
 Sunray No. 869  
 Petrolia No. 84  
 Hamilton No. 215  
 Walnut Springs No. 401  
 Timpson No. 396  
 Loyalty No. 1036  
 Aldine No. 1088  
 Beaumont No. 71  
 Luling No. 155  
 Sunray No. 869  
 Farmersville No. 940

Dalhart No. 1051  
 Cooper No. 885  
 McKinney No. 518  
 Garden Oaks No. 987  
 Glen Rose No. 171  
 Hereford No. 312  
 Beaumont No. 71  
 Angleton No. 54  
 Cross Plains No. 455  
 Overton No. 830  
 Rockwall No. 858  
 Hearne No. 722  
 Mike H. Thomas No. 951  
 Poteet No. 913  
 Talco No. 846  
 Harlandale No. 750  
 Rio Vista No. 343

**Joint Fraternal Visits:**

In addition to the 50 Joint Fraternal Visits of the School Schedule, participated in by 588 Chapters, Dispensations were issued for the following Joint Visits:

Odessa No. 447, Floyd Easterling no. 1074, Friendship No. 1008

Nederland No. 1079, Groves No. 953, Orange No. 214, Port Neches No. 677, and Winnie-Stowell No. 1076

Fort Worth No. 681 and Riverside No. 834

Mizpah No. 2 and Galveston No. 716

Pearland No. 1065, Lake Jackson No. 1009 and League City No. 621

Archives No. 1095 and Pasadena No. 711

Woodland No. 696, Frank W. Lynn No. 1015, and North Side No. 651

**Holding Open Installations after June 15:**

Winnie-Stowell No. 1076  
 Littlefield No. 742  
 Capitol No. 803  
 Warren No. 688  
 Belton No. 589  
 Lockhart No. 210  
 East Dallas No. 715  
 Clyde No. 308  
 Ingleside No. 1037  
 Ridglea No. 999  
 Tahoka No. 743  
 Travis No. 472  
 Winters No. 80  
 Zavalla No. 952

Highland Hills No. 1075  
 Logos No. 989  
 Devine No. 43  
 McLennan No. 639  
 Hillsboro No. 769  
 Cleveland No. 465  
 Jacksboro No. 390  
 Palacios No. 125  
 Bellmead No. 980  
 Austin No. 304  
 Houston Heights No. 258  
 Mart No. 109  
 River Oaks No. 1013  
 Channing No. 1078

**IN APPRECIATION**

To my Worthy Grand Patron and his family: I am pleased that you were chosen by Grand Chapter to serve by my side. Doss and I are grateful for your constant consideration of our needs and for your opening your hearts to us and our children. It has been a good year, but a busy one; we look forward to the more leisurely days ahead when we may share more hours and cement the bonds of friendship herein begun. Thank you for the fine legal assistance you have given to the Grand Trustees; Grand Chapter no doubt will be knocking on your door many times in the future.

To our General Grand Chapter Officers and our Beloved Past Grands: I've told you over and over of my love and appreciation of you. Your attendance at our Schools and other functions has been tremendous, and my heart thrilled each time I saw you. My desire this year has been to serve you in a manner that would be pleasing and for which you would not need to make apologies. If I have failed you in any manner, forgive me . . .

If you have learned to walk a little more  
 surefootedly than I,  
 Be patient with my stumbling then, and know  
 that only as I do my best and try,  
 May I attain the goal for which we both strive.

If through experience, your soul has gained  
 heights which I as yet in dim-lit vision see,  
 Hold out your hand and point the way, lest  
 from its straightness I should stray,  
 And walk a mile with me.

To our Grand Line Officers: Sisters Rennie, Kathy and Viola and Brother "Duke", I shall be eternally grateful for the strong support you have given this year, and I look forward to the hour when I may return that courtesy, when you are doing "your thing" . . .

“If a man does not keep pace with his companions,  
perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer.  
Let him step to the music he hears,  
however measured or far away.”

— Thoreau

To our Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer: Sister Agnes Lee and Sister Jettie, I am grateful for your constant alertness to my needs and the needs of our membership. Without your thoughtfulness and able assistance, my work would have been far more difficult.

To my appointive Floor Officers: You are truly my “chosen ones”. You have been placed in your particular office because of your love and devotion to the Order — and to me. Each of you has a special place in my heart — one that cannot be filled by another — I shall claim you as mine from now on!

To the Boards: Never have I had the privilege of being associated with a more dedicated people. Many hours and your own money is expended in an effort to take care of our business. I join with the membership in saying “THANK YOU” — you’re the kind of folk we like on our team!

To all the other members of our Grand Family: You have given the full measure of your love and devotion. You have worked far harder than anyone has a right to expect — yet, I knew it would be that way. May I say to you in return — I love you and shall thank God each day for having sent you my way!

To my Mary Brown Girls and Murray’s Men: I have been honored to serve with you, and without you, there might not have been a Grand Chapter. I love you and appreciate you more each day I am privileged to walk on this earth!

To my precious family: There is no way for me to tell you or anyone else how much you mean to me. I’ve tried before, but my love for you and appreciation of you goes far beyond anything Mr. Webster has to offer! May God bless you for your understanding and continued love in spite of the scarcity of home-cooked meals and other “mother” specialties! Within a few short days, I’ll have the joy of sharing more time with you. And though I have enjoyed my year of Service, I look forward to the days ahead.

To my husband, Doss Brown . . .

I’ve always had a feeling that  
God sent you my way  
He knew that I would need your help  
To walk along life’s way.  
I’ve found out through the years  
With all your love and trust  
You’re always there to help me  
When ‘ere the road gets rough.  
And when this year is just a memory,  
How grateful I shall be  
Because you traveled through it  
Always hand in hand with me!

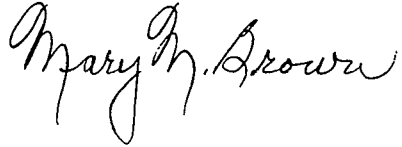
To my own Chapter, Lexington No. 996, and the membership of Texas: You placed me in this office and you sustained me all along the way. From you I have gathered courage and strength — I have learned humility and gentleness and forgiveness. You have given me a beautiful year of service — yet it is not mine alone — it is a composite of all those with whom I’ve walked — whose hands I’ve touched! Gratefully, I whisper a prayer . . .

“May the Four Winds of Heaven blow  
gently upon you and upon those with  
whom you share your heart and home.”

(attributed to Coahuila Indians)

AND TO ALL . . . May God add a special blessing to your life this day!

With love in my heart,



(Mrs.) Mary M. Brown  
Worthy Grand Matron

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Worthy Grand Matron, I will return the gavel to you.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** We will now have the Report of the Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Murray Watson, Jr.

## WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S REPORT

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'd like to express to you my sincere thanks, and to all the membership of this Order for this year, and for the many courtesies and considerations that have been extended to me and my family.

In your Advance Report you will find the Worthy Grand Patron's Report.

At this time I move Worthy Grand Patron's Report as printed be referred to the proper Committee.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** I hardly had time to sit down. We have a second. We have a motion and a second. All in favor of referring the Report of the Worthy Grand Patron as presented in the Advance Report, let it be known by saying aye. "Aye". All opposed, "No". The Report is referred.

## REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

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

The Ninety-Sixth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, completes another year of service in our beautiful Order. This past year has been one that was filled with many delightful experiences and will be remembered by me for the rest of my life. It has been very pleasant to work with the membership across this State and get to know and love each and every member.

## ELECTION AND INSTALLATION IN EL PASO

On October 27, 1977, the voting delegates of the Grand Chapter of Texas, assembled at the Convention Center in El Paso, elected me to the office of Worthy Grand Patron. It was especially rewarding to me that my family could participate in the In-

stallation. My wife, Greta, was installed as Grand Esther and she was escorted by my father, Murray Watson, Sr., my daughter, Milicent Watson, escorted me, and my son, Marcus Warren Watson, escorted our Worthy Grand Matron's granddaughter, Jennifer Brown.

## FRATERNAL VISITS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

On Saturday, November 5, 1977, Greta, Grand Esther, and I had the pleasure of attending the Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary M. Brown, to her home chapter, Lexington Chapter No. 996. It was a most enjoyable evening and one that each of us enjoyed very much.

On Saturday, November 12, 1977, the Worthy Grand Matron made a Fraternal Visit to my own chapter, Mart Chapter No. 109. We were especially pleased that our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary M. Brown, could place this visit on her busy schedule and be with those members in my home chapter who are so dear to me. The meeting was held in the Scottish Rite Library in Waco. It was a beautiful evening and one that will long be remembered by all who could attend.

## EASTERN STAR SCHOOLS

It was my privilege and honor to attend 21 schools across the State of Texas. Greta and I appreciated the instructions of our Worthy Grand Matron being carried out so perfectly by the very efficient District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Matrons and the wonderful members across Texas. We will always be grateful for all the various courtesies, fruit, flowers, tickets, rooms, gifts and monetary gifts which were given to us in the Schools that we attended.

We sincerely thank our pages, our drivers and those who were so helpful and attentive to our every need.

The reception of our Worthy Grand Matron's program for the Grand Chapter of Texas this year, the endowment of the Eastern Star Home in Arlington, was presented very well in each of the Schools and received by the membership for which we will be forever grateful.

## HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

It was a very humbling experience to visit the Schools and to be honored by the members of the Chapters by making me an honorary member of their Chapter. There is no greater honor that a chapter can give than to honor another by making them an honorary member of their Chapter. This is something I will always remember and cherish. I especially want to extend my thanks and sincere appreciation to each Chapter and to the members of each Chapter that so honored me this past year with their expression of gratitude.

## FRATERNAL VISITS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

It was a privilege and honor for Greta and me to attend many of the Fraternal Visits of our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary M. Brown. We regret very much at not being able to attend every one of her visits during this past year. I am very grateful for

the understanding of our Worthy Grand Matron in the fact that I could not attend these meetings and the membership of the Chapters where the Worthy Grand Matron was visiting.

### SPECIAL COURTESIES AND PRESENTATIONS

It was very gratifying to receive the many special courtesies extended to Greta and me, as Grand Esther and Worthy Grand Patron. These presentations came from both in the Order and outside of the Order. The courtesies extended to us by the membership were tremendous. The associations and friendships established will be with us for the rest of our lives.

The many civic presentations made during this year honoring the office of Worthy Grand Patron with honorary citizenships, deputy sheriffs, police chiefs, fire chiefs, keys to the many cities, are presentations that are deeply appreciated.

### NEW CHAPTERS INSTITUTED

Two new chapters were instituted during the 1977-78 Grand Chapter year. I am very grateful to the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary M. Brown, for concurring in the organization of these Chapters and for taking the necessary time to be present at each of the Instituting. Her presence at the meetings and her words of encouragement were an inspiration to all present. The District Deputies and the Deputies of the Sections in which the new Chapters were organized are to be commended for the effective leadership each one gave in assisting those who organized the new Chapters.

ALLEN CHAPTER U.D. was Instituted in the Roundtree Elementary School on the 1st day of June, 1978, at 7:30 p.m.

The following served as Grand Officers for the Ceremony:

Mrs. Mary M. Brown	Worthy Grand Matron
Mr. Murray Watson, Jr.	Worthy Grand Patron
Mrs. Mary Katherine Smith	Associate Grand Matron
Mr. Thurman L. "Duke" Weaver	Associate Grand Patron
Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	Grand Secretary
Mrs. Marjorie Johnson	Grand Treasurer
Mrs. Kathy Johnston	Grand Conductress
Mrs. Viola Edwards	Associate Grand Conductress
Mr. Redell Henson	Grand Chaplain
Mrs. Jerry Miller	Grand Marshal
Mrs. Genevieve Halbert	Grand Organist
Mrs. Wanda Gilmore	Grand Adah
Mrs. Ella May Barker	Grand Ruth
Mrs. Greta Watson	Grand Esther
Mrs. Othella Roberts	Grand Martha
Mrs. Fern Carpenter	Grand Electa
Mrs. Mary K. Lester	Grand Warder
Mr. J.C. Gilmore	Grand Sentinel

KINGSLAND CHAPTER U.D. was Instituted in the American Legion Hall, Kingsland, Texas, at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd day of June, 1978.

The following served as Grand Officers for the Ceremony:

Mrs. Mary M. Brown	Worthy Grand Matron
Mr. Murray Watson, Jr.	Worthy Grand Patron
Mrs. Amy Goebel	Associate Grand Matron



Mr. Doss Brown	Associate Grand Patron
Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	Grand Secretary
Mrs. Roxanne Fields	Grand Treasurer
Mrs. Nell Davidson	Grand Conductress
Mrs. Frankie Henson	Associate Grand Conductress
Mr. Redell Henson	Grand Chaplain
Mrs. Oleta Domes	Grand Marshal
Mrs. Genevieve Halbert	Grand Organist
Mrs. Ethel Hull	Grand Adah
Mrs. Laverne Griffin	Grand Ruth
Mrs. Jerry Cuvelier	Grand Esther
Mrs. Virginia Sanders	Grand Martha
Mrs. Willene Dunning	Grand Electa
Mr. Gene Dunning	Grand Warder
Mr. R.C. Halbrook	Grand Sentinel

The Installing Officers at both Allen and Kingsland Chapters contributed funds to the Chapters so that both could be 100% in the International Temple Fund.

Following the Instituting of the Chapters, I asked the District Deputies and the Deputy Grand Matrons to both work through the balance of this Grand Chapter year with the two new U.D. Chapters to assist them in their organization and work, so that they would be proficient in their work and have a full appreciation and love of the Order.

### CHAPTERS CONSTITUTED

This year there were no Chapters to be constituted since the Lonnie L. Blake Chapter U.D. in Grand Prairie, Texas, and the Amistad Chapter U.D. in San Antonio were not organized until late in the previous Grand Chapter year.

Special dispensation was granted to the Lonnie L. Blake Chapter U.D. in Grand Prairie for the selection of the filling of vacancies. Mr. Perry Smithwick, Junior Past Grand Patron, acted as my Pro-tem in the installing of these officers.

The Amistad Chapter U.D. in San Antonio had vacancies in their officers and a special dispensation was given to fill these vacancies. The offices were vacant due to resignations and moving from the city.

The District Deputy and the Deputy Grand Matrons in each of the Sections in which the U.D. Chapters were organized were requested to work closely with the officers and memberships of the U.D. Chapters and assist them in filling out the forms and making the appropriate filings with the By-Laws Committee of Grand Chapter and the Committee on Chapters U.D. of the Grand Chapter so that they could receive their approval at this Grand Chapter Session.

### APPRECIATION

To Our Worthy Grand Matron: As we come to the end of our tenure in office, I've come to fully realize how fortunate I am to have had such a talented and efficient Worthy Grand Matron. Your love of the Order and devotion to the membership was fully demonstrated through the year as you transversed this State back and forth to the Schools and visitation of Chapters across our State. Your leadership and hard work speaks for itself. Your congeniality has made all the members love you even more. It has been a great honor and privilege to have been allowed to work with you these past two years.

Worthy Grand Matron, Greta and I wish to express to you our sincere thanks and deep appreciation for having selected us to be with you and Doss during these past two years. Your pleasant smile and friendly "Hello", has touched the hearts and lives of all the members across Texas, and for those who have not had the privilege of being at the Schools or Chapters while you were in attendance, I want them to know how gracious, kind, patient, gentle, conscientious, hardworking and cordial you are.

During this past year, you have made an extra effort to keep me informed of the matters affecting Grand Chapter and consulted with me on whatever decisions that you have made. I want the entire membership to know that in each decision that you have made, I have concurred, and that I have found you to be unbiased and considerate of the members. It has been a most pleasant tenure of service this past two years.

To my wife, Greta: This past two years of service would have been impossible for me had it not been for the love and understanding of a lovely and devoted wife. Your devotion, understanding, cooperation and guidance made it possible for me to perform the duties of Worthy Grand Patron, and we have truly served this Grand Chapter together.

To my family — my daughter, Milicent; my son, Marcus; and my father, Murray Watson, Sr.: I want to express my appreciation for your support and understanding through these two years, by helping me day by day. Without your help, as a family, it would not have been possible for me to have made the trips that I did, and to enjoy the meetings that I attended, unless I knew that you were backing me and supporting me in each thing that I did.

To the husband of our Worthy Grand Matron, Mr. Doss Brown: I want you to know that I appreciate you and your loyal support that you have given throughout these two years. You have been most gracious and understanding, and Greta and I have a very warm spot in our hearts for you and our Worthy Grand Matron. I do appreciate being able to serve our Grand Chapter with you and your wife, our Worthy Grand Matron.

To the Grand Floor Officers: During this Grand Chapter year, each of you have been a source of strength for me as the Worthy Grand Patron. It has been a special honor to be allowed to serve the Grand Chapter with each of you during this year. I share with you, your sorrow in the loss of our Grand Sentinel, Mr. W. Kendall Baker. We do welcome to our ranks Mr. Max Sanderford, whom we know will do an excellent job. Our Worthy Grand Matron did a superb job in making her selection of Floor Officers, and the friendship that has developed this year between each of us, I know, will continue with the years to come. Thank you so very much for sharing this year with the Worthy Grand Matron and me.

To the Associate Grand Patron, Mr. R.L. "Duke" Weaver: You will never know how much I have appreciated your support throughout this Grand Chapter year, as we have worked together on the business of this Grand Chapter. Your advice and counsel have meant very much to our Worthy Grand Matron and to me. It is my prayer and wish that you will enjoy your year in the East as much as I have. The membership of the Order will be a great source of strength to you. I know that they will be most helpful when called upon. May you have a year of rewarding experiences as our Worthy Grand Patron. I hope that you and Mrs. Rennie Ofton will have as much happiness serving the Order as Mrs. Mary M. Brown and I have had this year.

To Grand Chapter: There are not adequate words for me to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to each of you who are members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You have humbled me by giving me this opportunity to serve you in this capacity. If, during this year, I have in any way offended you or failed to carry on the responsibility of this office as you feel that I should, I ask your forgiveness. It has been my desire to serve all the membership as I have held this office throughout the year.

I want you to know that I am deeply indebted to each of you, the members of Texas, for having given me this high honor to serve in the highest office of this Grand Jurisdiction, and all that I can say to you is, "THANK YOU".

To our Eastern Star Home: There are no words that would fully express the appreciation and debt of gratitude that we, as members of the Order, owe to Mrs. Potsy Sawyer and her most efficient staff at our Home in Arlington. The hard work and devotion, which they give to each of our members who are in residence, are many times unrecognized and go without proper recognition. I want to express my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to Mrs. Sawyer and her staff for having made my visits pleasant and enjoyable. On each occasion that I have visited the Home, I have been treated royally and made to feel welcome by all. And to our Sisters who live in the Home, I pray that each of you will continue to be as happy as you now are. God bless each and every one of you!

To those members who have not had the pleasure of visiting our Home, I would urge you to do so at your earliest convenience. You will find a lovely Home with well planned activities for everyone. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to our predecessors who had the vision and foresight to establish this Home, and we must continue, in the future, to provide the funds for the permanent endowment of the Home so we can provide for our members.

To Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris: This year's experience has been one of delight and honor, because of the understanding, counsel and advice of our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris. Each of us, as members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, owe you a deep debt of thanks for your continued interest and high ideals and principles. You are a lady who has provided to me counsel and advice and typified truly what a member of the Eastern Star should be, as you have continued to work for the good of our Order.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons: Each of us, as members of the Order of the Eastern Star, owe to you, individually and collectively, a debt of gratitude and sincere thanks for the work that you have done and are doing for our Order. Your service in the past and in the present has helped to pave the way for our Order to continue in its good work toward our fellow man. Your example and your leadership have provided for us a light to follow. Much experience, valuable knowledge and true devotion to our Order have been gained by us from your hard work and dedication.

Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Amy Goebel, a member of McLennan Chapter No. 639, has been a great source of help and guidance to me this past year. I want to say a special word of thanks to Sister Amy for all that she has done to assist both Greta and me throughout this year. Without the help of Mrs. Amy Goebel and her husband, Mr. Lud Goebel, this year would have been a most difficult one for us. Your counsel and advice have been appreciated more than you will ever know.

To the Grand Secretary: Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, I will be forever grateful to you for your most capable assistance and enthusiastic support in my endeavors this year. There are not adequate words for me to express to you my sincere thanks and appreciation for all that you did in helping me prepare for the Instituting Ceremonies and working with the Chapters on a day-to-day basis. It has been a pleasure to serve with you, and I deeply appreciate your friendship and the most efficient work that you have done for our Grand Chapter.

To our Grand Treasurer: Sister Jettie Hinton, you will never know how much I admire you for all that you do in helping our Grand Chapter. You are always ready and willing to do whatever is necessary when called upon. You have been very punctual and helpful in sending me the reports of your office. I will always cherish your friendship and your support. Many times you have traveled long distances to attend meetings when it would have been much easier to stay at home, and I want you to know how

much each of us appreciates what you have done for our Grand Chapter. Greta joins with me in expressing to you our sincere thanks and deep appreciation.

To the Board Members: It has been my pleasure to observe and to get to know the devotion of the members of the Board of Grand Trustees, the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolence and the Board of Grand Examiners. Each one of you is to be commended for the many hours of work that you devote to the Grand Chapter and to the Eastern Star Home in Arlington. Without the continued devotion and hard work that you have given, our Grand Chapter would not be what it is today.

To the Grand Chapter Committees: Your hard work, devotion and service on the Committees that you have been selected to work on this past year is a tribute to Grand Chapter and our Worthy Grand Matron.

Without the many long hours of work and devotion that you have given, we could not maintain our Grand Chapter.

This year, our Worthy Grand Matron's number one project has been the endowment of the Home. The message that the Committees have carried to the membership has laid the foundation, so that in the years to come I know that we can, once and for all, permanently endow our Home.

To the Worthy Grand Matron's Secretarial Committee: I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for your generosity and support. To Mrs. Marguerite Cornwell, a special word of thanks for coming in and helping me to get out the letters that needed to be mailed and to assist me in my office. It is something that I shall be forever grateful to you for, and I want the membership to know how helpful you have been to me.

To the Mary Brown's Girls and Murray's Men: Those who have served as Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, for the year 1977-78, have made your mark in the history of this Grand Chapter working together as the Mary Brown's Girls and Murray's Men. You are truly Sisters and Brothers in every sense of the word. During this past year we could not have accomplished what we did without your help and assistance on each occasion.

I want to extend to you my sincere thanks and appreciation for all that you have done in sharing with me the joys of this year, and I am proud of each and every one of you.

To my Home Chapter: This past year, the loyalty and support given to me by the membership of my home Chapter, Mart Chapter No. 109, has been very gratifying. Throughout the years, and especially during the time I have served Grand Chapter, all of the Officers and members of Mart Chapter have done many nice things for Greta and me. We are deeply grateful for the honors that have come our way because of their love and devotion. The esteem, friendship and the love that has been expressed will always be cherished by both of us.

## OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

On December 16 and 17, 1977, it was Greta's and my privilege to join the Worthy Grand Matron and the members of the Grand Chapter of Texas for a visit to Beaumont Chapter's 75th Birthday and an Exchange Visit of Texas and Louisiana. At this time, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of Louisiana made an official Exchange Visit between the Grand Chapter of Texas and the Grand Chapter of Louisiana. We enjoyed the fraternal fellowship that existed between our Grand Jurisdictions. It was a very rewarding experience.

On August 31 and September 1, 1978, it was our privilege to be with the Worthy Grand Matron and the members of the Grand Chapter of Texas for an Exchange Visit of Texas and Oklahoma. At this time, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of Oklahoma made an official visit to Gate City Chapter No. 77 in Denison, Texas, and to Ardmore Chapter No. 70 in Ardmore, Oklahoma. I received honorary memberships from the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma and Ardmore Chapter No. 70 in Oklahoma for which I am indeed grateful and deeply honored. It was a most enjoyable meeting that existed between our two Grand Jurisdictions. It is something that I will always remember.

### LONDON TOUR

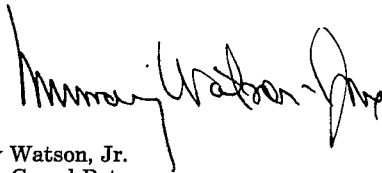
During the week of August 18 through August 26, 1978, the members of the Order of the Eastern Star toured London and the outlying communities in London. This tour was organized and directed by our Past Grand Matron, Sister Lallah Mae Vollus, in honor of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. While in London, we had the pleasure of visiting the Grand Lodge Building of England and were awed by the beauty of the structure.

The chance to visit London and the surrounding communities was like a step back in our English history. The sights and scenery were all of historical interest, and the experience of the tour will be long remembered.

### TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF TEXAS

As we draw to the close of another chapter in the history of our Grand Chapter, I close another chapter in the history of my life. As one of the last official acts as your Worthy Grand Patron permit me to express to each of you my appreciation for the privilege and honor to have served in this station. With the help of our Heavenly Father, I will always strive to be worthy of the honor that you have bestowed upon me by making it possible for me to serve as your Worthy Grand Patron.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,



Murray Watson, Jr.  
Worthy Grand Patron

**Worthy Grand Matron:** I wonder if Dr. Robert Fitch has arrived at this Grand Chapter Session? Would you please rise? As I know that some of you are aware, Dr. Fitch is the great grandson of Dr. Rob Morris. He is in town because I had a notice in my room last evening that he had arrived and he will be with us this entire week.

Now, I placed that in our Bulletin, so he may be surrounded outside by some of our members! But, if the Grand Pages or Assistant Grand Wardens would let us know when Dr. Fitch arrives, we would like to have him escorted to the East.

We have a request from our Grievances and Appeals Committee. Sister Mildred Garlitz, are you ready with your Report this morning? Mr. Steelhammer cannot be with us this afternoon as scheduled. I'm sorry — he has already left.

I recognize the Chairman of Chapters Under Dispensation Committee, Sister Roma Crane, who will bring her report.

## REPORT OF CHAPTERS UD COMMITTEE

**Mrs. Roma Crane:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

It is with pleasure I introduce the members of the Committee of Chapters Under Dispensation.

Mrs. Evelyn "Tommye" Sandlin  
Mr. E. L. Brannam

We, your committee of Chapters Under Dispensation wish to make the following report.

The minutes and records of:

Lonnie L. Blake Chapter U. D., Grand Prairie, Texas, instituted June 30, 1977,  
and Amistad Chapter U. D., San Antonio, Texas, instituted August 26, 1977

have been carefully examined and show satisfactory evidence of complying with all constitutional requirements.

We therefore submit the following recommendations.

That Lonnie L. Blake Chapter U. D., Grand Prairie, Texas  
and Amistad Chapter U. D., San Antonio, Texas,

be granted Charters at this Grand Chapter Session.

We wish to express our appreciation to the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Brown, and Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Murray Watson, for the privilege of serving Grand Chapter on this Committee.

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

**Worthy Grand Matron:** We have a motion and a second that we adopt the report of the Chapter UD Committee. Is there discussion? If not, all in favor of adopting the report of the Chapters Under Dispensation Committee will let it be known by saying aye. "Aye". All opposed, "No". Motion adopted.

Now, our Worthy Grand Patron has been working diligently with these two Chapters, Lonnie L. Blake and Amistad, and he would like very much for the members of these two Chapters to rise.

You know, Sisters and Brothers, we have just granted them the privilege of voting in this Grand Chapter Session, and that is why we have brought this report early so that they might participate in their Grand Chapter. Do we have representatives of those Chapters here in the Grand Chapter room, Brother Murray?

Thank you Sisters and Brothers — they are waving. (applause) And thank you, Sister Roma Crane, and your Committee, for this fine report. Now, if you Chapters will wait about 15 minutes, your credentials will be ready so that you may secure them.

May we have the report of the Grand Secretary.

## REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY

**Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. My report is printed in the Advance Annual Report beginning on page 61, ending on page 83. I shall not read it to you, but I respectfully request you to read it, and the only part of it that I would say to you, members of Grand Chapter, is thank you for the opportunity of serving again in the capacity of Grand Secretary, and as I come to the end of this year, I recall a portion of one of the old Negro spirituals:

Oh, Lord, I ain't done all I wanted to do  
 Maybe, I ain't done all I could do  
 Maybe, Lord, I ain't done all I should do  
 But, O Lord, I ain't been standing still.

(applause)

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that this report be referred to the proper committee.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** We have a motion and a second that the report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the proper committee. Is there discussion? Are you ready for the question? All in favor of accepting the referral of this report to the proper committee, will let it be known by saying "aye". "Aye". Opposed, "No". Motion carried. Report shall be referred.

## 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:

"The finger of time is completing the text —  
 As this year gives way to make room for the next."

Sisters and Brothers, in compliance with the Code of Laws, I submit the record of the official transactions of the Office of the Grand Secretary during the year of 1977-78.

This office has been a very busy place this year. For the first time since 1972, a Roster was compiled, printed and mailed in February. The 1977 Proceedings were printed and mailed early in May. The Junior Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Roberts, is to be commended highly for the prompt and proficient manner in which she completed her work on the transcript from the Grand Chapter Session enabling this Office to deliver same to the printer so early. One most interesting phase of the work of Grand Chapter this year was done by the Museum Committee. I was afforded the very pleasant task of assisting the General Chairman, Mrs. Pasty Wilson, in assembling the pictures from the Grand Chapter archives presented to it by the Masonic Print Shop upon its termination. The first part of this work was begun by the Grand Historians, Mrs. Dorothy Bernhard and Mrs. Barbara Harrison Robinson, appointed by the late Mrs. Pearl Hall, the Worthy Grand Matron of 1961-1962. Since that time no further work has been done. Mrs. Wilson has now completed the work of having framed for hanging all pictures of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. The lay member of the Order can never realize the tremendous responsibility and work expended. All pictures are in matching frames and marked with metal plates.

**IN MEMORIAM**

“Thy purpose, Lord, we cannot see; but all is well when done by Thee.”

With a deep sense of loss and with genuine sorrow, I recorded the death of two Past Grand Patrons and one installed Grand Chapter Officer during the year.

Dr. Russell Holt, who served as Worthy Grand Patron in 1957-58 with Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Worthy Grand Matron, died on January 30, 1978 and Brother Frank R. Phillips, who served as Worthy Grand Patron in 1946-47 with Mrs. Hattie Lucille Dowell Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron, died on August 7, 1978. Brother W. Kendall Baker, Grand Sentinel, died on April 30, 1978.

God calls our loved ones, but we lose not wholly what He hath given;  
They live on earth, in thought and deed, as truly as in His heaven.

— John Greenleaf Whittier

The required Memorial Notices were mailed and emblematic floral tributes were sent.

**MEMBERSHIP**

The trend of decrease in the Order’s membership in Texas continues as reflected by the 1977-1978 Annual Reports. Such loss is attested in the following recapitulation.

Membership on May 31, 1977 .....	118,186	
Less Demised Chapters’ Membership .....	473	117,713
Increase:		
Initiated .....	2,829	
Affiliated .....	1,401	
Reinstated .....	350	4,580
		122,293
Decrease:		
Demitted .....	632	
Transferred .....	756	
Suspended .....	1,674	
Expelled .....	3	
Died .....	2,247	5,312
Membership on May 31, 1978 .....		116,981*
Loss for the year .....		732
Chartered Chapters .....		741
Chapters Under Dispensation .....		4

\*129 Members are now living in the Eastern Star and Masonic Homes (ex-empt of fees).

The following Chapters demised:

Eden Chapter No. 387	April 16, 1978
Eagle Lake Chapter No. 483	May 31, 1978
Livingston Chapter No. 723	By action of Grand Chapter on October 26, 1977
Frost Chapter No. 965	March 28, 1978

The Charters, Seals and Copies of the Secret Work and Diagram of the Labyrinth were forwarded to this Office together with all Chapter paraphernalia.



The following Chapters consolidated:

Runge No. 106 with Helena No. 289	June 6, 1978
Memphis No. 351 with Childress No. 101	May 31, 1978
Toyah No. 579 with Pecos No. 81	February 27, 1978
Blackwell No. 786 with Hylton No. 494	May 2, 1978
Tuscola No. 793 with Queen Esther No. 833	May 16, 1978
Dodson No. 814 with Wellington No. 238	March 28, 1978
Groom No. 861 With White Deer No. 802	March 6, 1978
Friona No. 990 with Hereford No. 312	July 11, 1978
Munday No. 993 with Knox City No. 119	March 21, 1978

The Charters, Seals and Copies of the Secret Work and Diagram of the Labyrinth were returned to this Office in compliance with the Code of Laws with the exception of the following:

Runge Chapter No. 106 did not return any of the three copies each of the Secret Work and Diagram of the Labyrinth. Tuscola Chapter No. 793 failed to return one copy each of the Secret Work and Diagram of the Labyrinth. Groom Chapter No. 861 failed to return one copy of the Secret Work. Friona Chapter No. 990 failed to return one copy each of the Secret Work and Diagram of the Labyrinth. The Worthy Grand Matron has been advised of this enigmatic dereliction.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

The only Chapter failing to comply with the Code of Laws, Page 140, Article 261 (6) was Iola No. 458. The Chapter's Annual Report reached this Office on July 7, 1978 without any explanation. Since the date of the Chapter's Installation of Officers was June 13, 1978, I do not recommend that the Chapter's vote be restored. Wrightsboro Chapter 778 reported no election or installation of officers.

In an effort to conserve postage, the Board of Grand Trustees elected to eliminate the mailing of receipts to each Chapter and employ the general accepted practice of allowing the Chapter's cancelled check to serve as same. Proper notice of this anticipated method was printed in bold type in the Official Bulletin prior to June 1st. Yet, the correspondence during the month of June and July was very heavy. Some five hundred letters were written and more than one hundred telephone calls were made in handling the Annual Reports.

## INSTITUTINGS

The two following Chapters were instituted during the year:

Allen U.D.	June 1, 1978
Kingsland U.D.	June 2, 1978

Since these two Chapters are less than six months old, no Charter may be granted.

Worthy Grand Patron, through the duties imposed by our Laws, I have been pleased to place the Grand Chapter's attestation to your signature on the Dispensations granted to the new Chapters. I have been privileged to attend and participate in each Instituting Ceremony this year. You and your lovely wife, Greta, have endeared yourselves to the membership by your friendliness and consideration of others. Service is the price we pay for the space we occupy. You have earned your place of occupancy. Someone has said, "it is to live twice when one can enjoy recollections of other days". Long after this year of service as Worthy Grand Patron has ended, through the medium of recollection, the associations connected with same will afford you many priceless and lasting memories.

## CHAPTER WORK

By permission of the Worthy Grand Matron, the following Charters were sent to this Office to be retraced:

Orange Chapter No. 214  
Spurger Chapter No. 315

## GIFTS

- 2-13-78 — \$1,000.00 Life Insurance Policy — Beneficiary: Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S. Home Endowment Fund  
(Mrs. Mabel I. Wagner, Aunt of Mrs. Maxine Burns, Richland Hills Chapter No. 1040)
- 5-27-78 — \$1,000.00 Life Insurance Policy — Beneficiary: Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S. Home Endowment Fund  
(Mrs. Alice Burkhart, Woodland Chapter No. 696)

## BEQUESTS

- 3-3-78 — \$2,000.00 Cash — Under the terms of the Will of Phil J. Malouf as follows:
- |                |    |          |
|----------------|----|----------|
| ESTARL         | \$ | 300.00   |
| Legacy of Love |    | 1,600.00 |
| Home Endowment |    | 100.00   |
- 6-6-78 — \$200.00 Cash (Sale of furs) — Under the terms of the Will of Mrs. Dorris Louise Keppler to Home Endowment Fund. Disposition of balance of other properties received still pending.
- 8-8-78 — \$500.00 Cash — Under the terms of the Will of Mrs. Alvina Weinert to the Eastern Star Home.
- 9-4-78 — \$3,000.00 (three United States of America Series "H" Bonds) — Under the terms of the Will of Mrs. Vera B. Wilkerson to the Eastern Star Home.

## SALE OF PROPERTIES BY BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES WITH PROCEEDS CREDITED TO EASTERN STAR HOME FUND

- June, 1978 — Maudie J. Sullivan property, 2900 College Ave., Fort Worth Texas  
Sold to A. Miles Fairris — \$ 8,000.00
- August, 1978 — Mrs. Edith Cornell, Marble Falls, Texas  
Sale of personal properties — \$ 109.00
- August, 1978 — Mrs. Frances A. Massengill, Electra, Texas  
Sale of 1955 Chevrolet Automobile — \$ 1,525.00  
Sale of Miscellaneous Furniture — \$ 100.00

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Aldine No. 1088	1 copy

### LEGAL ACTS

The necessary Legal Instruments on the following transactions were executed by the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary M. Brown, and attested to by the Grand Secretary:

11-28-77 — Release of Lien on Lot 3, of the R.C. Robertson Subdivision to the City of Del Rio, Val Verde County, Texas. (Jeff Sessions Estate)

6- 6-78 — Release of Lien on approximately 6 acres of the Edward Stephens Survey, Abstract No. 754 in Wise County, Texas to Billy Fred Johnson, et ux. (Cleopatria Stephens property)

### GRAND DEMITS ISSUED 1978

Albrecht, Mrs. Amelia  
 Altman, Mrs. Virginia  
 Bailey, Mrs. Ada  
 Bailey, Mrs. Jessie  
 Ball, Mrs. Robbie  
 Bailey, Mrs. Jewel  
 Ballew, Mrs. Mary  
 Bata, Mrs. Velma  
 Baring, Mrs. Elisa  
 Beals, Mrs. Helen  
 Beals, Robert  
 Bean, Mrs. Allie  
 Bennett, Mrs. Marion  
 Billingsley, Mrs. Mildred  
 Blair, Mrs. Alice Belle  
 Bond, Mrs. Dora  
 Booth, Mrs. Laura  
 Bradley, Ken H.  
 Bounds, Mrs. Thelma  
 Bradley, Mrs. Melissa  
 Brasher, Mrs. Alice Marie  
 Brashear, Herman  
 Brashear, Mrs. Lorene  
 Brasher, T.C.  
 Brent, Mrs. Florence  
 Bridges, Mrs. Ruby  
 Brister, Mrs. Lucy  
 Brister, N.E.  
 Brock, Mrs. Elvie  
 Brown, Mrs. Alice Jean  
 Brown, F.L.  
 Brown, Mrs. Gertrude  
 Brown, Mrs. Sylvia  
 Burns, Mrs. Lorena  
 Burns, Robert E.  
 Bush, Mrs. Effie H.  
 Campbell, Mrs. Edna Irl  
 Carrell, Earsel  
 Carrell, Mrs. Letha  
 Castelaw, Miss Floy  
 Cheatham, Mrs. Gerry  
 Clifton, Mrs. Irene  
 Cochran, C.N.  
 Cochran, Mrs. Leona Muriel  
 Collins, Mrs. Mae R.  
 Collins, Mrs. Ruth  
 Conner, Mrs. Jimmie  
 Cook, Mrs. Loree  
 Cox, Mrs. Maude  
 Coward, Mrs. Milvid Edna.  
 Craig, Mrs. Netta Mae  
 Cummings, Brenton

Cummings, Mrs. Mabel  
 Davis, A.E., Jr.  
 Davis, J. Adkins  
 Davis, Mrs. Octavia  
 Davis, Mrs. Ruth  
 Dickson, Mrs. Edna  
 Dickson, Mrs. Emma Lucille  
 Dillon, Mrs. Helen  
 Dixon, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth  
 Dodd, Mrs. Winnie  
 Dowdy, Mrs. Ione  
 Downey, Mrs. Maureen  
 Duff, Freddie L.  
 Duff, Mrs. Jessie B.  
 Dugan, Mrs. Florene  
 Dunagan, Mrs. Faenell  
 Duty, Mrs. Edith  
 Duty, Mrs. Eunice  
 Duty, Gilbert  
 Edwards, Mrs. Ivy  
 Elam, Mrs. Bessie  
 Forbes, Mrs. Alice Lucille  
 Frank, Mrs. Jane  
 Galloway, Mrs. Johnnie  
 Gantt, Mrs. Kay Frances  
 Garner, Mrs. Wanda  
 Garrett, Mrs. Velma L.  
 Garrison, Mrs. Allene  
 Gillen, Mrs. Jewell  
 Glover, Mrs. Lourine  
 Goats, Mrs. Irnee  
 Gold, Mrs. Gladys  
 Goolsby, Mrs. Avis  
 Gray, Mrs. Vera  
 Green, Mrs. Mary Helen  
 Griffin, Mrs. Ada  
 Griffin, Mrs. Ann  
 Gunter, Mrs. Eunice  
 Gunter, Marcus  
 Guyton, Mrs. Mary  
 Haenisch, Charles  
 Haenisch, Mrs. Emagene  
 Haggard, Mrs. Louise  
 Hale, Mrs. Helen  
 Hale, Mrs. Nancy  
 Hall, Mrs. Inez  
 Harris, Mrs. Alice  
 Harris, Douglas  
 Haynes, Mrs. Faylene  
 Hayes, Mrs. Onyta  
 Hearnberger, Mrs. Nelda  
 Hearnberger, Walter L.

Hendricks, Mrs. Patricia  
Hinton, Mrs. Dorothy  
Hobbs, Mrs. Johnnie  
Hoeninghaus, F.A., Jr.  
Holland, Mrs. Louise  
Hollingsworth, Mrs. Bess  
Hon, Mrs. Claudie V.  
Howard, Mrs. Roberta  
Jenkins, J.G.  
Jenkins, Mrs. Margaret  
Johnson, Mrs. Freda  
Johnson, Howard C.  
Johnson, Mrs. Pauline C.  
Jones, Mrs. Agnes  
Jones, Charley H.  
Jones, Miss Claudine  
Jones, Miss Effie  
Kennedy, Mrs. Clara Bell  
Kennedy, Eddie J.  
Kennedy, Mrs. Mary Ethel  
Kimball, Mrs. Ninnie  
Knox, E.L.  
Knox, Mrs. Vera  
Kretschmar, Mrs. Bettie Fern  
Krohn, Earl  
Krohn, Mrs. Mamie  
Kveton, Mrs. Mena  
Lang, Mrs. Olga  
Lange, Mrs. Rose  
Larsen, Mrs. Dora T.  
Lee, John  
Lee, Mrs. Margie  
Lockwood, Mrs. Carmen  
Looper, Mrs. Magdalene  
Lumpkin, James A.  
Lumpkin, Mrs. Mildred  
MacTaggart, Mrs. Anna  
Mathis, Mrs. Selma  
Mathis, James A.  
Matthews, Mrs. Frances Sue  
Matthews, Mrs. Laura  
Matthews, Paul  
Matthews, Mrs. Susanna  
May, Mrs. Esther  
Magee, Mrs. Sue  
McCardell, Miss Ethel  
McCary, Miss Martha Fay  
McClain, Mrs. Delia  
McClain, Mrs. Laura  
McClure, Mrs. Lillie  
McCreary, Mrs. Eleanor  
McKee, Mrs. Lou Ceil  
McKelvey, Mrs. Billie Jean  
Medders, Mrs. Judy  
Miller, Mrs. Janice  
Murray, Mrs. Ethelyn  
Myrick, Mrs. Elizabeth  
Neiswender, Mrs. Tommie  
Oliver, Mrs. Earnie B.  
Palmer, Mrs. Allie Mae

Palmer, Alton  
Parrish, Mrs. Earlene  
Patts, Mrs. Bee  
Patterson, Mrs. Dorothy  
Peebles, Mrs. Darlene  
Peebles, Mrs. Juanita  
Perry, Mrs. Brooksie Nell  
Pfordrescher, Mrs. Ella  
Phillips, Mrs. Martha Lou  
Pixley, Mrs. Ruth  
Ralston, Mrs. Gracie  
Rasberry, Mrs. Armenia  
Readel, Brooksie  
Reynolds, Mrs. Avonell  
Reynolds, Mrs. Elizabeth  
Rhodes, Mrs. Anna Mae  
Rhodes, Mrs. Lois Mae  
Richardson, Mrs. Lucille  
Ripple, Mrs. Elda  
Rodgers, Mrs. Dale  
Rogers, Mrs. Evelyn  
Ryno, Mrs. Ola Fay  
Saunders, Mrs. Judith  
Saunders, Mrs. Viola  
Schmidt, Mrs. Virginia  
Schrade, Mrs. Gladys  
Scott, Mrs. Beatrice  
Scott, J.O.  
Scott, Mrs. Jimmie B.  
Seaholm, A.H.  
Seaholm, Mrs. Edna  
Seaholm, Mrs. Ernest Mae  
Seaholm, Gardner  
Seaholm, Mrs. Susie  
Sheridan, Mrs. Emma Lee  
Sheridan, Mrs. Ruby Ethel  
Shotwell, Mrs. Edna  
Slater, Mrs. Elizabeth  
Smith, Mrs. Mary Belle  
Smith, Mrs. Nell  
Smith, Mrs. Thelma Lee  
Spalinger, Mrs. Louise  
Spalinger, W.L.  
Speer, Mrs. Josephine  
Speer, Lamar  
Stansberry, Mrs. Charley  
Stanley, Mrs. Louise  
Steger, Mrs. Mary Ann  
Stevens, Miss Lorene  
Stevens, Mrs. Sallye  
Strain, Chester  
Strain, Mrs. Orelle  
Sybert, Mrs. Winona  
Talley, Mrs. Nora  
Talley, W.L.  
Tate, H.E.  
Tate, Mrs. Stella  
Thomas, Mrs. Emma  
Thomas, Mrs. Evelyn  
Thomas, Harold

Thomas, Mrs. Inez C.  
 Thompson, R.M.  
 Thompson, Mrs. Reba  
 Thornton, Don  
 Thornton, Mrs. Merle Jean  
 Tolar, Mrs. Bobbi Jean  
 Tolar, Mrs. Jessie Ray  
 Towell, Mrs. Grace  
 Tullos, Mrs. Bernice  
 Uzzell, Ernest B.  
 Uzzell, Mrs. Virginia C.  
 VanNort, Mrs. Myrtle  
 VanNort, Roy A.

Walker, Mrs. Maudel  
 Watson, Mrs. Inez  
 White, Mrs. Annie Margaret  
 Wilkinson, Mrs. Esther  
 Wiese, Mrs. Margaret  
 Willnett, Mrs. Ila  
 Wilkinson, Mrs. Mary Jane  
 Wilson, C.A.  
 Wilson, Mrs. Laverne  
 Wilson, Mrs. Opal  
 Wisdom, Mrs. Sadie  
 Wood, Mrs. Alice

### FIFTY YEAR CERTIFICATES

"You can't light a candle to show others the way  
 Without feeling the warmth of that bright little ray . . ."

#### Dallas Chapter No. 1

Mrs. Minnie Carpenter  
 Mrs. Elva M. Crumley  
 Mrs. Octavia Ludwig Palmer

#### Mizpah Chapter No. 2

Mrs. Gwendolyn Amundson  
 Mrs. Evadna L. Bell  
 Mrs. Ruth A. Duble  
 Mrs. Ora O. Frederickson  
 Mrs. Lillian P. Haden  
 Mrs. Freda L. Kelley  
 Mrs. Margaret P. McDonald  
 Mrs. Rosalie Shepherd

#### San Antonio Chapter No. 3

Mrs. Ruth R. Cole  
 Mrs. Bertha Lansberry  
 Mrs. Lena McCaskill  
 Mrs. Emma Pruett  
 Mrs. Ruth Rahmstorf  
 Mrs. Ruth Scruggs

#### El Paso Chapter No. 4

Mrs. Viola Davey  
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 Mrs. Grace Mullins  
 Mrs. Virginia M. Propst  
 Mrs. Gertrude Martha Robinson

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#### Waco Chapter No. 7

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 Mrs. Hazel Essex  
 Ray H. Essex  
 Mrs. Alma Killian  
 Mrs. Ethel Martin  
 Mrs. Nell McCarthy  
 Mrs. Sallie Parker

#### San Angelo Chapter No. 10

Mrs. Velma Delong  
 Mrs. Anna Lou Thompson

#### Cedar Bayou Chapter No. 11

Mrs. Elva L. Busch  
 Mrs. Myrtle E. Perry  
 Mrs. Corene Wright

#### McAllen Chapter No. 14

Mrs. Edna DuBois  
 Homer L. Gunn  
 Mrs. Jane Gunn

#### Alvin Chapter No. 15

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 Miss Genevieve Purcell

#### Bowie Chapter No. 16

Mrs. Audrey Jackson

#### Saint Jo Chapter No. 17

H.D. Field, Jr.  
 Mrs. Jewel Franklin  
 Miss Kate Harris  
 Mrs. Dolly McKinney  
 W.E. Scott, Jr.

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Mrs. Esther Gracy  
 Mrs. Lela James

**Rockdale Chapter No. 23**  
Mrs. Faye Currey

**Kerrville Chapter No. 24**  
Mrs. Fay B. Dikeman  
Mrs. Irene Gower

**Roby Chapter No. 25**  
Mrs. Mae Bell Quensoy

**Abilene Chapter No. 30**  
Mrs. Maud Granger  
Mrs. Willie Sieglitz

**Vashti Chapter No. 32**  
Mrs. Bettie M. Kacir  
Mrs. Etta Love  
Mrs. Frankie Plemmons  
Mrs. Laura M. Worsham

**Tulia Chapter No. 33**  
Mrs. Louise Day  
Mrs. Mary Jordan

**Texas Chapter No. 35**  
Mrs. Sabina Sturm  
Mrs. Mabel White

**Plainview Chapter No. 37**  
Mrs. Willie Ashley  
Mrs. Hattie Lee Scrivner

**Smithville Chapter No. 39**  
Mrs. Eula Henry  
Mrs. Lillie Jo Insall Kunze  
Mrs. Millie Stalmach

**Iowa Park Chapter No. 42**  
Mrs. Ann Kelley  
Mrs. May Hoyle Turner

**Prudence Chapter No. 44**  
Mrs. Pauline Fondren  
Mrs. Delia Nellermeoe

**Quanah Chapter No. 47**  
Mrs. Daisy Bob Pruitt

**Ada Chapter No. 49**  
Mrs. May Craft  
Mrs. Augusta Dillahunt  
Mrs. Florence Edwards

**Angleton Chapter No. 54**  
Mrs. Lula Glasford

**Mexia Chapter No. 57**  
Mrs. Lois Deis

**Colorado Chapter No. 58**  
Mrs. Grace DeLaney  
Miss Lillian Pond

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Mrs. Emily Maddox Womble

**Bastrop Chapter No. 64**  
Mrs. Frankie Eskew  
Mrs. Bobbie Turner

**Pampa Chapter No. 65**  
Mrs. Lillian Murphy

**Matador Chapter No. 66**  
Mrs. Correne Drace  
Mrs. Margaret Springer  
Mrs. Bertha Stearns

**Big Spring Chapter No. 67**  
Chas. Thos. Clay  
Mrs. Dorothy Parish

**Stockdale Chapter No. 69**  
Mrs. Myrtle Smith Phillips

**Baumont Chapter No. 71**  
Mrs. Jeanette Bellow  
Mrs. Katherine Davis  
Mrs. Mae Law Harrison  
Mrs. Louisa Nelson  
Mrs. Hanna Helen Weber  
Mrs. Anne L. Woodard

**Troy Chapter No. 72**  
Mrs. Bettie Porter

**Brazoria Chapter No. 74**  
Mrs. Ethel Ducroz Wilson

**Lubbock Chapter No. 76**  
Mrs. Eppie Edsall Barrier  
Mrs. Grace Thomas  
Mrs. Helen H. Tilger  
Bill Watson

**Gate City Chapter No. 77**  
Mrs. Asilee Atkinson  
Mrs. Oma Kuykendall

**Petrolia Chapter No. 84**  
Mrs. Lou McDonald

**Laredo Chapter No. 86**  
Mrs. Beulah Long LaGue  
Mrs. Josephine Brewster Nixon  
Mrs. Fern Tannenbaum

**Miami Chapter No. 98**  
Mrs. Kathleen Stribling

**Childress Chapter No. 101**  
Mrs. Willie Fox  
Miss Aubrey Testerman  
Mrs. Lena Wilson

**Claude Chapter No. 104**  
Mrs. Florence Hood  
Mrs. Annie McIntire

**Canyon City Chapter No. 105**  
Mrs. Berl E. Mayfield  
Mrs. Hazel Johnson Walsh

**Tyler Chapter No. 112**  
Mrs. Mary Knight

**Fredericksburg Chapter No. 113**  
Mrs. Christine Brodie

**Corsicana Chapter No. 118**  
Mrs. Minnie Cooper  
Mrs. Dollie Ellis  
Mrs. Beula Huff  
Mrs. Elsie Hughes  
W.W. Hughes  
Mrs. Ellen Kenney

**Knox City Chapter No. 119**  
Mrs. Ada Mae Averitt

**Hope Chapter No. 124**  
Mrs. Lucy H. Adams

**Palacios Chapter No. 125**  
Ralph P. Newsom  
Mrs. Vivian Newsom

**Pleasanton Chapter No. 133**  
Mrs. Angeline Roucloux Smith

**Ransford Chapter No. 135**  
Mrs. Margaret Bruns  
Mrs. Verna Heffron  
Mrs. Lois W. Semmelrogge  
Mrs. Beatrice Kight Voelkel

**Wimodausis Chapter No. 141**  
Mrs. Phyllis Disbro

**Brenham Chapter No. 144**  
Mrs. Hortense Dorbritz  
W.C. Dorbritz

**Temple Chapter No. 153**  
Mrs. Lillian Banta  
Mrs. Grace Stasney

**Garland Chapter No. 156**  
Harry Y. Grantham

**Buffalo Chapter No. 157**  
Mrs. Jewell Brown

**Prairie Hill Chapter No. 159**  
Mrs. Estalene Cox

**Perryton Chapter No. 161**  
Mrs. Carolyn Balenseifen  
Mrs. Fannie Mae Black  
Mrs. Clara Conley

**Spur Chapter No. 164**  
Mrs. Vera Wilson

**Glen Rose Chapter No. 171**  
Mrs. Neville Turner

**Athens Chapter No. 177**  
Mrs. Alice Faulk  
Mrs. Laura Belle Owen

**Carpenters Chapter No. 183**  
Mrs. Zelma Carter  
Mrs. Marye King

**Bonita Chapter No. 184**  
Mrs. Stella Lokey  
Mrs. Sylvia Mueller

**Trinity Chapter No. 186**  
Mrs. Velma Cocreham  
Mrs. Pearl Collins  
Mrs. Elzira Gibson

**Greenville Chapter No. 189**  
Mrs. Willie Mae Atkinson  
Mrs. Minnie Geesey  
Mrs. Ludee Mae Harrison  
Miss Maggie P. Jones  
Mrs. Lockie Haney

**Boerne Chapter No. 200**  
Mrs. Juanita Shaw

**Post Chapter No. 206**  
Mrs. Marvel Anderson

**Lockhart Chapter No. 210**  
Mrs. Macy Brashear  
Mrs. Alice Gerdes  
Mrs. Ettie Tate

**Border Chapter No. 211**  
Miss Vera Burns  
Mrs. L. Annie Conner

**Merkel Chapter No. 212**  
Mrs. Viola Ensminger

**Orange Chapter No. 214**  
Mrs. Mildred G. Smith  
Mrs. Katie White

**Taft Chapter No. 218**  
Mrs. Nan B. Albin  
Mrs. Inice Porter



Mrs. Polly Tipton  
Mrs. Beulah H. Toland

**Newton Chapter No. 224**  
Mrs. Neva Hall

**Dayton Chapter No. 233**  
Mrs. Lexie McWhorter

**Midlothian Chapter No. 234**  
Mrs. Ruth O. Ward

**Wellington Chapter No. 238**  
Mrs. Eva Starr  
Mrs. Ellen Wallace  
J.N. Wallace  
Miss Hattie Wells

**Huntsville Chapter No. 240**  
Mrs. Guinn Etta O'Bannon  
Mrs. Callie Young

**Elgin Chapter No. 241**  
Mrs. Bertha Giese  
Mrs. Lucille Larsberg

**Harmony Chapter No. 244**  
Mrs. Emma Hauswirth  
Mrs. Willie Mae Joy  
Mrs. Eula Smith  
Miss Emma Clare Snell  
Mrs. Amelia Wright

**Sommerville Chapter No. 245**  
Mrs. Lula Bishop  
Mrs. Birdie Hardt  
Miss Alma Wolff  
Miss Lena Wolff

**Houston Heights Chapter No. 258**  
Mrs. Minnie Huebner  
Mrs. Ida May Newsome

**Denton Chapter No. 259**  
Mrs. Rosa Lee Bullard

**Port Arthur Chapter No. 262**  
Mrs. Rosa E. Branson  
Mrs. Clara Crawford  
N.T. Fuller  
Mrs. Ruby Ruth Fuller  
Mrs. Nina Timmins Hirleman  
Mrs. Clyde McCollum  
Mrs. Gertrude Thom

**Kirbyville Chapter No. 263**  
Mrs. Sue Kucinski  
Mrs. Lela Mae Roberts

**Shiner Chapter No. 272**  
Mrs. Sydonia Henkhaus

**Ranger Chapter No. 275**  
Mrs. Phyllis Rogers

**San Marcos Chapter No. 276**  
Mrs. Bettie Chapman  
Mrs. Julia Good  
Miss Louise Lawson

**Eastland Chapter No. 280**  
Mrs. Gertrude Richardson

**Yoakum Chapter No. 282**  
Mrs. Gladys Davis  
Mrs. Anna Lee Goldstein  
Mrs. Esther L. Vogt  
L.A. Weatherly  
Mrs. Mary Welhausen  
Mrs. Irma Wendtland

**Regina Chapter No. 283**  
Mrs. Eddie P. Martin

**Spanish Fort Chapter No. 284**  
Mrs. Oleta Lattimore  
Mrs. Nannie Parr

**Marlin Chapter No. 286**  
Mrs. Hildred Houston

**Silsbee Chapter No. 298**  
Mrs. Erie May Overland

**Oak Cliff Chapter No. 303**  
Mrs. Vera Crockett  
S.C. Cogburn

**Austin Chapter No. 304**  
Miss Lucy Ann Brown  
Mrs. Hazel Goldsmith  
Mrs. Lessie Lockhart  
Mrs. Helen Barbara McKittrick  
Edwin G. Moorehead  
Mrs. Ida Moorehead

**Franklin Chapter No. 311**  
Mrs. Katherine T. Galloway  
Mrs. Lucille Martin  
Mrs. Mattie Schultz

**Hereford Chapter No. 312**  
Mrs. Ethel Curry  
Mrs. Marie Huntley  
Mrs. Nora Lawhon

**Spurger Chapter No. 315**  
Mrs. Ethel Read

**Columbus Chapter No. 324**  
Mrs. Hazel Conway

**Kingsville Chapter No. 325**  
Mrs. Hattie Sale

**Lytle Chapter No. 335**  
Mrs. Mildred Steele  
Mrs. Kathleen Walker

**Nixon Chapter No. 339**  
O.E. Holstein

**Rio Vista Chapter No. 343**  
Mrs. Alma Lou Hall

**Marfa Chapter No. 344**  
Mrs. Mary H. Polsky

**Bridgeport Chapter No. 346**  
Mrs. Lillie M. Crum

**Center Chapter No. 348**  
Mrs. Susie Smith Bailey  
Mrs. Una Glenn  
Mrs. Lucy Gregory  
H.B. Harris  
Mrs. Maggie Harris

**Memphis Chapter No. 351**  
Mrs. Gladys Meacham

**Sarah Chapter No. 353**  
Mrs. Ena Barnes

**Corpus Christi Chapter No. 354**  
Mrs. Ethel Thorne  
Mrs. Bobi Williams

**Marshall Chapter No. 356**  
Mrs. Phronia Dominy  
Mrs. Mabel Garvin

**Dunn Chapter No. 358**  
Mrs. Lydia Shipp

**Port Lavaca Chapter No. 373**  
Mrs. Dena McDonald  
Mrs. Rose Garner Sullivan  
Miss Sallie Wilson

**Templar Chapter No. 374**  
Miss Ruth Askew  
Mrs. Harriett Cochran  
Mrs. Lucille McClure

**Hemphill Chapter No. 375**  
Mrs. Vera Pate

**Jacksonville Chapter No. 377**  
Mrs. Elsie Arrington Baker

**Bay City Chapter No. 380**  
Mrs. Gladys Helmecke  
Mrs. Marguerite Reiman  
Mrs. Velva Reiman

**Fidelity Chapter No. 383**  
H.Z. Woodall

**Houston Chapter No. 385**  
Mrs. Pauline Harvey

**Wharton Chapter No. 389**  
Mrs. Jimmie Hall

**Jacksboro Chapter No. 390**  
Mrs. Leola Bruce  
Mrs. Cassie Isaacs  
Mrs. Josephine Martin  
Mrs. Lucille McElhaney

**Palestine Chapter No. 395**  
Mrs. Pearl Cooper  
Mrs. Willie R. DeChaumes  
Mrs. Cora Graham  
Mrs. Marion Hudson  
Mrs. Lucille Merz  
Mrs. Era Sasser  
Mrs. Bernice Stockbridge

**Timpson Chapter No. 396**  
Mrs. Jewell Thornton

**Sunshine Chapter No. 399**  
Mrs. Maud Ellen Faubion  
Mrs. Mildred Dawn Smallwood  
Mrs. Mary E. Stamm  
Mrs. Ella Sutherland

**Wells Chapter No. 400**  
Mrs. Vallie Doyle  
Mrs. S.E. Sessions

**Gonzales Chapter No. 403**  
Mrs. Ola Belle Cook  
Mrs. Henrietta Morrison  
Mrs. Jennie Pierpont  
Mrs. Bertie Towns  
Miss Marie Wood

**Hondo Chapter No. 404**  
Mrs. Dora Nehr  
Mrs. Esther Trulson

**Stanton Chapter No. 409**  
Mrs. Vera McCoy

**Sipe Springs Chapter No. 416**  
Mrs. Mertie Morrow

**Polytechnic Chapter No. 420**  
Mrs. Ruth Doss  
Mrs. Leota Hitt  
Mrs. Belle Joiner  
Mrs. Myrtle L. Miller  
Mrs. Maude Randall

**Burnet Chapter No. 425**  
Mrs. Cleo Walden Tarver  
Mrs. Eunice Ward

**Nacogdoches Chapter No. 428**  
Mrs. Harriet Smith

**Chico Chapter No. 433**  
Mrs. Grace Hunter Johnson  
Mrs. Ora Lynch

**Iola Chapter No. 458**  
Mrs. Ruth Blagraves  
J.E. Boney  
Mrs. Nealie Boney  
Mrs. Eva Cotton Ferrell  
C.W. Wren  
Mrs. Beulah Yeager

**Hamlin Chapter No. 460**  
Mrs. Alice Anderson

**Bangs Chapter No. 467**  
Hubert Lane

**Henrietta Chapter No. 474**  
Mrs. Vivian Hargrove

**Seymour Chapter No. 488**  
Mrs. Inez Boyd  
Mrs. Della McGuire

**Douglasville Chapter No. 493**  
Mrs. Anna Brabham  
Miss Susie Brabham

**Hylton Chapter No. 494**  
Mrs. Ninnie Kinard  
Mrs. Kate Michaels  
Mrs. Mabel Morrow

**Alto Chapter No. 496**  
Mrs. Coy Mae Terrell Allen  
Mrs. Edna Merriweather

**Junction Chapter No. 497**  
Mrs. Bernice Buswell  
Mrs. Hettie Love

Mrs. Emma Mae Miller  
Mrs. Ophelia Scott

**Springtown Chapter No. 498**  
Mrs. Ethel Ann Helm

**Coahoma Chapter No. 499**  
Mrs. Aubia Fay Barth  
Mrs. Ophelia Sullivan

**Van Horn Chapter No. 514**  
Mrs. Pearl Elliott  
Mrs. Osa Langdon

**Oakville Chapter No. 521**  
Mrs. Reba Lee Caron  
Mrs. Mildred Finkbeimer  
Mrs. Ruby Lee Pope  
Mrs. Jewel Russell

**Mission Chapter No. 527**  
Mrs. Ethel Brooke

**North Zulch Chapter No. 531**  
Mrs. Marie Andrews

**El Campo Chapter No. 535**  
Mrs. Edith Herrmann  
Mrs. Anna Belle Rich

**Electra Chapter No. 539**  
Mrs. Winnie Goodman  
Mrs. Ada Hagan

**Forney Chapter No. 557**  
Mrs. Eva Lou Tabb

**Bardwell Chapter No. 560**  
Mrs. Josie Gorman  
Mrs. Texas Gorman  
Mrs. Lois Hollabaugh

**Happy Chapter No. 562**  
Alden C. Mann  
Mrs. Ruth Mann

**Turkey Chapter No. 569**  
Mrs. Nell Gregory

**Slaton Chapter No. 585**  
Mrs. Ethel Young

**Seadrift Chapter No. 602**  
Mrs. Sallie Witte

**Mertens Chapter No. 604**  
Mrs. Mattie Buie  
Mrs. Lucile Langford

**Longview Chapter No. 610**  
Mrs. Verna Anthony

**Bexar Chapter No. 616**  
Mrs. Leora Hill  
Miss A. Louise Philips  
Miss Claribell Smiley

**Handley Chapter No. 617**  
Mrs. Myrtle Holmberg  
Miss Sue B. Mann  
Mrs. Mary Tilghman

**Cuero Chapter No. 618**  
Miss Lucy Barden  
Mrs. Sarah Westerbeck

**League City Chapter No. 621**  
Mrs. Winnie Roach  
Mrs. Leola Whitworth

**Texas City Chapter No. 626**  
Mrs. Ruth Madden

**Kilgore Chapter No. 630**  
Mrs. Ruth Broyles  
Mrs. Bertha Judy  
Mrs. Vallie Myrle Dudley

**Corrigan Chapter No. 631**  
Mrs. Noreen Currie  
Mrs. Cordia Edens  
Miss Althea Kent  
C.H. Redd  
Mrs. Jodie Redd

**Liberty Chapter No. 634**  
Mrs. Myrl Ewing

**Radiant Chapter No. 636**  
Andrew C. Lewis

**McLennan Chapter No. 639**  
Mrs. Freda Alexander  
Geo. N. Colias  
Mrs. Bessie Kretzschmar

**Royse City Chapter No. 642**  
Mrs. Orpha Cross

**Donna Chapter No. 644**  
Mrs. Kate B. Lee

**Loyal Chapter No. 648**  
Mrs. Myrtice Kirk  
Mrs. Lalla Fae Patterson

**Anahuac Chapter No. 649**  
Mrs. Neva Yount

**North Side Chapter No. 651**  
Mrs. Bennie Bruns  
Mrs. Marjorie Harris  
Mrs. Julia Hennessy  
Mrs. Omega McDonald  
Doyle Oliver  
Mrs. Sayde G. Poindexter  
Mrs. Runie Schaefer  
Mrs. Bessie Lee Turley  
Sam J. Turley

**Brookshire Chapter No. 652**  
Mrs. Minnie Bains  
Mrs. Emma Nott

**Dumas Chapter No. 653**  
Mrs. Jessie Glynn Burnett  
Mrs. Gladys Makeig Carroll  
Mrs. Josie Feltz  
Mrs. Lois Sims

**Breckenridge Chapter No. 659**  
Mrs. Virginia Alexander  
Mrs. Anna B. Mullen

**Army Chapter No. 664**  
Mrs. Madeline T. Benning

**Alamo Chapter No. 665**  
Mrs. Sallie Mary Freitag  
Mrs. Alma Larrabee  
Mrs. Marion Mosley

**Southside Chapter No. 673**  
Mrs. Morena Hamilton  
Mrs. Ollie Nuss  
Mrs. Una Pray  
Mrs. Maleta Reid

**Port Neches Chapter No. 677**  
Mrs. Ethel Furby  
Mrs. Garnett McDonald

**Woodsboro Chapter No. 678**  
Mrs. Ellen Mae Boenig

**Fort Worth Chapter No. 681**  
Mrs. Fannie Mae Vaughn

**North Fort Worth Chapter No. 684**  
Mrs. Maud Crouch  
Mrs. Gladys Denson  
H.F. Herbert  
Mrs. Ruby Herbert  
Mrs. Annie M. Herring  
Mrs. Inez Matthews  
Mrs. Corrine McLain  
Mrs. Augusta Parish

Miss Myrtle Reed  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Robbins  
 Mrs. Pauline Smith  
 Mrs. Ruth Smith  
 Mrs. Lawneyl Tichter  
 Mrs. Bessie Tucker  
 Mrs. Laura Walton

**Kemp Chapter No. 685**  
 Mrs. Carmen Hooker

**South San Antonio Chapter No. 691**  
 Mrs. Gertrude Raby

**Edna Chapter No. 692**  
 Mrs. Myrtle Gillespie  
 Mrs. Beulah Malone

**Rosebud Chapter No. 694**  
 Mrs. Olive M. Collins  
 Mrs. Hester Glass  
 Mrs. Mary Lee Stubbs

**Woodland Chapter No. 696**  
 Mrs. Geneva Appfel  
 Mrs. Margery Schoenberg  
 Mrs. Ruth Turrentine  
 Mrs. Grace Voss

**Seagoville Chapter No. 697**  
 Mrs. Flora Reed

**Rose Croix Chapter No. 701**  
 Mrs. Maud Carpenter  
 Mrs. Olinda Killingsworth

**Arlington Heights Chapter No. 702**  
 Mrs. Edith Hager

**West Columbia Chapter No. 705**  
 Mrs. Virginia Brunner Chesney

**Magnolia Chapter No. 706**  
 Mrs. Orlena Prichard  
 Mrs. Bessie Swinnea  
 Mrs. Ruth Wilcox

**Conroe Chapter No. 710**  
 Mrs. Clarice Quarles

**Pasadena Chapter No. 711**  
 Mrs. Lila Bess Murphy  
 Mrs. Adella Young

**Faith Chapter No. 713**  
 Mrs. Mary Willis

**East Dallas Chapter No. 715**  
 Mrs. Juanita Adams

Miss Ula Lee Edmiston  
 Mrs. Anice Holmes  
 Geo. J. Williamson  
 Mrs. Pearl Williamson

**Galveston Chapter No. 716**  
 Mrs. Inez T. Ober  
 Mrs. Edna S. Orr  
 Mrs. Mary M. Spinks

**Bluebonnet Chapter No. 717**  
 Mrs. Adelaide Tate

**Kountze Chapter No. 724**  
 Mrs. Hettye Crosby

**San Juan Chapter No. 726**  
 Mrs. Lorraine Cyphers  
 Mrs. Edith Davis  
 Mrs. Annamay Smith  
 Mrs. Nettie Suttle

**Park Place Chapter No. 731**  
 Mrs. Zula Milligan

**Albany Chapter No. 733**  
 Mrs. Myrtle Moore  
 Mrs. Eva Parsons  
 Miss Kate Suther

**Woodbine Chapter No. 738**  
 Mrs. Evelyn Lazarus  
 Mrs. Hazel McDonald

**Tahoka Chapter No. 743**  
 Mrs. Jewell Dudgeon  
 Mrs. Beulah Rutledge

**Grandfalls Chapter No. 744**  
 Mrs. Eda Mae Eudaly  
 Miss Eleanor Eudaly  
 Mrs. Louise Long  
 Lucian E. Wilcox

**Carthage Chapter No. 747**  
 Mrs. Ellen Jernigan

**Harlandale Chapter No. 750**  
 Mrs. Lillian Pearl Boaz  
 Mrs. Thelma Fitzwater  
 Wm. Tom Holeman  
 Mrs. Irene Simpson

**Mt. Auburn Chapter No. 755**  
 Mrs. Mary J. Halsey  
 Mrs. Marie Maddox  
 Mrs. Fredna Motley

**Wedgewood Chapter No. 756**  
 Mrs. Johnnie Mason  
 Mrs. Jessie Russell

**Rob Morris Chapter No. 759**

Mrs. Mary Ellen Graham  
Mrs. Marion Snider  
Mrs. Corrie Thompson

**Weslaco Chapter No. 772**

Mrs. Blanche Wells

**Alexander C. Garrett Chapter No. 774**

Mrs. Jessie Kickirillo  
Mrs. Annie B. Parten

**Star Chapter No. 782**

Mrs. Marian Balcom  
Miss Ruby Meiners  
Mrs. Sallie F. Northcutt  
Mrs. Lena Steenman

**Ft. McKavett Chapter No. 783**

Mrs. Gladys C. Holland  
Mrs. Eva Murr

**Amarillo Chapter No. 787**

Mrs. Susie Caldwell  
Mrs. Dora Gladman  
Mrs. Ethel Howe  
Mrs. Ruby Mitchell  
Mrs. Marye Patrick

**Gordon Chapter No. 788**

Mrs. Abbie George  
Mrs. Opal McKinney  
Mrs. Elsie Shaw  
Mrs. Alma Evelyn Walker

**Flora Chapter No. 794**

Mrs. Vera Garrett  
Mrs. Lola B. Shippee

**Goose Creek Chapter No. 798**

Mrs. Bessie C. Casey  
Mrs. Opal Lee Moody  
Mrs. Alice E. Morrison  
Mrs. Carrie V. Orton  
Mrs. Martha Pierce  
Mrs. Rita Quick  
Mrs. Clara Belle Saxon  
Mrs. Addrin Watson

**Stephenville Chapter No. 801**

Mrs. Lillie D. Trewitt

**White Deer Chapter No. 802**

Mrs. Irene Hodges  
Mrs. Winnie Inmon  
Mrs. Jennie Stubblefield  
W.J. Stubblefield

**Groesbeck Chapter No. 810**

Mrs. Alice Hughes

**Borger Chapter No. 811**

Mrs. Cleo LaPlante

**Crescent Chapter No. 820**

Carl A. Absher  
Egbert D. Harrison  
Mrs. Jimmie Lee Harrison  
Mrs. Vesta Harrison  
Mrs. Loraine Jameson

**Wisteria Chapter No. 823**

Mrs. Essie Day Courtney  
Mrs. Minnie B. Cruse  
Mrs. Lorena Steinbach

**Grandview Chapter No. 828**

Mrs. Amidale Brown  
Gervais J. Garner

**Gladewater Chapter No. 831**

Mrs. Alice Dickson

**Riverside Chapter No. 834**

Mrs. Mary Buergener

**Van Chapter No. 840**

Mrs. Eula Norman

**Rockwall Chapter No. 858**

Mrs. Gladys Smirl

**Oso Chapter No. 868**

Mrs. Jewel Bownds

**Imperial Chapter No. 882**

Mrs. Mildred Simmons

**Mesquite Chapter No. 887**

Mrs. Gertrude M. Barclay  
Mrs. Lillie Boyd

**Idalou Chapter No. 890**

Mrs. Bernice Guess  
Mrs. Octavia Smith

**Freedom Chapter No. 898**

Mrs. Clara Teske

**Bethany Chapter No. 912**

Mrs. Lucille Johnson

**Walter Baldwin Chapter No. 929**

Mrs. Cordelia Palmer

**West University Chapter No. 933**

Alwin D. Farrior  
Mrs. Nina D. Farrior  
Mrs. Dora Oberwetter  
Mrs. Rhoda Walters

**Yorktown Chapter No. 945**  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Gilliam  
 Mrs. Ada Ladner

**River Oaks Chapter No. 1013**  
 Mrs. Edith Cunningham  
 Mrs. Mary Mount-Campbell

**Chanelview Chapter No. 954**  
 Mrs. Dee Elmore

**Laura B. Hart Chapter No. 1019**  
 Mrs. Velma Griese

**Fidelis Chapter No. 963**  
 Mrs. Maudie Knesek

**Loyalty Chapter No. 1036**  
 Mrs. Mamie Carrigan

**Winsboro Chapter No. 967**  
 Miss Helen Alvis  
 Miss Louise Reid

**Adobe Walls Chapter No. 1059**  
 Mrs. Bessie Rhodes

**Cockrell Hill Chapter No. 971**  
 Mrs. Vera Avey  
 Mrs. Margaret Spry

**Nederland Chapter No. 1079**  
 Mrs. Ruth Jordan  
 Mrs. Ida Belle Morris

**Medina Chapter No. 988**  
 Mrs. Lucile McCutchen

**University Chapter No. 1082**  
 Mrs. Margaret Waldron

**Rule Chapter No. 989**  
 Mrs. Helen Cox

**Aldine Chapter No. 1088**  
 Mrs. Jessie D. Whitaker

**Friona Chapter No. 990**  
 Charles D. Russell

**Archives Chapter No. 1095**  
 Mrs. Naomi Womack

**Lake Jackson Chapter No. 1009**  
 Mrs. Grace Hildebrand

**Evadale Chapter No. 1111**  
 Mrs. Martha Jones

Many special opportunities have been mine this year as the Grand Secretary; but none that could surpass the one granted through the courtesy of my own Worthy Matron, Mrs. Allee Roberts. It was my personal delight and unique privilege to present the Fifty Year Certificate to my mother, Mrs. Eva Parsons.

**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 PATRON**

Leakey Chapter No. 18                      Bogata Chapter No. 1084  
 (Both prior to Installation)

**TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE MATRON**

Mizpah Chapter No. 2

**TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE MATRON AND ASSOCIATE PATRON**

Port Neches Chapter No. 677                      Leonard Chapter No. 1091

**TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE PATRON**

Strawn Chapter No. 361                      Seminole Chapter No. 855  
 Whitesboro Chapter No. 708                      Electa Chapter No. 872  
 Sulphur Springs No. 718                      Love Field Chapter No. 875  
 Pine Tree Chapter No. 1090

**TO ELECT A CONDUCTRESS**

Waco Chapter No. 7	Cuero Chapter No. 618
Bryan Chapter No. 222	Bridge City Chapter No. 1038
Port Lavaca Chapter No. 373	Floyd Easterling Chapter No. 1074
Zapata Chapter No. 1106	

**TO ELECT AN ASOCIATE CONDUCTRESS**

Adah Chapter No. 49	Abernathy Chapter No. 877
Stinnett Chapter No. 349	Martha Chapter No. 883
Mt. Sylvan Chapter No. 595	Stratford Chapter No. 960
Love Field Chapter No. 875	Star Mountain Chapter No. 966
Hillcrest Chapter No. 1000	

**TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS AND TREASURER**

Almeda Chapter No. 1081

**TO ELECT A SECRETARY**

Bastrop Chpter No. 64	Electa Chapter No. 872
Memorial Chapter No. 958	

**TO ELECT A TREASURER**

Texas Chapter No. 35	Mathis Chapter No. 874
Brazoria Chapter No. 74	Love Field Chapter No. 875
Sanderson Chapter No. 136	Goldthwaite Chapter No. 909
Lometa Chapter No. 871	Cumby Chapter No. 1043
Floyd Easterling Chapter No. 1074	

**TO ELECT A SECRETARY AND TREASURER**

Silverton Chapter No. 900

**TO HOLD LATE INSTALLATIONS**

Abilene Chapter No. 30	Jourdanton Chapter No. 581
Big Spring Chapter No. 67	Flora Chapter No. 794
Bartlett Chapter No. 293	Mabank Chapter No. 821
Gilmer Chapter No. 355	Queen Esther Chapter No. 833
Utopia Chapter No. 468	Galena Park Chapter No. 884

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

The following recommendations were made by the Worthy Grand Matron for Grand Representatives in other Grand Jurisdictions:

Alberta .....	Miss Ruth G. Deacon
Arizona .....	Mr. Jewett Enloe
British Columbia .....	Mrs. Mozelle Baker
California .....	Mrs. Cecil Haynes
Colorado .....	Mrs. Kate Clay
Georgia .....	Mrs. Lela L. Ard
Kansas .....	Mrs. Oleta B. Domes
Maine .....	Mrs. Mattie Belle Henry (Died 5-9-78)
Maine .....	Mr. David M. Henry
Massachusetts .....	Mrs. Josephine Turner
Michigan .....	Mrs. Lillymay Thomas
Mississippi .....	Mrs. Fannie Mae Fox
Montana .....	Mrs. Sybil Davis
Nevada .....	Mrs. Mable Dodson
New Brunswick .....	Mrs. Ida Mae Gorsen
New Jersey .....	Mrs. Mattie Bachus
North Carolina .....	Mr. James M. Clayton (Died 7-9-78)
North Carolina .....	Mrs. Corine Clayton
Ontario .....	Mrs. Matilda M. Strunk



Oregon .....	Mrs. Esther Fisher
Pennsylvania .....	Mrs. Isabelle Sellers
Saskatchewan .....	Mrs. Cleo Jackson
Scotland .....	Mrs. Dorothy G. Dickson
South Carolina .....	Mrs. Gladys Dupree
South Dakota .....	Mrs. Mary Sue Fox
Tennessee .....	Mr. Frank Doss Brown
Utah .....	Mrs. Opal Tippen
Vermont .....	Mrs. Ruth Delvige
Virginia .....	Mr. John W. Turner
West Virginia .....	Mr. W.W. "Woody" Wilson
Wisconsin .....	Mrs. Alma Miller

The following have been appointed and their Commissions prepared and mailed with Badges to their respective Jurisdictions:

Arizona .....	Mrs. Marie Roberts
British Columbia .....	Mrs. Edith Pringle
Connecticut .....	Mrs. Pearl M. Galloway
Delaware .....	Mrs. E. Jean Thornett
District of Columbia .....	Mrs. Doris A. Blanchard
Florida .....	Mrs. Virginia B. Smith
Indiana .....	Miss Mary Maus
Kentucky .....	Mrs. Naomi Penrod
Manitoba .....	Mrs. Clara Black
Massachusetts .....	Mrs. Evelyn E. Stewart
Minnesota .....	Mr. Albert Jorgensen
Missouri .....	Mrs. Ellen Wallis
New Brunswick .....	Mrs. Gertrude Little
Nova Scotia .....	Mrs. Hazel Foote
Ohio .....	Mrs. Shelby Case
Ontario .....	Mrs. Alma Perry
Puerto Rico .....	Mrs. Matilde Fournier
Quebec .....	Mrs. Eileen Spencer
South Carolina .....	Mr. Pat Lamb
West Virginia .....	Mrs. Phyllis Bunner

**TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

Under a mandate from the Worthy Grand Matron, this Office handled the following transactions between other Grand Jurisdictions and the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas.

**COURTESY INITIATION**

Keystone Chapter No. 27 of Clovis, New Mexico was requested to confer the Degrees by Courtesy on Linda Jean Thompson, Amarillo, Texas for Amarillo Chapter No. 787, Amarillo, Texas. This was done on May 5, 1978 and proper Certification mailed to this Office for Amarillo Chapter.

**WAIVER OF TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION  
REQUESTED OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

On December 21, 1977, Pleiades Chapter No. 620, El Paso, Texas, requested Las Cruces Chapter No. 20, Las Cruces, New Mexico, to waive jurisdiction over Mr. Frances A. West. This request was granted February 22, 1978.

**FRATERNAL COURTESIES REQUESTED OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

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**COURTESY INVESTIGATIONS**

On December 21, 1977 — Request was made of the Grand Chapter of Iowa to conduct a courtesy investigation in the case of John P. and Jewell R. Veit for Norma D. Allen Chapter No. 1050. The Grand Chapter of Iowa completed its investigation on March 13, 1978.

On January 17, 1978 — Request was made of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota to conduct a courtesy investigation in the case of Mrs. Sidney Jones for Lipan Chapter No. 127. The Grand Chapter of Minnesota completed its investigation on February 1, 1978.

On January 24, 1978 — Request was made of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico to conduct a courtesy investigation in the case of Mrs. W. Flora Henderson for Irving Chapter No. 777. The Grand Chapter of New Mexico completed its investigation on March 13, 1978.

On February 14, 1978 — Request was made of the Grand Chapter of Washington to conduct a courtesy investigation in the case of Mrs. Louise Smith for Vashti Chapter No. 32. The Grand Chapter of Washington completed its investigation on March 15, 1978.

On March 9, 1978 — Request was made of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico to conduct a courtesy investigation in the case of Patricia D. Hostetter for Radiant Chapter No. 636. The Grand Chapter of New Mexico completed its investigation on April 20, 1978.

On April 17, 1978 — Request was made of the Grand Chapter of Missouri to conduct a courtesy investigation in the case of Mrs. Mildred Long for Handley Chapter No. 617. The Grand Chapter of Missouri completed its investigation on May 1, 1978.

On March 15, 1978 — Request was made of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma to conduct a courtesy investigation in the case of J. Gordon King for Borger Chapter No. 811. The Grand Chapter of Oklahoma completed its investigation prior to May 21, 1978. Report was mailed directly to the Worthy Grand Matron.

On July 10, 1978 — Request was made of the Grand Chapter of Florida to conduct a courtesy investigation in the case of Percy L. Hensley and Mrs. Mary Helen Hensley for San Antonio Chapter No. 3. The Grand Chapter of Florida has not completed its investigation.

**FRATERNAL COURTESIES REQUESTED  
OF GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS BY OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

On December 28, 1978, a request was made by Raytown Chapter No. 97 to conduct a courtesy investigation in the case of Mrs. Frances Hersberger for the Grand Chapter of Missouri. Plano Chapter No. 703 completed its investigation on January 17, 1978.

On December 21, 1977, a request was made by Wynne Chapter No. 399 to conduct a courtesy investigation in the case of Mrs. Ruth C. Neal for the Grand Chapter of Arkansas. Hurst Chapter No. 1099 completed its investigation on February 10, 1978.

On December 29, 1977, a request was made by Frayser Chapter No. 409 to conduct a courtesy investigation in the case of Mrs. Pearl Elmore for the Grand Chapter of Tennessee. Orange Chapter No. 214 completed its investigation on February 14, 1978.

On February 22, 1978, a request was made by Martha Chapter No. 57 to conduct a courtesy investigation in the case of Mrs. Danna Northcutt for the Grand Chapter of New Mexico. Henderson Chapter No. 597 completed its investigation on April 3, 1978.

On April 10, 1978, a request was made by Hurley Chapter No. 43 to conduct a courtesy investigation in the case of Mrs. Shirley Denning for the Grand Chapter of New Mexico. Amarillo Chapter No. 787 completed its investigation and mailed report directly to the Worthy Grand Matron.

On July 13, 1978, a request was made by Fort Walton Chapter No. 202 to conduct a courtesy investigation in the case of Hal J. Borders and Mrs. Betty Borders for the Grand Chapter of Florida. Del Rio Chapter No. 202 completed its investigation on August 2, 1978.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Sister Jettie Hinton, Grand Treasurer, in faithfulness to your trust you have very carefully attended to the financial interests of the Grand Chapter this year. Your cooperation and prompt handling of every detail has lent much to our official relationship, and

“The memory of this year with you will linger long —  
Like the sweet and tender melody of an old familiar song”.

The following figures include ONLY the actual income from all sources to date. However, since the closing dates for SPECIAL COMMITTEES' Funds differ from the closing dates of per capita dues and other revenues, it would be impossible to have a completed report for the ANNUAL ADVANCE REPORT. There will appear an Auditor's complete Report together with an itemized report listing every entry on the Grand Secretary's books for the year 1977-1978 in the next Proceedings.

### FUNDS:

General		\$ 171,294.60
Home		470,195.61
Benevolent		31,577.10
Home Endowment		25,857.75
Home Endowment Interest		111,978.54
Educational Loan		1,686.23
Time and Talent		11,392.30
Founder's Day		14,759.27
International Temple		3,117.78
Welfare:		
Home	\$ 658.25	
Endowment	87,257.51	
ESTARL	25,892.32	
Legacy of Love	103,044.98	
Historical Highlights	5,756.86	
Music	3,326.48	
International Temple	3,117.78	
Founder's Day	14,759.27	
Time and Talent	11,392.30	
Cancer	1,502.40	
Heart	153.51	256,861.66
		\$ 1,098,720.84

## EASTERN STAR HOME

“Home, the spot of earth supremely blest,  
A dearer, sweeter spot than all the rest.”

Contained within these few quoted words are the sentiments of every aged member now living in our Home. Even though our present Worthy Grand Matron failed to reach her anticipated and desired goal of perpetual endowment for the Home, through her special work and the concerted efforts of her corps of officers, the Home is nearer the coveted goal of self-sustainment. The records reflect that the donations and contributions for the first ten months of this year have far exceeded any Past Grand Matron's program for a one year period.

Mrs. Sawyer, the Administrator-Superintendent, and her proficient Staff are to be congratulated. A special dedication is demanded in the performance of their duties. Patsy, you possess a very extraordinary feeling for people and their needs — you DO care — and you show it. My love and appreciation for you will never end; a rare jewel you are, dear friend.

## CONCLUSION

There is a real joy in looking backward  
 At a year that has just passed and gone;  
 And you realize the only service you rendered  
 Was the "beyond the call of duty" deeds you'd done.

Worthy Grand Matron, how keenly you are aware that time has a certain magic for stealing away. Your year of service is rapidly drawing to a close; but the gifts of gratitude, esteem and fraternal love from the membership of this great Order in Texas shall remain with you for the rest of your life. And although the yesterdays are all gone and the tomorrows are yet to come, each happiness of yesterday will be a happy memory for tomorrow. You accepted the task that was reposed in you and have demonstrated that it is not enough to say that something beautiful passed your way. You proved that you knew that no one can enjoy the harvest without first laboring in the fields of service. I commend the "Official Family" of 1977-1978 for faithfulness and devotion to the Order. I have been mindful of the vast amount of work entailed in the duties of the Boards and Committees.

Sister Rebecca L. Miles, Grand Secretary Emeritus, this year has provided me with the opportunity to "visit" with you often. I treasure your friendship and value your wise counsel. One of my special joys this year has been the privilege of working with the Secretaries of Texas Association in its "labor of love" in tribute to you. Sister Rebecca, you are truly a "legend in your time". In celebration of this fact, and to display the deep affection and respect in which you are held by this particular Group, and without your knowledge, the engaging and beautifully done protrait in color for hanging has been presented.

Office Assistants, my sincerest thanks and deepest appreciation to you with whom I work daily. It's been such a busy, busy year — that fact, none of us would dare deny. But because we've been so busy, my! my! — how it did fly?

Secretaries of the Subordinate Chapter, you are GRAND! You have learned, and put into practice, one of the great truths of life: When we learn to give ourselves, to serve others, to live with thanksgiving — we need not seek Happiness, it will come to us.

Members of Grand Chapter, THANK YOU for the opportunity of serving again in the capacity of Grand Secretary. As I come to the end of this year, I recall a portion of one of the old Negro Spirituals —

“Oh, Lord, I ain’t done all I wanted to do,  
 Maybe I ain’t done all I could do;  
 Maybe, Lord, I ain’t done all I should do,  
 But, Oh! Lord, I ain’t been standing still!”

Fraternally,



Agnes Lee Howard  
 Grand Secretary

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY  
 1977-1978**

**50 YEAR CERTIFICATES**

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| SAINT JO CHAPTER NO. 17<br>Mrs. Ida Mae Redman  | BELLVILLE CHAPTER NO. 611<br>Mrs. Sadie G. Eckelberg   |
| ABILENE CHAPTER NO. 30<br>Mrs. Mitzie E. Davis  | MCLENNAN CHAPTER NO. 639<br>Mrs. Frances B. Davis      |
| OAK CLIFF CHAPTER NO. 303<br>Mrs. Verdia Carter | ALAMO CHAPTER NO. 665<br>Mrs. Mildred Hayes            |
| Mrs. Mary Haynie                                | SOUTHSIDE CHAPTER NO. 673<br>Mrs. Rebecca Echols Tracy |
| Mrs. Bessie Fay Howard                          | NORTH FORT WORTH CHAPTER NO. 684<br>Mrs. Maggie Reeves |
| Mrs. Anna Watts                                 | ROSEBUD CHAPTER NO. 694<br>Mrs. Irene W. Barnhill      |
| Mrs. Frances Welch                              | BLUEBONNET CHAPTER NO. 717<br>Mrs. Elna Krebs          |
| OLNEY CHAPTER NO. 321<br>Mrs. Neda Horany       | LANCASTER CHAPTER NO. 943<br>Mrs. Rosalie Brock        |
| WHARTON CHAPTER NO. 389<br>Mrs. Lucile O'Connor |  |
| Mrs. Clara Sigler                               |  |
| UTOPIA CHAPTER NO. 468<br>Mrs. June Fisher      |  |

**SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS:**

- 10- 6 Paducah Chapter No. 506 — To elect an Associate Conductress  
 10-10 Sunshine Chapter No. 399 — Electing a Conductress  
 10-17 Haltom City Chapter No. 982 — Electing an Associate Conductress

**LOST COPY OF SECRET WORK:**

Smithville No. 39 — 1 copy

\*Denotes 100% in Welfare

TABLE OF GIFTS FROM CHAPTERS, 1977 - 1978

No.	Chapter	Home Endowment	ESTARL	O.E.S. Home	Cancer Research	Heart Fund	Legacy of Love	Founders Day	Time & Talent	International Temple	Music	Historical Highlights	TOTAL
* 1	Dallas	\$ 406.00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 39.60	\$ 24.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 469.60
* 2	Mizpah	361.00	15.00				226.91	31.40					634.31
* 3	San Antonio	381.82	3.00		10.00		500.00	40.90	13.00				898.72
4	El Paso	146.00					100.00	28.50	26.00				299.50
* 5	Paris	269.00					15.00						284.00
* 6	Clarendon	101.43	400.00				38.43		12.00				551.86
7	Waco	100.00						50.00	24.00				174.00
* 8	Tarrant	561.00											561.00
9	Keystone	21.00						28.10	21.00				70.10
10	San Angelo	21.00	54.00						22.00				97.00
* 11	Cedar Bayou	329.00					597.86	33.00	52.00				1,011.86
* 14	McAllen	200.00	29.00				383.36		21.00				633.36
* 15	Alvin	135.00	145.00				764.39	27.50	54.00				1,115.89
16	Bowie	62.10							18.00				80.10
17	Saint Jo	27.50						10.00					37.50
18	Leakey	10.00					100.00	7.00	12.00				129.00
20	Ruth	45.00	25.00						33.00	11.00			114.00
* 21	Weatherford	297.00							21.00				318.00
* 23	Rockdale	128.50	24.50				410.25	9.80					573.05
* 24	Kerrville	217.00	100.00						46.00				363.00
25	Roby	10.00					50.00	10.00	14.00				84.00
* 28	Norton	40.00							12.00				52.00
29	Sterling							5.60					5.60
* 30	Abilene	422.00					62.50	32.50	4.00				521.00
* 31	Floydada	157.25	13.00						17.00				187.25
* 32	Vashti	449.00					1,248.00	29.00	22.00				1,748.00
* 33	Tulla	124.00						13.40					137.40
* 35	Texas	131.00	92.00					21.70	29.00				273.70
36	Kenedy	37.64						16.10					53.74
37	Plainview	65.00						22.40	22.00				109.40
38	Lemond	56.00											56.00
* 39	Smithville	133.00					1,189.93	12.90	23.00	36.00			1,394.83
42	Iowa Park	63.57	5.00		30.00				12.00				110.57
* 43	Devine	172.00					37.70	17.20	28.00				254.90
44	Prudence	10.00						23.10	13.00				46.10
46	Thornton	10.80						5.60					16.20
* 47	Quannah	114.04	130.00				15.00		40.00				299.04
* 48	Bertram	78.00						8.00					86.00
* 49	Adah	430.00	115.50		168.00		381.00	50.00	32.00	10.00			1,186.50
* 52	Rotan	100.00	300.00				1,600.00		10.00				2,010.00
* 54	Angleton	61.00	56.00					11.20					128.20
57	Mexia	10.00							75.00				85.00
* 58	Colorado	89.50	89.50				251.55						430.55

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61	Alice	25.00						11.90					36.90
* 62	Nocona	123.00	10.00										133.00
* 64	Bastrop	94.00	20.00				83.00	11.20	8.00				216.20
* 65	Pampa	251.00					140.00	24.70	57.00				472.70
66	Matador	25.00			20.00			10.90	13.00				68.90
* 67	Big Spring	328.00	307.00				371.00	31.80	20.00	4.00			1,061.80
* 69	Stockdale	135.08			24.00								169.08
70	Itasca		10.00										10.00
* 71	Beaumont	228.47	200.00			187.11	199.00	40.80	22.00				827.38
* 72	Troy	33.00					66.00		8.00				107.00
* 73	Leander	42.00	42.00				24.00	8.60	20.00	63.00			199.60
74	Brazoria						331.24		17.00				348.24
* 75	Sour Lake	169.15					275.00	13.10	12.00				459.25
* 76	Lubbock	630.00	552.50				1,880.90	50.50	29.00				3,042.90
77	Gate City	50.00	21.00				100.00	48.70	54.00				273.70
79	Rusk	10.00					21.00	33.20					64.20
80	Winters	24.16					40.00		26.00	20.00			110.16
* 81	Pecos	161.00	10.00				324.25	19.70	23.00				537.95
82	Caddo Mills	45.00											45.00
84	Petrolia	18.54							6.00				24.54
* 86	Laredo	110.00	215.00				125.00		22.00				472.00
87	Normangee												
* 90	Belle Moon	172.00	100.00					18.00	32.00				322.00
* 93	Frisco	88.00						8.80		2.00			98.80
96	Wortham	25.00						7.00	14.00				46.00
97	Valley Mills	10.00						5.10					15.10
* 98	Miami	105.00					70.00	61.50	28.00				264.50
* 101	Childress	175.50						16.70	34.00				226.20
* 102	Tennessee Colony	103.00					71.50	9.80	27.00				211.30
104	Claude						33.00						33.00
* 105	Canyon City	181.00					12.00	15.60					208.60
* 106	Runge - Consolidated	49.64											49.64
* 109	Mart	186.95					128.65	12.90	21.00				347.50
* 112	Tyler	448.00		40.00									488.00
* 113	Fredericksburg	130.00						12.20	38.00				180.20
116	Brownwood	234.00						26.30	17.00				277.30
118	Corsicana	58.00					386.00	38.60	8.00				490.60
119	Knox City	15.00											15.00
* 120	Grapeland	113.00							22.00				135.00
* 124	Hope	181.00					65.00		29.00				275.00
125	Palacios						10.00						10.00
127	Lipan	29.50											29.50
* 131	Joshua	84.00						8.30					92.30

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* 132	Alpine	130.00	32.00				243.00	13.30	29.00				447.30
133	Pleasanton	40.00					109.00	22.20	29.00	20.00			220.20
* 135	Ransford	517.00					4,362.55	51.20	18.00				4,948.75
136	Sanderson	40.70					30.00	6.00					76.70
140	Eldorado								48.50				48.50
* 141	Wimodausis	287.50			8.00				15.00				310.50
* 143	Garden City	19.50	19.50					3.90					42.90
144	Brenham	35.00						9.40	4.00				48.40
* 146	Falfurrias	105.00					61.00	10.50	16.00				192.50
* 151	Atlanta	144.50	132.50		11.25		198.00	26.40					512.65
* 153	Temple	309.00					184.50		18.00				511.50
* 154	Sierra Blanca	160.38											160.38
* 155	Luling	132.00					45.30		50.00				227.30
* 156	Garland	247.00	247.00					47.10					541.10
* 157	Buffalo	79.50	64.50				10.00		11.00	2.00			167.00
158	Violet	25.14											25.14
* 159	Prairie Hill	47.83					8.00	3.70	1.00				60.53
* 160	Winnie	145.00					150.00	14.50	19.00				328.50
161	Perryton		10.00				115.00	10.60	8.00				148.60
* 162	Aranas Pass	211.00					100.00						311.00
164	Spur	24.00						11.60		31.00			66.60
* 167	Brady	118.00						11.80	14.00	10.00			153.80
169	Ralls	40.00						9.90					49.90
170	Quinlan	5.00											5.00
* 171	Glen Rose	119.57											119.57
* 173	Saltillo	56.00											56.00
* 176	Rankin	127.00					50.00		16.00				193.00
177	Athens	88.50	63.50					15.20					167.20
183	Carpenters	25.00						32.70					57.70
* 184	Bonita	269.00	78.00				22.41	33.70	30.00	20.00			448.11
* 185	Tenaha	72.00								7.00			79.00
* 186	Trinity	103.00						8.20	18.00	2.00			131.20
* 187	Robert Lee	70.00						6.80	8.00				84.80
188	Hadassah	25.00						13.10					38.10
189	Greenville	10.00					139.00	20.00					169.00
191	San Saba	41.41						8.20					49.61
192	Garrison	23.50											23.50
* 193	Madisonville	163.00						16.30	32.00				211.30
* 194	R. A. Torrell	170.00						15.70	17.00				202.70
* 200	Boerne	244.00						20.40	61.00				325.40
203	West	41.20											41.20
* 204	Del Rio	198.00					189.00	19.80	26.00				432.80
206	Post	5.00						7.50					12.50



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* 208	Commerce	167.00						16.90					183.90
* 210	Lockhart	156.00					80.65	15.60	31.00				283.25
211	Border	50.00	50.00					40.80	18.00				158.80
212	Merkel							10.50					10.50
* 214	Orange	301.30	40.00					27.20	38.00				406.50
* 215	Hamilton	135.00						14.10	39.00				188.10
* 216	Llano	151.00					75.00	12.80		2.00			240.80
* 218	Taft	123.00	30.00				52.87		14.00				219.87
219	Grand Prairie	97.50					4.00	37.90	15.00	191.50			345.90
* 220	Velasco	169.00					337.98	16.90	19.00				542.88
* 222	Bryan	217.00					439.00	21.70	30.00	15.00			722.70
224	Newton	33.10								28.00			61.10
* 227	Canadian	172.00			500.00		10.00		14.00				696.00
* 228	Montgomery		93.00				73.30						166.30
* 230	Fort Stockton	112.00					74.00		10.00				196.00
* 233	Dayton	193.00					758.00		27.00				978.00
* 234	Midlothian	96.00						9.60					105.60
237	Wichita Falls	38.54			25.00				20.00				83.54
* 238	Wellington	111.00						11.60					122.60
* 240	Huntsville	202.00					825.00		35.00				1,062.00
241	Elgin	25.00					10.00	12.30	9.00				56.30
242	Callahan	5.00						7.10					12.10
* 244	Harmony	127.00	400.00				458.62	20.20	22.00				1,027.82
245	Somerville												
246	Sulphur Bluff	40.00											40.00
247	Santa Anna	45.50						12.00					57.50
* 249	Arlington	579.00						54.90*	50.00	15.00			698.90
* 250	Eagle Pass	80.00					10.00	7.50	15.00				112.50
251	Mertzon	5.00							12.00				17.00
252	Avery	25.00						6.30					31.30
* 253	Midland	31.00	800.00				117.00	25.90	35.00				1,008.90
255	Indian Creek	45.00					30.00	7.30	23.00				105.30
* 257	John Gillespie	150.00					54.66	10.30					214.96
* 258	Houston Heights	441.00	200.00	100.00			1,556.40	64.10	82.00	54.00			2,497.50
259	Denton	125.00							31.00				156.00
261	Crosby	15.00			20.00		300.00		37.00				372.00
* 262	Port Arthur	1,186.47	30.00					55.90	31.00	15.00			1,317.37
263	Kirbyville	2.10			10.00		32.00	15.00	13.00				72.10
* 264	Richland Springs	39.00						3.90					42.90
266	Ballinger	70.00	4.00					10.90	23.00				107.90
269	Stamford	35.00						10.20					45.20
270	Santo							6.60					6.60
* 271	Floresville	102.00											102.00

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272	Shiner						117.00	3.70		2.00			122.70
273	Beckville	49.00	49.00							18.00			116.00
274	Brock							5.50					5.50
275	Ranger	5.00						19.80					24.80
* 276	San Marcos	148.00					619.00		10.00				777.00
277	Rising Star	36.00						7.50					43.50
* 278	Pearsall	51.00	51.00					10.20	10.00				122.20
280	Eastland	38.50	6.00					11.40					55.90
* 282	Yoakum	182.64						16.80					199.44
* 283	Regina	131.00					15.00	11.10	26.00				183.10
284	Spanish Fort												
285	Sealy						5.00						5.00
* 286	Marlin	133.00						13.20					146.20
* 287	Ozona	71.00	20.00						14.00				105.00
289	Helena	17.64						15.00		40.00			72.64
290	Grand Saline	4.00						11.40					15.40
* 291	Jasper	267.25					28.00		14.00				309.25
293	Bartlett	20.00											20.00
* 295	Lampasas	158.00					110.26	15.80					284.06
* 297	Uvalde	100.00	72.00				21.25	34.00	17.00				244.25
* 298	Silsbee	164.00	74.00				190.00	23.80	24.00				475.80
300	Higgins	5.00	5.00				5.00						15.00
* 303	Oak Cliff	238.00	572.00					63.30	115.00				988.30
* 304	Austin	121.00	121.00					46.20	15.00				303.20
* 305	Mt. Pleasant		214.00						19.00				233.00
* 308	Cylda	143.00	3.00					6.50	1.00				153.50
* 309	Navasota	67.00					271.00	6.70	78.00				422.70
* 310	Comanche	158.83						10.30	16.00				185.13
* 311	Franklin	42.00	42.00				75.00	8.40					167.40
312	Hereford	65.41	35.00					13.00	49.00				162.41
* 315	Spurger	110.10					247.10	10.80	27.00				395.00
* 316	Round Rock	83.00					120.00	8.30	14.00				225.30
* 317	Augusta	90.00					5.00	9.00	2.00				106.00
* 320	Nash	80.00						7.00					87.00
321	Olney	10.00						6.30					16.30
322	Summerland	35.80							11.00				46.80
* 324	Columbus	150.50					77.00		15.00				242.50
325	Kingsville	25.00						21.20	24.00				70.20
* 326	Grapevine	184.00						17.80		8.00			209.80
* 331	Fairfield	107.00						10.70	31.00				148.70
335	Lytle	65.00						13.90	15.00				93.90
* 336	Jeff Davis	49.00						4.90	16.00				69.90
* 337	Bronson	128.00						10.60					138.60

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339	Nixon	25.14				7.00	35.00						67.14
* 343	Rio Vista	107.00						10.50	16.00				133.50
* 344	Marfa	84.00						6.10					90.10
346	Bridgeport	25.00						11.10					36.10
347	Stinnett		10.00					11.40		77.78			99.18
* 348	Center	249.00					76.00	24.90	20.00				369.90
349	Hughes Springs	5.00					142.00	14.20					161.20
* 350	Giddings	49.00					447.00	4.90	3.00				503.90
351	Memphis - Consolidated	50.00											50.00
352	Sweetwater							15.90					15.90
* 353	Sarah	108.00					250.00		4.00				362.00
* 354	Corpus Christi	206.50	194.00				215.00	37.50	15.00				668.00
* 355	Gilmer	142.00											142.00
* 356	Marshall	212.00											212.00
358	Dunn	10.00											10.00
* 360	Coleman	83.25						8.10					91.35
* 361	Strawn	47.00						4.70					51.70
363	Lamesa	60.00	5.00					17.50	23.00				105.50
366	Wills Point	14.00					18.74		37.00	6.00			75.74
368	Cushing	10.00					40.00	4.80	14.00				68.80
* 373	Port Lavaca	173.89	42.75				12.67	17.10	10.00				259.41
* 374	Templar	508.00	15.00					52.30	38.00				613.30
* 375	Hemphill	112.50					65.00	9.60	21.00	5.00			213.10
* 376	Johnson City	46.00	45.00						15.00				106.00
* 377	Jacksonville	299.00			2.00			28.40	76.00	18.00			423.40
* 380	Bay City	261.00					287.00	25.30	19.00				592.30
* 381	Pittsburg	148.00						14.00					162.00
* 382	Lufkin	332.00					568.54	33.20	335.00				1,268.74
* 383	Fidelity	369.00						25.10	32.00	9.00			435.10
384	Shamrock	7.50	148.50				222.50	22.30					400.80
385	Houston	182.50	34.00				796.50	45.00					1,058.00
387	Eden	10.00	10.00										20.00
* 389	Wharton	152.00					81.64	15.20	23.00	4.00			275.84
390	Jacksboro	50.00					5.00	18.70		132.00			205.70
391	Paint Rock	13.00	2.00					5.00	16.00				36.00
392	Richland	32.00						4.40					36.40
* 395	Palestine	351.00					126.80	35.10	32.00	36.00			580.90
396	Timpson	10.00					155.15	9.00					174.15
398	Meridian							7.20	3.00				10.20
* 399	Sunshine	294.00	3.00		20.00		5,200.00	29.70	27.00	3.00			5,576.70
400	Wells	10.00											10.00
* 401	Walnut Springs	59.00	59.00				28.00	10.80	13.00				169.80

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403	Gonzales	27.64					31.00	11.20	3.00				72.84
404	Hondo	10.00					25.50	12.30	17.00				64.80
* 407	Sabinal	74.00					100.00	7.40	13.00				194.40
* 408	Teague	142.00	20.00						20.00	4.00			186.00
409	Stanton	15.00	5.00						13.00				33.00
413	Hedley	5.00											5.00
* 415	Humble	173.00					66.70	17.00	34.00				290.70
416	Sipe Springs	21.00											21.00
* 419	Hico	57.00						5.00					62.00
* 420	Polytechnic	500.00	200.00						12.00	36.00			748.00
* 421	Troup	110.00					102.28						212.28
* 422	Beeville	143.64	91.00					16.20					250.84
* 424	Vernon	202.54	25.00				306.90	21.40	26.00				581.84
* 425	Burnet	42.00	137.00				94.30	16.40					289.70
* 427	McGregor	88.00					4.00						92.00
428	Nacogdoches												
429	Rosenberg	15.00					431.00	22.70					468.70
431	Burleson	72.50	72.50					17.50	17.00				179.50
433	Chico	40.00						11.20	22.00				73.20
* 435	Marble Falls	176.80	50.00				55.00	15.60	33.00	4.00			338.60
* 436	La Vernia	61.64	49.00				400.00	7.00	15.00				532.64
* 437	Lockney	126.00					35.00	9.10	22.00				192.10
* 440	Florence	56.00					15.00	6.10	21.00				98.10
* 443	Gorman	10.00	50.00					5.10					65.10
* 447	Odessa	205.00	205.00		10.00			39.50	42.00				501.50
449	London	5.00					5.07		12.00				22.07
450	Snyder	90.87	31.30				10.00						132.17
* 452	Bishop	72.00					31.00		13.00				116.00
454	Mineola	4.00		5.00									9.00
455	Cross Plains							7.40					7.40
458	Iola	20.00											20.00
460	Hamlin	20.00	10.00				100.00		110.00				240.00
461	Cisco	37.00						13.80					50.80
* 462	Woodville	393.00					172.00	19.10	41.00				625.10
463	Center Point	5.00							12.00				17.00
* 465	Cleveland	166.67					140.00	16.40	26.00				349.07
467	Bangs	5.00						8.40	11.00				24.40
468	Utopia	25.00					10.00		3.00				38.00
* 472	Travis	575.00		394.00				39.40	50.00				1,058.40
* 473	Edinburg	43.00	90.00					13.30					146.30
474	Henrietta	13.54						6.30	8.00				27.84
478	Avinger	45.00			10.00			5.00					60.00
479	Rockport	117.00					20.00		29.00				166.00

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483	Eagle Lake - Demised						449.49	8.60					458.09
488	Seymour	33.54							12.00				45.54
* 490	Killeen	292.00					100.00	29.20	51.00				472.20
491	Annona							4.10					4.10
* 493	Douglasville	49.00	1.00					5.00	7.00				62.00
494	Hylton	25.00	5.00					5.40					35.40
* 496	Alto	91.00	25.00					11.60					127.60
* 497	Junction	159.00							17.00				176.00
* 498	Springtown	119.00						10.40					129.40
* 499	Coahoma	256.00					300.00	13.20		3.00			572.20
* 500	Throckmorton	110.00						10.00	56.00				176.00
502	Roscoe												
* 506	Paducah	93.00	57.00		4.00				11.00				165.00
* 508	Ferris	94.00						9.40	17.00				120.40
* 509	Crockett	190.00					575.25	20.00	40.00				825.25
* 510	Hempstead	81.00					64.72	8.10	12.00				165.82
512	Desdemona	5.00						3.60					8.60
* 514	Van Horn	82.00					69.15						151.15
* 515	Sinton	100.00	62.00				81.60	10.60	21.00				275.20
* 518	McKinney	151.00						15.10	20.00	18.00			204.10
521	Oakville						61.29	10.00	20.00				91.29
* 527	Mission	155.00					155.00	15.50	40.00				365.50
528	Vega												
* 530	Granbury	185.00					25.00		32.00				242.00
531	North Zulch							6.80					6.80
* 535	El Campo	151.00						13.90					164.90
539	Electra	18.54	5.00				129.00		23.00				175.54
* 540	Robstown	125.00					76.75	10.00	26.00	18.00			255.75
543	Decatur	25.00						13.50	21.00				59.50
* 553	Cameron	96.00					384.00	9.40	31.00				520.40
* 555	Seguin	212.00	10.00				41.86	19.20	40.00				323.06
* 557	Forney	108.00			10.00			10.80					128.80
* 560	Bardwell	47.00						4.70					51.70
561	Monahans	114.00	24.00		30.00			22.80	19.00				209.80
* 562	Happy	153.60					104.20	9.50	20.00				287.20
* 563	Calvert	6.80	61.20					6.80	6.00				80.80
* 565	San Benito	134.00					72.00	13.30	19.00				238.30
569	Turkey												
* 574	Dal-Cliff	10.00	468.00										478.00
* 575	Sonora	82.00							23.00				105.00
* 576	Linden	135.00						13.10	17.00				165.10
* 578	Taylor	135.00	37.00		30.00		67.05	14.60	24.00				307.65
* 579	Toyah - Consolidated	52.00					35.00						87.00

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581	Jourdanton	5.00	5.00				50.00		16.00				76.00
* 585	Slaton	159.00											159.00
* 589	Belton	130.00					306.85	33.00	13.00				482.85
591	Moran	5.00						6.60					11.60
* 594	Lott	62.00						6.20					68.20
595	Mt. Sylvania	5.00						7.50					12.50
* 597	Henderson	218.00											218.00
* 599	Waxahachie	100.00	18.00				10.00	11.10					139.10
* 602	Seadrift	65.28						6.60	25.00				96.88
604	Mertens												
* 607	Creedmoor	177.13	167.50				196.50	33.70	32.00				605.83
* 610	Longview	100.00	192.26		5.00								297.26
* 611	Bellville	110.00											110.00
* 616	Bexar	190.00	70.50				1.50	21.90	27.00	7.00			317.90
* 617	Handley	405.00	100.00				264.00	38.20	152.00				959.20
* 618	Cuero	106.64					30.00	9.40	17.00				163.04
* 620	Pleiades	334.00	100.00				1,870.92	38.00	28.00	13.00			2,383.92
* 621	League City	212.00					794.28	19.10	26.00				991.38
* 624	Everman	25.00	254.00						102.00				381.00
* 626	Texas City	177.00	3.00				260.00	17.60	22.00	1.00			480.60
* 627	Jefferson	117.00						11.70	25.00				153.70
630	Kilgore	170.00			13.00		42.00		16.00				241.00
* 631	Corrigan	123.00	4.00				375.50	13.20	30.00				545.70
* 634	Liberty	63.00	63.00		10.00		70.00		13.00				219.00
* 636	Radiant	277.00						20.50	15.00				312.50
* 638	Warren	46.10	43.00					9.20					98.30
639	McLennan	50.00						24.40	29.00				103.40
* 640	Texline	67.00					226.00	6.80	6.00	3.00			308.80
* 641	Harlingen	133.76	121.00					24.20	10.00				288.96
642	Royse City	20.00						7.50					27.50
643	Bandera	109.00	5.00					14.30	2.00				130.30
* 644	Donna	85.00					30.00						115.00
* 648	Loyal	700.00	300.00					69.10	36.00				1,105.10
* 649	Anahuac	164.15					206.00	16.10	14.00				400.25
* 651	North Side	321.00					508.58	32.80	15.00				877.38
* 652	Brookshire	128.50					20.00						148.50
* 653	Dumas	169.50	11.00				60.00						240.50
* 655	Burkburnett	234.54					360.50	17.40	24.00				636.44
* 656	Alvarado	109.00					20.00	10.90	9.00				148.90
659	Breckenridge	45.00						16.00	1.00				62.00
* 662	Clarksville	100.00						10.00					110.00
* 664	Army	232.00						21.90	37.00				290.90

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* 665	Alamo	95.00	95.50				90.00	17.50					298.00
667	Canton	4.00											4.00
668	Graham	10.00	62.00					20.50	27.00				119.50
* 669	Rothwell	340.00	5.00				1,470.91	31.70	29.00				1,876.61
* 672	Miles	38.00	18.00				45.00	4.80	11.00				116.80
673	Southside	32.00											32.00
674	Collinsville		10.00						4.00				14.00
* 675	Pine Hill	103.50	20.00		15.00		15.61	9.10	20.00	75.00			258.21
* 677	Port Neches	256.00					50.00		17.00				323.00
678	Woodsboro	25.00					80.20	12.20	28.00				145.40
* 681	Fort Worth	719.00					20.00	71.90	76.00				886.90
* 683	La Porte	249.00					577.01	24.90	16.00	10.00			876.91
684	North Fort Worth	115.00						84.80					199.80
685	Kemp						10.00	4.90					14.90
686	Austwell	12.64						4.50					17.14
* 687	Farmers Branch	315.00						30.00	41.00	4.00			390.00
* 691	South San Antonio	207.00	100.00					29.60	25.00				361.60
* 692	Edna	116.00	10.00				127.00	12.50	23.00				288.50
* 693	De Leon	150.75	63.00					10.00					223.75
694	Rosebud						11.00	6.70					17.70
* -695	Quitman	164.00					158.00	15.00					337.00
* 696	Woodland	36.00	301.00				424.38	29.60	21.00				810.98
* 697	Seagoville	231.00					13.50	23.10					267.60
* 700	New Boston	161.00						16.10	24.00				201.10
* 701	Rose Croix	20.00	147.00				50.00		20.00				237.00
702	Arlington Heights	353.20	24.30		72.50			45.00	38.00				533.00
* 703	Plano	96.00	116.00					18.20		7.00			237.20
* 705	West Columbia	120.00					554.00	11.90	35.00				720.90
* 706	Magnolia	472.00	145.00				1,658.46	49.70	64.00				2,389.16
707	Southern Star						261.56		112.00				373.56
* 708	Whitesboro	111.00	50.00					13.60	11.00				185.60
* 710	Conroe	247.50	35.00				15.00	19.60	30.00				347.10
* 711	Pasadena	709.00	54.73				1,064.63	65.10	45.00	356.00			2,294.46
* 713	Faith	494.54						48.40	38.00				580.94
715	East Dallas	28.00						16.40	30.00				74.40
* 716	Galveston	140.00	135.00				1,224.00	27.00	30.00				1,556.00
717	Bluebonnet	18.00	45.00					34.00	35.00				132.00
718	Sulphur Springs	40.00											40.00
* 721	Spearman	61.00	61.00				125.00	11.20	15.00				273.20
* 722	Hearne	136.00					20.00		24.00				180.00
* 724	Kountze	87.15	37.00					12.10	16.00				152.25
725	O'Donnell	65.00							3.00				68.00
726	San Juan	20.00	50.00					17.90	12.00				99.90

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* 728	Bethlehem	477.00	768.00				358.73	46.70	15.00	3.00			1,668.43
* 730	Somerset	109.00					50.00						159.00
* 731	Park Place	831.00	50.00				875.85	82.10	117.00				1,955.95
732	La Feria	15.00	15.00				44.00	10.00	5.00				89.00
* 733	Albany	117.00						11.70	5.00				133.70
* 734	Alamo Heights	396.00	22.50				276.28		43.00	8.00			745.78
736	Arame	18.00							26.00				44.00
* 737	Hull	128.00					205.00		14.00				347.00
* 738	Woodbine	134.50	1,330.00				723.00	42.90	29.00				2,259.40
* 741	Andral Vann	213.00	300.00				1,014.00	18.00	18.00				1,563.00
* 742	Littlefield	103.00	100.00					20.30	27.00				250.30
743	Tohoka						50.00	13.10					63.10
* 744	Grand Falls	54.00											54.00
747	Carthage	214.00											214.00
* 748	Raymondville	57.50	57.50										115.00
* 750	Harlandale	68.00	400.00				382.00	46.80	38.00				934.80
* 752	Big Lake	75.00	21.00						17.00				113.00
* 755	Mount Auburn	15.00	420.00				406.00	34.50	20.00				895.50
756	Wedgwood	25.00						40.00	32.00				97.00
759	Rob Morris	62.00					94.95	8.75	17.00				180.70
760	Panhandle	10.00						8.90					18.90
761	Christoval	5.00						10.00	16.00				31.00
* 764	Fabens	75.00											75.00
* 769	Hillsboro	123.00											123.00
* 771	New Braunfels	250.90	6.00				86.61	23.40	53.00	54.00			473.91
* 772	Weslaco	136.00					133.46	13.10	25.00				307.56
* 774	A. C. Garrett	474.00					20.00						494.00
* 777	Irving	570.00					377.48	58.50	38.00				1,043.98
778	Wrightsboro - Consolidated	27.64						10.00					37.64
* 782	Star	350.00	400.00				5.00		58.00				813.00
783	Fort McKavett								18.00	22.00			40.00
* 785	Brownfield	159.00						15.90	24.00				198.90
786	Blackwell - Consolidated		10.00										10.00
* 787	Amarillo	367.00					121.00	36.20	19.00	9.00			552.20
788	Gordon	10.00						4.80					14.80
790	Darrouzett	10.00						6.20		5.00			21.20
* 792	Muleshoe	203.50					42.58	10.70	21.00				277.78
794	Flora	96.50						44.10	47.00				187.60
* 797	Levelland	165.00	97.00					20.00	23.00	7.00			312.00
* 798	Goose Creek	464.00	125.00				498.00	36.80	71.00				1,194.80
* 799	Aurora		182.00					17.20					199.20
801	Stephenville	15.00	5.00					19.10					39.10
802	White Deer	30.00						22.90					52.90



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* 803	Capitol	320.00		100.00				28.00	22.00				470.00
810	Groesbeck							9.40	9.00				18.40
* 811	Borger	50.00	340.00				510.25	33.00	23.00				966.25
812	Waskom	10.00											10.00
* 813	Flatonia	69.00					40.00		11.00				120.00
* 815	Rio Hondo	92.00						9.30					101.30
* 816	Crane	155.00					108.80	15.50	35.00				314.30
* 817	Prospect Hill	323.00	415.00				554.77	24.60	102.00	5.00			1,424.37
* 819	Dimmitt	95.00							13.00	10.00			118.00
* 820	Crescent	413.00						35.00	110.80				558.80
* 821	Mabank	106.00											106.00
822	Barstow	35.00											35.00
* 823	Wisteria	438.40					510.00	37.00	39.00				1,024.40
824	Delta	23.00	106.00					19.50	26.00				174.50
825	E. C. Canon	50.00						19.40					69.40
* 826	Concho	119.00	119.00				35.00	23.60	26.00				322.60
* 828	Grandview	66.00					106.00	6.60	15.00				193.60
* 829	Seagraves	70.00						7.10					77.10
830	Overton												
* 831	Gladewater	177.00			10.00		7.00	25.90					219.90
* 832	Iraan	32.50	37.50					6.50					76.50
* 833	Queen Esther	314.00					993.18		20.00				1,327.18
834	Riverside	33.00					82.65	53.10					168.75
* 835	South Hills	266.20	110.00					29.80	55.00				461.00
* 837	Ocotillo	247.00					508.26	23.40	43.00	90.00			911.66
* 838	Tomball	210.00					597.50	21.40	13.00	13.00			854.90
* 840	Van	124.00	25.00					14.90					163.90
* 841	Morton	92.00					28.55						120.55
842	Centennial	10.00						15.70	14.00				39.70
* 843	Rio Grande City	62.30	31.00					6.20	8.00				107.50
844	Arp	8.00							18.00				26.00
* 845	Kermit	178.00	57.00				157.00		7.00				399.00
846	Talco							10.00					10.00
847	Olton	90.00					2.00						92.00
848	Freer		5.00			10.00		9.70	14.00				38.70
* 849	Andrews	123.00					148.25	12.30	17.00				300.55
851	Holliday	23.54						10.40	11.00				44.94
* 852	Bonham	108.00					45.00	11.60	10.00				174.60
853	Lone Oak	5.00						10.80					15.80
* 854	Goldsmith	50.50	50.50				19.00	8.90					128.90
* 855	Seminole		146.00					39.20		17.00			201.20
* 856	Bluebell	289.00					406.25	26.90	28.00	8.00			768.15

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* 857	Celina	54.00						5.40	17.00				76.40
* 858	Rockwall	224.00						19.90					243.90
* 859	Edcouch		52.00					5.20					57.20
* 860	Dripping Springs	40.00	40.00					8.00	26.00				114.00
861	Groom	15.00						5.00					20.00
862	Plains	30.00	20.00						4.00				54.00
* 863	Denver City	77.33	38.67				167.00						283.00
864	Lindale	25.00						13.40					38.40
* 865	Big Sandy	68.00					23.00	6.10					97.10
866	Kaufman	25.00											25.00
867	Anson	15.00						10.60		84.00			109.60
* 868	Oso	210.00	255.00						35.00	4.00			504.00
* 869	Sunray	118.00						10.30	15.00				143.30
870	Earth	35.00					231.85						266.85
* 871	Lometa	137.00						4.60					141.60
872	Electa	31.40	95.00					14.80	19.00				160.20
* 873	Sweeney	181.00					331.90	15.50	19.00				547.40
* 874	Mathis	50.00	7.00				26.25						83.25
* 875	Love Field	340.60	25.00					32.90	46.00				444.50
* 876	Mansfield	124.00						11.60	16.00				161.60
* 877	Abernathy	120.00	7.50				80.00	11.90	2.00				221.40
* 878	Quitaque	49.00											49.00
* 879	Maud	125.00			400.00			12.30	15.00				562.30
* 880	Ropesville	64.00											64.00
881	John L. DeGrazier	18.00						15.40	21.00				54.40
* 882	Imperial	39.00			5.00			3.80	10.00				57.80
* 883	Martha	129.00					102.00		44.00	1.00			276.00
* 884	Galena Park	182.10	131.50					26.00	41.00				330.60
885	Cooper	19.10	7.50					11.90					38.50
* 887	Mesquite	516.00						24.50	30.00	77.00			647.50
888	Vienna Buckner	18.00					702.00	33.10	49.00				802.10
* 889	Broaddus		98.00				80.00						178.00
* 890	Idalou	25.00	145.00		20.00								190.00
891	Crosbyton	72.00			132.00	10.00		112.00	10.20	18.00			354.20
892	Haskell							105.00	6.70				111.70
* 894	DeKalb	97.00						9.70	13.00				119.70
* 895	Ector	45.00											45.00
* 897	Boyd	114.00						11.15	14.00				139.15
* 898	Freedom	169.00	20.00										189.00
899	Azle	25.00					189.00	19.20	38.00	155.00			426.20
* 900	Silverton	42.00	40.00					8.00					90.00
* 901	Honey Grove	124.50					17.00	11.30	19.00				171.80
902	Brownsboro							7.20					7.20

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* 903	Joaquin	60.00	60.00				34.00						154.00
904	Edgewood	4.00								54.00			58.00
* 905	Graford	65.00						10.00					75.00
* 906	Daingerfield	101.00						10.00					111.00
907	Naples	10.00	10.00					11.00					31.00
* 908	Hawkins	73.00											73.00
* 909	Goldthwaite	78.00						7.80					85.80
* 910	Dublin	68.00					64.69	6.80	5.00	56.25			200.74
* 911	Schertz	10.00	665.24	5.00			100.00		38.00				818.24
912	Bethany	61.00	98.00				10.00	24.70	12.00				205.70
913	Poteet												
914	Vidor	5.25	250.00				250.00		21.00				526.25
* 915	South Houston	189.50	189.50				1,725.20	36.60	60.00	30.00			2,230.80
918	Blanket	8.00						3.50					11.50
* 919	Tilden	41.00						4.20	11.00				56.20
* 920	Melrose	355.50	118.50				731.50	47.40		18.00			1,270.90
* 921	Richardson	179.50	100.50						34.00				314.00
* 922	Godley	63.00						6.20					69.20
923	Venus		15.00					5.20					20.20
* 924	Montalba	47.00							16.00				63.00
926	Sundown	14.00						14.00					28.00
927	Rosewyn	75.00					802.50						877.50
929	Walter Baldwin	102.37	7.00				497.96	21.70					629.03
* 930	Whitney	171.00											171.00
* 931	Blum	112.00						8.70	13.00				133.70
932	Zephyr	12.50						4.40					16.90
933	West University	225.68	10.00				745.00	23.50	34.00				1,038.18
934	Blanco		5.00					6.50	1.00				12.50
* 935	Lewisville	202.00					22.25	19.90	14.00				258.15
936	Anton	20.00											20.00
* 937	Wink	46.00	46.00				35.22	9.20	28.00	12.00			176.42
938	Huntington	8.00	2.00				170.00	15.00	10.00				205.00
* 939	Whiteright	50.00	10.00					6.00	9.00				75.00
940	Farmersville	10.00						9.60	16.00				35.60
* 941	Truth	140.00	140.00										280.00
* 942	Wheeler	56.00	10.00				33.00						99.00
* 943	Lancaster	184.00						17.70	15.00				216.70
* 944	Laneville	31.00											31.00
945	Yorktown	12.64	10.00					16.50					39.14
946	Alvord	16.50	16.50					7.00					40.00
* 949	Carlton	56.00					186.00						242.00
* 951	Mike H. Thomas	304.00					18.00	29.30	38.00	212.00			601.30
* 952	Zavalla	68.00	33.00						17.00				118.00

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* 953	Groves	408.00					130.00	42.00	68.00	18.00			666.00
* 954	Channelview	283.00					100.00	28.30	32.00				443.30
* 955	East Houston	200.00					158.00	20.00	26.00	8.00			412.00
956	Mt. Vernon												
* 957	Ganado	70.50	15.00				15.00	6.30	14.00				120.80
* 958	Memorial	90.93	162.92				287.50	22.50	2.00	72.00			637.85
* 959	Edwin J. Kiest	348.00			10.00			33.30	30.00				421.30
* 960	Stratford	93.00					134.25	18.10					245.35
* 961	Ashland	105.00											105.00
* 962	Evant	60.00						6.00	7.00				73.00
963	Fidelis						41.50	29.40	22.00				92.90
* 964	Lawn	28.00											28.00
965	Frost - Demised	25.00											25.00
* 966	Star Mountain	42.00						4.20					46.20
967	Winnsboro	4.00					62.00						66.00
968	Buna	13.15						13.90	28.00				55.05
969	Weldon							5.30	10.00				15.30
970	J. A. Kemp	109.24					102.00		35.00				246.24
971	Cockrell Hill	18.00						28.80	33.00				79.80
* 972	Bullard	118.00	30.00					11.80					159.80
* 974	Hermleigh	78.00					20.00	5.30					103.30
975	Rose Garden	10.00								18.00			28.00
* 976	Caldwell	56.00					15.00	5.60	3.00				79.60
977	Wylie	57.00						12.00	43.00				112.00
978	Bluegrove	18.54					87.59	5.00	18.00				129.13
979	La Marque						320.00	15.50	35.00				370.50
* 980	Bellmead	186.16					112.00	16.10	16.00	7.00			337.26
* 981	Mary Martha	129.00					355.00		17.00				501.00
982	Haltom City	58.28			18.50		169.46	40.50	39.00				325.74
* 983	James Ladd Burgess	324.00					102.00	32.40	41.00				499.40
* 984	Spring Branch	324.00					510.00	31.90	20.00				885.90
* 986	A. E. Shirley	196.50	130.00				50.00	25.20	29.00				430.70
* 987	Garden Oaks	227.00						18.30	16.00				261.30
* 988	Medina	79.00						6.90	17.00				102.90
989	Rule												
* 991	Ysleta	342.00	848.43				748.96	32.50	39.00	190.50			2,201.39
992	Fort Hancock	20.25	14.25	14.25			20.00		7.00				90.00
* 994	Camella	177.00	35.00		10.00	5.00	23.00		16.00				266.00
* 995	Hallsville	38.50	38.50					6.30					83.30
* 996	Lexington	58.00	10.00				69.00	5.80	15.00				157.80
997	Omaha							7.40	18.00				25.40
* 998	Logos	123.00					128.00	10.80	18.00				279.80

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999	Ridglea	58.00				10.00		22.10	51.00				141.10
*1000	Hillcrest	282.50	40.00				10.00	25.30	43.00				380.80
*1001	Petersburg	112.00					167.65						279.65
*1002	Centerville	320.00						7.90	20.00	64.25			412.15
*1003	Shepherd	387.00					129.00		28.00				544.00
*1004	Cotulla	37.50	37.50				8.00						83.00
1005	Gatesville	50.00						12.30					62.30
*1006	Lucinda Conner	167.00	250.00					41.70					468.70
1007	Covington	25.00						7.10	22.00				54.10
*1008	Friendship	189.00	239.00		10.00			33.80	48.00	75.00			594.80
*1009	Lake Jackson	106.50	475.50				1,259.46	14.20	31.00				1,886.66
*1010	Norman Read		186.00				100.00	17.50	15.00				318.50
*1011	Clute City	35.00	83.00				55.00	12.20	25.00				210.20
*1012	Malakoff	75.00	25.00					10.00	26.00				136.00
*1013	River Oaks	79.50	492.00				480.00	13.10		5.00			1,069.60
*1014	Duncanville	212.00						21.20					233.20
*1015	Frank W. Lynn	100.00	98.00				46.35	19.80	12.00				276.15
*1016	Starlight	150.00	50.00		31.40			20.40	36.00	25.00			312.80
*1017	Willis	87.00	5.00				18.00		35.00				145.00
1018	Mamie D. Crane		39.50					11.80					51.30
*1019	Laura B. Hart	73.50	73.50					14.00	20.00				181.00
*1020	Coolidge	38.00											38.00
*1021	Bellaire	259.00					503.00	25.90	42.00				829.90
1023	Waelder	14.64					10.00	6.70					31.34
*1024	Dickinson	107.00	3.00		10.00		357.50	9.70	23.00				510.20
1025	Pilot Point	7.50	7.50					5.50					20.50
*1026	Collego Station	131.00						10.90	16.00				157.90
1027	Sanger	10.00						8.30					18.30
*1028	Castleberry	200.00						25.00	54.00				279.00
1029	Highland Park	83.50	83.50					16.70	37.00	126.00			346.70
*1030	Village	95.00						8.80					103.80
1031	Hooks	10.00	96.00				47.00	11.20	18.00				182.20
1032	Clara Mills						3.75		4.00				7.75
*1033	Ore City	96.30					50.00						146.30
*1034	Mt. Houston	93.00	93.00				118.00	37.60	18.00				359.60
1035	Groveton								12.00				12.00
*1036	Loyalty	56.50	56.50						11.00				124.00
*1037	Ingleside	141.00					232.07		18.00				391.07
*1038	Bridge City	153.15					300.00	16.80	36.00				506.95
*1039	Vickery	145.00						14.70	63.00				222.70
*1040	Richland Hills	257.00						24.10	31.00				312.10
*1041	Fairbanks	81.00	81.00						7.00				169.00

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1042	Millsap	5.00						10.00					15.00
1043	Cumby							3.40					3.40
*1044	Independence	253.00	50.00				450.20	25.10	65.00				843.30
*1045	Deport	40.03	28.50		100.00		68.62	5.70	4.00				246.85
1046	Dawson	10.00											10.00
*1047	Waller	93.00	20.00				179.75	9.30	11.00				313.05
*1048	Bronte	135.00							11.00				146.00
*1050	Norma D. Allen	162.65	55.00				280.00	54.00	22.00				573.65
*1051	Dalhart	104.00					109.00	10.40	21.00				236.40
*1052	Tascosa	105.75	62.00				60.16		35.00				262.91
1053	White Settlement	110.00	45.00		22.50				26.00				203.50
*1054	Lakeside	105.10	10.00				400.00	11.30	26.00				552.40
*1056	South Park	206.20					375.00	40.10	23.00				649.30
1057	Dell City												
*1058	North Shore	308.00					521.44	31.00	25.00				885.44
*1059	Adobe Walls	144.00					15.00		18.00				177.00
1060	Greenwood	5.00						3.50					8.50
*1062	Eustace	98.00					19.00	10.80					127.80
*1063	Deer Park	88.50	88.50				765.27	15.00	35.00	77.00			1,069.27
*1064	Top O' Texas	107.00					155.00	10.70	20.00				292.70
*1065	Pearland	84.50	84.50				109.54	16.90	58.00	13.00			366.44
1066	Skellytown						51.00	5.20					56.20
1067	Italy							3.30					3.30
*1068	Colmesneil	93.00					50.25	8.90	35.00				187.15
*1070	Copperas Cove	135.00					129.00	12.70		10.00			286.70
1072	Cora Posey	85.00	15.00				418.00	110.00	21.00				649.00
*1074	Floyd W. Basterling	171.00							39.00				210.00
*1075	Highland Hills	9.00	138.00					13.80	25.00				185.80
*1076	Winnie-Stowell	96.10						9.40	94.00				199.50
*1077	Eastwood	125.00					34.00						159.00
*1078	Channing	51.00					30.20						81.20
*1079	Nederland	6.30	287.00				27.00	27.20	38.00				386.50
*1080	Oak Forest		170.00				182.81	16.40		122.00			491.21
*1081	Alameda	126.00	126.00				221.20	12.60	126.00				613.80
*1082	University	99.50							15.00				114.50
1083	Lone Star	77.00						7.80					84.80
*1084	Bogata	55.00						5.50					60.50
*1085	Hitchcock	59.00					114.43	5.90	14.00				193.33
*1086	Roy Stanley	114.00	25.00					11.20	16.00				166.20
*1087	Thunderbird		120.00				309.77	12.20	33.00				474.97
*1088	Aldine	184.00					100.00	18.40		18.75			321.15
*1089	De Soto	98.00						9.70	16.00				123.70
*1090	Pine Tree	120.00						13.10	34.00				167.10
*1091	Leonard	30.50	30.50					6.30					67.30

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*1092	Carlsbad	66.00						6.60	19.00				91.60
*1093	New Caney	144.00					990.00	11.90	39.00				1,184.90
*1094	Jacques DeMolay	78.00	400.00				180.00	8.00	31.00				697.00
*1095	Archives	97.00	77.00				545.32	15.80	56.00				790.92
*1096	Seabrook	101.00					209.35		20.00				330.35
*1097	Sam P. Cochran	72.00	54.00				185.00	10.80	36.00				357.80
1098	Burke				70.00		70.00	7.00	44.00				191.00
*1099	Hurst	210.00						26.00	56.00				292.00
*1100	Wallace Hughston	52.00	100.00				448.01	15.20	150.00	8.00			773.21
1101	Alma M. Walker						268.18		75.00				343.18
*1102	Cypress	62.00						6.20	30.00				98.20
*1103	Canyon Lake	112.00	47.00				104.60	9.40	50.00	6.00			329.00
*1104	Valley Hi	97.00			100.00		37.00	9.70	20.00				263.70
*1105	Spring	56.00	58.00				376.00	10.00					498.00
*1106	Zapata	90.63	30.00					6.00	60.00				186.60
*1107	Sugarland	66.00	20.00				530.00	8.60	55.00				679.60
*1108	Portland	45.00	30.00				60.53	7.50	30.00	2.00			175.03
*1109	Lake Worth	113.00						20.00	32.00	88.00			253.00
*1110	Bells	65.00						4.80	25.00	36.00			130.80
1111	Evadale	34.10	32.00					6.80	31.00				103.90
1112	Huffman	58.00					220.00		25.00				303.00
1113	Frankston	67.00							30.00				107.00
1114	Gun Barrel City	198.75					196.78	12.20	6.00				413.73
1116	Lonnie L. Blake	62.00					16.72		24.00	23.00			125.72
1116	Amistad	54.00	24.00						29.00				107.00
U.D.	Allen	32.00								27.00			59.00
U.D.	Kingsland							3.90		39.00			42.90
	Miscellaneous:							128.90			1,765.50		1,894.40
	District 1	586.54	410.00		14.69		18,543.84				392.46		19,947.53
	District 2	472.78	5.00				3,453.78				288.00		4,219.56
	District 3	183.13					9,502.71				682.50		10,368.34
	District 4	353.13	417.50				5,063.50				1,411.00		7,245.13
	District 5	31.82					6,500.86				1,113.83		7,646.51
	Worthy Grand Matron's Tours	5,360.00											5,360.00
	Estarl Service Offertory		1,443.91										1,443.91
	Miscellaneous State-Wide	2,977.92			10.00		549.16					11,261.03	14,798.11
	Founders Day Fair State-Wide							7,178.34					7,178.34
	Ladies in OES Home								61.00				61.00
	Amount Received at Grand Chapter Session								273.00				273.00
							Less	16,578.74	12,987.30		Less	5,663.29	11,261.03
							Cost:	1,084.54	273.65		Cost:	1,462.00	3,264.43
	GRAND TOTALS	\$94,216.45	\$28,871.46	\$658.25	\$2,046.09	\$179.11	\$132,506.75	\$15,494.20	\$12,713.65	\$3,492.03	\$4,201.29	\$7,996.60	\$302,374.88

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Our Grand Treasurer has not been feeling well, as some of you may have known, and we are privileged to have her Personal Page pro tem for her — Sister Blanche Wilson. She is also prepared to present the Report of the Grand Treasurer. Sister Blanche.

**Mrs. Blanche Wilson:** Worthy Grand Matron, the Report of the Grand Treasurer has been printed in the Advance Report and, in lieu of time, I move that this Report be referred to the proper committee.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** You have heard the motion that the Report of the Grand Treasurer as printed in the Advance Report be referred to the proper committee. I have a second. All in favor of this motion, let it be known by saying "aye". "Aye". All opposed, "No". The Report is referred.

## 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, balances and investments in the funds for the period of August 1, 1977 to July 31, 1978.

### ENDOWMENT INTEREST FUND

Balance July 31, 1977	\$ 1,200.95
Transferred December, 1977 to Fort Worth National Bank Clearing Savings Account	( 1,200.95)
Balance in account July 31, 1978	\$ -0-

### O.E.S. MILEAGE, EL PASO, TEXAS 1977

Balance in Account July 31, 1977	\$ 85.49
Received from Grand Secretary	33,000.00
Disbursed:	
Paid to delegates	( 25,885.49)
Refunded to Grand Secretary	( 7,200.00)
Balance in account July 31, 1978	\$ -0-

### EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

Balance in account July 31, 1977	\$ 1,979.36
Disbursed:	
Educational loans	( 1,350.00)
Transferred to FWNB Clearing Savings Acct.	( 629.36)
Balance in account July 31, 1978	\$ -0-

### GENERAL FUND BALANCES

Fort Worth National Bank — Clearing Savings Account	\$ 248,097.79
Fort Worth National Bank — General Fund Saving Account	57,578.31



Mutual Savings & Loan, Austin — C.D.	12,477.81
Fort Worth National Bank — General Fund Checking	27,424.35

### ENDOWMENT FUND BALANCES

Graham Savings & Loan	\$ 10,000.00
Gibraltar Savings & Loan, Houston	20,000.00
Big Spring Savings & Loan	20,000.00
Harris County Savings & Loan, Baytown	10,000.00
Citizens Savings & Loan, Baytown	40,000.00
Ellis Co. Savings Assoc., Waxahachie (No. 11244-4)	8,678.73
Ellis Co. Savings Assoc., Waxahachie (No. 11243-6)	3,871.47

### BENEVOLENT FUND BALANCES

Universal Savings, Jacinto City — C.D.	\$ 20,000.00
Fort Worth National Bank — Benevolent Fund Savings Account	53,754.33

### EDUCATION FUND BALANCES

Citizens of Texas, Baytown — C.D.	\$ 5,000.00
Austin Savings & Loan	11,204.57

### HOME FUND BALANCES

Fort Worth National Bank — Home Fund Savings Account	\$ 46,759.98
First National Bank, Graham — C.D.	1,286.07

### APPRECIATION

Worthy Grand Matron: Mary, through the years you have been a dear and precious friend. I have rejoiced in every attainment that has been yours this year. I am grateful for your fine leadership. Always I shall remember your sweet smile and your kindness and thoughtfulness to me.

Worthy Grand Patron: Brother Murray, I am glad that I have been privileged to share so many delightful experiences with you and Greta. Your acts of kindness will ever be remembered. May the years continue to be years of happiness and service because the world needs kind and thoughtful people like you.

Grand Secretary: Sister Agnes Lee, it has been a great pleasure for me to serve with you. The many courtesies you have shown to me will never be forgotten.

Board of Grand Trustees: My friends, you have spent many long and wearisome hours endeavoring to solve the problems of Grand Chapter and to meet its need. Certainly too much praise cannot be given you for your faithful and tireless efforts. My sincere thanks to each one for your kindness to me. My special thanks to Sister Elizabeth Williams for taking me to the meeting and to Brother Ed Pickett, our auditor, for his kindness.

Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron: Sister Rennie and Brother Duke, it will always be my prayer that God will guide and protect both of you as you travel throughout the State during your year. God bless you.

To my host of friends over this great state, I want to express my grateful thanks for your kindness to me during the entire year. May God bless and keep you.

Fraternal love,  
Jettie Hinton,  
Grand Treasurer

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

### LIST OF VOUCHERS 1977 - 1978

NO.	PAYEE — EXPLANATION	AMOUNT
117	Stafford Lowdan Printers — Printing & Binding 1977 Proceedings .....	\$ 8,163.00
118	Gene Belk — First advance Grand Chapter Appr 1978 .....	5,000.00
119	Mary M. Brown — W.G.M. 1977-78 Appropriation .....	3,000.00
120	Murray Watson — W.G.P. 1977-78 Appropriation .....	1,500.00
121	Rennie Ofton — A.G.M. 1977-78 Appropriation .....	1,200.00
122	T.L. Weaver — A.G.P. 1977-78 Appropriation .....	250.00
123	Kathy Johnston — Grand Conductress 1977-78 Appropriation .....	150.00
124	Viola Edwards — A.G.C. 1977-78 Appropriation .....	150.00
125	Mary M. Brown — Secretarial Exp. 1977-78 Appropriation .....	500.00
126	Acct. 30862 — Grand Matron Car Acct 1977-78 .....	3,000.00
127	Mary M. Brown — Past Matron Jewel .....	500.00
128	Murray Watson — Past Grand Patron Jewel .....	300.00
129	Board Grand Trustees 1977-78 .....	1,500.00
130	Marjorie Johnson — Grand Examiner #1 .....	120.00
131	Beulah Spear — Grand Examiner #2 .....	120.00
132	Elise Hammack — Grand Examiner #3 .....	120.00
133	Elsie Paladino — Grand Examiner #4 .....	120.00
134	Maurine Jackson — Grand Examiner #5 .....	120.00
135	Jettie Hinton — Appr Exp 1977-78 .....	400.00
136	Opal Ramsey — By Laws Com Exp 1977-78 .....	100.00
137	Eva Johnson — Welfare at Large Com Exp 1977-78 .....	400.00
138	Lallah Mae Vollus — Endowment Chm Exp 1977-78 .....	200.00
139	Mary Louise Williams — Chm Estarl Com Exp 1977-78 .....	100.00
140	Betty Phillips — D.D.G.M. #2 Expense .....	1,000.00
141	Wanda Gilmore — D.D.G.M. #1 Expense .....	1,000.00
142	Alice Burkhart — D.D.G.M. #4 Expense .....	1,000.00
143	Jeffie Roberts — D.D.G.M. #5 Expense .....	1,000.00
144	Nell Davidson — D.D.G.M. #3 Expense .....	1,000.00
145	Acct No. 3 45629 — Grand Secretary Operating Expense .....	10,000.00
146	McMurray College — Richard Young .....	200.00
147	Austin Presbyterian College — John Youngblood .....	200.00
148	Southwestern Baptist College — Jay R. Atkins .....	200.00
149	Southwestern Baptist College — James Albright .....	200.00
150	Hellenic College — Peter Anton .....	200.00
151	Southwestern Baptist College — William Acol .....	200.00
152	Southwestern Baptist College — Frederick Ater .....	200.00
153	Southwestern Baptist College — Gary Baldwin .....	200.00
154	Austin Presbyterian College — Thomas Baughn .....	200.00
155	Princeton Seminary — Ina Sue Boyd .....	200.00
156	Southwestern University — Edwin Brown .....	200.00

NO.	PAYEE — EXPLANATION	AMOUNT
157	S.M.U. — Daniel Carfrey .....	200.00
158	S.M.U. — Nelson Chamberline .....	200.00
159	Southwestern Baptist College — Jack Chew .....	200.00
160	Texas Wesleyan College — Stephen Coffman .....	200.00
161	Texas Tech College — Michelle Cooper .....	200.00
162	S.M.U. — Ronald Croom .....	200.00
163	S.M.U. — Robert Daily .....	200.00
164	Brite University — Thomas Davis Jr. ....	200.00
165	S.M.U. — Timothy Denny .....	200.00
166	School of Theology South — Robeert De Wolfe .....	200.00
167	McMurray College — Loylonie Drake .....	200.00
168	Southwestern Baptist College — Robert Ellis .....	200.00
169	Southwestern Baptist College — Edward Frakenfeld .....	200.00
170	S.M.U. — William Gandin .....	200.00
171	S.M.U. — Lon Gregg .....	200.00
172	Southwestern Baptist College — Bennie Hayden .....	200.00
173	Howard Payne College — Terry Hefley .....	200.00
174	Southwestern Baptist College — Mark Jones .....	200.00
175	Southwestern Baptist College — David E. Love .....	200.00
176	S.M.U. — Walt Marcum .....	200.00
177	S.M.U. — John R. Miller .....	200.00
179	Texas Wesleyan College — James Neil Norman .....	200.00
180	Hardin Simmons College — Gary Lynn Norris .....	200.00
181	Lubbock Christian College — Stacy Patty .....	200.00
182	Dallas Baptist College — Richard Paul Jr. ....	200.00
183	Houston Baptist College — Darylene Perkins .....	200.00
184	Southwestern Baptist College — Robert Randel .....	200.00
185	Candler School Theology — Bernard Ritchie .....	200.00
186	Phillips University — Walter C. Rittle .....	200.00
187	Southwestern Baptist College — Kyle Robertson .....	200.00
188	Southwestern Baptist College — James Russell .....	200.00
189	Dubuque Seminary — Marvin Runte .....	200.00
190	T.C.U. — Douglas N. Shalars .....	200.00
191	T.C.U. — Tommy Thompson .....	200.00
192	North Texas State — James W. Thorp .....	200.00
193	S.M.U. — Larry Tinsley .....	200.00
194	S.M.U. — George Warren .....	200.00
195	Wayland College — Jimmy Weatherly .....	200.00
196	T.C.U. — Stephen L. Mansen .....	200.00
197	Belmont College — Carola Moore .....	200.00
198	Lamar University — James W. Moore .....	200.00
200	Oral Roberts University — David Shelby .....	200.00
201	Brite Divinity School — James Van Rite .....	200.00
202	S.M.U. — Johnny F. Miller .....	200.00
204	Bradco Printers — Welfare Prtg & Letterhead .....	3,070.00
205	Bradco Printers — Print Nvember Bulletin .....	2,400.00
207	Refund Overpayment — Iris McWilliams .....	8.50
208	Travis & Ramsey — Computer & Audit 1977 .....	300.00
210	Criswell Biblical Studies — Gary Newman .....	200.00
211	Travis & Ramsey — Audit Oct. 1977 .....	300.00
212	Bradco Printers — Printing .....	575.00
213	Acct. 3-45627 for 1977-78 — Grand Secretary .....	5,000.00
214	Hurst Eules Printers — 50 Year Certificates #8294 .....	304.61
215	Metrotype — Partial Payment—Typesetting Rosters .....	4,000.00
216	Wanda Smith — Expense Livingston Chapter .....	27.12
217	Elsie Abernathy — #2 Chm Welfare extra expense .....	72.45
218	Sarah Moran — Extra expense Welfare Com .....	8.22
219	Lula Mae Matthews — Welfare expense .....	38.70
220	Lola Wallace — Welfare Chm expense .....	35.52

NO.	PAYEE — EXPLANATION	AMOUNT
221	Grand Secretary — Office Fd . . . . .	485.05
222	Virginia Sanders — Repair W.G.M. Typewriter . . . . .	27.95
223	Joe Gilmore — Repair W.G.M. Typewriter . . . . .	12.50
224	Acct 3-45629 — Pro Rata exp Gr Secy Office 77-78 . . . . .	5,000.00
225	Southwestern Baptist Seminary — Ron Adkins . . . . .	200.00
226	Hellenic School — Peter Anton . . . . .	200.00
227	Southwestern Baptist College — James Albright . . . . .	200.00
228	Southwestern Baptist College — William Ascal . . . . .	200.00
229	Southwestern Baptist College — Fredrick Ater . . . . .	200.00
230	Southwestern Baptist College — Gary Baldwin . . . . .	200.00
231	Austin Presbyterian Seminary — Thomas Baughn . . . . .	200.00
232	Princeton Seminary — Ina Sue Boyd . . . . .	200.00
233	Southwestern University — Edwin Brown . . . . .	200.00
234	Dallas Theological Seminary — Daniel Carfrey . . . . .	200.00
235	Dallas Theological Seminary — Nelson Chamberlin . . . . .	200.00
236	Southwestern Baptist Seminary — Jack Chew . . . . .	200.00
237	Texas Wesley College — Steven Coffman . . . . .	200.00
238	Texas Tech College — Brynda Cooper . . . . .	200.00
239	Perkins School Theology — Ronald Groom . . . . .	200.00
240	Brite School of Theology — Thomas Davis Jr. . . . .	200.00
241	Dallas Theological Seminary — Timothy Denny . . . . .	200.00
242	University of South — Robert DeWolfe . . . . .	200.00
243	McMurray College — Laylonie Drake . . . . .	200.00
244	Southwestern Baptist College — Robert Ellis . . . . .	200.00
245	Southwestern Baptist College — Ed Frankenfeld . . . . .	200.00
246	Perkins School Theology — William Gandin . . . . .	200.00
247	Dallas Theological Seminary — Lon J. Gregg . . . . .	200.00
248	Southwestern Baptist Seminary — Ban R. Hayden . . . . .	200.00
249	Howard Payne College — Terry Hefley . . . . .	200.00
250	Southwestern Baptist Seminary — Mark Jones . . . . .	200.00
251	Southwestern Baptist Seminary — David E. Love . . . . .	200.00
252	Perkins School of Theology — Walter Marcum . . . . .	200.00
253	S.M.U. Dallas — Johnnie F. Miller . . . . .	200.00
254	S.M.U. Dallas — John Miller . . . . .	200.00
255	Belmont College — Carola Moore . . . . .	200.00
256	Criswell Institute Studies — Gary Newman . . . . .	200.00
257	Hardin Simmons University — Gary L. Morris . . . . .	200.00
258	Union Theological Seminary — Lon W. Palmer . . . . .	200.00
259	Dallas Baptist College — Richard Paul Jr. . . . .	200.00
260	Houston Baptist College — Darylene Perkins . . . . .	200.00
261	Candler School Theology — Bernard Ritchea . . . . .	200.00
262	Phillips University — William Rittle Jr. . . . .	200.00
263	Southwestern Baptist College — Kyle Robertson . . . . .	200.00
264	University Delbucque Seminary — Marvin Runte . . . . .	200.00
265	S.M.U. Dallas — Larry Tinsley . . . . .	200.00
266	S.M.U. Dallas — George T. Warren . . . . .	200.00
267	Wayland Baptist College — James Weatherly . . . . .	200.00
268	McMurray College — Richard A. Young . . . . .	200.00
269	Austin Presbyterian — John Youngblood . . . . .	200.00
270	Kathy Johnston — Advance Convention Center, G.C. 1980 . . . . .	1,000.00
271	Motheral Printers — Invoice 15889 — 1000 Rosters . . . . .	4,755.00
273	Travis & Ramsey — Balance Audit 1977 . . . . .	3,995.50
274	Travis & Ramsey — Audit Nov-Dec 1977 . . . . .	838.00
275	S.M.U. Dallas — Robert Daily . . . . .	200.00
276	Texas Wesley College — James Norman . . . . .	200.00
278	North Texas State University — James Thorp . . . . .	200.00
279	T.C.U. Ft. Worth — Tommy Thompson . . . . .	200.00
280	Lubbock Christian College — Stacy Patty . . . . .	200.00
281	Blossom Florist — Dr. Holt Funeral . . . . .	68.25

NO.	PAYEE — EXPLANATION	AMOUNT
282	Metrotype — Rosters for Subordinate Chapters .....	7,540.00
283	Southwestern Baptist College — Larry Patten .....	200.00
284	Giddings Time & News — Rule Books .....	23.45
285	Travis & Ramsey — Coding & computer Service .....	860.00
286	Bradco Printers — Inv. 5724-5728 April Bulletin .....	482.00
287	Acct 45629 — Operating Fund, Grand Secretary 77-78 .....	10,000.00
288	Metrotype — Partial payment 1977 Proceedings .....	5,000.00
289	T.C.U. Ft. Worth — James Van Rite .....	200.00
290	Metrotype — Balance on typesetting, Proceedings .....	2,215.00
292	Walkers Flower Shop — Kendall Baker Funeral .....	52.00
293	Hurst Euleess Printers — Memorial Cards #0776 .....	99.23
294	Travis & Ramsey — Ledger & Financial Statement 1978 .....	421.00
295	Joyce Roberts — Edit 1977 Proceedings .....	100.00
296	Post Master, Arlington — Meter for Proceedings .....	100.00
297	Motheral Print Co. — 1977 Proceedings .....	9,325.00
298	Acct 3 45629 Grand Secretary — Office Operating Fund .....	10,000.00
299	A.M. Fairris Construction Co. — Work on Office Bldg. ....	1,340.00
300	Travis & Ramsey — Accounting service April 1978 .....	424.00
301	Sharon Pickett — Educational Scholarship .....	450.00
302	Philip Davenport — Painting Office Bldg. ....	1,200.00
303	Travis & Ramsey — Auditor Service May 1978 .....	430.55

MILEAGE PAID AT EL PASO GRAND CHAPTER — 1977

Check	Payee	Amount	Check	Payee	Amount
1	Jaunita Price	\$ 37.08	42	Jean Hicklin	22.20
2	Leona Piel	47.16	44	Maryetta Oakley	35.88
3	Ruth Harris	33.60	45	Velmarie Shoemaker	36.60
4	Mary Smyers	43.08	46	Eura Davis	28.20
5	Thelma Bairfield	28.02	47	Etoile Stanley	25.50
6	Leta Fay Olsen	36.84	48	Maurene Watson	19.92
7	Nell Sanders	35.28	51	Cynthia Bridges	49.14
8	Hazel Simons	35.28	52	Sarah Morgan	36.24
9	Ouida Jackson	24.30	53	Winnie Allen	34.38
10	Mary Lou Andres	46.02	54	Dorothy Mariam	45.06
11	Rena B. Langston	44.88	55	Florida Moore	48.66
12	June Coffenger	45.06	56	Kathryn Frintress	20.58
14	Connie Miller	36.48	57	Sandra Johnson	40.02
16	Estelle Baker	35.34	59	Geneva Cook	25.80
17	Susie Berkley	33.54	60	Selma Carrell	12.42
18	Lois Love	37.02	63	Jacqueline Randolph	36.24
19	Carrie Schilling	29.82	65	Mitizi Brill	37.56
23	Claudette Carroll	26.34	66	Annita Fielder	38.40
24	Judy Allen	35.46	69	John Shearer	29.52
25	Grace Uselton	35.94	70	Eura Landrum	28.92
26	Sandy Cosby	23.82	71	Irene McAllester	42.18
27	Muriel Elders	33.60	73	Crawford Kiker	23.82
28	Tommie Edwards	37.20	75	Bonnie Bower	38.58
29	Emma Echols	23.28	76	Doris Warner	42.96
30	Michelle Heath	22.62	77	Ruth Mincy	30.42
31	Pauline Winston	37.32	78	Joyce Thompson	29.52
34	Margie Murry	32.40	79	Edna Gordon	39.36
36	Mary Todd	30.00	80	Marie Reeves	27.90
38	Leona Mustian	33.60	81	Louise Thomas	44.10
39	Patricia Boone	25.02	82	John L. Cronkrite	43.24
40	Marita Adamson	45.36	83	Elaine Day	43.62

Check	Payee	Amount	Check	Payee	Amount
85	Ellen McArthur	35.88	157	Ruby Kerston	45.90
86	Eunice Vincent	13.14	158	Myrle Paine	17.58
87	June Thompson	35.22	159	Winona Dickens	29.52
88	Thelma Stepp	44.52	160	Bobby Skelton	48.36
91	Luch Harkins	33.60	161	Mary Sparks	44.52
92	Tony Parsons	19.80	162	Ruth W. Hodges	36.90
93	Carol Tracy	40.20	163	Florence Sullivan	33.66
94	Ruby Wilkinson	41.40	165	Lois Fancher	50.28
95	Gladys Watson	47.10	166	Mrs. Cecil Miller	29.70
96	Mary Mooring	35.94	167	Daisy Forester	25.98
97	LaRoe McMorris	5.16	169	Winnie Lavender	32.28
98	Madell Harmon	36.00	170	Gail Fuller	35.46
99	Patsy Thompson	37.98	174	Lois Raby	30.24
101	Gwendalyn Jones	40.50	175	Lydell Clayton	34.56
102	Dollie Baker	38.10	176	Wilson Carelton	29.58
103	Imogene Hall	38.40	177	Kay R. Hall	32.76
104	Helen Kindy	30.90	178	Ora Mae Jordan	29.64
105	Donna Miller	42.12	179	Ralph Whittle	38.70
106	Laura Arnold	24.06	180	Carrie Standefir	34.92
107	Charlotte Bright	28.08	182	Jessie Pendley	41.58
108	Alice Calville	22.20	184	Kaleta Shefferson	21.30
109	Lois Robinson	40.14	186	Mrs. George Yarborough	41.10
110	Lucile Echols	33.96	189	Gwen Hodges	32.76
111	Jawell McAfee	43.08	190	Cecil Reed	29.70
112	Ruth Lofton	18.42	191	Helen Baber	48.96
113	Quania Dykes	41.40	193	Nona Turner	37.08
114	La Valdo Mooneyham	39.54	194	Faye Chapman	34.92
115	Norma Graham	24.82	195	Louise Bates	44.10
117	Elizabeth Palmer	44.40	196	Evelyn Hendon	27.24
118	Zala Hatley	23.82	197	Sharon Nichole	41.40
119	Glorie Barron	34.32	198	Ella Sarter	31.08
121	Vada Schneider	30.54	200	Opal Robertson	21.96
123	Mary Mabry	41.76	201	Jennie V. Hicks	48.84
125	Betsy Laewen	31.74	202	Jessie J. Nugent	34.80
127	Rachel Cowley	25.44	203	Pansy Read	45.48
128	Carolyn Halford	21.42	204	Suzanne Kuley	37.50
129	Leatrice Pompa	41.04	207	Inez Smith	40.08
130	Exa Mae Howell	35.64	208	Minnie L. Starr	41.10
131	Susie Morrow	47.76	209	Neoma Carnstubble	36.60
132	Thelma Griffin	22.44	210	Gladys Wood	40.56
133	Potsy Phillips	50.64	211	Dorothy Montgomery	33.18
134	Ruth Dunlap	32.88	212	Anna B. Ward	11.94
135	Virginia Robb	30.48	213	Pauline Clark	48.60
136	Clara Bell Herron	41.04	215	Rue Kennard	35.88
137	Eula Baldin	36.42	216	Floy Morris	11.58
138	Cleo Vaught	46.02	217	Velda Applegate	34.68
139	Rebecca Beckham	39.90	218	Pearl Knight	28.14
141	Corinne Buschman	30.96	219	Bessie Oats	48.00
142	Ronnie Pelley	42.96	220	Lorean Atwood	45.30
143	Mattie Ellen Hinson	14.58	221	Mariam York	38.16
145	Jessie Browning	35.64	223	Ordra Smith	23.94
146	Martha Shellow	33.12	225	Carole Ard	41.46
147	Mary Jo Jeffrey	30.42	226	Mattie Loyd	44.04
148	Murel Harrell	43.20	227	Jessie Huffman	45.96
150	Lou Tunnell	27.60	229	Lillie Laird	27.90
151	Delores Sebrasta	40.38	231	May Stephens	18.24
154	Madeline Ford	36.06	232	Lola Bird	40.02
155	Naomi Nelson	28.86	233	Mabel Edmons	45.00
156	Billie Lindley	22.74	234	Myrtle Moore	42.18

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235	Mame Hulme	37.08	327	Bobbie Hodges	40.92
236	Genevive Halbert	49.26	328	Martha Jernigan	35.28
238	Libby Senesac	43.80	329	Eva White	37.50
239	Thelma Sutton	43.68	330	Mary J. Tyler	35.10
241	Josephine Eller	45.96	331	Billie Miller	38.34
242	Frances Jenkins	37.08	333	Elaine Wetzig	14.70
243	Louise Reneau	30.36	336	Dorothy Cheney	47.10
244	Jeanene Winfiel	44.52	337	Phillip Vardy	26.58
246	Vivian Brewton	42.66	338	Modean Hancock	37.08
247	Berneice Vassar	33.06	339	Patricia Tyler	23.40
249	Ollie M. Smelley	39.96	340	Marjorie Hill	46.26
250	Carol Coleman	42.78	341	Thelma Barber	35.52
253	Eleanor Pettis	44.52	343	Margaret Finch	34.92
255	Elinore Bauman	34.38	344	Laura Wilson	21.12
257	Doris Hartman	32.22	345	Mary Puckett	35.52
258	Sharen McCauley	30.96	349	Inez Evans	44.94
259	Wilma Gardner	40.08	350	Flora Black	37.50
262	Irene Rogerson	32.82	353	Barbara McNair	34.92
263	Myrlene Reese	30.30	354	Martha Olatto	44.64
265	Eula M. Erwin	35.28	355	Celesta Balke	41.04
266	Billie M. Rice	44.04	356	Anna Hight	33.60
267	Merilyn Vandel	39.00	357	Ima Jean Hunt	35.28
268	Pauline Speer	31.38	358	Estelle Atzenhoffer	38.88
269	Beatrice Sweet	32.22	359	Edna Marsh	45.60
270	Oneta Leutwyler	35.76	360	Sharon Epting	35.70
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273	Ann Anderson	35.94	362	Mary Lester	46.32
274	Maxine Greer	34.56	363	Frances Haskins	44.34
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276	Ruth Donaho	25.20	365	Thelma Matthews	46.50
277	Nellie Webb	23.88	366	Luella Bricker	33.60
278	Mary Alberts	36.42	367	Viola Flwler	48.66
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280	Barbara Gary	16.44	370	Hazel King	46.68
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285	Ruth Logan	41.88	372	Marie Moore	31.38
289	Mabel Kendall	29.04	373	Martha Frantz	45.54
290	Madeline Collins	47.76	374	Catherine McCord	37.08
292	Dee Salyer	45.30	376	Laura Walker	44.52
294	June Fisher	36.54	378	Nettie Lee James	26.28
295	Verna Taylor	34.92	379	Ruth McBride	33.96
296	Lenora Clay	45.30	380	Druessella Pool	36.00
297	Frances Nicks	34.26	382	Georgia Buzbie	44.94
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300	Eunice Duty	41.04	384	Jimmie Kelly	33.60
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314	Dorothy Harrell	43.20	393	Alice Arnold	40.50
315	Marie Weir	41.52	394	Gladys Kalil	35.28
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319	Dorothy Kissenger	38.58	400	Jo Griffith	33.60
321	Delia Dusek	44.52	401	Geraldine Nardin	41.10
325	Joy W. Kee	42.18	402	Hazel Bassett	30.00
326	Mable Souther	32.82	403	Irene Barnhill	37.38

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408	Rachel McMullen	35.28	483	Pauline Haussner	49.14
409	Marilyn Bolton	38.40	484	Cathy Atnip	37.08
410	Corine Clayton	44.52	485	Lillian Cozby	36.84
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412	Carmel Jones	37.08	487	Lleta Lightfoot	36.30
413	Freda Simmons	38.46	488	Faye Bales	16.86
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418	Gertrude Green	47.16	495	Louraine Williams	43.32
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443	Barbara Grosvenor	37.08	526	Iva Jennings	31.74
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451	Earline Fife	37.08	531	Joyce Champion	35.88
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455	Barbara Russell	24.72	536	Betty Gunnin	37.08
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726	Elizabeth Raiza	39.84	949	Patricia Neinast	44.34
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729	Janis Post	44.52	954	Earl G. Manning	35.94
730	Montie Malone	45.30	955	Charles Bairfield	28.02
731	June Coleman	46.02	956	Edwin L. Sharpe	37.08
733	Ruth Morris	46.44	957	R. O. Fuqua	23.94
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747	Myrtle Coleman	44.16	973	C. L. Pribble	35.28
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753	Lillian Lindsey	25.44	976	Jackie Huffhines	37.08
754	Irene R. Randell	49.80	977	Rachel Jones	28.20
755	Dorothea Wright	34.56	978	Charles H. Allen	39.36
901	Perry Smithwick	35.28	979	W.M. Taylor Hood	49.14
903	Murray Watson	38.58	980	Earnestine Porter	35.28
904	Agnes Lee Howard	27.96	981	Modgie Hudson	33.60
905	Jettie Hinton	46.02	982	Marjorie Johnson	37.08
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933	Lois Burnett	35.28	1006	Norma Fisher	26.34
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1038	Hattie Filippone	33.60	1081	Lola Wallace	35.28
1041	Jeania Graham	46.68	1082	Sarah V. Coursey	37.08
1042	J. E. Johnston	37.08	1083	Elsie Abernathy	24.84
1043	Electa Lowery	35.28	1084	Sarah E. Moran	36.84
1044	Dorotha Burnett	49.14	1085	Lula M. Matthews	47.34
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1060	Lois Howell	20.58	1101	Potsy Sawyer	36.06
1062	Oliver Chamberlin	33.60	1103	Claribel Kendall	35.28
1063	Johnnie Benson	35.28	1104	Helen Dobbins	37.08
1064	Mary Steinmetz	37.08			

**Worthy Grand Matron:** I recognize the Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, Sister Opal Ramsey.

## REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

**Mrs. Opal Ramsey:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and members of Grand Chapter.

It is my happy privilege to present the other members of the By-Laws Committee — Sister Alma Carter and Sister Miriam York.

Worthy Grand Matron, this has been a year of learning experiences as well as a time of service. We thank you for this opportunity to serve with you. You have been most gracious at all times and we appreciate your willing assistance.

The names of the Chapters whose By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws have been approved by the Committee and by the Worthy Grand Matron have been made available to you in the Advance Report and will not be read. These, together with the ones contained in this supplemental list, will require this Grand Chapter's approval.

FULL CODE OF BY-LAWS APPROVED  
Iowa Park No. 42

**AMENDMENTS REJECTED \* NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Indian Creek No. 255  
Hitchcock No. 1085

**CHAPTERS MAKING MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR BY-LAWS CHANGE**

Iowa Park No. 42  
Port Arthur No. 262

**AMENDMENTS REJECTED \* NON-CONFORMITY**

Indian Creek No. 255

**AMENDMENTS APPROVED**

Plano No. 703  
Center No. 348  
Mertzon No. 251  
Rockport No. 479  
Vega No. 528  
San Antonio No. 3

Jacksboro No. 390  
Houston No. 385  
Lucinda Conner No. 1006  
Spring Branch No. 984  
Highland Hills No. 1075

We have inspected and approved the By-Laws of Amistad Chapter U. D. and Lonnie L. Blake Chapter U. D. We are indebted to the Worthy Grand Patron for guidance in handling the By-Laws of these Chapters U. D.

The assistance of the Grand Secretary is deeply appreciated.

The \$100.00 received for expenses at the beginning of the year has been used for postage, telephone calls and supplies not furnished by Grand Chapter.

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

**Worthy Grand Matron:** You have heard the motion to adopt the Report of the By-Laws Committee. I have a second. Is there any discussion? All in favor of adopting the Report of the By-Laws Committee will let it be known by saying "aye". "Aye." Opposed, "No". The Report is adopted.

I recognize the Chairman of ESTARL Committee for the adoption of the beautiful ESTARL Service that was presented to us Sunday. Mrs. Mary Louise Williams.

## **REPORT OF ESTARL COMMITTEE**

**Mrs. Mary Louise Williams:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers of Grand Chapter, We, the members of your ESTARL Committee by virtue of our interest and concern of the Order and the investments in the future in a world that calls for strong Christian leadership, express our appreciation for the privilege granted us in encouraging and assisting the youth in their plans to dedicate their lives to full-time religious leadership. It is with pleasure that I present the members of the ESTARL Committee:

Mrs. Blanche E. Wilson, District One  
Mrs. Margaret B. Crum, District Two  
Mrs. Merlyn D. McArdle, District Three  
Mrs. Dickie Jane Calame, District Four  
Mrs. Pauline Perkins, District Five

Of the fifty-eight scholarships granted last year, five of our Recipients were unable to return for the Spring Semester for acceptable reasons.

Operation of this Committee is a great responsibility and yet rewarding. The General Chairman's correspondence alone amounted to more than seven hundred mailings and this does not include the telephone calls.

On Easter Sunday afternoon, the ESTARL Committee under the direction of Mrs. Blanche E. Wilson, District One Chairman, entertained the members of the O.E.S. Home. Lovely hand-painted ceramic eggs and a monetary gift were presented to each member of the Home. The members of Oak Cliff Chapter No. 303 furnished the refreshments and provided the music. Rev. Gary Newman, one of our fine ESTARL Recipients, brought a beautiful Easter message. Mrs. Pauline Perkins, District Five Chairman, and your General Chairman were privileged to be present.

The ESTARL Worship Service was held in the Music Hall of the Sam Houston Coliseum, Sunday morning October 22, 1978 at 11:00 with Dr. Harold L. Adams, pastor of the Sherwood Forest Baptist Church in Houston and former pastor of our Worthy Grand Matron, bringing the message. We extend our appreciation to this truly dedicated man of God and to Mrs. Adams for their contribution to our Service. Five of our ESTARL Recipients took part in the Service.

If our Order is to survive, we must remember that our World of tomorrow lies in the power of the young people today. So, to the membership of our Eastern Star Chapters, we lift our hearts in praise as you have made it possible for us to grant SEVENTY ESTARL Scholarships for the year 1978-1979, with the ESTARL Offering (\$1443.91) on Sunday morning. You have demonstrated that true wealth is not measured by how much a man possesses but the contribution he makes in the lives of others.

The following ESTARL Scholarships were awarded:

(Listed in ESTARL Program)

#### ESTARL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

As pointed up in my report, one-half of five ESTARL Scholarships voted last year, for acceptable reasons, were unused. It is my belief that such sums should be available to the committee for assistance to other applicants.

It has further been my observation that a completely new committee is greatly handicapped in the operation of the committee. Great sums of money are available to this committee to be dispersed according to their best judgment. Persons with prior service on the committee would enhance its effectiveness and be better qualified to direct the work of the committee to the best interest of Grand Chapter. Some knowledge of University requirements (such as interpreting transcripts, et cetera) would be beneficial.

This committee is further handicapped in that no directorate has ever been set forth in our laws of Grand Chapter concerning this committee. Operation has been governed by precedent.

Therefore be it recommended that: Chapter 10, Article 162-G which reads:

**ESTARL COMMITTEE:** Shall consist of six members to be appointed annually by the Worthy Grand Matron, one from each of the five districts, and one General Chairman.

be amended to read:

1. The Committee shall consist of six members, one from each District and a General Chairman. Their terms shall be two years with three members retiring each year, this number including the General Chairman. The first committee shall draw for their terms with the General Chairman being one of the three to retire.

That the following be added to the Code of Laws for the Grand Chapter

2. SCHOLARSHIPS shall be in the sum of:
  - a. \$450.00 each for Degrees that are Religious oriented, provided that no student in his/her first year of college shall be eligible.
  - b. \$700.00 each for students working on their doctorate
3. Money contributed by our membership designated for ESTARL should not be available for any other purpose.
4. Any money made available by "drop-out" students of unused ESTARL Funds shall remain in the ESTARL account. If drop-out occurs at mid-term, such Fund shall be available to the then serving committee.
5. REQUIREMENTS FOR ESTARL SCHOLARSHIPS:
  - a. Applicant must be taking a minimum of 12 hrs. or its equivalent in a religious oriented course. Some colleges or seminaries require field work as a part of the requirement.
  - b. Three Forms must be completed and returned to the Committee no later than July 24.
    - (1) BLUE Form — completed by applicant and include a transcript of credits.
    - (2) YELLOW Form — recommendation of Pastor
    - (3) PINK Form — recommendation of ESTARL investigating committee of an Eastern Star Chapter in Texas.
    - (4) Applicant's permanent address must be listed as Texas or be a native Texan.
6. DUTIES
  - a. Administrative responsibility -- to receive and screen all applications for ESTARL Scholarships.
  - b. Responsible for ESTARL Service at Grand Chapter.
  - c. Mail checks to the college or seminary to apply to the credit of the Recipient. A transcript of credit is required before issuing a check. Scholarship checks are to be paid in two equal installments — one for the Fall Semester and one for the Spring Semester.
  - d. Make final report to Grand Chapter.

Mary Louise Williams  
 Blanche E. Wilson  
 Margaret B. Crum

Merlyn D. McArdle  
 Dickie Jane Calame  
 Pauline Perkins

Worthy Grand Matron, the ESTARL Committee moves that the recommendations be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for referral back to Grand Chapter for action and that the balance of our Report be accepted.

Worthy Grand Matron: You have heard the motion that the recommendation of this Committee be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for referral back to Grand Chapter for action and that the balance of the Report be accepted. Now, I feel we should separate these two. Is that agreeable with you? This is agreeable with the Chairman of the Committee and I know all of you who attended the ESTARL Service on Sunday

morning were as inspired as I by the beautiful music, by the manner in which the services were presented to us, by the spoken word from God's book. Sister Mary Louise and your Committee, thank you sincerely for the beautiful work you did in preparing that ESTARL service for us.

**Mary Louise Williams:** I move the adoption of the Report as presented.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** We have a motion and a second to adopt the Report of the ESTARL Committee as presented to you in the service on Sunday morning and this Report by Sister Mary Louise, that does not include the recommendations, that is just the acceptance of her Report of the work during this year. I have a second. Is there any discussion? There being none, we will proceed to vote. All in favor of accepting the Report of the ESTARL Committee, with the exception of the recommendations, will let it be known by saying "aye". "Aye" All opposed, the same sign. The Report is accepted.

Now, we will take the recommendations to refer it to the Jurisprudence Committee.

**Mrs. Mary Louise Williams:** Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the recommendations be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for referral back to Grand Chapter for action.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** All right, we have a motion and a second that the recommendations of the ESTARL Committee be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for referral back to Grand Chapter for action. Is there any discussion? We will proceed to vote. All in favor of the motion to refer the recommendations to the Jurisprudence Committee for referral back to Grand Chapter for action, let it be known by saying "aye". "Aye". All opposed, the same sign. The recommendations will be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** I recognize the Chairman of the Music Committee, Brother Gary Pemberton.

## REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

**Mr. Gary Pemberton:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, we, the members of the Music Committee, thank you for the honor of serving on this committee. Our work consisted of selling copies of the beautiful "Hand in Hand" march and sponsoring musical programs for the benefit of the Home Endowment Fund.

I would like to recognize the District Chairmen at this time. They are: Sister Rose Cunningham, District 1; Sister Johnnie Burgess, District 2; Sister Mildred Priddy, District 3; Sister Shirley Hodgkinson, District 4; and Sister Edith Head, District 5.

We report the following money from the sale of music:

Grand Chapter Sales (1977)	\$1,452.00
District I	348.46
District II	164.00
District III	567.00
District IV	508.00
District V	766.00
Total Music Sales	\$3,805.46

Musical benefit programs were reported in the following Districts:

District III .....	70.50
District IV .....	950.00
District V .....	<u>327.83</u>
Total Money from Programs .....	\$1,348.33

The members of the Music Committee gave a "Love Gift" donation to the Home Endowment Fund in honor of our Worthy Grand Matron in the amount of:

	<u>125.00</u>
TOTAL MONEY RAISED .....	\$5,278.79

All money raised was given to the Home Endowment Fund. To this Report I would like to add a sincere word of thanks to my District Chairmen and all my committee members. These people shouldered the bulk of the committee's work.

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

**Worthy Grand Matron:** You have heard the motion — I have a second — that the report of the Music Committee as presented be approved. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor of accepting the report of the Music Committee, let it be known by saying "aye". "Aye". Opposed, the same sign. The report is adopted. Thank you, Brother Gary Pemberton, for the fine work your Committee has done in adding to the funds to be used in Home Endowment.

We have now completed all of our Reports that were scheduled for last evening and this morning. Worthy Grand Patron, I am going to invite you to preside for the legislation.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. The chair now recognizes the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee for report.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Thank you very much, Worthy Grand Patron. Can you hear me? Can the membership hear now?

Worthy Grand Patron, the Jurisprudence Committee is ready for reporting. With your indulgence, I ask to introduce to this Assembly members of this Committee:

For District 1, Mr. Marvin Chandler; I'm representing District 2. District 3, Mr. Richard Porter. For District 4, Mrs. Ruby Enloe. For District 5, Mrs. Katherine Poulis.

## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON DISTRIBUTION

Worthy Grand Patron, this is the Jurisprudence Committee report on distribution. In conformity with the provisions of our Code of Laws governing Grand Chapter relating to the duties of the Jurisprudence Committee, we recommend that the matters contained in the Annual Report for the Grand Officers be distributed as follows:

1. To the members of this Grand Chapter
  - (a) All matters contained within said reports.
2. To the Board of Grand Trustees.
  - (a) The report of the Grand Secretary on pages 61 through 83.
  - (b) The report of the Grand Treasurer on pages 59-61.
  - (c) The report of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences on pages 83 and 85.



3. To the By-Laws Committee.
  - (a) The By-Laws amendments as contained in the Worthy Grand Matron's report on page 46.
4. To the Committee on Chapters under Dispensation.
  - (a) That part of the Worthy Grand Patron's report on new chapters instituted on pages 53 and 54.
5. The Jurisprudence Committee.
  - (a) All those matters contained in reports specifically assigned to the Jurisprudence Committee by Chapter 10, Article 156, of the Code of Laws for the government of Grand Chapter.

Signed by all members of the Committee.

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

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the motion for the adoption of the report. Is there a second? Chair hears a second. Is there any discussion? Ready for the question. All in favor of the adoption of the Jurisprudence Committee report, please say aye. "Aye". All opposed. Report is adopted.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, the Jurisprudence Committee is ready to report on unfinished business. Sisters and Brothers, may we point out before we begin our legislation that we are prepared to, more or less, roll with the jurisprudence that has been presented in this Grand Chapter Session. For this reason we are going to continue, and immediately after lunch, we will pick up and go on. You might want to schedule your lunch accordingly.

Jurisprudence Committee report on unfinished business. At the Annual Session of Grand Chapter held October 1977 in El Paso, four amendments to the Constitution were presented and passed on first hearing. Article 14, Section 1 (2), Second Hearing states:

- "(2) Second Hearing: At the next annual session it shall be read in full, and, if so ordered, amended or added thereto, and then voted on by members and Chapters taken separately, and if a majority of the members present and a majority of the Chapters represented vote in its favor, the amendment shall be recorded as part of this Constitution, and shall become effective from and after the adjournment of that session of Grand Chapter."

We will now present to you in numerical sequence the four resolutions to amend the Constitution, which are due second hearing. They are printed in back of the Annual Reports which were given to you upon registration. If you will follow us, please. By way of clarification, if your Jurisprudence Committee finds the proposed amendment to be in proper and legal form for action of this Grand Chapter, it will so report to Grand Chapter and the amendment will be ready for consideration. In other words, we will read the report, then it is on the floor for your consideration.

Worthy Grand Patron, before we present Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 1 on unfinished business, do you have something to say to the delegation?

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Sisters and Brothers, I would like to ask that you give the chair this indulgence . . . first, that we have 32 amendments to our Constitution and Code of Laws we are going to be considering at this Grand Chapter. In order to speed up the procedure and process of handling this, and, in order that those who have thought enough of these amendments to submit them by signing them, will be glad to come forward and speak for them. I am asking any one who is a proponent of each of these amendments to please come to the front and any one who is an opponent to please

come to the front so that we can speed up the process of the recognition of those who are going to speak both for and against these proposals. If this meets with your permission, then we will proceed with Amendment No. 1 to the Constitution.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Marvin Chandler will read Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 1. We are still on unfinished business.

### AMENDMENT No. 1

**Mr. Marvin Chandler:**

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.

Your Jurisprudence Committee finds this proposed amendment to be in proper form for action of this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Do we have those who would like to speak for Amendment No. 1? (No response.) Do we have any one who would like to speak against Amendment No. 1?

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, just briefly, I will speak in opposition to Amendment No. 1. For the 26 years that I have been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the allegiance of this Grand Chapter to General Grand Chapter has been set out as originally used in our Constitution. Therefore, I can see no reason for reducing our allegiance to the Ritual only, when we do recognize Requirements for Membership, the Landmarks of the Order, the Secret Work, and the Signet. (Applause.)

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Worthy Grand Patron, I, too, feel there is nothing to be served by passing this Amendment as is. You know when we install our Worthy Patron, we say, I present to you the Secret Work and the Diagram of the Labyrinth. The Diagram of the Labyrinth in the fine print, of course, does appear in our Ritual, but the Secret Work does not, and certainly we do pledge our allegiance to General Grand Chapter in the Secret Work as an unwritten part of our Ritual. Those who have to teach it, like our Line Officers . . . some have expressed to me that they find it very helpful to be able to point out to the membership . . . some of them are unaware of the fact . . .

some of our members do not own Rituals . . . that the requirements for membership, the landmarks, do appear in our Ritual and the Signet of our Order does not. I would like to see this defeated. (Applause.)

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Is there any one else who would like to be heard against Amendment No. 1. Is there any one who would like to close in behalf of Amendment No. 1. If not, then we will proceed to close. It has been pointed out to you the Constitution on page 50, Article 14, Section 1 (b) requires that amendments to the Constitution be voted upon at second hearing and that separate votes be taken, first of the membership and second of the Chapters represented, and that a majority of both must approve. Therefore, I'm going to ask that we separate this . . . I'm going to ask first that those who are for Amendment No. 1 amending the Constitution to please stand and remain standing while we take a head check. Would you please stand if you are a member and are for Amendment No. 1. All right. If you are against Amendment No. 1 and you are a member, please stand. Thank you. Amendment No. 1 is defeated by a majority of the members of this Grand Chapter voting and we will not proceed to take a vote of the Chapter representatives.

The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee on Amendment No. 2.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Richard Porter will read Jurisprudence Report No. 2.

## AMENDMENT No. 2

**Mr. Richard T. Porter:**

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.

We, your Jurisprudence Committee find this to be in proper form and ready for the consideration of this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there those who wish to speak for Amendment No. 2? Are there those who wish to speak against Amendment No. 2. If not, then we will proceed to vote. All those who are for the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to our Constitution and who are voting members of this Grand Chapter will please stand. Thank you. All who are opposed who are voting members of this Grand Chapter will please stand. I declare that the majority of the voting members of this Grand Chapter have approved this Amendment. We will now take a vote of the Chapters. All of the Chapters — voting Chapters who are represented here — will they please stand. All right. All who are against Amendment No. 2 who are voting Chapter representatives, please stand. The Chair declares that the vote of the Chapters here represented is in the affirmative. The Chair declares that Amendment No. 2 has been approved by this Grand Chapter on second reading.

The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee to present Amendment No. 3.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Ruby Enloe will read Jurisprudence Report No. 3.

### AMENDMENT No. 3

**Mrs. Ruby Enloe:**

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.

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, find this Amendment in proper and legal form and is ready for the action of this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Thank you, Sister Ruby. The Chair now turns over the gavel to our Worthy Grand Matron to preside.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Would the proponents of Amendment No. 3 like to speak to this second reading of this revision?

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters and Brothers, I offer this Amendment to our Constitution to provide some flexibility to the Board of Trustees in the handling of our funds for the purposes of helping to increase the ability of the membership to give to our Grand Chapter. As presently provided in our Constitution, we do not have the authority written into the law that we can participate in an active estate planning or planned giving, as it is now referred to among our accountants and attorneys, by providing that they may have available to the membership under the rules and regulations of the Internal Revenue Code as provided in the Internal Revenue

Code, pooled income fund trust, charitable remainder annuity trust, and charitable annuity trust. These are provided in the Amendment. This is not mandatory, it is only permitting the Board of Grand Trustees to set these up within a bank or a trust company within our State. I move the adoption of this Amendment to our Constitution.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Are there other proponents to this Amendment that would like to be heard? Are there opponents that would like to be heard on this? Then we will proceed to vote. First, by voting delegates — all in favor of adopting Amendment No. 3, please rise. Thank you. All opposed will rise. Amendment No. 3 has been adopted by the voting delegates. Now, we will proceed to vote by Chapter representatives as we must have a majority vote of both. Will the Chapter representatives who are in favor of adopting Amendment No. 3 please rise. Thank you, Those opposed, will you rise, please. Amendment No. 3 is adopted.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you members of the Jurisprudence Committee, and thank you, my Sisters and Brothers, for providing this flexibility within our Constitution. The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee for Amendment No. 4.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Katherine Poulis will read Jurisprudence Committee report No. 4.

#### AMENDMENT No. 4

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:**

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.

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, find this Amendment in proper form for action of this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are those present who would like to speak for Amendment No. 4? Are there those present who would like to speak against Amendment No. 4?

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, I am really neither for nor against this Amendment "per se". I can see no reason for it, and I would recommend that we defeat this resolution and save some type settings and set up on our Constitution and Laws.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there others who wish to be heard for or against Amendment No. 4? Are you ready for the question? Would the voting members of this Grand Chapter who are in favor of Amendment No. 4 please stand. All those opposed to Amendment No. 4 please stand. It is the eye of the Chair that the majority of the members present who are voting are not in favor of Amendment No. 4; therefore, we

will not proceed to the voting of the Chapters. The Chair recognizes the Jurisprudence Committee.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, that completes Jurisprudence Committee reports on unfinished business. We have six new resolutions proposed for the purpose of amending the Constitution. So that the delegates may be reminded of the manner in which our Constitution is amended I will read Article 14, 1 (1) First Hearing as set out by the Constitution governing our Grand Chapter.

“(1) First Hearing: The amendment proposed must be presented at an annual session, and, after being heard, discussed, and, if so ordered, amended in writing; and if it is then approved by a majority of the votes present, it shall be entered on record and printed in the Proceedings as amended.”

Worthy Grand Patron, I will read Jurisprudence Committee report No. 5.

## AMENDMENT No. 5

### ARTICLE V

#### GRAND OFFICERS AND OFFICERS OF GRAND CHAPTER

Article V, Section 3, Page 38. ELIGIBILITY:

(2) Which now reads:

“All members of this Grand Chapter shall be eligible to any office within its gift, except as otherwise provided by this Constitution.”

**BE DELETED IN ITS ENTIRETY AND THE FOLLOWING  
SUBSTITUTED IN LIEU THEREOF:**

(2) All members of this Grand Chapter will be eligible to any office within its gift, except that no one shall be eligible to election unless the member's name, the name and number of his or her Chapter, his or her Grand Chapter service record and the office for which the member shall be nominated, together with a picture of nominee, is filed with the Grand Secretary prior to July 1 each year. Such information shall be published in the August 'Official Bulletin — Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star' and also shall be mailed to each Chapter in conjunction with the mailing of proposed amendments under the 60-day rule.

Worthy Grand Patron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this in proper and legal form and ready for action by the Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there those present who would like to speak for Amendment No. 5? Is any one present who would like to speak against Amendment No. 5?

**Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard:** Worthy Grand Patron, in the present form that this resolution is presented, I would like to point out one item— that is, the fact that no provisions are made for the expense, other than Grand Chapter, I assume, would pay it. Now, if the membership wants to pay \$10 per year for the Bulletin, it might be it could be swung; I do not know. But the main thing I am speaking about is, as it is now presented, unless an amendment listed, should some one come to Grand Chapter to be a candidate and they have complied with this — this person has complied — with this requirement, that would mean prior to July 8 — that's pretty early, you know, to make the August Bulletin, you would come prepared and you would find that for some reason — maybe you are ill — maybe you've moved away — maybe you've changed your mind — maybe you've got smart — I don't know, but do you realize that no one could be elected in that office? Now think about that, Sisters and Brothers, maybe it needs an amendment — you couldn't have an election.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there others who wish to speak for or against Amendment No. 5?

**Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus:** Worthy Grand Patron, I wish to speak against this Amendment. Our Constitution stipulates that we have certain restrictions. If this Amendment should be passed, a deputy of a section could live anywhere, a district deputy could live anywhere, members representing various districts on elective boards could reside at any place. We must respect these restrictions of residence. That is not provided for in this Amendment. I recommend our vote against it.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there others that wish to be heard for or against Amendment No. 5.

**Mr. J. T. Sanders:** Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to speak against this resolution. It, in its wording, notes that the only qualifications for becoming a Grand Officer is a long Grand Chapter record. I believe that there are other qualifications — so, just by the wording of this resolution, it should be defeated, because it denotes the only qualification is a long Grand Chapter record. I urge its defeat.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there others who wish to be heard?

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Worthy Grand Patron, members of this Grand Chapter, I would never vote for this. To begin with, I would hate to see it in our basic Constitution. I believe that the basic Constitution, Sisters and Brothers, should be merely a statement of basic policy. And then your Code of Laws elaborates on that and defines, qualifies, and spells it out for us. But if you put this in the basic Constitution — and we have to keep this in mind with all of our proposals — to keep the basic Constitution as merely a statement of general policy. For example, in a basic Constitution where it says, Meetings of this Grand Chapter shall be held at a time and place prescribed by law. That's basic. Or if you say — a little bit later we will be considering mileage — there is already, or was in the basic Constitution, and still is, one line that said, "mileage shall be prescribed in accordance with our laws." That's all you need in a basic Constitution. Otherwise, it takes two years to change something in our basic Constitution and we become very inflexible. Or, should we decide to eliminate mileage to this Grand Chapter, somebody put in our basic Constitution that mileage to committees will be paid, except the Executive Committee and the Arrangements Committee. So we could right now vote out mileage, for example, to apply to everybody except committees; and it will take two years to do that. That should never have been, you see, in our basic Constitution. That should have been merely spelled out in the Code of Laws, and the basic Constitutional policy that this Grand Chapter can provide mileage in accordance with its laws or the vote of this Grand Chapter was all that was needed to be in the basic Constitution. So, should you want to even consider something like this? I think you've had some good reasons for not going along with this; we must keep in mind that people who propose these make us think, and this is good for Grand Chapter. I am sure that they had good intentions, but there is no point in passing something that is unworkable either, and I think that our Grand Secretary pointed out to you that this would be a very unworkable law, simply because it is too restrictive and it would eliminate the basic policy that is stated in our Constitution that every member of Grand Chapter is eligible to any office except for the qualifications you might find in the Code of Laws. So, if we are going to consider anything like this, I would hate to see it in our basic Constitution, because it is so restrictive. It could go on page 54 of the Code of Laws for Grand Chapter where you'll also find Nomination, Qualifications for office tenure and that sort of thing, but I see nothing to be gained by passing this. I don't think it would be good for Grand Chapter, and I recommend that it not pass.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there others who wish to speak for or against Amendment No. 5? Are you ready for the question? This is on first reading of an Amendment to the Constitution and requires a majority vote of the voting members. All those who are for Amendment No. 5 of the voting delegates, will please stand. All who are opposed of the voting delegates, please stand. Amendment No. 5 is defeated.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** You know, we promised our Music Committee to let each District have a special presentation. Worthy Grand Patron, may we beg your indulgence to have this solo by our Music Committee from District 1? Gary, would you come and announce your number, please.

**Mr. Gary Pemberton:** The Music Committee is very proud to present from District 1, Sister Marijohn Brock. She's a member of Hooks Chapter No. 1031. She's going to sing for us "I'll Tell the World, I want to be a Christian". She'll be accompanied by Sister Rosemary Swetland.

**Mrs. Marijohn Brock:** Thank you. Matthew 10:13 says, "Therefore, everyone who acknowledges me before men has confessed of me." I want to acknowledge Him before My Father, who is in Heaven. That's what I acknowledge this morning. "I'll Tell the World, I want to be a Christian".

(The song was beautifully and impressively sung by Marijohn Brock)

**Worthy Grand Patron:** The Chair recognizes now the Jurisprudence Committee in regard to Amendment No. 6.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Marvin Chandler, will read Jurisprudence Committee report No. 6.

### AMENDMENT No. 6

**Mr. Marvin Chandler:** We, the Jurisprudence Committee have carefully examined resolution No. 6 of the proposed Amendment to the Constitution, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, and find same in legal and proper form to submit to this Grand Chapter for its action, which proposed Amendment reads as follows:

We, the undersigned, respectfully submit the following Proposed Amendment to the Constitution (First Reading):

That ARTICLE IX, SECTION 1, Page 43, COMMITTEES, which now reads:

(11) Welfare

Be amended to read:

(11) Humanitarian

Worthy Grand Patron, your Jurisprudence Committee finds this proposed Amendment to be in legal form and it is submitted for action at this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there those present who wish to speak for Amendment No. 6? The Chair recognizes the Associate Grand Matron.

**Associate Grand Matron:** I would like to speak from the West. Thank you for this privilege. Those of us who signed this proposed amendment wanted to, perhaps, preserve the dignity of our Order. As we know the word "welfare" today, it has some connotations put upon it by many governmental programs, which gives funds, hopefully, to those that need it, but many times to those who, perhaps, are just a little lazy. We in the Order of Eastern Star are proud of our program and we are proud of the good we do for mankind, and we want the world to know that we are human and that we are interested in humanity. Therefore, in changing the name to Humanitarian, we felt it would give our program more meaning and greater depth, showing above everything LOVE for our Sisters and Brothers. Now, since we turned this in and we have the word "Humanitarian" in it, we have discussed the word "Humanitarian" versus the word "Humanities" and the word "Humanitarian" very often is used by theologians and we



found perhaps that the word "Humanities" might better portray the work of the Order of the Eastern Star. Therefore, with the permission and agreement of those who signed this, I would like to propose at this time that we definitely change the word "welfare" and change the word "Humanitarian" to "Humanities". Therefore, I propose, Worthy Grand Patron, that this amendment be accepted and that we do change the word "humanitarian" to "humanities".

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Associate Grand Matron, the Constitution provides in Article 14, Section 1 (1) on first reading, any amendments thereto shall be submitted in writing. Do you have this Amendment in writing?

**Associate Grand Matron:** I do not have that. We have just been discussing it. I will get it in writing if you want me to, and hold it for presentation at a later time, or I can sit down and get it up to you right away.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Well, you will send the Amendment up in writing while we're discussing? Are there others to speak for or against amendment No. 6? Are you ready for the question? Associate Grand Matron, would you spell the wording as you would like to have it, so that we can get it in our official proceedings?

**Associate Grand Matron:** I'm sorry, what was your question?

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Would you spell the wording that you wish to change?

**Associate Grand Matron:** Humanitarian should be changed to Humanities —

**Worthy Grand Patron:** All right, spell it —

**Associate Grand Matron:** H U M A N I T I E S.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You get an "A". Are there others to speak on the Amendment — to Amendment No. 6?

**Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus:** — for clarity. I may be wrong and I stand to be corrected. It has always been my interpretation that the amendment, or proposed amendments to our Constitution and Laws, shall be in writing and presented; and last year we stipulated they be distributed 60-days before Grand Chapter. I have always been under the impression that after they come to the floor of Grand Chapter, they may be amended.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Yes, ma'am.

**Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus:** Am I wrong, or am I right?

**Worthy Grand Patron:** It says "amended in writing" on page 50, Article 14, Section 1, sub-paragraph (1), first reading, "The amendment proposed must be presented at an annual session, and, after being heard, discussed, and, if so ordered, amended in writing; and if it is then approved by a majority of the votes present, it shall be entered on record and printed in the Proceedings as amended."

**Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus:** All right, then, we're going to get the amendment written for you.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Would you send your Page forward with your amendment you've prepared? Are there others who wish to be heard for or against this amendment? Are you ready?

**Associate Grand Matron:** Yes, sir, I have everything . . . as soon as it's signed, we'll have it up there.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Does the Choir have another number they'd like to sing while we are waiting? No, I take that back, they have it. Thank you.

We have the following amendment: "We, the undersigned, respectfully submit the following proposed amendment to the Constitution, first reading — — — —"

Ah, this is not in proper form at this time. I'm going to ask our Associate Grand Matron if she would like to make a motion to postpone this until the afternoon session.

**Associate Grand Matron:** Worthy Grand Patron, I propose that we postpone the action on this proposed amendment until later.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Is there objection? The Chair hears none, so ordered. The Chair recognizes Jurisprudence Committee for amendment No. 7.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. Brother Richard T. Porter will read Jurisprudence Committee report No. 7, and then we will take up Jurisprudence Committee report on amendment No. 6, as amended, immediately after lunch.

**Mr. Richard T. Porter:**

### AMENDMENT No. 7

Page 43. That part of Article IX, Section 1, COMMITTEES, which reads as follows:

- (1). Fraternal Correspondent.
- (2). Credentials.
- (3). By-Laws.
- (4). Chapters Under Dispensation.
- (5). Jurisprudence.
- (6). Grievance and Appeals.
- (7). Transportation and Mileage.
- (8). Education Fund.
- (9). Purposes and Policies.
- (10). Registration.
- (11). Welfare.
- (12). ESTARL.
- (13). Endowment Fund.
- (14). Choir Director.
- (15). International Temple Committee.
- (16). Executive Committee for Grand Chapter Session.
- (17). Committee on Grand Chapter Arrangements.
- (18). Eastern Star Museum Committee.

Be amended to read:

- (1). Fraternal Correspondent.
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- (13). Endowment Fund.

- (14). Choir Director.
- (15). International Temple Committee.
- (16). Executive Committee for Grand Chapter Session.
- (17). Committee on Grand Chapter Arrangements.
- (18). Eastern Star Museum Committee.
- (19). Secretarial Committee.

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, find this in proper form and ready for consideration by this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** are there those present who wish to speak for amendment No. 7?

**Mrs. Gladys Pickett:** Worthy Grand Patron, I'm Gladys Pickett, Past Matron of East Dallas Chapter No. 715, and I wish to speak in favor of this proposed amendment to the Constitution. For many years the Worthy Grand Matron has needed and appointed a Secretarial Committee to assist her with her many duties as may be provided by such a committee. This committee is essential to each Worthy Grand Matron, for without it she would be greatly handicapped in the performance of her duties. As such, we believe the Secretarial Committee should be a Constitutional committee, covering the five district secretaries and secretary-at-large. This particular number being covered in amendment No. 28 for the Code of Laws. This Secretarial committee being constitutionally limited to six people will not limit any future Worthy Grand Matron from having secretarial services such as those which have been provided for our Worthy Grand Matron this year. Any Worthy Grand matron has the prerogative of appointing her own special committees and additional secretarial services can always be provided in this manner. Those of us proposing this amendment believe the five district secretaries and secretary-at-large will always be needed by the Worthy Grand Matron and should be a constitutional committee. I urge each of you to vote in favor of this amendment.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there others who wish to be heard for or against Amendment No. 7. Sister Grand Conductress.

**Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Patron, I am Kathy Johnston, Past Matron of Farmers Branch Chapter No. 687, and I would like to speak in opposition to this committee being made constitutional. By the way it is worded, that particular committee would be limited. If, in the future, a Worthy Grand Matron wished to appoint additional persons to serve as secretaries, as the Worthy Grand Matron has this particular year, I think it should be the prerogative of the Worthy Grand Matron to have that assistance. Furthermore, by adding this as a constitutional committee, there would be that question of paying mileage to Grand Chapter. I think that there are several things at this Grand Chapter session which might be discussed with reference to the mileage; however, I still believe that the Worthy Grand Matron should have the right to appoint those to assist her in a secretarial manner as she so desires.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** are there others who wish to be heard for or against Amendment No. 7? Does any one wish to close on Amendment No. 7?

**Associate Grand Matron:** I would like to agree with our Grand Conductress. I believe that each Associate Grand Matron in planning her year knows the particular need she has. No one of us in line is exactly alike and I, for one, appreciate the privilege of assigning those, as I thought I needed them, and I would like to see that privilege maintained in this very important secretarial committee. Thank you.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there others that wish to be heard on Amendment No. 7? Are you ready for the question? This will again require a majority vote of the members who are voting. I ask those who are for Amendment No. 7, the voting members of this Grand Chapter, to please stand. I ask those who are opposed to

Amendment No. 7, and are voting delegates, to please stand. Amendment No. 7 is defeated. The Chair recognizes the Jurisprudence Committee for consideration of Amendment No. 8.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Ruby Enloe will read Jurisprudence Committee report No. 8

**Mrs. Ruby Enloe:**

### AMENDMENT No. 8

That ARTICLE IX, SECTION 1, Page 43, COMMITTEES, which now reads:

The above Committees authorized by Law will receive Grand Chapter Mileage, with the exception of (16) and (17). Members of the Executive Committee for Grand Chapter Session (16) and the Committee on Grand Chapter Arrangements (17) shall 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.

Be amended to read:

The above Committees authorized by Law will receive Grand Chapter Mileage, with the exception of (16) and (17). Members of the Executive Committee for Grand Chapter Session (16) shall hold membership within the Section in which the Grand Chapter Session at which they are to serve shall be held and the Committee on Grand Chapter Arrangements (17) 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 either (16) or (17).

Worthy Grand Patron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper and legal form and is ready for the action of this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there those present who wish to be heard for or against Amendment No. 8?

**Associate Grand Matron:** The reason we submitted this particular amendment to the Constitution last year in El Paso, we amended the Code of Laws but failed to amend our Constitution. Therefore, we submit this proposal to amend the Constitution to conform with our Code of Laws. We would like to approve this recommendation.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there others for or against Amendment No. 8? Would the voting members of this Grand Chapter who are in favor of Amendment No. 8 please stand. You may be seated. Those who are opposed please stand. Amendment No. 8 is approved on first reading. The Chair recognizes the Jurisprudence Committee in regard to Amendment No. 9.

There are those who say that the mind can absorb only so much as the other extremity can absorb. Therefore, the Chair is ready, I believe, to go to lunch. I return the gavel to the Worthy Grand Matron.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. You know these line officers have their luncheons, and I know they are anxious to get to the luncheons with their girls and men.

Sister Grand Warder, 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 doors will now be closed, please.

(The Session was called from labor to rest at 12:15 P.M.)

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

**October 24, 1978**

**1:45 P.M.**

Musical Selections ..... Mrs. Johnnie Burgess

(As the membership gathered for the Tuesday afternoon session, they enjoyed musical selections rendered by Mrs. Johnnie Burgess)

**PROCESSIONAL**

- Mrs. Doris Easterling, Past Grand Matron  
escorted by Mr. J. B. Easterling
- Rev. O.D. Christian, Past Grand Patron  
escorted by Mrs. Frances Christian
- Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup, Past Grand Matron  
escorted by Mr. Paul Huffhines

**2:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Doris Easterling: Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers. It is a pleasure to greet you as we begin this Tuesday Afternoon Session.

Some one said, "Music is Love in search of a word". We want to express our special thanks to the Musicians who have brought Love to our hearts prior to the beginning of this Session with the beautiful music provided for our enjoyment. Sisters and Brothers, may we show them how much we enjoyed and appreciated their lovely music.

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

(The Grand Officers entered)

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

(Amid applause, they were escorted to the East)

Sisters and Brothers, it is a delightful pleasure for me to introduce to you Sister Mary M. Brown, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Murray Watson, Jr., 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 stations.

(The Officers assumed their stations)

Sisters and Brothers, as we come to this Tuesday Afternoon Session of the "For Love's Sake" Session of our Grand Chapter, we are aware of the importance LOVE plays in the teachings of our Order. Each lesson of our Order teaches us to have Love for one another and Love for God. Kahlil Gibran once said, "When you work with LOVE you bind yourselves to one another and to God." Christ spent most of His time on earth doing kind things for others and making them happy through His service to them. If you will recall some of the happiest moments of your life, more than likely you will find them to be times when you did something in the Spirit of Love, helping another and making his life happier.

Many people think that in order to be happy, one must attain material or worldly goods, but true happiness comes only in giving of ourselves to others. Christ taught, "He that would be great among you, let him serve."

LOVE should be the motivating power behind all our actions. When we serve "For Love's Sake", we do not seek the acclaim of those about us — we serve for no purpose other than because we Love and want to do for others. If our lives can be centered around this idea of serving "For Love's Sake", we will be blessed, indeed, as we serve God and our fellowman.

Brother O. D. Christian, I feel highly honored to share the East with you once again, as I recall the time you stood by my side as we presided over the "Symbols of Freedom Session" just two short years ago. I know you want to speak to our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and the membership of Texas, so we will be happy to hear from you at this time.

**Rev. O. D. Christian:** Thank you, Mrs. Doris Easterling, Past Grand Matron and my own Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Visitors, Grand Chapter Officers, Honorable Membership, and Friends. How pleased and happy I am to be here to help Sister Doris Easterling Open this "For Love's Sake" Session — the 96th Session of Grand Chapter.

I am most grateful for this opportunity that has been afforded me to greet this august body of Eastern Stars. We are enjoying the gracious hospitality of the Houston Chapters that are hosting this the "For Love's Sake" Grand Chapter Session.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, the remaining hours of your year, I trust, will be the conclusion of a most rewarding experience. Your accomplishments speak very commendably of your plans and their fulfillment. I know that you perhaps feel, to some extent, that you have not reached the plateau of crowning success, however, may you remember that our Heavenly Father does not require successfulness, but He does expect faithfulness on our part.

Frances joins me in expressing gratitude for the true friendship that we feel exists between the Browns, Watsons, and ourselves. We certainly feel that the both of you have earned and deserve the love and respect of your Sisters and Brothers.

Now, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, will you join me at the podium. Let me conclude by asking the Heavenly Father to keep showering rich blessings upon the both of you and yours.

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

(Grand Chapter was called from Rest to Labor in Ceremonial Form)

Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup, Past Grand Matron, will bring our Invocation.

## INVOCATION

**Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup:** In calling upon our Heavenly Father for His blessing upon our work during this 96th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, as well as offering our heartfelt thanks for the many blessings received upon us, it is well for us to remember before God the occasions where we have fallen short of our highest ideals, remembering always that it is only as we merit God's blessing that we can prosper in any good thing. Will you please bow your heads with me at this time as we pray.

Jeremiah 14:9 . . . "Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by Thy name; leave us not, O Lord, our God".

Almighty and most merciful Father, we bow in humble submission. Please accept our thanks and our praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole of creation — for the beauty of this world — for the wonder of life — and for the mystery of LOVE. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends and for their loving care which surrounds us at all times.

We thank you for setting us a task which demands our best effort and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy our needs.

Forgive us our sins of omission and commission and grant that those things may please Thee which we do in this Session. Accept our humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving kindness to us during the past year; for all Thy gifts so freely bestowed upon us — for life, health, and safety — for all that is beautiful in the creation in the life of Thy family. We praise and magnify Thy Holy name. Thank you for your son, Jesus Christ — for the truth of His word and the example of His life — for His resurrection through which we are raised to new life.

Grant us the gift of your spirit so that we may know that He is forever in our midst.

Invoke Thy guiding hand in all of the business of this Grand Chapter Session. May Thou permeate all that we do here and Thy peace and harmony prevail. Keep us ever mindful, Heavenly Father, of Thy omnipotent presence and may all that we do tend to Thy Glory. Amen.

**Mrs. Doris Easterling:** I now declare this Tuesday Afternoon Session of the "For Love's Sake" Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, Called from Rest to Labor. Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, as you walked hand-in-hand with the membership of Texas, your lives exemplified the LOVE which you so diligently stressed throughout the year. The two of you have made all Texas proud of your faithful and competent service. I have been proud to boast, Worthy Grand Patron, that you are from my own District 3.

Worthy Grand Matron, in years to come, the membership of Texas shall recall you as one of the outstanding leaders of our Order, and never shall I forget you as the beautiful Grand Conductress who served during the Session over which I presided in 1976. Thank you both for your many courtesies to me this year, and especially for the sweet privilege of Calling to Order this Session, along with my very own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother O. D. Christian. I now present you your gavel.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you, Sister Doris Easterling, our beautiful Past Grand Matron, and the Rev. O. D. Christian, Past Grand Patron, for Calling to Order this Tuesday Afternoon Session.

Sister Doris, it was a privilege for me to serve as your Grand Conductress. Each time I approached the Altar I felt that your prayers were with me and I appreciated the manner in which you were so thoughtful and considerate of my every need. And you know, in addition to being her Grand Conductress, I've always been proud to say that I'm a "Darling", for I served as Worthy Matron of my Chapter when she was Worthy Grand Matron, so we have these two links that have drawn us closer together. Thank you, my dear, for presiding this afternoon. And Brother O. D., we could not ever find a more worthy profession for one we choose as Worthy Grand Patron of our Grand Chapter than that which leads man to accept Christ as his Savior. I was always proud to be associated with your Grand Family, and I guess I could even say I was a Statesman. Thank you for this part this afternoon in opening of our session. Brother Murray, I know you want to speak to these two sweet friends.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Doris and Brother O. D., I have enjoyed a long and true friendship with you both, and I have witnessed your genuine love and concern for the welfare of our Order and its purposes. It is strong and influential members with qualities that are trustworthy, kind, and understanding that add to the beauty of our Order. You have both served our Order with integrity, devotion, and love, and you have given to the membership of Texas your devotion and loyalty, thereby winning the respect and admiration of each and every one of us. Thank you both for Calling this Afternoon Session to Order and being with us and sharing with us today.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** I would also like to express our appreciation to Sister Thelma Joyce Alsup and to Sister Mary Katherine Smith for agreeing to assume the responsibility of lifting our hearts to God in prayer for this Opening.

Are there any Distinguished Members present who have not been introduced? Is Dr. Robert Fitch in the Grand Chapter room?

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron at the Altar. (They were presented)

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Sister Mabel Stark Harle and Brother Earl G. Manning, it is also my delight to welcome you to this, your 96th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Both of you have been instrumental in my early Eastern Star life. Sister Mabel, many years ago when I was in your Section, I was told, "Mabel Harle is the Eastern Star in Section 2." Now, I know you share that with Sister Edna Earl, but this just told of the love, the affection, and respect that the membership of your Section have for you. I am in accord that what they said was true. Mabel is always there when you need her, no matter what the need. Brother Earl G. Manning, when I was serving as Worthy Matron of my Chapter, you came and participated in an initiation, for which I have always been grateful, and I think, perhaps, it was the most beautiful initiation I have ever witnessed, because the one initiated was a close relative.

Brother Earl gave the meaningful scriptural reading as the labyrinth was wound. You endeared yourself to me that night and I shall never forget you for the service you did Lexington Chapter No. 996.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these two illustrious Past Grands to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is with great pride that I introduce to you Sister Mabel Stark Harle, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Earl G. Manning, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join with me in saluting them with Grand Honors.

Sisters and Brothers, we will continue with our legislation. We had a hard time holding that Worthy Grand Patron back! I am sure you realize this is something he enjoys, because legislation is his lifestyle and he appears to be as anxious to get on with the legislation as I know you are. We are going to continue with several amendments and then we'll give you a break and let you witness these beautiful Deputies and District Deputies and Grand Examiners as they give their reports.

Brother Murray, I'm going to invite you to preside for the legislation.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. For the information of those who were here before the recess at lunch, we had a proposition to Amendment No. 6 that was postponed until after lunch. We talked to our Associate Grand Matron and she asked that it not be taken up at this time, but be considered at a later time, so we are not going to by-pass that but are letting you know we will have it in mind and will be getting back to it at the appropriate time. There are a number of items that lay ahead of us to be considered.



I would again request that if you desire to speak for or against any of the amendments, you come forward so that we can get you a microphone and get you properly recognized. On the presentation of amendments, we would ask that you have those ready if you have a floor amendment to offer to one of the amendments — have it, if at all possible, reduced to writing and brought to the front so we can place them in the proper order or sequence. So at this time we'll recognize the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, and ask him to take up Amendment No. 9.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron, the Jurisprudence Committee did work during the lunch hour for the benefit of the voting delegates and, therefore, we would appreciate your consideration and cooperation. We are ready to present Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 9, which will be read by Mrs. Katherine Poulis.

### AMENDMENT No. 9

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Worthy Grand Patron, Members of Grand Chapter, Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 9.

ARTICLE X, Section 1, Page 44, Grand Chapter Sessions and Matters Related Thereto, Stated Sessions:

Now reads:

“The Grand Chapter, except as hereinafter provided, shall meet in one stated session each year, the Ceremonial Opening beginning at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the fourth Monday in October, at such place as the Grand Chapter may select.”

(The rest of Section 1 remains unchanged.)

Be amended to read:

“The Grand Chapter, except as hereinafter provided, shall meet in one stated session each year, the Ceremonial Opening beginning at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the third Saturday in October, and ending midnight of Tuesday after, at such place as the Grand Chapter may select.”

Your Jurisprudence Committee feels that to be in proper form, this should be amended by deleting “and ending midnight of Tuesday after” to conform with some of the laws in the Code of Laws, that state that all business of the Grand Chapter must be transacted before we adjourn and that the installation ceremony follows or does not take place until all business of Grand Chapter has been transacted. We feel that this should be amended in order to be considered.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the explanation that Amendment No. 9 will have to be amended with certain words to be deleted in order to be in proper form not to create a conflict. Do I hear a motion that this be postponed until a later date until it can be placed in proper form to be brought back.

(Sister Mabel Stark Harle so moved and same was seconded)

Is there objection? Hearing none, so ordered.

The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee for explanation of Amendment No. 10.

### AMENDMENT No. 10

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, this is Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 10 covering Amendment No. 10.

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:

- 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 (20¢) to the Benevolent Fund.

(2) Such other fees, penalties and assessments as are or may be prescribed by law.”

Be amended to read:

“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 Three Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$3.60), this sum to be divided as follows:

- a. One Dollar and Seventy Cents (\$1.70) to the General Fund.
- b. One Dollar and Seventy Cents (\$1.70) to the O.E.S. Home Fund.
- c. Twenty Cents (20¢) to the Benevolent Fund.

(2) Such other fees, penalties and assessments as are or may be prescribed by law.”

Worthy Grand Patron, the Jurisprudence Committee has examined this proposed amendment and finds same to be in legal and proper form to present to this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the reading of Amendment No. 10. Are there those here who wish to speak for Amendment No. 10, which amends Article XI, Section 2, dealing with revenue?

**Associate Grand Matron:** Worthy Grand Patron —

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Associate Grand Matron —

**Associate Grand Matron:** In behalf of this Amendment, we come back every year to discuss money, just as we do in our homes, because of spiraling costs. Every one knows what has happened to every facet of our living — in our work and our homes. We tried very hard this year in a concerted effort to endow the Home. We know we were talking in terms of millions. We have made a giant step, and I commend those who worked so hard to raise the huge amount we did, but we have not endowed the Home; therefore, we are still working on endowing the Home. Thus, we need the funds in administration, in maintenance, and in our Home fund. We do not like to stress money. I don't like to go to the grocery store and pay four times what I used to pay, but it is necessary. As long as we are working toward the goal of endowing the Home, we have to have the funds now, today, to take care of the spiraling costs. Perhaps we could be thinking of that if we could have this higher rate now, for a few years, it will balance out what we're doing plus save for the future. And this is our thinking in proposing a per capita tax at this time while we have the momentum in gathering funds, and see if we can't work a little harder toward saving money and making money at the same time, to take care of the Home, our administration costs, and what we, the Order, must do. Thank you.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there others that wish to be heard for or against Amendment No. 10? While this gentleman is coming to the mike, are there others who wish to be heard?

**Mr. Wayne Gettis:** Worthy Grand Patron, I am Wayne Gettis, Past Patron of Seagoville Chapter No. 697. I appreciate what these people are thinking. They are trying to endow the home, but also I am thinking of small chapters. I am a member of one — we have people who are living on fixed incomes — with these high prices it is hard for them to make ends meet. Fixed incomes have not gone up. In our small Chapter, if we take one more dollar out of what we get, then we will have that much less left to operate our Chapter. Our Chapter keeps \$1.30 out of our dues to operate on. If we are left with 30c, that's pretty close, and, if we try to go up on our dues we have people with fixed incomes that one dollar would hurt them. So I say, let's keep our membership — not lose them — and try to curtail some of the things we do. We can do it, but in another way, rather than penalize the small chapters and our elderly people who live on fixed incomes.

**Past Matron of Iowa Park Chapter No. 42:** I am opposed to the amendment for the same reasons this fellow stated. The membership is mostly senior citizens and they are on fixed incomes, they do not get the raises in income that the working people do and I feel that by increasing the per capita we will have to increase our dues in order to meet our Chapter expenses and this may not seem like a whole lot, but when a senior citizen gets ready to pay his dues at the beginning of each year, an extra dollar may seem like a lot to them. I feel like we can increase our support of the Eastern Star Home by cutting down on some of the expenses that are incurred in our Grand Chapter each year.

**A Brother:** Worthy Grand Patron, I'll say this "so may it ever be". Had I known that you good people were going to speak on it, I wouldn't have had to make that long journey down the stairs. I would like to say to Sister Rennie, my dear friend, I understand her position. But the subordinate chapters are faced with the inflation problem as much as Grand Chapter is, and Grand Chapter is the members of the Subordinate Chapters. We each, of course, are for the charitable and benevolent purposes and we in our Chapters, which are a part of Grand Chapter, in our Cities and our homes are supporting charities. We do a lot of charitable and benevolent work, but our people are on fixed incomes and old like me. We have refrained from increasing the dues in our Subordinate Chapters because of those on Social Security and retirement. We are the second or third largest Chapter in San Antonio — I mean not the largest but the oldest — we're not near the largest. Our dues are just \$5 a year. If we pass this, that leaves us \$1.40 a year to operate on. Of course, we have our annual benefit funds for the Eastern Star Home, and I'd like to say our Subordinate Chapter and Chapters in smaller towns have had a decline for the past several years in membership, and now these Chapters will have to demise if we continue to burden them. Thank you, God bless you.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Thank you. I recognize the lady in the North.

**Past Matron:** Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to say that I, too, am on a fixed income, but I am for raising the per capita tax one hundred percent. To try to run the Eastern Star Home on \$2 per member, we can't do it with the economy like it is. Sisters and Brothers, open up your hearts and let's give the \$3.60 that the Grand Chapter is asking for. Thank you.

**Annie May Adam:** I am Annie May Adam, a Past Matron of Ransford Chapter No. 135. The purpose of this organization — think of what it is — what is one penny a day to us for the good that it will do. We need it to run the Home.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there others who wish to speak either for or against this amendment? Mr. Paul Fitch.

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** Worthy Grand Patron, I am Paul Fitch, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees. And when we present our budget in a little while, we're going to have

question marks as to how to pay it. Let me go back, now, and I appreciate what you brothers have said. The first brother talked about the endowment of the Home. This is not the endowment of the Home. Another brother followed suit, almost, and I can agree with those that are retired and on a fixed income, but this is not the Federal Government. We have no way to continue on by creating more monies from some source, especially since we have no source except per capita.

Let me start now and let you know that with approximately 120,000 people in our membership, at only \$1 for the general fund, that is only \$120,000. We need \$200,000.00. Where is it coming from? I ask you that? Think seriously, please.

We go to the Home fund — \$600,000.00. And every effort has been made that is possibly within the minds of that organization. I would not trade this job I have — it is most secure in comparison with Miss Patsy Sawyer's. What a job that dear lady has every day balancing dollars. If we didn't have many organizations that give freely to the Home, we'd have been bankrupt long ago, or we would have had another assessment — or we would have faced this situation a few years prior to now.

We're asking for \$1 only. We can't turn around the block today without paying a \$1. Cigarettes are sixty to seventy-five cents. We think of 365 days. I'm sure that there are ways that those chapters who have a hard time of making their expenses today can support \$1.

Now, let me just stop for a moment and see what opposition we have at this point. Remember the budget is already larger than our income. Does any one care to give me some explanations of your thinking, please? For or against.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have the floor at this time. I mean, Brother Paul, you have the floor and we're not going to debate. Do you wish to close. Anything else? The Chair recognizes the lady in the West.

**Mrs. Josephine Turner:** Worthy Grand Patron, I am Josephine Turner, Past Matron of Mary Martha Chapter No. 981, Conroe, Texas, having served many years as the Secretary of that Chapter. It would only be raising dues \$1 a year, which is about eight cents a month. Now, we have a small Chapter, too, and if I can pay eight cents more a month, any member in this auditorium is able to pay eight cents a month! I say we should raise our per capita dues.

**Mrs. Janey Lindsey:** Worthy Grand Patron, I am from a small Chapter also, and I also am young — to which probably some of you will say that I don't know anything about these sort of things — but I can't imagine people today considering \$1 a year more — if we just didn't go to the Post Office, just the gas, if we didn't buy a hamburger, if any thing — and then to get up and say that \$1 is going to be the difference between our Chapter folding or not folding! We can have a bake sale at our Chapter, which is very small our Chapter is, maybe, 150 members, and we're scattered out all over everything, and we have maybe 5 or 6 that make cakes. We can make \$75 or \$80 in one cake sale, and I can't believe that we can't have \$1 to give to the women in the Home in the Eastern Star!

We talk about the decorations — you always hear people talking about the decorations — I think we do go to too much expense sometimes — but how many of us would come to Grand Chapter if it wasn't pretty. I really and truly think that is one of the main reasons we come. If everything was cut down to where nothing was pretty, I don't think we'd enjoy coming.

I think I'm probably one of few out of you here — I don't know how many dresses are ordered every year, but I'm going to say probably two thousand dresses are ordered — we're talking about probably \$60 a dress and we're talking about not having a \$1 to spend, when all of us can afford to come and pay \$40 to \$50 a night for a hotel room! I'd be more than willing to pay for the few we have in our Chapter that can't afford the \$1

extra, and if I would pay it out of my own pocket, it probably wouldn't cost me \$2 a year! And I think there are enough people in here that could afford to — if there are some in your Chapter that absolutely could not afford it — and would pay it.

I feel very strongly on this and I realize from the people's response that I'm in the minority, but I do feel very strongly on this and I think people should give more thought to how much we waste every day! Thank you.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** The Chair recognizes the gentlemen in the North.

**Brother Member in the North:** As Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee — last year it cost \$1800 to pay our bills in our small chapter. We get \$8 dues and we get to keep \$860.00. We have to raise \$900. We have our bazaar, we have a spaghetti supper, any kind of donations, silver drills it's getting ridiculous. If we take another \$1 out of our dues, we'll have to raise \$1,000. We're very limited by Grand Chapter rules and regulations on how we can raise money to support our chapter — we are very restricted. If we were allowed more ways. A community with a volunteer fire department can sell chances on a half a beef for \$1 and raise \$1,000 or \$1,500, but we can't. You won't let us do that. We got to buy spaghetti, we got to put a dollar on a plate and get 200 members of a sister chapter to come over and buy our spaghetti.

It's a shame the discussion about the monies we'll need to run the Grand Chapter amendment didn't come after they talked about the budget. We'd like to hear the budget. We know its higher. This year we'd like some explanation why it costs \$650,000 to run the Home. Why it costs Grand Chapter \$600,000 and some dollars. Maybe we do need that much budget, but we just can't take it out of the hides of the little bitty chapters that are about to go under.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** The Chair recognizes Brother Taylor Hood.

**Mr. Taylor Hood:** I am Taylor Hood, Past Patron of Beaumont Chapter No. 71, and present Vice Chairman of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences. If I hadn't come up here at this time and talked in favor of this amendment, I don't think I could have gone home to my Chapter. I respect very much the opinions of those that are opposed, and I say I think we have a right to be against it as well as any one has the right to be for it.

At the beginning of the Masonic year — I might add also here that I am on Social Security and on a fixed income — at the beginning of the year, my Lodge asked for a \$10 raise from \$20 to \$30, and I voted for it because we needed it. Inflation has gotten to the point where we are in dire circumstances and we'd better do something. I won't stand here and quote you figures; you can get those by asking for them. But what made me, more or less, for this amendment — we moved into the Eastern Star Home in 1925 or '29, we moved into the Eastern Star Home and started living there. You and I and those who've gone before accepted a responsibility to see that our Sisters are taken care of. Now Sisters and Brothers, I am not telling you how to vote. All I ask you to do is take this responsibility. We'll agree that inflation has made it hard for every one. You can't cut anything, hardly. So Sisters and Brothers, that is all that I have to say. We have a responsibility. Are we going to walk on the other side of the road and just look, or are we going to carry on our responsibilities that we took in 1925 or '27, whenever it was we moved into the Home? Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** The Chair recognizes the Past Grand Matron, Sister Frances Key Herrin.

**Mrs. Frances Key Herrin:** Worthy Grand Patron, I am Frances Key Herrin, Past Matron of Capitol Chapter No. 803, Austin I understand my Brother's thinking in that we do support each other's spaghetti suppers or whatever and, whether or not we go, we make a donation to that particular project they have. In my section a few years ago, we had a chapter to demise as they were unable to meet their expenses. Just recently,

we had another chapter — with four and five generations of members — who could no longer support their chapter. It's a very small town, no members to draw from, no new Masonic members to draw from, and the older members simply could not serve over and over and over again. So, I am not particularly opposed to this, so far as I am personally concerned, but I am concerned for the small chapters of our State.

And, really my question, Worthy Grand Patron, is, I would like to know what happened to the approximate \$60,000 — ah, \$59,000 assessment raised a couple of years ago. I understand that money was never used in any way. So, I think that we should put it to work — if it's out drawing interest fine, let's take it out and put it in the general fund, if the general fund needs it and I grant you it does. And I think the Home Fund needs it; it has suffered this year. So, Worthy Grand Patron, I agree with the members of the small chapters — that it is a hardship on them, those that live on a fixed income. One Dollar may not seem very much to you and your committee and to many others and we're not required, you know, to buy a \$12.50 ticket to a banquet like a lot of other things we do because we want to. This does not concern our Chapter, this is a personal thing. Thank you.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there others who wish to speak for or against Amendment No. 10. I recognize the gentleman in the north.

**Stanley F. Smith, Jr.:** I am a Past Patron of a Chapter in El Paso. There has been so much said and, on the whole, so well said, that there is no need for anything else to be said. Let's go over this. Seventy cents (70c) to the General Fund and thirty cents (30c) to the Home Fund. I am from a very small Chapter. We can survive a one dollar increase. I would be for it, if you will assure me that the entirety of this \$1 will go to the Home and nothing but the Home.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** The Chair recognizes the lady in the north.

**Mrs. Agnes Mathews:** Worthy Grand Patron, I'm Agnes Mathews, Past Matron of Ingleside Chapter No. 1037. I was secretary for seven years past and I'm a Charter member. For three years we went in the red and just the last year or so we've raised our dues to \$15. At first our dues were \$4.50. Well, we went in the red every year, as I said. I think it's something to think about. I believe with all my heart that we should think about raising the per capita tax. Thank you.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** The Chair now recognizes Brother Perry Smithwick.

**Mr. Perry Smithwick:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. I do not question the fact the cost of living is going up each and every day — it is for me; it is for you; and it is for the Grand Chapter of Texas. I know that it is difficult for us to carry on the work in the Grand Chapter of Texas at times, but all the conversation here this afternoon has me thoroughly confused.

At the close of the 1975-1976 year, there was in the general budget \$197,000 that was taken in from the last raise that we asked this assembly to grant Grand Chapter. I know, because I was the one that asked for it. We made you a solemn pledge at that time that as the Board of Trustees, we would hold in reserve any unneeded money until such time as it was needed. In 1976 at Grand Chapter in Fort Worth I questioned where that money was. I was told it was invested and the revenue therefrom was being used to help operate the General Fund. Sisters and Brothers, this is well and good. We need an Endowment Fund in each one of our funds to help us pay what we cannot afford. Brother Paul Fitch, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, very graciously offered to answer any questions that anybody might have, and Paul, if I may, could I ask what happened to that \$197,000 that we promised we would use before we asked for more money?

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** Past Grand Patron, Mr. Perry Smithwick, I think you know pretty well where it went. We're slowly going down the drain. As I said awhile ago, the per

capita as it is right now just does not generate enough. The surplus that we have had has been decreasing gradually, gradually, gradually, each year and will continue to decrease mainly because our membership is decreasing, and remember we've only got one source of income — it is going down, down, down —

**Mr. Perry Smithwick:** Paul, could I —

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** — I don't know if that was the answer, but we'll start again if you wish.

**Mr. Perry Smithwick:** Paul, are you telling me that we are using out of that \$197,000 investment we had; we are going beyond our income and operating on deficit spending? Is that what you're telling me?

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** Yes, sir.

**Mr. Perry Smithwick:** All right, let me ask you one other question. The budget for the 1976-1977 Eastern Star year did not necessitate, did not require, and to the best of my knowledge no money was taken out of that. Is that correct?

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** No, sir.

**Mr. Perry Smithwick:** All right, how much money was taken out of that. Is that correct?

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** No, sir. It is not.

**Mr. Perry Smithwick:** How much money was taken out for that budget?

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** That figure I cannot give you at this time. I think we'll both agree to that.

**Mr. Perry Smithwick:** I'll agree with you, Paul, but —

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** We can go back on the budget. The figures are all there.

**Mr. Perry Smithwick:** This is correct. In 1976, we voted a 50c per capita assessment. Is that correct?

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** That is correct.

**Mr. Perry Smithwick:** Is it not a fact, sir, that this per capita assessment, as of October 1, 1978, was untouched as far as being used to operate Grand Chapter?

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** Not per se because it has been invested to the best interest of the Order of our Eastern Star. It is earning us something on the average now of about 7% and that is a part of this surplus that I mentioned awhile ago. That whole surplus is all that we have that earns extra income or interest in other words, in addition to the per capita. We have two sources: per capita and those extra little dollars of surplus, that earns us on the average now of about 7% or 7.25%. You know that that can't really help us survive.

**Mr. Perry Smithwick:** I want to commend you and other Trustees in managing the money well, but, you said "not per se" when I asked you the question about the 50c per capita. In other words, am I to draw the conclusion from your statements that this money is being invested only. Are we having to operate Grand Chapter? Paul, what I'm trying to bring out, sir, is the actual — this group — now, I once worked with a man in Masonic work who said, give me 50 Master Masons to vote on anything and I'll give you the correct answer, and I have the same opinion of the members of the Eastern Star, and I feel sure that if this membership has the entire story, they will project the

correct answer to our problems, whatever they may be — whether they be good, bad, or indifferent — they will project the right answer. But, Brother Fitch, have we had to use part of that \$50,000 plus of the special assessment other than for investment for revenue purposes.

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** I believe I might answer that in this way — I don't want you to think this is facetious. The surplus monies that we have could be like a person that fills a glass of water — when we put another portion of water into it, related in this instance as the per capita \$50,000, which part of the first part is the second part and which part of the second part is the first. I don't know.

**Mr. Perry Smithwick:** I'll say one thing, Paul, you're a salesman. I don't know what you said either. Thank you for that information. I'm not trying to be facetious, Brother Fitch; I'm just trying to bring out the facts of our financial situation so that these on the sidelines can make the correct decision. Frankly, I don't have all the answers and I presume that you do not have all of them, nor do any of us, but I think collectively we can come up with the correct decision. May I ask you, sir, one more time, one more question, rather, how much money do we have invested from the General Fund — I am not speaking of anything at this time other than the General Fund — how much money do we have invested that we are receiving revenue from. Other than the current. In other words, I think you understand what I mean — I'm possibly not putting it in the proper words for everyone to understand, but, did we not last year operate Grand Chapter at some \$5,000 less than we were supposed to within our budget — a lesser figure than it was supposed to be. We did not exceed our budget anywhere last year, did we?

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** Well, I can't say that that's exactly true because we do not have our twelfth month computer print-out at this point. We only have through, you know —

**Mr. Perry Smithwick:** Paul, wait a minute. I'm talking about the year that ended in October, 1977.

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** Okay, We will present those figures in just a short while in our Trustees' report —

**Mr. Perry Smithwick:** Good.

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** We might have saved a lot of time if we had been able to give our Trustees' Report before we took this particular amendment to task.

**Mr. Perry Smithwick:** I think, perhaps, that may have been a very wise thing to have done, given us all more information on the financial status — none of us want to hurt the Order —

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** Frankly, I suggest this — I don't know if its in the Rules or Regulations of Robert or not, but if we could hold this and let us make our Trustees' report, perhaps we also might have a more clear picture of our financial status.

**Mr. Perry Smithwick:** Worthy Grand Patron, would that be a feasible answer to this solution, to see, to let the Board of Grand Trustees present to this august body the complete financial picture so that each one on the sidelines might know where we stand financially?

**Worthy Grand Patron:** The Chair recognizes Sister Katherine Poulis.

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers. The Worthy Grand Patron and I have been discussing this along those lines, that we all need to have a greater knowledge of our financial affairs in Grand Chapter. Our Grand Secretary informs me that fourteen Chapters last year demised. We have a declining membership in many of our Chapters and I know the hardship it would be to increase the per capita, and I would rather see it do most anything else if there is any other way. We certainly



can get money from time to time, like every five years, or something like this, in the form of a special assessment, if it's absolutely necessary but all of us need to be convinced. For example, I am told that we pay, now at the present breakdown of per capita, 20c to the Benevolent fund. That's rarely ever — well, it's never spent every month, but no more than about \$125.00 a month is going out now. The money in the Benevolent Fund — it goes into the OES Fund if it's not used. I know that OES Home fund right now has a savings account of \$90,000. Perhaps we could have a different breakdown. If we are not spending our Benevolent fund money, perhaps we only need 10c in the Benevolent fund and this money could instead go into the Home fund if we're not spending it. Probably we're in trouble in our regular fund — probably that's where we need operating money. But we would all like to be convinced. I would like to move that the Worthy — incoming Worthy Grand Matron — either appoint a committee of Past Grands or appoint a committee to meet with the Board of Trustees, or perhaps it would be a better form if just tabled this — I move to table this.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the motion that this amendment be laid on the table.

(Some one starts to speak from a floor mike)

Just a minute, there is a motion to table. Anyone in this Grand Chapter can move this be Called from the table during this Grand Chapter Session. Does the gentleman in the West wish to speak on the motion to table.

**Member at Mike:** On the motion to table? I would like to make my point in discussion on this —

**Worthy Grand Patron:** No, it has to be on the motion to table.

**Members (in unison):** A motion to table is not debatable.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** All right. There is a motion made that this amendment be laid on the table. All those in favor please say aye. "Aye" All opposed. "No, No" We're going to vote again All those in favor of putting this amendment on the table, please vote aye. "Aye" All opposed? "No, No, No" Motion defeated.

**Mr. Norman Karrer:** Worthy Grand Patron, I am Norman Karrer, Past Patron of Bastrop Chapter No. 64. I'm an Eastern Star, a Mason and an American. And I'm proud of all these things. I'm also a country boy. My pappy taught me that if you really wanted to know the fruit of the apple, you got to get down to the core of what we're talking about. I know, because I come from a small Chapter in a small country that only has a per capita income of about \$3,000 per person. Now this is typical. But I'm proud I'm from Bastrop — they're fighters there — we've jacked it up, because when you get down to the core of this thing we're talking about, with inflation the way it is right now, you're not going to go back to your chapter and tell them you have to raise the dues another \$1, you're going back to the chapter and say there's no Eastern Star, it's the end of the line, we don't have enough money. No more Grand Chapter, no more Eastern Star, we're going to have to go to Louisiana. Thank you.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Thank you. All right. The Chair is going — the question has been raised, the previous question — the Chair is going to recognize Sister Rennie Oton. Would you like to close on this amendment? — Would you like to close?

**Associate Grand Matron:** You mean there will be no more discussion?

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You're the last, good or bad. Would you like to close, as the proponent?

**Associate Grand Matron:** Are you closing the discussion by what I say or are you just asking me my —

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Yes, I'm asking you, do you have anything else to say?

**Associate Grand Matron:** I would like very much again to propose that this amendment be passed. I know the hardships of the chapters. I know the hardships of the persons. But, when you consider that we have in our Grand Chapter alone if you would just consider the daily rates and costs, yet we know the money has to come from somewhere, and the money which is being invested by Endowment, if we touch that the interest from that, then we do not build the Endowment. We might be able to take the interest from the Endowment and use it, but, you know, it won't, because it's a savings account and if you withdraw the savings account, if you have money coming in from other sources and you use all of that and still do not have enough to put into savings, your savings do not grow.

Now, I have a hard time understanding financial affairs, but I do not have a hard time understanding inflation. As a commitment we made many years ago to the ladies in the Home, they entrusted us, they put their hands in ours. We have to know that we are going to be able to take care of them. The costs we have there are less than any other home that we can compare with in the State. We know that what we're doing is love and the ladies expect to return the love in their living a Christian life. Should we close the door to the Home, the Grand Chapter of Texas has no nucleus to love.

To administer our Grand Chapter alone would not cost us as much money. We could have the Grand Secretary and Board of Grand Trustees set up in an office to manage our financial affairs and could cut our dues in half. But our Home is our monument — our monument of love, that we want to continue to serve these ladies, to serve our Christian responsibility to them and accept the fact that we are a charitable and benevolent organization. I want to say to the Chapters again — I understand your problems just as I understand the problem of Grand Chapter. Let's put forth everything we can in the coming year and let the Endowment Fund be sufficient and then we will not have to raise the per capita.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Thank you, Associate Grand Matron. You have pending before you Amendment No. 10 — Article XI, Section 2, page 47, REVENUES, proposing an increase in the Annual per capita. As reported earlier in Article 14 of the Constitution it provides how amendments should be voted on. All of the voting members of this Grand Chapter who are in favor of adopting Amendment No. 10 will please stand. All of those opposed, please stand. The "no's" have it. Amendment No. 10 does not pass.

The Chair now recognizes the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, who brings back Amendment No. 9, which has now been placed in proper form.

The Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee asked that we defer to the Worthy Grand Matron for the moment.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to recognize the Chairman of the District Deputy Grand Matron's who will call for the reports. They have been waiting on the stage and are as interested in this legislation as any one in this Grand Chapter, but I know that the membership appreciates the work these girls have done all year and look forward to hearing their reports. Sister Alice Burkhart —



Grand Examiners, District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Matrons

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS REPORTS

**Sister Alice Burkhart:** Worthy Grand Matron, from those who had the distinct privilege of being in your presence, and presenting to the membership the Instructions for Subordinate Chapters, we say we are fortunate indeed. Paraphrasing a few lines from your Deputies' Book, we say:

God was our Companion  
 As we walked this road of life  
 He helped with every problem  
 Gave grace for care and strife —  
 We've all been very happy  
 Along the path we've trod,  
 For it was in faith we made the journey  
 Hand-in-Hand along with God.

Worthy Grand Patron, you have been a leader who considered leadership an opportunity for service and for the good of the most concerned. Thank you for giving so much time out of your life to our Order this year.

It is my honor and privilege to introduce four efficient, thoughtful, and cherished friends, the District Deputy Grand Matrons.

Wanda, may your service this year bring you a measure of success and happiness that will fill your entire life with a glow of satisfaction and pride. Sisters and Brothers, our District Deputy Grand Matron of District I, Mrs. Wanda Gilmore.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT 1

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, other distinguished members, Sisters and Brothers:

The theme of this year's service has been "Love" and added to it was the motto "Through Love, Serving Together." With these thoughts in mind, the ten Eastern Star Schools were carefully planned and executed by ten capable and committed Deputy Grand Matrons of District One.

I am pleased to present:

- Mrs. Bobbie Jo Jenkins — Section One  
"REFLECTION OF LOVE" School held at Denton
- Mrs. Othella Roberts — Section Two  
"LOVE MADE VISIBLE" School held at Honey Grove
- Mrs. Fern Carpenter — Section Three  
"JOYS OF TOGETHERNESS" School held at Greenville
- Mrs. Maxine Reaney — Section Four  
"THE CREATIVE TOUCH" School held at Dallas
- Mrs. Bettye M. Sanderson — Section Five  
"CUP OF LOVE" School held at Irving
- Mrs. Annie Laura Wood — Section Six  
"THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S" School held at Fairfield
- Mrs. Patsy Kincaid — Section Seven  
"THE POTTER'S DREAM" School held at Tyler
- Mrs. Janet Orms — Section Eight  
"THINE OWN WAY" School held at Longview
- Mrs. Marjorie Hill — Section Nine  
"HAND IN HAND" School held in Hughes Springs
- Mrs. Lola B. Bird — Section Ten  
"HANDS OF LOVE" School held in Wills Point

Worthy Grand Matron, these ten sisters have represented you well in their respective sections, and I appreciate the privilege of serving with them. They have been faithful to the work of the Order, cooperative with the membership, and have demonstrated a genuine love for their fellowmen.

To the membership of District 1, the Deputy Grand Matrons join me in expressing our gratitude for your cooperation and willing spirits in the Eastern Star Schools. Forever we will hold a special place in our hearts for the Honorary Memberships, and we are appreciative of the gifts of love and gracious hospitality.

To Sister Nellie Warren, the District 1 Secretary, and the other ten Section Secretaries, your hard work and efficiency are deeply appreciated. Your assistance will long be remembered.

To Sister Marjorie Johnson, Grand Examiner of District 1, to know you is to love you. I will always hold dear your many words of encouragement, acts of kindnesses, gifts, and unselfish loyalty to our Order.

Worthy Grand Patron, you and your lovely wife, Greta, graced our presence in District 1 many times and we thank you for your exceptional leadership. You once quoted Dag Hammersjold — "Don't measure the height of the mountain until you have reached the top." We have reached the top of the mountain by our association with you and our measurements are "high" — high in esteem for you.

Worthy Grand Matron, we are dedicated to a high moral purpose — that of service. We believe in one another and in our year of service of 1977/78. This year of service has drawn us nearer and dearer to each other and this is one of the greatest rewards we can hope to attain.

Again, on behalf of the ten Deputy Grand Matrons of District 1, thank you for sharing your thoughts, instructions, love and dedication.

A complete financial and statistical report will be attached with this report for audit and file.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Wanda Faye Gilmore  
 District Deputy Grand Matron  
 District 1

**ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT NO. 1  
 GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS  
 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

Chapters Assigned .....	176
Chapters Demised or Consolidated .....	1
Chapters Instituted .....	1
Chapters Inspected .....	176
Chapters Not Inspected .....	0
Schools Conducted .....	10
Schools Attended Officially .....	20
Schools Attended Unofficially .....	27
Letters Written .....	760
Miles Traveled .....	13471.4
Expense Mileage .....	\$ 404.14
Hotels and Meals .....	167.53
Postage .....	193.54
Telegrams and Telephone .....	186.18
Other Expense .....	23.59
Total Expense for Year .....	974.98
Money Received .....	1000.00
Money Refunded .....	25.02
Balance on Hand .....	0

Mrs. Wanda Faye Gilmore, D.D.G.M.  
 District 1

Sisters and Brothers, I regret that our Grand Examiner of District 1, Sister Marjorie Johnson, could not be with us this afternoon.

She is at the bedside of her husband, Vaughn, who is in the Cardiac Care Clinic of Baylor Hospital in Dallas. We request your prayers for his complete recovery.

It is my pleasure to present to you now, Mrs. Betty Klonaris, Grand Examiner at Large.

Mrs. Betty Klonaris: Thank you, Sister Wanda.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members, My Sisters and Brothers, it is my privilege to bring the report of Sister Marjorie.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER DISTRICT 1, 1977-78

The year in District 1 has been a special and beautiful one — one that I shall long treasure. Special moments have been spent with many; and I shall forever cherish the time with our gracious Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary M. Brown, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Murray Watson, Jr. They have extended to the office of the Grand Examiner of District 1 every courtesy and every consideration.

To our District Deputy Grand Matron, Mrs. Wanda Gilmore, and the ten deputies of the District, thank you for letting me see the shining love and service in your hands as you have toiled for a spirit of concern and good will for all.

To Mrs. Nellie Warren, and the other District 1 Secretaries, thank you for being the special ones you are.

To the membership, your willing hands in the countless deeds of kindness will remain in my memory forever.

And to my husband, Vaughn, who is so very ill at the time I am compiling this report and one who has travelled the many miles with me this past year, deepest love and appreciation.

Truly we have learned . . . Whatever the Master Potter ordains is right — His will is ever just — However, he orders now our cause — We will rejoice and trust.

During 1977-1978 the following Certificates of Proficiency were issued:

A Certificates .....	1612
B. Certificates .....	34
TOTAL .....	1646

Respectfully Submitted

Marjorie Johnson  
Grand Examiner, District 1  
Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S.

**Mrs. Alice Burkhart:** Betty, friend of mine, my whole life through I'll be glad that I met you. Sisters and Borthers, our District Deputy Grand Matron of District 2, Mrs. Betty Phillips.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT 2

**Mrs. Betty Phillips:** Thank you, Sister Alice Burkhart.

Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Brown, Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

It is my pleasure to present to this Grand Chapter the report from District 2. In the Worthy Grand Matron's message to the subordinate chapters, she stated: "We invite you to come with us as we walk among the membership this year. There are 755 galaxies of Stars out there, awaiting our arrival — and we know their brilliance will add a luster that will shine undiminished throughout our lives!"

I am happy to report District 2 represented 159 of those galaxies and there are ten Deputy Grand Matrons that added their luster that will shine undiminished throughout my life. It is with pleasure I present to you my ten Loved Ones from District 2.

- Mrs. Frances Stewart — Section One  
"OUTREACH OF LOVE"
- Mrs. Frances Walker — Section Two  
"TIME FOR LEARNING TOGETHER"
- Mrs. Willie Butler — Section Three  
"A HARVEST OF KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE"
- Mrs. Toye Farrington — Section Four  
"THE HANDS OF LOVE"
- Mrs. Vivian Jacobs — Section Five  
"LOVE IS"
- Mrs. Jean Welch — Section Six  
"REFLECTIONS OF LOVE"
- Dr. Ruby Perkins — Section Seven  
"WINGS OF BEAUTY"
- Mrs. Emilee Beckham — Section Eight  
"THE VISIBILITY OF LOVE"
- Mrs. Eunice Vincent — Section Nine  
"TOILING HANDS"
- Mrs. Betty Fitch — Section Ten  
"AS I GO MY WAY"

The following is a summary of our year's work:

Chapters Assigned .....	159
Chapters Demised or Consolidated .....	7
Chapters Instituted .....	0
Chapters Inspected .....	158
Chapters Not Inspected .....	0
Schools Conducted .....	10
Schools Attended Officially .....	20
Schools Attended Unofficially .....	34
Letters Written .....	1659
Miles Traveled .....	17,904

**EXPENSES**

Mileage .....	\$ 484.11
Hotels and Meals .....	0
Postage .....	178.83
Telegrams and Telephone .....	122.02
Other Expenses .....	138.92
Total Expense for Year .....	924.11
Money Received .....	1000.00
Money Refunded .....	75.89
Balance on Hand .....	0

This year has shown what we as individuals can do when we have God in our hearts and work together for the good of our Order and our members of Eastern Star.

I am sorry to report we had a total of 7 chapters to consolidate — which shows a decline in membership. We started with 159 chapters in District 2; we now have 152.

I am concerned in our decline in membership and I ask, "Are we setting the right example for our members and holding true to our Obligation that our Order is built on and setting the example our founder Rob Morris intended for us to?"

I wrote one letter to the 159 Chapters in District 2, thanking them for the beautiful schools and all their courtesies while in their Section. I did not feel it necessary to write a second letter at the end of the year thanking them again. I felt this was a tremendous amount of time and expense saved.

After reimbursement to my Deputies I am pleased to return to Grand Chapter \$75.89. I realize this is possible because of the Deputies and myself carrying some of our own expenses. Three Deputies took care of their own telephone bills for the year. Most of the expenses were mileage and postage. This shows our love and interest in Eastern Star and we appreciate the privilege of serving in these offices of Grand Chapter.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for these ten lovely Deputy Grand Matrons you gave me to walk hand in hand with and for the rich blessing I have received from each one. Each performed her duties efficiently, with never ending love, and with much dignity. We join together in expressing our gratitude and appreciation for the honor and privilege of serving with you — a fine Christian lady, always setting before us an example of love and understanding, inspiration and faith. It has been a joy and privilege to share many happy occasions with you and your loving, kind and appreciative Doss.

Worthy Grand Patron, we in District 2 were most appreciative of your presence at our Schools and Fraternal Visits. Your jovial, good natured, and kind disposition added greatly to each occasion when you came our way. And to Sister Greta, we love and appreciate you for sharing Brother Murray with the membership of Texas this year.

To Mrs. Beulah Speer, our Grand Examiner of District 2, it was great fun being with you during our travels through our District. I enjoyed the work we shared and cherish the happy times we have experienced. Thank you for the many efficient hours of work in the examining room during the schools.

District 2 was grateful to Sister Betty Klonaris, Grand Examiner at Large, for performing the Grand Examiner's duties for two of our schools. Your contagious smile and outgoing personality was welcomed by all who met you.

Mrs. Shirley Rattan, our District Secretary, we owe thanks to you for your beautiful friendship and the most efficient way you and your ten Section Secretaries managed your secretarial duties.

The Deputies join me in expressing our gratitude to the membership in District 2 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Betty Phillips  
District Deputy Grand Matron  
District 2  
Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT NO. 2

Chapters Assigned .....	159
Chapters Demised or Consolidated .....	7
Chapters Instituted .....	0
Chapters Inspected .....	158
Schools Conducted .....	20
Schools Attended Officially .....	20
Schools Attended Unofficially .....	34
Letters Written .....	1659
Miles Traveled .....	17,904



EXPENSE

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Money Refunded .....	75.89

It is now my pleasure to present my friend, the Grand Examiner of District 2, Mrs. Beulah Speer.

**REPORT OF GRAND EXAMINER, DISTRICT 2**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

Being Grand Examiner of District 2 has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my Eastern Star Life. I deeply appreciate this honor from the membership of this wonderful state and the support and loyalty of my own Chapter Abernathy No. 877.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Brown; you have made a deep and lasting impression on me. First, by your excellent leadership ability and then by the deep love, compassion and concern you have exemplified not only for your husband, Doss, your children and precious grandchildren, but also for each individual. Our travels together may have passed too fast, but they have left me with happy memories of our beautiful schools when you gave me encouragement with just "the clasp of your hand," and the relaxed times when we just visited and shared experiences, friend with friend.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Murray Watson, Jr.; it has certainly been a pleasure this year getting to really know you and your lovely wife, Greta. I appreciate each word of encouragement and courtesy both of you have extended to me.

Sister Betty Klonaris, Grand Examiner At Large; my sincere thanks for filling in for me when sickness prevented me from attending the schools at Borger and Canyon.

District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Betty Phillips; my friend of many years, you are a graceful lady and an excellent instructor. My life has been enriched as we traveled and shared this year, for this gave us the opportunity to get to know each other even better. I feel that now, even more than before, you are truly the kind of person I am proud to "Look Up To" in more ways than one.

To each of the ten Deputy Grand Matrons, Section Secretaries, and all the membership of District 2; my sincere love and appreciation for the many special courtesies extended to me and the willing and capable assistance rendered in the examining room. It made my duties lighter and so enjoyable.

It is with pride and pleasure that I submit this report of the combined efforts of all of us: Schools Held, 10; A Certificates, 1195; B Certificates, 35; Total Certificates Issued, 1228.

Attached hereto is a compilation of Certificates of Proficiency issued in District 2 for the Grand Chapter Year 1977-1978.

Fraternally submitted,  
 Beulah Speer  
 Grand Examiner, District 2

## CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY

Section	"A"	"B"	Total
1	118	3	121
2	125	0	125
3	115	1	116
4	105	2	107
5	66	2	68
6	109	8	117
7	166	5	171
8	152	3	155
9	71	4	75
10	166	7	173
Totals	1,193	35	1,228

**Mrs. Alice Burkhart:** Nell, your friendly words and lovely smile somehow help make life worthwhile. Sisters and Brothers our District Deputy Grand Matron of District III, Mrs. Nell Davidson.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON — DISTRICT 3

**Mrs. Nell Davidson:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

It is indeed a pleasure to present the report for District 3, and a special privilege to present the ten Deputies who helped make it possible:

- Section 1 — Mrs. Helen Sanderford, whose We Are The Clay School was held February 25, 1978 in Fort Worth
- Section 2 — Mrs. Anita Blair, whose Hands That Toil School was held February 27, 1978 in Weatherford
- Section 3 — Mrs. Nancy Armstrong, whose Hands of Independence School was held March 2, 1978 in Graham
- Section 4 — Mrs. Lena (Babe) Wise, whose Love Makes The World Go Round School was held March 4, 1978 in Clyde
- Section 5 — Mrs. Ruth Green, whose Hearts and Hands of Service School was held February 20, 1978 in Comanche
- Section 6 — Mrs. Willene Dunning, whose Faith School was held March 13, 1978 in Lampasas
- Section 7 — Mrs. Betsy Inabnet, whose Hands of Love School was held March 16, 1978 in Evant
- Section 8 — Mrs. Karine Gilstrap, whose Brown's Beauty School was held March 18, 1978 in Killeen
- Section 9 — Mrs. Florena Sizemore, whose Our World of Stars School was held March 11, 1978 in Waco
- Section 10 — Mrs. Betty Jackson, whose Hands In Love In Service School was held February 23, 1978 in Cleburne

The statistical report will not be given, but will appear in the Proceedings.

The following is a summary of our year's work:

Chapters Assigned	125
Chapters Instituted	1
Chapters Inspected	126
Schools Conducted	10
Schools Attended	57
Letters Written	1,418
Miles Traveled	7,754

EXPENSES:

Mileage .....	\$229.21
Hotels and Meals .....	10.39
Postage .....	236.30
Telegrams and Telephone .....	165.80
Other Expense .....	63.57
Total Expense for Year .....	\$705.16
	(65c waived by Deputy)
Money Received .....	\$1,000.00
Money Refunded .....	295.49
Balance On Hand .....	.0000

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Brown, your friendship and kindness for each member of our Order has been demonstrated in enumerable ways this year. Thank you for giving each of us the privilege of walking and serving with you. You have been an inspiration, and we each know that we are a better person for having served with you.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Murray Watson, Jr., we in District 3 have been extremely proud of you for you are our very own. We appreciated your attendance at our schools in District 3. It was always a joy to have you and Sister Greta, our lovely Grand Esther, present. You have been a wonderful example with your brilliant mind, understanding heart, and kindness for others. Thanks for sharing many pleasant memories, one of which was the instituting of Kingsland Chapter in District 3.

Sister Elise Hammack, our Grand Examiner of District 3, our thanks for all you have done for us and the membership. You have added much to our Schools, and endeared yourself to the members of our District.

Sister Joan Ward, our District Secretary, and the Secretarial Committee of District 3, you were a hard working group and we appreciate your every effort.

To the Members of District 3 we want to express our sincere appreciation and thanks for your loyalty and cooperation. The fond memories of the schools and visits to the Chapters will remain in our hearts. We will always treasure the Honorary Memberships presented us.

At this time I would like to present our Grand Examiner, Sister Elise Hammack.

Fraternally submitted,  
Mrs. Nell Davidson  
District Deputy Grand Matron  
District 3

**REPORT OF GRAND EXAMINER OF DISTRICT 3 — 1977-1978**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

I wish to convey my sincere thanks to the membership of this Grand Chapter for allowing me the privilege of serving as Grand Examiner of District 3 another year.

This good report has been made possible by our fine members who so willingly and capably assisted in the examining rooms.

In 10 schools, we issued 1363 A Certificates and 37 B Certificates for a total of 1400 certificates.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for your devotion to our Order and for making this a special year.

It has been an added pleasure to have Sister Betty Klonaris from our District serve as our Grand Examiner-At-Large.

To our knowledgeable District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Nell Davidson, thank you for your friendship and thoughtfulness at all times.

My sincere appreciation I offer to the Deputy Grand Matrons and members of each section for their generous hospitality, their cooperation, and for every courtesy extended me throughout the year.

May this "For Love's Sake" Session linger in our hearts and remind us of Him whose star in the East we follow.

Faternally submitted,

Elise Hammack, Grand Examiner  
District 3

**Mrs. Alice Burkhart:** Jeffie, I need not count my gold today when busy labors end, because my heart has a greater wealth, I can say I've made another friend. Sisters and Brothers, our District Deputy Grand Matron of District 5, Mrs. Jeffie Roberts.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON — DISTRICT 5**

**Mrs. Jeffie Roberts:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, I want to thank you for ten of the finest, most gracious, and faithful members in District 5 — the ten Deputy Grand Matrons you appointed to work with me this year (1977-1978). They are:

- Section 1 — Mrs. Ettie Marie Hubbard — "Outstretched Hands of Love" School held in San Angelo, February 4, 1978 with 229 present.
- Section 2 — Mrs. Janey Lindsey — "Star of the East" School held in Rankin, February 2, 1978 with 92 present.
- Section 3 — Mrs. Ruth Mincy — "The Master's Touch" School held in Fredericksburg, January 30, 1978 with 202 present.
- Section 4 — Mrs. Doris Story — "Reach Out for Love" School held in Sabinal, January 26, 1978, with 126 present.
- Section 5 — Mrs. Hattie Elizabeth (Betty) Iredale — "Potter's Wheel" School held in Lytle, January 23, 1978 with 174 present.
- Section 6 — Mrs. Betty Friend — "Harmony with Nature" School held in Austin, January 14, 1978 with 462 present.
- Section 7 — Mrs. Dorothy Littlepage — "Footprints on the Sands of Time" School held in San Antonio, January 28, 1978 with 644 present.
- Section 8 — Mrs. Estelle Atzenhoffer — "Hands in Friendship" School held in Cuero, January 16, 1978 with 170 present.
- Section 9 — Mrs. Ruth Johnson — "Hands of Friendship" School held in Aransas Pass, January 21, 1978 with 272 present.
- Section 10 — Mrs. Ali Fae Wright — "Hands of Service Valley School" held in Weslaco, January 19, 1978 with 330 present.

The Deputy Grand Matrons join me in submitting the following written record of our year's work:

Chapters Assigned .....	136
Chapters Demised or Consolidated .....	3*
Chapters Inspected .....	136
Schools Conducted .....	10

Schools Attended Officially .....	19**
Schools Attended Unofficially .....	32
Letters Written .....	1,652
Miles Traveled .....	13,967

\*Wrightsboro Chapter No. 778 consolidated with Gonzales Chapter No. 403, October 3, 1978, after my annual report was filed.

\*\*Mrs. Ruth Mincy, Section 3, in hospital during her school.

EXPENSE

Mileage Expense .....	\$ 380.53
Hotels and Meals .....	50.38
Postage .....	260.50
Telegrams and Telephone .....	197.43
Other Expense — Printing, etc. ....	119.31
Total Expense for Year .....	1,008.15
Money Received .....	1,000.00
Money Refunded .....	.00
Balance on Hand .....	.00

Thank you for the honor you conferred on Robert Lee Chapter No. 187 in appointing me as your District Deputy Grand Matron in District 5. The confidence you placed in me and each of our Deputy Grand Matrons is deeply appreciated.

Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to use the word "FRIENDSHIP" in describing what you mean to me and the ten Deputy Grand Matrons of District 5.

- The F stands for Friends
- The R stands for Reliable
- The I stands for Interest
- The E stands for Enduring, Economy, Effort and Enthusiasm
- The N stands for New Friends which are Necessary
- The D stands for Dependable and Devotion
- The S stands for Service, Sharing, and Sincerity
- The H stands for Honesty and Happiness
- The I stands for In all situations (all the time)
- The P stands for Perverserance and Patience (forgiving faults)

By combining all these letters and their meaning, we have found a beautiful and wonderful FRIENDSHIP with you.

William Arthur Ward wrote: He is a friend who believes in me, stands up for me, is candid with me, and loyal to me.

Sister Mary, a very true and dear friend, is what you are to me.

Worthy Grand Patron, one year ago, you were a new friend to us in District 5. Now it seems that you have been our friend forever, as you and your lovely wife, Greta, have proven to be true friends to us. Being a man of your young age, it was difficult for you to leave your young family and private business to attend all the schools in District 5. The Deputy Grand Matrons, the membership of District 5 and I were very proud when you could attend our schools. I enjoyed working under your direction in preparing Amistad Chapter U.D. to petition Grand Chapter for their Charter. Thanks to Dorothy Littlepage for her assistance with Amistad Chapter U.D.

The ten Deputy Grand Matrons and I would like to thank the membership of District 5 for every courtesy you extended to us. Your love and friendship as we walked, sang, prayed and worked HAND IN HAND will be precious memories of ours to

cherish forever. May we always be worthy of the honor you have conferred upon us in the Honorary Membership Certificates you presented to us.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it has been my honor and pleasure to serve with you and your Grand Family. Thank you again for a wonderful year.

I have the pleasure of introducing to the membership of this Grand Chapter, an intelligent, kind and sincere lady, who is dedicated to her Eastern Star work. The Deputies join me in saying "thank you" for your gracious hospitality and friendship you exemplified in each examining room.

Sister Maurine Jackson, Grand Examiner, District 5, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

Fraternally submitted,

Jeffie Roberts  
 District Deputy Grand Matron,  
 District 5

**REPORT OF GRAND EXAMINER, DISTRICT 5, 1977-1978**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers:

To borrow a phrase — "Come walk with me . . . among the Stars . . . together . . . hand and hand . . ."

How often I have been reminded of this phrase during this past year being with our Worthy Grand Matron and in the Examining Room at the 10 Eastern Star Schools in District 5. My thanks to ALL for allowing me the pleasurable duty of serving as Grand Examiner of District 5 for these past five years. As always the Members of District 5 as well as the Membership through this Grand Jurisdiction have made my duties easy, enjoyable and pleasant by their loving attitudes and smiles, their willing assistance and devotion to our Order.

Through the efforts of so many am I able to submit the following report:

"A" Certificates Issued . . . . .	1,453
"B" Certificates Issued . . . . .	54
Total Certificates Issued . . . . .	1,507

Ten lovely ladies — all in District 5. Who could have been nicer? Who more gracious? Thank you, Deputy Grand Matrons, for every act of love and kindness.

Sister Jeffie Roberts, my District Deputy Grand Matron, who started each morning with a song, a laugh, a prayer for our well-being. Thank you for making things pleasant for us all.

To my five Co-workers, I would simply say I am glad our paths crossed and you are my Friends.

Worthy Grand Patron, Hon. Murray Watson, Jr., and grand Grand Esther, Mrs. Greta Watson, your happy smiles have won my heart; your kind words have made me proud; your firm hand shakes have made me ever mindful of our lasting friendship. Thank you for sharing a portion of your lives with me.

Brother Doss Brown, husband, Grand Escort and now Grand Representative and help-mate of our Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for sharing her with us.

Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary M. Brown . . . Precious Friend . . . Gracious Lady . . . as I have said so many times . . . "A true Friend is a gift of God . . ." Thank you for being my Friend. A tear of joy and happiness falls whenever I think of you and your good ways — a lady in every respect; a Christian as defined; a leader, as willed, a Friend, as observed.

And to the Membership of Texas, I say Thank You, for so many of you have left with me riches of love, appreciation, understanding and devotion. I shall always be grateful and thankful that God sent me your way.

Humbly submitted,

Maurine Jackson  
Grand Examiner, District 5

Mrs. Alice Burkhart: Worthy Grand Matron, the confidence that you have placed in me this year has meant so very much. I have had the opportunity to teach the work that I have loved for so long a time. May you experience real happiness and satisfaction for the precious hours given to our Order. District 4 is very proud to claim you as our own.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON — DISTRICT 4**

Mrs. Alice Burkhart: Worthy Grand Patron, I believe that when you proceeded to begin your great plan of life, you began carefully fixing your eye on a certain age and said, "I will be an industrious man, a benevolent man, a well-read man, a religious man, and a useful man. I resolve and will stand to it." This you have done. We appreciate your presence in District 4.

It is with pleasure and pride that I present the lovely Deputy Grand Matrons of District 4. I shall always be grateful for the treasured memories of service and association with them.

- Section 1 Mrs. Geraldine Reeves — Hemphill
- Section 2 Mrs. Juanita Mauboules — Sour Lake
- Section 3 Mrs. Norine Bendy — Colmesneil
- Section 4 Mrs. Jane Gregory — Pasadena
- Section 5 Mrs. Shirley Hunt — Houston
- Section 6 Mrs. Mary Brannam — Rockdale
- Section 7 Mrs. Fae Boutotte — Conroe
- Section 8 Mrs. Althea Toy Karrer — Dale
- Section 9 Mrs. Gladys Manning — Edna
- Section 10 Mrs. Virginia Meyer — Dickinson

Schools were conducted in San Augustine, Beaumont, Colmésneil, Pasadena, Houston, Rockdale, Conroe, Bastrop, Edna and Texas City.

I am pleased to present the following report:

**ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT NO. 4**

Chapters Assigned	160
Chapters Demised	1
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	160
Chapters Not Inspected	0
Schools Conducted	10

Schools Attended Officially .....	20
Schools Attended Unofficially .....	73
Letters Written .....	1,844
Miles Traveled .....	12,976

**EXPENSE**

Mileage .....	\$389.28
Hotels and Meals .....	10.50
Postage .....	276.98
Telegrams and Telephone .....	79.43
Other Expense .....	50.20
Total Expense for Year .....	806.39
Money Received .....	1,000.00
Money Refunded .....	193.61
Balance on Hand .....	-0-

Fraternally submitted,

Alice Burkhart  
District Deputy Grand Matron  
District 4

Mrs. Alice Burkhart: Elsie, we shared many happy hours together and I am grateful for your love and friendship. Thank you most sincerely for your efforts in helping to make District 4 Schools a success. Sisters and Brothers, our Grand Examiner of District 4, Mrs. Elsie Paladino.

### REPORT OF GRAND EXAMINER, DISTRICT 4

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers.

Though Love, Serving Together, Joy and fulfillment have been mine this year. I shall be ever grateful to you the membership for permitting me to serve as Grand Examiner of District 4.

It is through the loyalty and cooperation of many that I am able to submit the following report of the Grand Examiner of District 4.

"A" Certificates Issued .....	2,051
"B" Certificates Issued .....	95
Total Certificates Issued .....	2,146

To the membership of District 4 and all those who assisted me in the Examining Room, your words of encouragement, your patience and understanding have made this report possible.

To our District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Alice Burkhart, your schools were inspiring and informative. I think you have been an outstanding District Deputy. It has been a joy to work with you. I will cherish the many pleasant memories of our times together.

To the ten Deputy Grand Matrons, thank each of you for your thoughtfulness and all you did to make my duties easier. It was a pleasure to travel your way. Sister Annie May Adam, my appreciation to you and the ten secretaries who did much to assist us along the way.

To our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Muray Watson, Jr., and your charming wife Greta, it was always good to have you with us; your presence brightens any occasion.



To our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary M. Brown, my love and appreciation for your thoughtfulness. Traveling with you in District 4 was a rich and rewarding experience. Your sincerity and enthusiasm have been an inspiration to me and to the membership throughout the state.

I have truly been blessed for having passed this way.

Faternally submitted,

Elsie Paladino  
Grand Examiner, District 4

**Mrs. Alice Burkhart:** Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of these reports as they will appear in the Proceedings.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you, Sister Alice Burkhart, and these other beautiful deputies. Do we have a second? I have a motion and a second that we adopt the Reports of the Deputy Grand Matrons and the Grand Examiners as they will appear in the Proceedings. Are there any questions? If not, we will proceed to vote. All in favor of accepting these Reports as submitted for the Proceedings will let it be known by rising to your feet. Thank you. All opposed, the same sign. No one rising? You'd better not! The Reports are adopted.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will escort the Deputy Grand Matrons to their places in the Grand Chapter room.

(The membership applauded as they were conducted around the Grand Chapter room.)

I want you to join with me in saying "Thank you" to these 55 Deputies and 6 Grand Examiners for the tremendous work they have done for us this year. (Applause) You will notice when you read my Advance Report, if you have not read it, that these girls all returned money to Grand Chapter, in accordance with our Laws. As one pointed out, this did not mean they had more money than they needed, but they assumed part of the expenses themselves.

You know, I never like to sing in a microphone, but I'm tempted to clap in this one to make up for those who felt compelled to leave!

Now, Brother Lamb, if you will come and stand by my side or you may stop at the other podium, if you like. We have one more report we are going to give this afternoon. It won't take long. I appreciate those of you who have remained. Brother Lamb.

Sisters and Brothers, the Chairman of the Masonic Brotherhood Committee and I hesitate to call on him at this late hour because of the high respect we have for our Masonic Brothers and the fine work they have been doing this year to help cement the bonds of fraternal love between the Masonic Fraternity and the Order of the Eastern Star; yet, Brother Lamb probably could not be here in the morning and I did want you to hear him. Brother Lamb.

## REPORT OF MASONIC BROTHERHOOD COMMITTEE

**Mr. W. P. Lamb:** It becomes evident that the visits of the committeemen and representatives to the Chapters in the different sections of their respective districts were well received throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. Much emphasis was made on the different facets of thoughts outlined in the committee instructions.

In all the Chapters, it seems that requests be made to sell O.E.S. in all open meetings, the element being a Service Organization, and also to speak in Blue Lodges regarding benevolent work of our beloved fraternity and of the results obtained through our concentrated efforts that reflect upon our benevolences. Many members of the chapters requested copies of fact sheets used and these, in most cases, have been provided, hopefully that application will be made. A special commendation should be given to Committeeman Thomas C. Hyde, District 5, Section 7, in his special written message "The Masonic Apron and what it means to a Mason." This inspirational oration was well received and applauded throughout the district, reflecting the enthusiasm of those assembled. As was the case in many districts, a Brother Mason was appointed to give a resume of the activities and benevolences at a later date.

In general, Masonic Brotherhood talks were well received, and we trust that basic material obtained would tend to carry over and become an integral part of our over-all operations.

In essence, we might say that the theme and general requirements of these committees were to insure a cross-information program between Lodges and Chapters, thereby keeping each other aware and informed of the charitable purposes and activities of each of the bodies.

Inasmuch as this program was designed to and for sincere adaptation, it is also expected to be fruitful and helpful in our manner of application. So we might resort to the Scriptures in our expedencies in that we "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season, we shall reap if we faint not."

To my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Brown, my sincere expression of appreciation for having extended me the privilege of being of service to you and this Grand Chapter, in serving as State Chairman of this Committee.

And too, my personal thanks and appreciation are in the offing to the District Chairmen, Committee members, as well as those who attended and were concerned about the welfare of the program. Their efforts and contributions have been most rewarding. Yes, there is evidence that the thoughts and sincerity of our Worthy Grand Matron to bring about a closer Fraternal relation between our two orders have merited the trust that has been reposed in you. May the Good Master Bless you in your every efforts, and may the Star in the East continue to illuminate the path for each of you.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Lamb, State Chairman,  
Masonic Brotherhood Committee

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of the Report of this Committee.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** I have a motion and a second that the Report of the Masonic Brotherhood Committee be adopted. Is there any discussion? If not, we will proceed to vote. All in favor, please rise. All opposed, same sign. This Report is adopted.

And to you, Brother Lamb, our deepest appreciation for the work of this fine Committee, and our appreciation to you as State Chairman because you are serving as Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and we thank you for bringing the prestige and the dignity of that Office to your State Chairmanship of this Committee.

**Mr. W. P. Lamb:** Worthy Grand Matron, I would be amiss if I didn't thank you for those kind words and to tell you it is my pleasure, again, to have served, and I trust I

can be of service to our Grand Order in coming years, not only in the capacity, hopefully, of the Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge in Texas, but as a member of our beloved fraternity. Thank you.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you, Brother Lamb.

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

Our Benediction will be announced by Sister Mary Katherine Smith, Past Grand Matron.

**BENEDICTION**

**Mrs. Mary Katherine Smith:** As we come to the closing moment of the "For Love's Sake" Session of our beautiful 96th Grand Chapter, it is appropriate to stand and to reflect a moment upon the dedicated and outstanding leadership that we have enjoyed, and prospered, under our beautiful Worthy Grand Matron and our charming Worthy Grand Patron, and to wish a special blessing upon them. Let us pray.

Our Father, we thank Thee for Thy divine providence. We ask Thee to embue the officers of this Grand Chapter, those elected and those appointed, in such a manner that they may carry out the deliberations of this Grand Chapter according to Thy sovereign will and divine direction. You have made us into one beautiful harmony and may Thy peace and understanding and wisdom be poured down upon us all in overflowing measure, for the good of all mankind, for Thou, Lord, and our strength. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(The Tuesday afternoon Session was called from Labor to Rest at 4:40 p.m.)

**TUESDAY EVENING**

**October 24, 1978**

**7:45 P.M.**

Musical Selections ..... Mrs. Dorothy Cleveland

(At this Open Session, as the Members, their families and friends gathered, they were entertained by the delightful music of Mrs. Dorothy Cleveland)

**PROCESSIONAL**

Mrs. Agnes Howard, Past Grand Matron  
escorted by Mr. Murle Howard

Mr. Gerald C. Allen, Past Grand Patron  
escorted by Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen, Past Grand Matron

Mr. J. T. Sanders, Past Grand Patron  
escorted by Mrs. Martha Sanders

Mrs. Mildred Garlitz, Past Grand Matron  
escorted by Mr. Fred Dupree

**8 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard:** It is with much pleasure I call to order this Tuesday evening Session of the Ninety-Sixth "For LOVE'S Sake" Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas (sounded gavel). Sister Grand Warder, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and other Grand Chapter Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

(The Grand Marshal retired and re-entered with the other Grand Officers. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

were escorted to the East and the other Officers were seated on the Grand Chapter Floor in chairs in the southeast and northeast.)

Someone once said "There is something especially nice about every occasion." I tell you that the especially nice thing about this occasion tonight is that I am privileged to again share the East with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Gerald Allen.

Brother Gerald, the years have a way of slipping by quickly. They don't show on you like they do on me. There is one thing that never changes — that is the wonderful memories that I have of our association during our tenure of office and how highly esteemed and honored you were as our Worthy Grand Patron. That same esteem and honor of the service that you have given stand out today.

There is a tremendous assembly gathered here tonight and I know that you want to greet them.

**Mr. Gerald C. Allen:** Past Grand Matron, Sister Agnes Lee Howard, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers, and Friends:

It is indeed a great privilege for me to again be in the East with my Worthy Grand Matron with whom I served our Grand Chapter. I appreciate her so very much for the nice things she has done for me and my family. She has been a strength to me in both happy as well as sad occasions. She is a friend to everyone, a true Eastern Star, and she is truly a beautiful person. I am so happy to have been asked to have a part on this program with her.

I wish for you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and other Grand Officers, a wonderful Grand Chapter Session, and I know that you will have it. I have watched you, Worthy Grand Matron, advance to the high position you now hold. I assure you I am pleased with your Years of Service and I know Grand Chapter is too.

Brother Murray, you are to be congratulated for your service to our Order. We are all very proud of you.

Thank you, Sister Agnes Lee, for affording me this pleasure.

**Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard:** Thank you, Brother Gerald.

As we proceed with our Session which is so important to each of us as members, we cannot overlook the service rendered by those officers who are finishing a tenure of office. I want to especially thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for allowing Gerald and me this particular privilege of opening this Session in which, "For Love's Sake", you honor those whom we love dearly. Long after this year has ended, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, many happy associations will come your way; but outstanding in your memory will be this night when you show your love and that of our Grand Chapter for the members who are so distinguished in our great Fraternity and Order.

I am going to ask the Worthy Grand Matron, at this time, to come to the podium.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Sisters and Brothers, we are privileged this evening to have called to order this Session with the gavel of Sister Margaret Dickson, the Worthy Grand Matron of North Carolina, who sent her gavel that we might honor our Distinguished Guests by this courtesy.

**Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard:** I shall ask our Past Grand Patron, Mr. J. T. Sanders, to come to the podium now to lead us in prayer.

#### PRAYER

**Mr. J. T. Sanders, PGP:** Our Father, we ask that Thou be with this assemblage as we begin this Tuesday Evening Session of the 96th "For Love's Sake" Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

We ask Thy blessing and guidance upon those who will administer the functions of this Session so that all that is said and done here will be pleasing in Thy sight.

We ask Thy special blessing upon those who have demonstrated their love and dedication to the Order by traveling so far to be with us and to take part in this Tuesday evening Session . . . Sister Josephine Ruhsam, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress of General Grand Chapter who has traveled all the way from Minnesota, and Dr. Fitch who has traveled all the way from Colorado. Grant them a pleasant visit with us, a safe journey home after the Session is over and many pleasant memories as a result of their visit here at this Grand Chapter Session.

We also ask Thy special blessing upon our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron. Guide them so that they will have a fruitful and successful Grand Chapter Session.

Guide us through this evening Session and we will give Thee all the praise. All of this we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard:** The Grand Choir will honor us with an anthem.

(Anthem — "Faith of Our Fathers" by Henry Hemy was beautifully rendered by the Grand Choir.)

**Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard:** Sisters and Brothers, how privileged we have been to be accorded such beautiful music. Will you join me as we honor this fine choir with applause? (APPLAUSE)

Regardless of the age of a person, there is never a time that one doesn't like a surprise. All of us now are going to be treated by the Worthy Grand Matron. She has a surprise for all of us!

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguish-ed East, my Sisters and Brothers; May I speak to you, just a moment, from my heart?

In 1952 I petitioned to become a member of the Eastern Star from a very small Section in District 4-Section 8. In that Section was a very beautiful lady who had served as Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Jurisdiction. She had a great impact upon my Eastern Star life. She rather ruled her Section with an "iron hand". We loved her and we did her bidding. So long as she lived, each year at Grand Chapter, we had a breakfast honoring the incoming Deputy Grand Matron. We no longer do this. Many of the fine things for which she stood, the programs which she inspired us to carry out, have somewhat fallen by the wayside since she is no longer among us.

My very first appointment, you have heard me say, was from Sister Ruby Enloe. Now, Sister Ruby was a protegee of this beautiful lady and Sister Ruby's project was to furnish rooms in our Eastern Star Home. As her Deputy in Section 8, I contacted the Chapters and for the first time, every Chapter in Section 8 was 100% in Welfare. We more than contributed sufficient funds to furnish a room in honor of this beautiful Past Grand Matron of our Section.

Later, when Sister Nancy Bailey gave me the privilege of serving as chairman of Grand Historians, I saw another opportunity to lift up this one I loved so dearly. I am sure many of you will recall, we had her on the stage in a shadow box frame built by Brother Paul Ofton and at this Grand Chapter Session, if there is one person I wish could be here, it would be this fine lady who laid the cornerstone of our Eastern Star Home, Sister Norton B. Wellborn.

Tonight, our surprise for you is that we have a member of her family. This was really a surprise to me until two days ago — three days ago — We contacted this lady and she agreed to come to this Session this evening. Sister Beth Morgan.

My Sisters and Brothers, I present to you Mrs. Beth Morgan of Albuquerque, New Mexico, who would like to make a presentation to the Grand Chapter of Texas in behalf of our beloved Past Grand Matron, Sister Norton B. Wellborn. Sister Beth.

**Mrs. Beth Morgan:** Thank you Mary. I bring you the love of Norton B. Wellborn. I am sure that you must feel her presence here tonight as I do.

Victor Jones and I met in Albuquerque only last Thursday to start the sequence of conversations that has brought me here to this particular session — in Norton B's particular District — with her particular friends and her particular Mary Brown. I feel that only the presence of Norton B. could have caused all of this to happen — and at just the right time.

We found some memos of her activities, written by her in 1925. She became a charter member of Somerville Chapter No. 245, June 14, 1904. Incidentally, she was married the next week but it didn't slow her down. After serving as Worthy Matron of her chapter, she served every Worthy Grand Matron except three; organized eleven chapters and assisted in the organization of two others. That was before she was elected to the highest office within the gift of the Grand Chapter in 1924.

During her year as Worthy Grand Matron, the cornerstone of the Eastern Star Home at Arlington was laid — the Building dedicated — money raised for furnishing in time to open April 25, 1925. To quote from her memos, she wrote "Thus my Eastern Star career has gone on from year to year. I have helped in my humble way each succeeding Worthy Grand Matron to make good the years that they have followed me but best of all was the love and respect from the members of the Order every where I have contacted them . . . those of my own beloved chapter who have believed in me and by their words and actions have told me so."

She took great pride in her beloved Eastern Star, its accomplishments and the opportunity it afforded her to be of help. Her interest and faith never lagged — for 68 years.

On her behalf, my sister and I would like to present these treasures of hers to be placed in the Museum. Thank you. (Applause)

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Sisters and Brothers, among those treasures is a banner Sister Norton B. wore as Worthy Grand Matron, the belt-the beaded belt-that she wore at her Grand Chapter Session, and pictures of her at that time and in later years, and also when she was a Grand Officer for Sister Fannie V. Ward. Also, Sister Beth has brought to us her Past Grand Matron's Jewel! Thank you, Sister Beth, for your very generous contributions to the Grand Chapter of Texas. I know you feel that Norton B. is with us tonight and that she is pleased with your action. (Applause)

**Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for such a beautiful surprise. I feel that all present must feel as I do, that we have been touched in a very particular way.

May I now present one of the nicest Past Grand Matrons who comes from my own District 3, Mrs. Mildred Garlitz, who will pay the tribute to the Texas General Grand Chapter Officers.

**Mrs. Mildred Garlitz:** Tonight is a happy night for me because the Worthy Grand Matron has asked me to pay a tribute to the five bright and shining Stars, our General Grand Chapter Officers. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

With their attributes, personalities, and accomplishments, our honorees could easily be included on a list of "The Most Unforgettable Persons" we have met.

Our own Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mildred Haney Harris, always walks in beauty with unfailing grace. When we see her, we realize something lovely has passed our way.

In her colorful journey through life, she has always accepted good fortune or reverses with calm assurance and courage. Future leaders will call her name an inspiration.

Our Worthy Grand Organist, Sister Sally Matranga, captured our hearts and has held them through the years. She sheds light and warmth and joy all about her. The gentleness that is a part of Sally endears her to all whose lives touch hers.

Her nimble fingers on the keyboard have put songs in our hearts and given us many happy hours to enjoy.

Our own Ruby Enloe, a member of the Ritual Committee of the General Grand Chapter, possesses the engaging traits of a sweet temper, a kind heart and a smile of gladness.

Happiness walks with Ruby all the way for she sees only goodness in people. A friend like Ruby is what the heart needs all of the time.

Our member of the General Grand Chapter Jurisprudence Committee, Brother Herbert Arnold, is as honest as a sunrise, a loving husband, a generous friend, loved by many, admired by all.

Always Herbert is eager to lighten the burden of a friend and willing to go the second mile. The Grand Chapter of Texas is all the better because Herb came our way.

And last, but certainly not least, is Victor Jones, member of the International Temple Committee of General Grand Chapter. Victor is always in every way, the perfect gentleman and devoted friend. He contributes much to the deliberations of our Sessions in his gifted manner of dialogue. His quick wit and sparkling conversation make him most welcome in every group. Victor has left his mark for good on our Grand Chapter. His unquestioned honesty and dedication to our Order prepare him for higher service in future years.

How great it is to call these five our very own. Through the years, each of them has been molded by the Master Potter into a Bright Shining Star. Each has brought honor to the Order we love and believe in and are proud of. Each leaves the legacy of a good example and dedicated service. Each has ennobled the Grand Chapter of Texas and the General Grand Chapter "For Love's Sake" and we proudly honor and pay tribute to them.

And to you Mildred and Sally and Ruby and Herbert and Victor — wherever you go and whatever you do, be assured that our love goes with you and our pride in you for what you have done for Texas will always remain constant. (Applause)

**Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard:** It is with pride that I present one of these distinguished members of Texas Grand Chapter, a member of the International Temple Fund of General Grand Chapter, Mr. J. Victor Jones. Mr. Jones is a Past Grand Patron of District 2, as you well know. He is known there, as throughout all Grand Chapter, for his ready wit, his keen perception of what other people are thinking before they say it. Now, Brother Victor, you come and tell me what I am thinking about you.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** I think you're thinking that we are true friends, Agnes Lee! Thank you very much!

Will the Grand Choir please sing, "Oh, Galilee" by Dr. Rob Morris.

(A beautiful rendition of this great composition by our Founder was rendered by Mrs. Colleen Taylor, accompanied by Mrs. Johnnie Burgess)

Napoleon Bonapart stated: "The human race is governed by its imagination". Having great impingement upon the imagination of the whole country this past year was Alex Haley's book and subsequent television production of "ROOTS". Although directed at the unrecorded history of the blacks, it stirred our minds, combining facts with fiction concerning our lineage. This stirring of the imagination was not confined to ancestry alone. It caused us to look at the chronology of many things which heretofore we had simply accepted.

During August of each year, we observe the birthday of our Founder throughout all the Eastern Star world. We pay tribute to Dr. Rob Morris, poet laureate of Masonry, crowned with laurel, author of our Ritual and founder of the Order of the Eastern Star. As so often happens in commemoration of revered predecessors, their accomplishments and deeds become the primary remembrance. They, as human individuals, with the same desires, needs, frustrations and problems as we bear today, are unthought of.

Our guest tonight is a link between our family of Eastern Stars and the family of Dr. Rob Morris. Or, stated another way, he is the "tangible" connection — the reality of ourselves at this Session with the intangibility" of the ROOTS of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Dr. and Mrs. Morris had several children, one of whom they named RUTH ELECTA. Ruth Electa was the grandmother of our speaker, Dr. Robert S. Fitch. We can imagine the emotions of Dr. Fitch when he was initiated in Rob Morris Chapter No. 114, LaGrange, Kentucky, where all of Dr. Morris' grandchildren and four of his great-grandchildren have assumed their Obligations.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you Dr. Robert S. Fitch, 32-degree Mason, psychometrist, personnel manager, industrial consultant in problems of drug and alcohol abuse, great-grandson of our illustrious Founder. Dr. Fitch.

**Dr. Robert S. Fitch:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, a special greeting to Sister Mildred Harris. My dear lady, you do not know how much my life has been enriched by being introduced to you tonight. I shall treasure it always. And also, a very special greeting do I bring to members of Waco and Bellmead Chapters, after their tremendous hospitality during my visit to my Texas hometown, Waco, back in April — that is something I will remember always. And, by the way, during this Session, any of the members of Waco and Bellmead with whom I communicated earlier this year, identify yourselves to me as such, because I'm going to give you an extra hug. That goes for the women only, not the men!

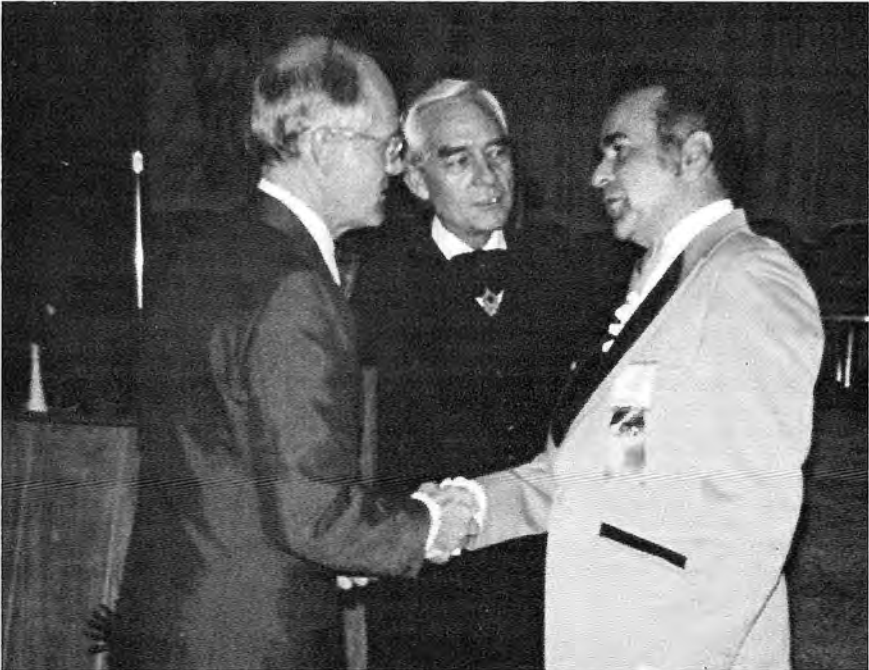
I am reminded also of the fact that before I moved to Waco I lived in a small East Texas town where the local high school mascot was a Dragon, and of course, this was back in the Fifties. They had two high schools and the mascot for the other high school was quite appropriately called the Black Dragon.

I remember that they had a star player on their team by the name of Calhoun. Calhoun was always in demand, but one night, the Black Dragons were playing a particularly aggressive game and they were being beaten rather badly and they kept hollering, "Give Calhoun the ball, give Calhoun the ball," One by one, Calhoun's teammates were being carried off the field with their "bells rung", as they put it in contemporary football — broken legs, twisted knees, broken arms — stretcher after stretcher until there was only a couple of them left on that bench, one of them being Calhoun. They kept hollering "Give Calhoun the ball" and the coach finally grabbed the microphone and hollared back up into the crowd, "Calhoun say he don't want the ball."





Mr. William E. George, Mrs. Josephine Ruhsam and Mr. J. Victor Jones



Dr. Robert S. Fitch

Last night I had the honor of being introduced to Brother Whit Harrell and his wife who has been my driver, baggage handler, etc., and during the course of our conversation, it so happened that it was mentioned that many of our social institutions these days are losing membership, including, as you are well aware, the Order of the Eastern Star. Our attrition rate is exceeding our initiation rate, I am sure you are just as much concerned about that as I am. I wonder how we can survive?

You know in just a few years — just 125, 128 years, I guess it is, since the first degrees were communicated in Jackson, Mississippi by Rob Morris — look where we are today — phenomenal! I think of our forefathers in this organization and those of us who are still present — especially the leaders that we have today such as Sister Harris, Brother Watson and Sister Brown, need to be honored even more greatly than they are by their progressing through the land over the years.

You know . . . sometimes I wonder . . . we seem to dwell so much on the past . . . and this bothers me. We say, "Yes, good members of the Order of the Eastern Star look what has happened in the past years; look what we have done!" Great! I think that it is only appropriate — I believe that it is definitely appropriate — that we give due creditability to Rob Morris — and all the great members of the Eastern Star in the interim period! But, let's not stop there! I think this is where we don't carry the ball — like Calhoun! The going is rough. In essence, we have somewhat of a decadent society. I am not being facetious or recriminatory. I mean that as a fact, and I think you'll have to agree with me. Things are not as good as they could be. But the purpose of the Order of the Eastern Star, as far as the social and moral obligations go, is to improve society. I think that we have done it in the past and we're going to have to continue to do it in the future — if we're to survive!

You know, those who have made their mark in the Eastern Star have been willing to do so because they were not willing to let their own works go unnoticed after they died. Now, that might sound a little bit egocentric, but let's look at it for a minute. All of us wish to be remembered after we're gone from this transitory life. The great works, the classics of our time, are no exception to that. One of those classics was the Ritual written by our Founder, Rob Morris. This is an instinctive, God-given trait that we all have. It's an impulse — it's some kind of a physical evidence of the immortality of man's soul. You know, in Rob Morris' own words, he says, "Life is real, life is purposed, and the grave is not its goal. Dust thou art, to dust returneth, was not spoken by the soul."

I don't think that the Order of the Eastern Star can continue to exist strictly upon the merits of the past. I think that it is necessary — essential — for us to do something besides revel in the accomplishments of our predecessors. We must gain new life in the Eastern Star by its contributions to the PRESENT, as well as its plans for the FUTURE, for society is changing and the Eastern Star must bend a little bit sometimes in order to meet the needs of a changing society.

I don't imply that we should modify, in the least, those eternal truths upon which this Order stands: humility, loyalty, love, etc. Somewhere we're missing the boat when we see our membership drop, as it has.

One of the first statements that was ever read following Rob Morris' death was to the Kentucky Grand Chapter by the Grand Chaplain that particular year and these were the words he said, "They do not die who leave their thoughts imprinted on deathless pages. They pass on, but the work they wrought lives from age to age." So THIS is the problem! This is the PROBLEM! We concern ourselves too much with the influence of the past and not so much upon the present and the future.

When I was growing up — just kneehigh to a duck — I had an aunt, Ella Morris Mount, Past Grand Matron of Kentucky and Grand Secretary of Kentucky — a tremendous lady. She was very dynamic, very humble, and I used to help her paste in changes

in the By-Laws — and some of you, I'm sure many of you, have already done that. Changes in the By-laws! That is a time consuming job and every year it had to be done. I called her Em. I said, "Em, why is it necessary that every year we have to have changes in the by-laws?" You know, I was about 9, 10 or 11 years old. She said, "The works of man are never perfect — they can always be improved upon."

Carl Rodgers, the originator of a book on psychology, made the statement that man's greatest teacher is his own experience — not because it is infallible, but because it can be checked, examined and learned from.

Another quote from Rob Morris: "The words which thou hast spoken are of the soul apart, and the good seed thou hast scattered, is springing from thy heart."

I was interested in some comments made earlier this evening by the very gracious lady sitting next to me in District 3's dinner, Sister Maude Arnold, Past Matron from Fort Worth area. We were talking about the fact that we have a few young people who come into our Order and sometimes they become disillusioned because they think they will never have a chance to get into the Line themselves because there are so many ahead of them. Her statement — and I concur 100% with it — was the fact maybe we, as elders — and this is a relative term — we, as elders, should have no greater honor than to coach young people in these jobs, in these stations, and make them feel that they are a part of the Order. They can learn from those who have gone on before in the stations and there is no greater honor that a person can bestow upon another than to bestow his knowledge and his wisdom and his love. The opportunity was never more ripe for us to actualize the teachings of the Order of the Eastern Star. I wonder . . . do you — do I — wish to make our mark? Do we wish to make "Calhoun carry the ball" when the going gets rough?

The clock of Life is wound but once  
 And no man has the power to tell  
 Just when the hands will stop,  
     at late or early hour.  
 Now is the only time you own,  
 Live, Love, Toil with a will.  
 Place no faith in tomorrow, for  
 Your clock may then be still.

I would like to close with a short poem which I am sure the delegation from Waco will remember — maybe, they'll even help me on the last line. They got a big kick out of it back a few months ago.

We have two ends with a common link.  
 With one we sit, with one we think.  
 Success depends on which we use—  
 Heads we win, tails we lose.

So may it ever be! God bless each of you! Thank you for your hospitality!  
 (STANDING APPLAUSE)

**Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard:** Dr. Fitch, your presence here tonight, for me, has been a personal inspiration. You have presented to us in this 20th century, the same pioneer challenge presented by your great grandfather in the early part of the 18th century. For one brief moment, you hallowed these walls by bridging a gap of time. I trust that every member of our Order present here tonight felt the presence of Rob Morris', our illustrious Founder, as much as I.

It is now a very signal honor and a personal joy for me to present Texas' most distinguished member, our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris. Sister Harris, I'd like to say to you that what you do for our Grand Chapter

Room is very difficult to describe in words. I suspect that you are the "DEAR" of the hearts of each and every one of us and that covers a lot of heart space.

**Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris:** Thank you, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, our Past Grand Matron.

The members of this Grand Chapter of Texas, our Lone Star State, are signally honored by the visit of Sister Josephine Ruhsam from the beautiful North Star State — Minnesota.

We welcome her with true Texas hospitality, a great fraternal love and our friendship. Sister Josephine has written her name high in the annuals of Fraternal Service to our Order in her Subordinate Chapter in Albert Lea, Minnesota; also in the Grand Chapter of Minnesota and on the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees of the General Grand Chapter. She merits her election to the line in that august body. She is now serving the membership around the world as Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress of General Grand Chapter.

She has traveled to all Grand Jurisdictions, meeting their membership and enjoying fellowship with their most distinguished leaders.

However, her joy and wish were complete when the Grand Chapter of Texas, last year, in its Annual Session in El Paso, voted to present the name of our distinguished leader, Brother J. Victor Jones, to the membership of the General Grand Chapter at its next Triennial in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, to the office of Right Worthy Grand Sentinel.

This leadership in the North Star State, together with the leadership in our Lone Star State, should blaze a path of glory for our Order; a new Faith in all we stand for; and a beautiful peace in our Father's world.

May I now present to you this charming and gracious lady, Josephine Ruhsam, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress of the General Grand Chapter. (As Sister Josephine stood at the podium the Grand Choir saluted her with "Hail Minnesota")

**Mrs. Josephine Ruhsam:** Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, our dear Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mildred Haney Harris, Dr. Fitch, Delegates and members of this wonderful Grand Jurisdiction of Texas. Greetings! I bring you these not only from my own Grand Chapter of Minnesota, but also from our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron — both of whom requested that I do so.

Thank you so much, Worthy Grand Matron, for the opportunity of speaking to the members of this Grand Jurisdiction. I am grateful for the position of honor extended me by your Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Brown — and your Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mildred Haney Harris, who presented me — for inviting me to speak at this time in that I understand this has been the privilege of Sister Harris to address the delegation at the close of the Tuesday Session.

Sister Mildred Haney Harris gave me my first assignment in General Grand Chapter. How little did either of us dream then that I would be here tonight in this capacity. It is my earnest prayer that the Lone Star State and the North Star State of Minnesota will work together in the future!

It has been a real joy to be associated with Texas General Grand Chapter representatives — Sisters Sally Matranga, Worthy Grand Organist, and Ruby Enloe, Ritual Committee, and Brothers Herbert Arnold, Jurisprudence Committee and J. Victor Jones, International Temple Committee — whom I sincerely hope will be elected Right Worthy Grand Sentinel in just about a year at our Assembly in Toronto! (Applause)

Caring for others kindles devotion everlasting and has been expressed in the support that you have given to your Worthy Grand Matron's projects for the year. Our Founder, Brother Rob Morris wrote, "If the Order will serve humanity and have a purpose in the world, it will live." When we work together, we can accomplish great things. As Rudyard Kipling once wrote, "It ain't the individual or the Army as a whole; it's the everlasting team work of every blooming soul" — what "Team Work" you have exhibited!

Because as chairman of the Right Worthy Grand Trustees I was so closely associated with our International Temple in Washington, D. C., during an interesting time of transition, I was disappointed last year not to have an opportunity to congratulate your chairman, Sister Lillian Anderson — not only for the number of 100% chapters, but also for the program which I may have enjoyed more than anyone else present. The slides had been rearranged and the spoken descriptions were most pleasing.

May I also congratulate this year's Chairman, Sister Billie Rogers. In a Jurisdiction the size of Texas, it is extremely gratifying to be able to work successfully, as you are doing, for 100% membership. I have driven through Texas on various occasions and realize from those trips that it takes a good many hours to get from East to West or from South to North for, as one of my friends said:

"The sun has riz  
The sun has set —  
And we ain't out of Texas yet!"

Recently I received a report of the amount of contributions to the Welfare Projects of General Grand Chapter for the year of July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978 which, I feel sure, will be of interest and a source of pride to you. It illustrates why we are a tax-exempt organization. Monetary contributions through our International Temple Office to the various General Grand Chapter projects during just this one year, totaled one and three-quarter million dollars — of which Texas is credited with \$33,209.14 given to ESTARL!

We may not make headline news, but we do make substantial contributions to the welfare of mankind. Perhaps we should not "hide our light under a bushel" but set it on a candlestick and let it shine for the world to see. Others might then be attracted to join our Chapters. In a world of shifting values, it is good to belong to an organization such as ours whose members collectively have a common purpose. The greatest value of anyone's life is to spend it for something that lives after him.

It is said that you are today where your thoughts have brought you — that you will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you today. You cannot escape the results of your thoughts. Therefore, as members of our great Order, let us consecrate ourselves to the highest ideals of conduct.

In closing, Sister Rennie and Brother Duke and Grand Officers of 1978-1979, may I express my sincere appreciation for the courtesies extended to me in this great Jurisdiction and wish for your happiness and success.

I have enjoyed this outstanding Session, as well as every other time that I have met with you. Sister Mary Brown and Brother Murray Watson, may this Grand Chapter Session continue in harmony and be a happy culmination of your years of service. Thank you so much for every courtesy! (Applause)

**Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard:** Sister Josephine, you made us happy when you paraphrased the famous Tony Bennett hit. We're happy to know that "you have left a part of your heart in Texas."

Brother Victor Jones is going to be made exceptionally happy now because Sister Billie Rogers, International Temple Committee Chairman, will now present the report. She has a surprise for him.

**Mrs. Billie Rogers:** Our program has been named STARS AROUND THE WORLD by our Beautiful lady, Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris.

## INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE PROGRAM “STARS AROUND THE WORLD”

Presented by  
Mrs. Billie M. Rogers, Chairman  
International Temple Committee

### Guests of Honor

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Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter

Mrs. Josephine Ruhsam,  
Right Worthy Grand Conductress, General Grand Chapter

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

Mrs. Ruby Enloe,  
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Mr. J. Victor Jones,  
International Temple Committee, General Grand Chapter

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Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Worthy Grand Patron  
Grand Chapter of Texas

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

Texas' Own General Grand Chapter Officer and Committee Members and our Honored Guest, Mrs. Josephine Rusham, R.W.A.G.C. of General Grand Chapter.

(The setting for this program consisted of a large GLOBE of the WORLD in the center of the Labyrinth. As the various Groups were announced they entered from one of the four corners of the Coliseum, encircling the Globe. They were most effective in costumes of the country which they represented. At the designated time, each raised a glittered STAR and, with the spot lights upon them, they were truly STARS ENCIRCLING THE WORLD. The Worthy Matrons and Junior Past Matrons of the 100% Chapters framed the scene.)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers & Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

It is my sweet privilege to present those gracious ladies who will assist me in forming "Stars Around the World" in their beautiful costumes representing the foreign countries, Canadian Provinces and United States possessions who have chapters that are 100% in our International Temple.

Our musical selections will be by Mrs. Dorothy Cleveland and Mrs. Mary Louise Williams. Our soloist is Mrs. Cheryl Jones, accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Cleveland. (Solo — "Welcome to My World")

ENTRANCE OF GRAND PROCESSION — Our leaders will be: Mrs. Mildred Love, Phyllis Joan Meyer, Lola Sawyer, Lee Bartolow, Freida West, Hilda Monroe, Georgia Belle Bronson, Frances Belk, Lena Maye Cook, and Winona Rubesch.

I. REPRESENTING PUERTO RICO — 13 — 100% Chapters — Mrs. Mildred Love, and Mrs. Phyllis Joan Meyer.

GERMANY — 10 — 100% Chapters — Mrs. Margaret Warren, Jewell Montgomery, Gussie Bratton, Virginia Meyer, Dorothy Cleveland, Shirley Thomas, Alberta Mann, Beth Evers and Bess Wright.

CHINA — 4 — 100% Chapters — Mrs. Ruth Conring and Dorothy Fore.

CUBA — 2 — 100% Chapters — Mrs. Edna Bailey and Mrs. Mrs. Irene Sheffield.

OKINAWA — 1 — 100% Chapter — Mrs. Mary Bell McKinzie and Thelma Stepp.

PHILLIPINES — 10 — 100% Chapters — Mrs. Addie Rutledge, Beatrice Weeden, and Ruth Farschman.

ITALY — 1 — 100% Chapter — 1 not 100% — Mrs. Dorris Scheidemantel, Doris Fincher and Lanelle Mahaffey.

II. REPRESENTING FRANCE — 2 — 100% Chapters — Mrs. Georgia Belle Bronson & Frances Belk, & Winona Rubesch

UNITED STATES POSSESSIONS: HAWAII — 10 — 100% Chapters — Mrs. Lena Maye Cook, Jane Gregory, Eria Castrow, Bert Barrett, Dorothy Rhodes, Nina Johnson, Genea McCall, Martha Sanders, Kathleen Cleaton, Betty Striegel and Carry Poe.

ALASKA — 16 — 100% Chapters — Mrs. Frances Atkinson, Winona Forbus and Lucille Jacobs.

UNITED STATES PROVINCES — CANAL ZONE — 4 — 100% Chapters — Mrs. Dorothy Teel, Retha Mae Tracy and Pat Gay.

GUAM — 1 — 100% Chapter — Mrs. Jane Dunford, & Nell Brock.

SCOTLAND — Under the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland — Past Grand Matron Mrs. Agnes Smellie and Past Grand Matron Mrs. Agnes Campbell gave to the International Temple Fund. REPRESENTED BY Mrs. Marie Rabby & Dorothy Dickson.

III. REPRESENTING BERMUDA — 2 — 100% Chapters — Mrs. Lola Sawyer and Emma Lee Bartholow.

JAPAN — 5 — 100% Chapters — Mrs. Coy Baker, Leah Little, Cloe Morris, Julia Jackson and Lois Jackson.

MEXICO — 4 — 100% Chapters — Mrs. Bee Kizziah, Jane Mueller, Gaye Whitaker, Marguerite Hargrove, Josephine Turner, Doris Austin, and Frances Burlison.

SAUDI ARABIA — 1 — 100% Chapter — Mrs. Juanita Smith, Charlene Long and Irene Viereck.

MORROCCO — 1 — 100% Chapter — Mrs. Gertrude Carbrough, Norma Boyker, and Lois Hill.

YUKON — 1 — 100% Chapter — 1 Affiliated with the Grand Chapter of British Columbia — Mrs. Leahbelle Hill.

IV. REPRESENTING NETHERLAND — Attiles — 1 — 100% Chapter and 2 not 100% Chapters — Mrs. Hilda Monroe, Mrs. Freida West and Mrs. Georgia Harrison

NEWFOUNDLAND — 2 Chapters not 100% — Mrs. Frances Alexander and Helen Littlepage.

CANADIAN PROVINCES: ALBERTA — 15 — 100% Chapters — Mrs. Katherine Cowgill, Gretchen Elliott, Gladys Bruce Cox & Janis Post.

BRITISH COLUMBIA — 42 — 100% Chapters — Mrs. Pansy Lynch, Elsie L. Callahan and Mary Sparks.

MANITOBA — 16 — 100% Chapters — Mrs. Sarah Brady and Myrtle Platter.

ONTARIO — 5 — 100% Chapters — Mrs. Louise Scott, Mildred Barr and Dr. Betty Barr.

QUEBEC — 100% JURISDICTION — Mrs. Frances Chenault and Rose Fowler.

SASKATCHEWAN — 3 — 100% Chapters — Mrs. Bessie Stoever, and Nancy Bringhurst, Mildred Ham and Oley Wright.

SOLO — "CATCH A FALLING STAR" — Mrs. Cheryl Jones accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Cleveland.

(Just before the solo, a chair was brought and placed in the center. Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris was escorted to the position of honor. Those to whom the program was dedicated were escorted to the center of the Star).

Mrs. Rogers remarked: "When we were on our 6000 mile trip this summer, I asked Mrs. Harris 'what can I name the International Temple Report'. Her reply was "Why, of course, 'STARS AROUND THE WORLD.'" That is the reason that the program is so named."

ENTRANCE — Worthy Matrons & Jr. Past Matrons of 100% Chapters of our Stars of Texas.

LEADERS: Emily L. Urban, Barbara Forbus, Janice Sickler, Louise Kemm, Mary Ham, Betty Clark, Jean Lucas and Ann Snyder.

(Mildred Love and Phyllis Joan Meyer escorted honorees to Gr. Chap. Floor to join in the Stars Around the World Pageant.)



The International Temple is the heart center of the Eastern Star World and it is truly magnificent. Our Star shines on the embassies of the world, making our Temple a beacon of light to our members everywhere. It proclaims that we are their neighbors and speaks the universal language of Love to all mankind.

You have only to look at the beautiful building, with its massive stone walls, to know that it proclaims strength. And the word "strength" represents the great work that our Order does.

The elegant interior extends fraternal hospitality, warmth, love and beauty to all who enter its portals. Some of the outstanding rooms that you may have the pleasure of seeing are the Ballroom, Honor Roll Room, Library, Treasurer's Room, The Chapel, Drawing Room, Chinese Room, State Dining Room. Each are filled with treasures from around the world. The Italian mantels and ceiling in the State Dining Room have amethyst chandeliers which are treasures from Europe. The Temple has a Lewis and Hitchcock Pipe Organ and a Steinway French Piano in gold.

The Temple was purchased to be the headquarters of the General Grand Chapter and to supply a place to house the stock of supplies we sell to our members in all parts of the world where Chapters are located.

During the depression, many homes were sold for office buildings, so the building that we now own was considered and bought.

Each of you may have an equal share of stock in the magnificent Temple. The cost is only \$1.00. We want you to know that, although we have not obtained 100% for all Chapters, we do hope to do so by next year. This project is dear to the heart of all Eastern Stars and we are grateful for an Order whose principles remain untarnished in the World that we live in today.

The subordinate Chapters of Texas have added much to the luster of the light that shines from our International Temple as they have given their funds to endow this beautiful structure.

The 100% Chapters continue to send their dollars as they initiate new members, thereby continuing their 100% status. The Chapters reaching 100% during this Grand Chapter year are: Leander No. 73, Spur No. 164, Teneha No. 185, Grand Prairie No. 219, Newton No. 224, Helena No. 289, Stinnett No. 347, Jacksboro No. 390, Pine Hill No. 675, Pasadena No. 711, Fort Kavett No. 783, Ocotillo No. 837, Anson No. 867, Azale No. 899, Edgewood No. 904, Dublin No. 910, Mike H. Thomas No. 951, Ysleta No. 991, Whitney No. 930, Centerville No. 1002, Highland Park No. 1029, Oak Forest No. 1080, Lake Worth No. 1109, Bells No. 1110, Allen UD and Kingsland UD.

It was our pleasure to show the lovely picture slides of our International Temple to the following chapters:

Midland No. 253; Houston Hts. No. 258; Pasadena No. 711; Groesbeck No. 810; Tomball No. 838; Bluebell No. 856; Mary Martha No. 981; and Dear Park No. 1063.

**FINANCIAL REPORT 1977 — 1978**

Total Bond Dollars Received .....	\$2,875.25
Total Cash Received .....	603.78
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS 1977-78 .....</b>	<b>\$3,479.03</b>

Chapters already 100% contributing to fund .....	470
Chapters not 100% contributing to fund .....	11
Chapters showing Temple slides .....	9
Letters written for International Temple .....	1014

100% Chapters as of last Grand Chapter Report .....	470
Chapters attaining 100% in 1977-78 .....	25
Total 100% Chapters to date .....	495

Solo — "GOD PAINTED A PICTURE AND CALLED IT THE WORLD" —  
Mrs. Cheryl Jones accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Cleveland

The Escorts will please return our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and General Grand Chapter Honorees to the East.

Worthy Grand Matron, Thank you for the sweet privilege of serving as Chairman of the International Temple for Texas this year. It has been a most rewarding experience. The Chapters have been anxious to see the slides and it was a joy to present them, with Sister Sally Matranga's assistance. In many cases, it was the first time a General Grand Chapter Officer had visited the Chapters and they were most pleased. My sincere thanks to our lovely Grand Secretary Sister Agnes Lee Howard for the assistance that she so willingly gave to me.

The Secretaries were very co-operative and the Chapters were generous in their contributions. The Worthy Matrons and Jr. Past Matrons of these 100% Chapters who are in our formation tonight have much to be proud of as we are proud of them in this accomplishment.

I have records available to assist the incoming Chairman of this committee and it is our heart's desire that each Chapter in the State will be 100% by the time we meet in San Antonio for Grand Chapter in 1979.

Thank you again for this lovely appointment and may God continue to bless you and yours is my prayer.

Before I close, I want to tell you what our beautiful soloist said to me tonight. She said, "I have butterflies." I just replied, "Join the crowd, I do too." Thank you Honey for sharing your lovely voice with us.

The Leaders will please clear the Grand Chapter floor at this time.

Mrs. Billie M. Rogers, Chairman, International Temple Committee  
Grand Chapter of Texas OES 1977-78.

(Chapter Contributions shown in Table of Gifts)

**Mrs. Billie Rogers:** Just a moment. Mrs. Josephine Ruhsam has something to say to you.

**Mrs. Josephine Ruhsam:** I think that you would like to know that the last appraisal that was given on that beautiful building was twenty-two million. However, it couldn't be replaced because of the important marble. It is a marvelous building and I hope that all of you will go to Washington and visit it. You will be thrilled, I know.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Excuse me. Worthy Grand Matron, may I thank your chairman for the fine report that she has presented at this Grand Chapter session. Thank you, Billie.

**Mrs. Billie Rogers:** Thank you, Victor, I thought you'd like that.

**Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard:** This has been a very picturesque and colorful presentation — a very beautiful one.

I am pleased now to present Mrs. Frances Burbank, Fraternal Correspondent, who will present her report at this time. Sister Frances.



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FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT

**Mrs. Frances Burbank:** Thank you, Past Grand Matron.

## REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, General Grand Chapter officers and members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Members, my Sisters, Brothers and Friends.

What a beautiful privilege has been mine this year in serving as the Fraternal Correspondent and how grateful I am to our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Brown, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Murray Watson, Jr. for this opportunity and to our Grand Secretary, Sister Agnes Lee Howard, for forwarding copies of the official proceedings to my home.

Dr. Rob Morris laid the framework and wrote the Ritual for the Order of the Eastern Star as we observe it today. From that small beginning in 1850 we now have 13,000 chapters consisting of almost 3 million members with fiftysix Grand Jurisdictions encircling the globe from the Gulf of Mexico to the northern boundaries of Canada, from the Statue of Liberty to the Golden Gate Bridge; in Puerto Rico, Alaska, Hawaii and fourteen foreign countries. The ritual is printed not only in English, but also in Chinese, Spanish, German and Italian, and Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization to which both men and women can belong.

We are governed by four bodies; The Independent Grand Chapter of New York, the Independent Grand Chapter of New Jersey, The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland and the General Grand Chapter under whose charter we operate.

We are all united by our belief in One Supreme Being, by our Signs and Passes, by the presence of the Holy Bible upon our Altar and by tribute to the flag of our Country.

From the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions we learn that we all have a common problem. Eastern Star — like many other fraternal organizations is facing a gradual loss in membership — partially due to our current life style. So, not only must we preserve the heritage given to us by our founder, but we must, on a one-to-one basis, keep the quality of our Order high which may, in turn, strengthen the quantity of our Order. And we must, like our Grand Representatives, be ambassadors of good-will — not only across the face of the earth, but right at home — in our own backyard, so to speak, in our own Chapter — and only then will we have the peace and good-will God gave to man through His son, Jesus Christ.

My deep appreciation to the following for their assistance and participation in our drill:

Our Grand Marshal, Jerry Miller, to my many friends from Ft. Worth who are taking the places of Grand Representatives who are not present, to our vocalist, Rev. J. K. Minton, pastor of the Lazybrook Baptist Church of Houston and his lovely wife, Ruth, his accompanist. My dear friends, thank you.

It is with pleasure that I now present the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas in the following drill.

(Grand Representatives enter in two lines from the Grand East, carrying pennants with the names of their Grand Jurisdictions. The north line forms a circle around the large world globe encircled with four stars in the center of the room. The south line winds in and out among the members of the north line, then forms a larger circle.)

(Grand Representatives names were called — see list under Grand Officers.)

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth . . .”

“The earth is the Lord’s and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein.” Ps 24:1,2

Even as the stars God cast into the heavens dispel the darkness — our stars in an ever enlarging circle — all over the world illumine the lives of those they touch with love, with the fraternal bond of friendship.

(During narration the north line turns and forms still a larger circle around the south line which turns and joins the north line. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are escorted by the Grand Marshal within the circle of Grand Representatives. As the names of the Grand Representatives are called, they hold their pennants at arms length. “Let There Be Peace On Earth” is sung by Rev. J. K. Minton. At the close of the song the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are escorted by the Grand Marshal East facing West as the Grand Representatives exit).

It was the master of Life who formed the clay  
And dispelled the dark with the light of day  
Created the heavens, the earth, the sea  
And scattered stars through the galaxy.

Placed fowl on the earth and fish in the seas,  
And gave man dominion over all of these.  
Thus down through the ages God has watched over man  
In carrying out His master plan.

Sent angels to herald our Savior’s birth  
Announcing His arrival upon this earth,  
By telling the wise men where he lay  
In a lowly stable among the hay.

Then upon the mountainside drawing near  
While striving to still the shepherd’s fear;  
Proclaimed the joy of the Savior’s birth;  
Wishing good will toward man and peace on earth.

Then new commandments we received;  
Do ye unto the least of these,  
And go ye, therefore and teach all nations,  
Telling them of God’s great creation.

Thus down through the ages from heaven above  
Sent from our Lord with His abiding love,  
These words on the wings of the wind are hurled,  
Lo I am with you always — Even to the end of the world.

Worthy Grand Matron, the report of the Fraternal Correspondent will close with Rev. J. K. Minton singing “How Great Thou Art”. And on behalf of the Grand Representatives we wish you and our entire membership joy and happiness and may “the God of Peace be with you all.” Ro. 15:13, 33

**Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard:** What a hilltop experience in which to close this Sesion. I am happy and pleased to present our lovely Past Grand Matron of District 5 to bring our Benediction. Sister Nancy Bailey Allen.

### BENEDICTION

**Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen:** Heavenly Father, we come to Thee for an evening blessing to seal within our hearts the inspirations and memories of this day. We ask Thee for

the blessings of quietness for every troubled heart; rest for every weary soul; new faith and courage for all who have faced exhausting tasks this day.

We would rest now in Thee and find in this evening hour Thy stillness and Thy peace to bring us into quiet harmony with Thy will.

In the strong name of Jesus, our Lord, we make this prayer. Amen.

**Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard:** Good Night. We'll see you in the morning promptly at 8:45 a.m. (Sounds gavel.)

(Session closed at 10:45 p.m.)

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

**October 25, 1978**

**8:45 A.M.**

Musical Selections ..... Grand Choir

(As the membership was gathering for the Wednesday Morning Session, they enjoyed the inspirational music sung by this outstanding Grand Choir)

#### PROCESSIONAL

- Mrs. Lois Burnett, Past Grand Matron  
escorted by Dr. Bert Hammack
- Mr. Charles E. Bairfield, Past Grand Patron  
escorted by Mrs. Thelma Bairfield
- Mrs. Edna Earl Duke, Past Grand Matron  
escorted by Mr. Lloyd T. Crabb
- Mrs. Aliene Houston, Past Grand Matron  
escorted by Mr. C. A. Allen

**9:00 A.M.**

#### CALL TO ORDER

**Mrs. Lois Burnett:** Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. It is my distinct honor and pleasure to Call to Order this Wednesday Morning "For Love's Sake" Session of the 96th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Sisters and Brothers, how good it is to greet you as we come to this Wednesday Morning Session, with grateful appreciation for the beauty and inspiration we have thus far gleaned and enjoyed here in your beautiful City of Houston.

This morning I have the pleasure of presenting Mr. Charles E. Bairfield, my Worthy Grand Patron, who served with me. Brother Bairfield. (Applause as he stands)

I now present to you the Grand Marshal and the Precious Peace Drill by the Pages, Warders, and Sentinels.

(The formation of the Precious Peace Drill represented the badges of the Warder and Sentinel — the dove being superimposed over the crossed swords' — within the pentagon. The dove was formed by the Assistant Grand Warders, the crossed swords and pentagon by Assistant Grand Sentinels, and the Grand Pages added the pink color in the spaces)

The Floor Officers and Personal Pages will now present their "Trophies of Love" Drill, conducted by the Grand Marshal.

(Once again, the membership thoroughly enjoyed the Trophies of Love Drill).

Grand Marshall, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and other 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 Grand East.

Sisters and Brothers, what a delight it is for me to introduce to you Sister Mary M. Brown, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Murray Watson, Jr., 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 stations.

It has been said "All is Holy where devotion prevails!" This one who is admired and beloved by all of you, and by us, will come now and bring the Devotional — Our own Past Grand Matron, Sister Edna Earl Duke.

#### DEVOTIONAL

**Mrs. Edna Earl Duke, PGM:** In our Bible we read in John 4:12, "If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfect in us." God is love, and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

What is Love? God is love. That is sufficient for most of us. Others of us need more words. Perhaps the way to best understand this word with limitless meanings is to look for it in action. Does love have a common denominator? Is it something you can see? Is it something you can point to? Yes. It is all of these things. But, it is also much, much more.

The impact of love power is impossible to measure. But, the results can be seen, touched, and enjoyed. Consider giving. Giving of oneself in acts of kindness, service, and devotion is a beautiful act of God's love within us that we can feel, and others can see. Giving of material wealth to God's church and His missions, wherever they are, or whatever they may be, is the concrete evidence of love in action.

Love is receiving. Love not only knows how to give generously; it knows how to accept graciously. There is a law of return. It works for all of us. Unless we want to deprive others of the good they attract by the law of return, then we must accept lovingly the good that they offer.

Love is freedom. We are free when we love. It gives us a feeling of openness — of sharing with others, a joyousness, a zest for living that is wonderful to know within oneself, as well as to behold in others. When we move outwards with confidence, when we reach out to others — go to them and touch them in the happiness of association, then we are showing God's perfect love in ourselves.

Jesus told us, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these shall be added unto you." Love, the light and power of all ages, the intangible quality that expresses universal good will towards all people, is the greatest expression of God's image on earth. Let us praise Him in our day by day living; grow in His grace by gratefully receiving and lovingly passing it on.

The more Love is used, the greater and more attractive it becomes. It grows and expands as it is used, given, and shared. We experience the many assets of expressing love in our lives. Above all else is our knowledge of His blessings when we use ourselves as a channel to enlarge this most precious of all His gifts to us.

**Mrs. Lois Burnett:** Thank you, Sister Edna Earl Duke. Prayer is the wing wherewith the soul flies to heaven, and true prayer always receives what it asks, or something better. Our greatly beloved Past Grand Matron, Sister Aliene Houston, will lead us in prayer for strength and understanding throughout this new day.

### INVOCATION

**Mrs. Aliene Houston:** Almighty and merciful God, our Heavenly Father, who gives us every good and perfect gift and who is the same today, tomorrow, and forever. We pause in this Grand Chapter Session to thank you and praise you for the many blessings that we have because of your love for us, even though we do not deserve it. We are indeed grateful for the special wisdom, patience, courage, and perseverance that you have given our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and the membership of this great Order for the goals that have been set. May peace and harmony prevail and the work accomplished glorify your blessed name and strengthen our Order and the world, as we continue to serve you and our fellowmen. We humbly ask forgiveness of our sins and offer this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**Mrs. Lois Burnett:** Thank you, Sister Aliene.

(The Grand Choir gave the choral "AMEN" most effectively.)

Some one has said "excellence is never granted to anyone", except it comes as the reward of effort and labor. To the Grand Marshal, Pages, Warders, Sentinels, Floor Officers, and Personal Pages, we recognize the excellence with which you have so beautifully performed this morning. We do commend and THANK YOU most sincerely for all you have done in sharing the beauty of your untiring efforts and talents throughout this week, and this day.

Worthy Grand Matron, please come and stand by me.

All honest, true love and admiration is grounded upon esteem. ESTEEM has many engaging charms, friendships, and love to share with others. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Brown, your life has been spent so worthily this past year. The rest of your life you will be measured and remembered always by your many true graces, accomplishments and beautiful deeds in thought and action throughout this year. You placed your hands into the hands of all of your Sisters and Brothers with whom you crossed paths, and especially the membership of our great State of Texas. THANK YOU, my dear friend, for the courtesy and honor you have extended to me this day in your Grand Chapter program.

Worthy Grand Patron, please come and stand by me.

The flowering of civilization is but the product of Man. Gentility is neither wealth, manner, nor fashion, but instead is a high sense of honor and respect for his fellowman — never a determination to take undue advantage of another Sister or Brother. Always an adherence to truth, delicacy, and politeness toward all with whom you have crossed paths. When I first met our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Murray Watson, Jr., if manners and gentility had not already been in existence in past generations, he would have brought these graces into being. Worthy Grand Patron, the gift of yourself to our Grand Chapter of Texas this past year will henceforth be of record and along with it you, too, will be long remembered.

Some one has said "every man is valued in this world" as he shows by his life and conduct that which he wishes to be valued. Worthy Grand Patron, my sincere appreciation to you for the courtesy extended in inviting to assist in the Call to Order this morning our Past Grand Patron, Mr. Charles E. Bairfield, my own Worthy Grand Patron, with whom I was privileged to serve, along with his lovely wife, Thelma, who was our Grand Esther. Brother Bairfield, I know the members from over our great State of Texas would like to hear from you.



**Mr. Charles E. Bairfield:** Thank you, Sister Lois Burnett. It is an honor and high privilege to again be in the East with my own Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Texas, Brother Furman Vinson, my Sisters, Brothers, and Friends: It is good to be in Houston this morning. Thanks to a merciful providence I have been granted 55 years as a Master Mason, some 48 years as an Eastern Star, and 50 years of married bliss with a very dear wife. These blessings cause me to believe that you will generously allow me a brief reminiscence. It seems somewhat strange to me that one who has lived his entire life in the Texas Panhandle, some 550 miles from Houston, could have so many good things happen to him in and near Houston. As a wide eyed kid from the wide open spaces I had a day of sightseeing in Houston and was introduced to the wonder of ten story buildings and the marvel of a channel to the Gulf of Mexico which they said would make of inland Houston a great seaport city. On enrolling as a College Freshman, by sheer chance I became the roommate of a Houston boy. We roomed together four years and enjoyed many happy visits to Houston during that time and since. That friendship has been a plus for me.

When Sister Hattie Dowell Gilbert was installed here as Worthy Grand Matron and our departed Brother Frank R. Phillips as Worthy Grand Patron, I was appointed a member of the Transportation and Mileage Committee. My good luck in District Four continued with my election to the Board of Grand Trustees in Galveston. That was followed by service as Grand Sentinel for our lovely and greatly loved Past Grand Matron, Sister Mary Ella Schoverling. At her Grand Chapter in this City, along with Sister Lois Burnett as Associate Grand Matron, the honor was mine to be elected Associate Grand Patron. Do you remember that occasion Sister Lois? There are many other happy memories for me in association with this great city which seems destined to become the largest city in America. We admire the citizens of this metropolis for their accomplishments but we hope that it is never as crowded in Clarendon, Amarillo, Lubbock, Pampa, or Plainview as it is here!

To the members of our Order, who sometimes facetiously refer to each other as "peons", let me say that in my book you are the grandest people. I love each of you and wish that it was possible to visit leisurely and become better acquainted with you. How nice it would be to learn of your children, and grandchildren, your hopes, plans, and joys. You and our subordinate chapters are the showcase of our Order. You are the people who inspire eligible persons to petition for the degrees, or visa versa. It is something like "I'd rather see a sermon walking than to hear one." It is axiomatic that the Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter owe their existence to you. In my humble opinion, the highest honor that can come to one is to hold office in a subordinate chapter and serve therein efficiently, harmoniously, and unselfishly. May God bless you always in all ways!

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the honor of this hour and the pleasure of again being in the East with Sister Lois Burnett. You have had a good year. You have served with distinction. You have pointed our Grand Chapter in a very worthwhile direction. May this week be an harmonious and happy fulfillment of all your dreams.

**Mrs. Lois Burnett:** And now, Worthy Grand Matron, I am pleased to present your gavel — and thank you again for this very fine privilege of calling this Session to order. (Applause)

**Worthy Grand Matron:** My special thanks to Sister Lois Burnett, my precious friend, and to Brother Charles Bairfield for Calling to Order this Wednesday morning session. As I have told you before, these two fine Eastern Stars presided over the very first Grand Chapter Session that I attended. It means much to me to have them call this Session to Order.

My appreciation to Sister Aliene Houston for the beautiful prayer and to Sister Edna Earl Duke for the Devotional of the morning.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you would like to express your appreciation to these for presiding this morning.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Sister Lois, you have given of your time and talent for so many years to the work in our Grand Chapter. True service comes from serving in a spirit of genuine concern and love in your heart for others. You have always demonstrated these fine traits of character, and you have been a great inspiration to the membership of Texas. I appreciate you and all that you have done for the Order. Thank you for calling this Wednesday Morning Session to Order.

Brother Bairfield, through years of faithful service to the Grand Chapter, as well as to your own Chapter, you have brought honor to yourself and to Grand Chapter by serving with love and understanding. I sincerely thank you for assisting in Calling to Order this Wednesday Morning Session. May the memories of your years of service be an inexhaustible reservoir of treasured recollections.'

**Worthy Grand Matron:** A sincere "thank you" also to those who served last evening and who presented the beautiful programs. To Sister Agnes Lee Howard, "thank you, darling, for presiding so beautifully", assisted by Brother Gerald Allen. And to all of those who took a part in the program honoring our General Grand Chapter Officers—"thank you" — To Sister Mildred Garlitz who brought the tribute to Texas' own Sister Mildred Haney Harris; Sister Ruby Enloe; Sister Sally Matranga; Brother Herbert Arnold; and Brother J. Victor Jones. To each of you we owe a debt of gratitude for the many hours you spent in planning so that a proper tribute might be presented.

We are especially grateful to Sister Josephine Ruhsam for coming back to Texas. I think I have said this before because she has been here before — we deeply love her and respect her! Sister Mildred Haney Harris said that she was agreeable to having Sister Josephine Ruhsam speak for General Grand Chapter. Thank you, Sister Josephine, for coming — you are really "one of us."

I would also like to say a word to Brother Robert S. Fitch. Dr. Fitch, will you please stand. I hope that all of you were present last evening as Dr. Fitch brought that inspirational message. Many have told me that his words might well have come from the one who founded our Order. Thank you for coming to this Session. We owe you a great debt of gratitude. I think we really hit the "Jack Pot". Thank you, Dr. Fitch.

Now, I would like to recognize before we get into our Reports, Our Sisters from the Home. You know that this year the thing that has been uppermost in our minds and our hearts is our friends who reside in our Eastern Star Home. We are so happy to have you with us. With pride I present Sister Clara Wynne in blue, Sarah Jane Koontz, Cora Bailey, and Alma Beall — the ladies from the Home!

Thank you for coming! (applause)

I now recognize Sister Vivian King, State Chairman of the Secretarial Committee, for the Report of her Committee.

## REPORT OF SECRETARIAL COMMITTEE

**Mrs. Vivian King:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Guests, Officers and Members of Grand Chapter:

“How marvelous the quick wise hands!  
 By touch the slow heart understands  
 the meaning of water, grain of wood,  
 a moth wing’s weight. Oh, keen and good  
 is the finger’s knowledge of texture, shape!  
 the tulip’s cup, the small cool grape,  
 sleek of cat, and rough of dog,  
 fence rail silver, harsher log.  
 Known to the hand are pleasure, pain,  
 sun and wind, snow and rain.  
 But what fine warmth when the fingers bend  
 and the firm hand meets the  
 hand of a friend!”

Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to express my thanks for the privilege of serving you and Grand Chapter this year, but without the help of the five capable District Secretaries, and the 50 Section Secretaries, this report would not be necessary.

This Committee’s function is described in its name . . . “Secretarial Committee” . . . but since it was organized differently than in the past, I would like to give a brief outline of our purpose and duties as given by our Worthy Grand Matron in her instructions to us at the beginning of the year.

The Committee, composed of a State Chairman, five District Chairmen and a Secretary for each of the 50 Sections in the State, had as its primary purpose “to provide Secretarial assistance” to the Worthy Grand Matron throughout the year as she traveled the State. Detailed instructions were channeled from the State Chairman to the District Chairman and on to the Section Secretaries. The District Secretaries were allowed the privilege of traveling on the School Schedule in order to assist the Worthy Grand Matron with her day to day correspondence. The Section Secretary was on hand during each School to take care of any correspondence connected with that event. During the year, the Worthy Grand Matron could call on her secretaries for assistance in whatever area she might be.

Having heard no complaint, I can only assume the system has worked out to the satisfaction of all concerned. I know that every member of this Committee has a feeling of pride that we were given the honor of assisting the Worthy Grand Matron in this Way.

It is with pleasure that I now introduce to you the District Secretaries . . . who will, in turn, introduce the Secretaries from their own District.

- District One . . . . . Mrs. Nellie Warren
- District Two . . . . . Mrs. Shirley Rattan
- District Three . . . . . Mrs. Joan Ward
- District Four . . . . . Mrs. Annie May Adam
- District Five . . . . . Mrs. Frances McGahey

**Mrs. Nellie Warren:** It is with pride that I introduce to you five of the Secretaries of District I:

- Mrs. Joyce Saline . . . . . Section 1
- Mrs. Marvolyn Province . . . . . Section 2
- Mrs. Lillie Mae Eades . . . . . Section 6
- Mrs. Geneva Tincher . . . . . Section 8
- Mrs. Elsie Pope . . . . . Section 9

**Mrs. Shirley Rattan:** We have two Secretaries present from District 2:

- Mrs. Winifred White . . . . . Section 7
- Mrs. Marian Morelan . . . . . Section 9

**Mrs. Joan M. Ward:** There are three of the Secretaries from District 3 present:

Mrs. Zena Wilson ..... Section 1  
 Mrs. Nell Koonce ..... Section 8  
 Mrs. Marguerite Cornwell ..... Section 9

**Mrs. Annie May Adam:** With pride I present those who have worked with me and served the Worthy Grand Matron well:

Mrs. Atrelle Marshburn ..... Section 1  
 Mrs. Mae Jones ..... Section 4  
 Mrs. Phyllis Joan Meyer ..... Section 5  
 Mrs. Rachel O. Cherry ..... Section 9  
 Mrs. Blanch S. Kukuck ..... Section 10

**Mrs. Frances McGahey:** I have four of those who served in District 5 present this morning:

Mrs. Louise Leibold ..... Section 3  
 Mrs. Dorothy Rugh ..... Section 5  
 Mrs. Mary Taylor ..... Section 8  
 Mrs. Helen Hare ..... Section 10

**Mrs. Vivian King:** I would like to conclude this Report by saying:

“The most wonderful thing is that you and I  
 are always walking together, hand in hand,  
 in a strangely beautiful world, unknown to other people.  
 We both stretch one hand to receive from Life — —  
 And Life is generous indeed.”

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

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you, Sister Vivian King, for this Report and thank each one of you girls for all of the assistance you have been to the Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the Report of the Secretarial Committee. It has been moved that same be accepted. I have a second. All of those in favor of adopting the Report, please let it be known by saying “aye”; opposed, “no”. The Report is adopted.

I will now recognize Sister Billie Rogers, Chairman of the International Temple Committee.

**Mrs. Billie Rogers:** Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to thank Sister Cheryl Jones for her assisting with her beautiful voice and Sister Dorothy Cleveland and Mary Louise Williams for the lovely music, and the dear friends who assisted with the pageantry — and my special thanks to the Junior Past Matrons and Worthy Matrons for the Drill. I move the adoption of the Report as given last evening.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you, Sister Billie Rogers, for that beautiful pageantry in the presentation of your Report. Sisters and Brothers we have a motion to adopt the report of the International Temple Committee as given last evening. There is a second. All in favor of adopting the Report, let it be known by saying “aye”; opposed “no”. The Report is adopted.

I recognize Sister Frances Burbank, Fraternal Correspondent.

**Mrs. Frances Burbank:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to express my thanks to all of those who assisted in the presentation of this Report. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this Report as presented last evening including that portion not given but which will appear in the printed proceedings.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you, Sister Frances Burbank, for a great job, well done. Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion to adopt the report of the Fraternal Correspondent as given last evening. There is a second. All in favor of the motion, let it be known by saying "aye"; opposed, "no". The Report is adopted.

If the Chairman of the Educational Fund Committee will come forward we will have the Report of that Committee at this time. I recognize Sister Edna Goettee, Chairman.

## REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE 1977—1978

**Mrs. Edna Goettee:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Other Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure that I introduce the members of the Educational Fund Committee: Mrs. Casey L. Fidler and Mr. Jack Crump; it has been a pleasure to work with them as they have been cooperative and helpful.

In order that this Grand Chapter may be informed of the progress made on our loans, I give the following report:

NAME AND DATE	LOAN	INTEREST PAID	PRINCIPAL PAID	BALANCE
Martha Anderson Bloss 8/15/72	\$675.00			
Principal Balance	\$575.00		\$150.00	\$425.00
Susan Lynn 8/12/77	\$675.00			\$675.00
Anita Narramore Loan No. 1 8/25/75	\$500.00	\$15.00		\$500.00
Loan No. 2 1/10/77	\$675.00	\$20.25		\$675.00
Sharon Anne Pickett 1/27/77	\$675.00	\$20.25		\$675.00
Angela Redman 8/23/77	\$675.00			\$675.00
Bertha Richardson 10/29/75	\$675.00			
Principal Balance	\$575.00		\$125.00	\$450.00
Diana Sheffert 5/5/73	\$500.00		\$250.00	
Principal Balance	\$250.00			
Cynthia Ann White Loan No. 1 9/22/73	\$675.00			\$675.00
Loan No. 2 9/3/74	\$675.00			\$675.00
Loan No. 3 9/25/75	\$675.00			\$675.00

Larry Shoemaker, Jr. still owes \$425.00 on his loan that was made in August of 1973.

A scholarship in the amount of \$450.00 was approved by this committee for Miss Sharon Pickett.

Total Receipts for this year are:

Interest Paid .....	\$ 55.50
Principal Paid .....	\$525.00
Total .....	\$580.50

The following information was received from the Grand Treasurer in August:

Austin Saving Loan .....	\$11,204.57
Citizens of Texas .....	\$ 5,000.00
Total .....	\$16,204.57

To our Grand Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, we wish to express our appreciation for your most valuable assistance.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Brown, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Murray Watson, Jr., I wish to thank you for the privilege of serving as Chairman of this worth-while committee.

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

**Worthy Grand Matron:** You have heard the motion to adopt this Report. There is a second. All in favor of adopting the Report, let it be known by saying "aye"; those opposed, "no". Motion is carried. The Report is adopted. Thank you, Sister Edna for your splendid work on this Committee.

I now recognize Brother Charles Allen, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Grand Chapter Benevolences.

**Mr. Charles Allen:** Worthy Grand Matron, I take pleasure in introducing to you the members of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences:

Mr. Taylor Hood, Vice Chairman from District 4  
 Mrs. Earnesteen Porter, Secretary from District 3  
 Mrs. Modgie Hudson, Treasurer from District 5  
 Mr. Clifford A. Malone, member from District 2

## REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES 1977—1978

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 1977-1978.

Following the election of Mr. Clifford A. Malone, a member of Harmony Chapter No. 244, El Paso, as a member of the Board of Directors from District 2, to succeed the retiring member, Mrs. Rachel Jones, the Board convened to welcome him.

Mr. Malone was presented with the orientation file prepared through the past year for the new member. This file contained copies of all minutes of meetings, application forms, a book of rules governing the Home, a map of the five districts, and other pertinent information. The Board was organized as follows:

Mr. Chas. H. Allen — District 1 — Chairman  
 Mr. Wm. Taylor Hood — District 4 — Vice-Chairman  
 Mrs. Earnesteen Porter — District 3 — Secretary  
 Mrs. Modgie Hudson — District 5 — Treasurer  
 Mr. Clifford A. Malone — District 2 — Member

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Notices of all Board meetings and all minutes of each meeting have been mailed to the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and all Line Officers of Grand Chapter. We have appreciated their interest and concern in all matters pertaining to the Home. They are always welcome at our meetings.

The first meeting of the Board was held December 10, 1977, with all members present. Mrs. Johnnie Benson, Member of the Board of Texas Department of Health Resources was invited to the meeting to offer information regarding the licensing of the Home. She discussed various aspects of the Preliminary Set of Rules governing Personal Care Home as set out by the State, and Health, Education and Welfare. We have had several interviews with State Representatives regarding this subject. Also a hearing from the State Health Department was held on July 3, 1978, but as of this report, the license is pending.

The Board has acted upon the following requests from Chapters for application forms for admittance to the Eastern Star Home and applications for Benevolent Aid:

Number of requests for applications for	
Admission into the Home . . . . .	22
Number of completed applications returned . . . . .	14
Number rejected . . . . .	4
Number ineligible . . . . .	2
Number withdrawn . . . . .	2
Number of deaths in the Home . . . . .	7
Members who withdrew from the Home . . . . .	1
Members dismissed from the Home . . . . .	0
New members entering the Home . . . . .	9
Members presently in the Home . . . . .	86
Total number of Chapters receiving B. A. . . . .	27
Total number of members receiving B. A. . . . .	38

Our Benevolent Aid Budget was \$35,000.00, and we have not exceeded that amount. The Board would like to remind the Chapters to keep a close check on their membership that they might avail themselves of our Benevolent Aid. Each year we contact Chapters receiving benevolent aid to verify the general condition of the applicants. This enables us to know if the amount given is sufficient. We feel that this part of our Eastern Star work is one of the finest contributions that we can give to our Sisters and Brothers in their time of need.

Our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Brown, chose for her No. 1 project this year, the Home Endowment Fund. All funds received (unless specifically designated otherwise by the donor) should be directed to the Home Endowment. This includes monies received from the efforts of all Special Committees. The Board wishes to express their sincere appreciation to all Committees and all individuals who have helped to make this project a success.

It was also our Worthy Grand Matron's desire that each member of the Board of Benevolence, in their own respective district, speak briefly at the Eastern Star Schools, bringing out the basic requirements for entering our Home and explaining to the membership the steps necessary in gaining admittance for the members. This was carried out as far as each Board member's schedule would allow.

In previous years the money appropriated for the residents of the Home has been handed out of the Grand Secretary's Office. This year it is being handled out of the budget of the Board of Benevolence. They are now receiving \$30.00 Per month, which is a slight increase over the previous years.

Due to a change of ownership of Moore Funeral Home and the rising cost of funeral services quoted to us by the new owner, we have entered into a new contract with Lucas Funeral Home of Handley, thereby saving the Grand Chapter of Texas approximately \$600,00 per funeral. The services are equally as good if not better than the services provided by the Moore Funeral Home.

The Board of Directors appreciate the fact that the operating funds have been placed on interest bearing accounts and made available without the loss of interest. This was handled by the Board of Grand Trustees. We are indeed grateful to this Board. Our relationship has been most cordial.

There are always unexpected expenses. This year we had to repair the damage to the roof of the kitchen and dining room which was caused by a torrential rain storm. This expense amounted to approximately \$2,000.00 and of course there are other incidental expenses.

Our Home Budget for the year was \$689,530.00 and with no unexpected expenditures, we will operate well within this figure.

All Insurance coverage pertaining to the Home and equipment has been reviewed and we find the premiums have had a substantial increase.

The Grand Chapter of Texas is very fortunate indeed to have such a capable and efficient Administrator-Superintendent as the Board has found in Mrs. Potsy Sawyer. The Board of Directors wishes to express their sincere appreciation to Mrs. Sawyer and her Staff for their untiring efforts and their interest in the Home. Our Eastern Star Home, in our opinion, is one of the most dignified, yet the most livable one in the State of Texas, and Mrs. Sawyer contributes to this with her gracious and charming manner. She is admired and respected by all who know her.

The Board of Directors wishes to commend Mr. Clarence Davenport, Maintenance Supervisor, for the outstanding job he is doing for the Home. He spends many long hours working on the general repairs of the Home. We feel he has saved us numerous repair bills.

Many Chapters and individuals have given freely of their time and gifts for the ladies in the Home. The Board extends a very heartfelt thanks to each of you.

To the members of this Board, I want to say "Thank You" for your cooperation and friendship.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Grand Chapter of Texas for electing me to serve on this Board. The five years of service have been most rewarding.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent District One on this Board.

Fraternally submitted,

Chas. H. Allen, Chairman  
Wm. Taylor Hood, Vice-Chairman  
Earnesteen Porter, Secretary  
Modgie Hudson, Treasurer  
Clifford Malone, Member

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

**Worthy Grand Matron:** You have heard the Report given by the Chairman of the Board of Benevolences, and the motion that same be adopted. The motion has been seconded. All of those in favor of adopting the Report, let it be known by saying "aye". Opposed, "no". Report is adopted.



I now recognize Mr. Paul Fitch, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees.

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** Worthy Grand Matron, thank you very kindly indeed. I have permission to make an announcement that is somewhat known to a few but if it is known to one and all of you, we think we might gather more mileage — by that I mean, yesterday afternoon our Board was approached and asked what they might do with their mileage checks as to presenting them to the Home Endowment Fund — the General Fund — or somewhere to help the O.E.S. You know there is a bowl out by the “Mileage-Credentials Desk”. All you have to do is to take that mileage check and endorse it over to the Order of the Eastern Star. Then if I could relate that wonderful donation — that idea — that gift to humanity, look at a Fall Festival item on the Grand Secretary’s desk — it is a little pumpkin, and I don’t know of any one item of food that is more recognized this time of the year than that of the pumpkin — Friends, let’s give. Thank you.

## BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

(Report follows Comments)

It is with much sadness, in one respect, that I make this report, or preliminary, report as Chairman. First, Friday morning Mrs. Mary Wilkerson, mother of our Vice Chairman, Mrs. Louise Armstrong, died. Mrs. Wilkerson died in the Eastern Star Home at 11:15 p.m. This is why Mrs. Armstrong is not with us at the moment. She will arrive in our fair city tonight at 8:15 p.m. and she will be with us in the morning. Friends, maybe we can help her share her burden.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

The excitement and pleasures of the Grand Chapter Session continue to please me. The fellowship and the friendships which have been mine will be with me always. All of this is a motivation to go out and serve even more, and I hope will benefit my wife who will be by my side. I am going to miss the daily action of the Board of Grand Trustees. That can’t be helped. The five wonderful years have been most satisfying. I believe that if you enjoy doing something, it is never tiring — it is never boring — just a pleasure. That is the way that I have looked at this particular office of service.

It is now a matter of record as to the many new procedures and the accounting systems of Grand Chapter. However, they are being refined more and more as each new transaction is being performed. Further, our investments have been tremendous in the past year or so. This is due much to our daily interest earnings and the ability to know just where we are as to new investments, more or less, on a daily basis. Our average interest earning now, I am most happy to announce, is between seven percent (7%) and seven and one-quarter percent (7¼%) — and for short term or long term, we feel that is much above average.

Many good things happen in an organization as large as this and it is most difficult to try to single out many, if any. However, there are some that I think would be most worthy to mention. For several years, we have had the expert advice of one of the most outstanding Certified Public Accounting services. They are, of course, Travis and Ramsey of Dallas, Texas. Further, our Grand Chapter is blessed indeed to have Mr. Edwin Pickett. He is an Eastern Star and has given literally untold hours of his own time for the good of our Order. Brother Pickett, we all salute you for without your time, ability, and desire our financial status would be much, much less.

Just a few years ago we lost the printing services of the Masonic Home for Boys and Girls and, as you know, they were located in nearby Fort Worth. This was most convenient for our Order of the Eastern Star to utilize their services, as to printing in particular. It has been a great loss.

Since then, our printing costs have risen drastically, to a staggering figure this year of \$73,000.00. Now, of course, this includes hundreds of printed items necessary for the function and operation of this great business of the Eastern Star. But one item is the Roster that is most needed in every Eastern Star Chapter meeting. We would not even know if we had an infiltrator without it.

The Proceedings, beautiful and as necessary as they are, do not come cheaply. Would you believe \$17,000.00? And we printed two of them this year, that makes an easy figure, \$34,000.00. It's easy to see then that this operation is most expensive, although necessary. It is also very time consuming. We now go to the commercial printers of our free enterprise system, and they are paid well for their expertise and it is right that they should be. But, we pay their price. The dollars must be paid, we have no alternative if we are to continue our operation. So it goes, daily, daily, more expenses.

Now, how have we tried to be somewhat more conservative? How have we tried to cut costs? — you can number them by the dozens. And I think one item might be communication. We have tried to communicate in many ways the costs of our operations. We now are on the computer print-out or data processing through Travis & Ramsey. We used this as a medium for educating certain officers from the Worthy Grand Matron right on down for awhile, until they were more familiar with the system. Then we withdrew that process, again because of the extra costs. Once you know what an item is, or its function, you really don't need it every month.

Further, we have many, many meetings with our Benevolent Board and they have done a beautiful job, a great challenge to humanity, but their operation takes dollars also. They have worked as closely with us and we with them, as we know how, suggesting this and that operation whereby we might save a few dollars in behalf of our membership of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Further, our current Worthy Grand Matron, Past Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons, have come to our Board and we have gone over these figures time and time again and, currently, Mrs. Mary Brown and Mr. Murray Watson — I don't know how many times they have met with us this year. That's communication and education with the objective to reduce costs. Further, your upcoming line, Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Mrs. Kathy Johnston, Mrs. Viola Edwards, Mr. Duke Weaver, they, too, have spent many hours with us this year, all with the one intent of trying to understand how we might conserve dollars.

Last, but not least, I'm going to go back to the Superintendent of our Home, Mrs. Patsy Sawyer. She's there every day and we have to work with her and we do, and I would like to think that we have her confidence whereby we all might try to run our operation in a most efficient manner.

We have though, fixed cost — certain fixed cost, that we can't do much about. What do you do about your electric bill today — when the fuel cost come through? You pay it. You have no other alternative. What do you do about many other fixed cost — your telephone? Let's go to some of the little menial tasks. What do you do about the Garbage Disposal — trash removal — Maintenance of the building and grounds and such? You have to hire some one to do these jobs. They too, must be compensated for their time and effort, but once more, this takes dollars. I don't know how we can do it otherwise; therefore, I would strongly recommend to all of you that we go out and serve. First, we are reminded that our work is CHARITY — to give a part of ourselves — the time, talent, and dollars for others is the most worthy donation that man can conceive.

Another point that I would like to stress is the increase of membership, but always with quality. If we work at it, we can do it and you know we can. While we cannot directly go out and invite new members to be a part of our Order, it is very easy by example to cause persons to be like us — to live an example of a Christian manner. Most people

want to be good. Most people want to help others. We have an organization that can help thousands and thousands as we know from reports of last night "Around the World".

Still another point, and we miss this terribly — what about our young men and young women of today? We have Rainbow, yes, but many of them have no Masonic ties and are not able to become Eastern Stars. Somewhere along the line of life, they might be able to become an Eastern Star. This young man might become a Mason. This young woman might marry a Mason — that one day they could all be Eastern Stars together. Let's try to influence in an exemplary manner all of the young people of today — all that we can come in contact with and, of course, approve of.

Now time has gone by and I beg your indulgence but I would be unfair if I did not express thanks to those many people who helped me during the past five years. I can't do all of that. In this past year though, I can say that it has been a pleasure indeed to work with some and I would like you to know about them.

First, I believe you know our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Brown, but *did you know that the Endowment Fund raised this year is the largest ever raised in one single year?* (Applause) Thank you; I am pleased too.

Next, Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., a lawyer, a good attorney. He has helped us in innumerable ways this year. You have seen much of this in the Bulletin. When we talk about Trust of all kinds, these are important legal instruments whereby our Home Endowment Fund can be endowed even more in a very easy manner if we utilize this method of giving before we die. It is that simple.

Then, as Trustees, we work very closely with our Grand Secretary who keeps the major part of our records as to investments, Trusts, etc. She and I have been a little more close this year than normal. This has created a friendship that I hope I can keep for the rest of my life. I never, never want to lose that.

Then, you know our Grand Treasurer is not as well as she could be today. I think, though, that she will be with us later today or tomorrow. She, of course, is a most gentle, kind, and understanding person. She watches our dollars, believe me. You know when she signs a check that it is being spent in the proper manner.

Then, I would be most unfair again, to not thank all of the previous Chairmen of the Board of Grand Trustees who have helped me. It has truly been an area of Communication and Education. I thank each of you.

This past year has truly been a "harem" experience — by that I am referring to my ladies of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Louise Armstrong, Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Mrs. Jackie Huffhines, and Mrs. Maude Arnold. They have extended to me a loyalty without comparison. It has truly been a joy to be a part of this operation with them. Now, let me leave them to you after tomorrow for they are most intelligent and dedicated, truly for the good of the Order of the Eastern Star. They are truly ready for another year to go out and serve. Thank you.

The Board of Grand Trustees, as you know, is composed of five members, one from each of our Districts. I have just named them. In report No. 1, and we have five reports, they will be named again. This now is our First Report.

## 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 1977 — 1978. Following the election of Mrs. Maude Arnold of Fort Worth, Texas, to succeed Mr. C. L. Pribble the retiring member of the Board, the Board was reorganized as follows:

Mr. Paul B. Fitch . . . . . Chairman  
 Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong . . . . . Vice Chairman  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Williams . . . . . Secretary  
 Mrs. Jackie Huffhines . . . . . District 1 Member  
 Mrs. Maude Arnold . . . . . District 3, Member

Mr. Paul Fitch, Chairman, presented a letter to the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Brown, authorizing her the use of the Grand Chapter automobile to visit other Grand Jurisdictions. Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Secretary and District 4, member, presented Mrs. Brown the keys to the new Grand Chapter car.

The Board HELD NINE MEETINGS THIS YEAR. The dates are as follows:

October 24 — 27, 1977; December 10, 1977; January 6 1978; February 24, 1978; April 1, 1978; May 20, 1978; July 15, 1978; August 4, 1978; and September 15, 1978.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Paul B. Fitch, Chairman  
 Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong, Vice Chairman  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Secretary  
 Mrs. Jackie Huffhines, District 1 Member  
 Mrs. Maude Arnold, District 3 Member

**BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES EXPENSES  
 1977-1978**

Budget for 1977-1978 . . . . .	\$1500.00
Meeting on 12-10-77 . . . . .	\$140.00
Meeting on 1-7-78 . . . . .	119.75
Meeting on 2-25-78 . . . . .	122.57
Meeting on 4-1-78 . . . . .	116.15
Meeting on 5-20-78 . . . . .	158.90
Meeting on 7-15-78 . . . . .	139.45
Meeting on 8-4-78 . . . . .	93.20
New Account opened 8-11-78 . . . . .	50.00
Meeting on 9-16-78 . . . . .	<u>122.70</u>
TOTAL . . . . .	\$1063.36
Average Meeting Expense: \$118.15	
Balance on hand . . . . .	<u>\$ 436.64</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Williams, Secretary

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

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the Report No. 1 of the Board of Grand Trustees as given by Brother Paul Fitch. There is a second, All in favor of adopting the Report say "Aye". Opposed, "no". The report is adopted.

I now recognize Mrs. Elizabeth Williams.

**BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES — REPORT NO. 2**  
 (Comments follow the Report)

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I bring you Report No. 2 of the Board of Grand Trustees.

**REPORT NO. 2**

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 1978-1979.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mr. Paul B. Fitch, Chairman  
 Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong, Vice Chairman  
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 Mrs. Maude Arnold, District 3, Member

Proposed Budget Attached, Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES  
 PROPOSED BUDGET — 1978-1979**

<b>HOME FUNDS</b>	
Home Salaries .....	190,000.00
Hospital Salaries .....	98,000.00
Payroll Taxes .....	24,000.00
Groceries .....	96,000.00
Utilities .....	48,000.00
Telephone .....	3,025.00
Repairs & Maintenance .....	2,915.00
(Cars, Tractors, Mowers, etc.)	
Laundry & Dry Cleaning .....	5,000.00
Doctors .....	25,000.00
Hospitals (Outside Care) .....	2,400.00
Drugs, Medical Supplies, Hearing Aids, etc. ....	37,000.00
Office Supplies .....	2,000.00
Maintenance Supplies .....	12,000.00
Pest Control .....	600.00
Trash Pick-up .....	1,200.00
Group Insurance .....	4,200.00
Miscellaneous (Daily Fringe Benefits, Example: Cokes, Newspapers & etc.) .....	1,200.00
Home Funds Total .....	<u>\$552,540.00</u>

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
 GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES PROPOSED BUDGET  
 1978-1979**

<b>BOARD FUNDS:</b>	
Adm./Supt. Salary .....	\$12,000.00
Supvr. LVN Salary .....	9,900.00
Dietician Salary .....	7,105.00
Administrator Training (Required Seminars) .....	1,000.00

Maintenance-General (Home & Hospital) .....	10,000.00
Painting .....	3,000.00
Repairs — (Home & Hospital) .....	17,000.00
Hospital Emergency .....	1,000.00
Insurance .....	25,000.00
Funeral Expenses .....	7,500.00
New Equipment & Furnishings .....	1,500.00
Board Expenses — Travel .....	3,000.00
(To Visit Prospective Home Residents)	
Board Supplies & Printing .....	500.00
Ladies Christmas, Easter & Mother's Day .....	1,000.00
Board Funds Total .....	<u>\$99,505.00</u>
Total Home Funds .....	\$552,540.00
Total Board Funds .....	\$ 99,505.00
Contingency Funds .....	\$ 7,500.00
Allowance to Home Members .....	<u>\$ 27,000.00</u>
Grand Total .....	<u>\$686,545.00</u>
Benevolent Aid .....	\$ 35,000.00

Sisters and Brothers, I respectfully call your attention to the fact that the Grand Chapter Benevolent proposed budget is in your Advanced Report and you may follow if you like. As you heard Mr. Allen say, they stayed as close to their budget as possible. I would like to tell you that their budget for last year was \$681,962.00. This year the total budget is \$686,545.00, a difference of \$4,583.00. Now, the Home salaries last year were \$198,740.00 — this year the budgeted amount is \$190,000.00. The Hospital salaries are the same — I am sorry, they were \$90,000.00 last year and only \$8,000.00 more this year. The Pay Roll tax last year was \$20,000.00 — this year it is \$24,000.00. Now the difference — the increase — last year the budgeted amount for groceries was \$74,750.00. This year the budgeted amount is \$96,000.00. I don't think that I have to tell you why there is an increase there. Last year the utility bill was budgeted at \$43,200.00 — this year we budgeted \$48,000.00. The telephone is the same. Repair and Maintenance is on cars and tractors and mowers and things like that is also the same. The laundry and dry cleaning is the same. The Doctors' fees were budgeted at \$20,000.00 last year. It is budgeted at \$25,000.00 this year. Hospital — outside care — last year was \$42,000.00. This year it is \$37,000.00. I am sorry, that is Hearing Aids Medical Supplies, drugs and things like that. We dropped that \$5,000.00. Office supplies remain the same. Maintenance supplies last year was \$10,800.00. This year it is raised \$1200.00. The next one is a big saving. Last year \$850.00 was appropriated for pest control. They don't anticipate so many bugs this year and they are only going to have \$600.00. Trash pick up of \$1200.00 is the same. Group Insurance is the same. The miscellaneous expense. This takes care of what we call "Daily Fringe Benefits" — the newspapers, cokes, and things like that for the ladies in the Home is the same, \$1200.00. The total Budget for the Home is \$552,540.00.

Now for the Benevolent Board Fund: The Administrator Superintendent's Salary is \$12,900.00. Last year it was \$11,700.00. The LVN is \$300.00 more than last year. The Dietician salary last year was \$8,400.00. Appropriation this year is \$7,105.00. This is a drop because they have a new Dietician. You know when you hire new people, you bring them in at less salary than you do people who have been there for a long time. The Administrators Training, which is required by law that they take Seminars to keep themselves up to date, is the same. General Maintenance for the Home and Hospital appropriation is the same. Painting — this is something that has to be done all of the time is \$3,000.00. Last year we had Home, Hospital repairs. We had \$30,000.00 appropriated. We dropped that \$7,000.00 because of repairs that were completed last year and they did not need that additional money. Hospital Emergency is the same. Insurance is the same. Funeral expenses raised from \$5,500.00 to \$7,500.00. The reason

for that is that the Cemetery, as Mr. Allen told you earlier this morning, the Cemetery now requires that all caskets be placed in a concrete box — before we used a wooden box — that makes the difference there. This saves them from filling in — when the wooden box deteriorates they would have to put in more dirt. The Board Funds is the same — a total Board Fund of \$99,505.00.

Now, add all of the funds — the Board Fund — the Home Fund — the Contingency Fund — the Allowance to Home Members which is \$27,000.00 — you have a total budget of \$686,545.00.

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

**Worthy Grand Matron:** You have heard the motion that we adopt the Report of the Grand Trustees that deals with the appropriations for our Home, amounting to \$686,545.00. I have a second. Are there any questions? All in favor of adopting this Report will signify by saying "Aye". Opposed "no". The Report is adopted.

I recognize Brother Paul Fitch.

**BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES — REPORT NO. 3**  
(Comments follow Report)

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I am now going to present the General Budget that normally would be presented by Mrs. Louise Armstrong.

**ORGANIZED MAY 5, 1884**

**REPORT NO. 3**

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 1978-1979, as submitted by the Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Rennie Ofton, and having carefully considered the same, we are pleased to present the following for your approval:

Respectfully submitted,

- Mr. Paul B. Fitch, Chairman
- Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong, Vice Chairman
- Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Secretary
- Mrs. Jackie Huffhines, District 1 Member
- Mrs. Maude Arnold, District 3 Member

(Proposed Budget Attached)

**GENERAL FUND**  
**Proposed Budget 1978-1979**

**Grand Officers**

Worthy Grand Matron's Expense Fund .....	\$ 3,000.00
Worthy Grand Patron's Expense Fund .....	1,500.00
Associate Grand Matron's Expense Fund .....	1,250.00
Associate Grand Patron's Expense Fund .....	250.00
Grand Conductress' Expense Fund .....	150.00
Associate Grand Conductress' Expense Fund .....	150.00
Worthy Grand Matron's Secy. Expense Fund .....	500.00
Worthy Grand Matron's Auto Expense Fund .....	2,500.00

Worthy Grand Matron's Auto Fund .....	3,000.00	
Past Grand Matron's Jewel .....	500.00	
Past Grand Patron's Jewel .....	300.00	
		<u>13,100.00</u>

**Boards and Committees**

Grand Trustees Expense Fund .....	2,500.00	
Grand Examiner's Expense Fund .....	600.00	
Dist. Deputy Grand Matrons' and Deputy Grand Matrons' Expense Fund ..	5,000.00	
By-Laws Committee's Expense Fund .....	100.00	
Welfare Committee's Expense Fund .....	400.00	
Home Endowment Committee's Expense Fund .....	400.00	
Estarl Committee's Expense Fund .....	100.00	
		<u>9,100.00</u>

**Grand Chapter Session**

Session .....	19,250.00	
Installation .....	750.00	20,000.00
Entertainment at Grand Chapter for visiting Grand Officers .....	1,000.00	
Entertainment at General Grand Chapter for Texas General Grand Officers ..	750.00	
		<u>21,750.00</u>

**Grand Secretary's Office**

Grand Secretary's Salary .....	10,000.00	
Office Salaries & Allowances .....	31,900.00	
Office Expenses		
Telephone .....	3,000.00	
Supplies (Ptg.) .....	2,500.00	
Machine Repairs .....	300.00	
Mail Assistance .....	700.00	
Postage .....	2,000.00	
Other .....	400.00	8,900.00
Office Building Maintenance		
Utilities .....	1,100.00	
Cleaning .....	1,200.00	
General Maintenance .....	900.00	
Repair & Remodeling .....	2,500.00	
Disposal .....	300.00	
Taxes & Insurance .....	1,000.00	\$ 7,000.00

Payroll Taxes .....	2,400.00	
Equipment .....	1,000.00	
		<u>61,200.00</u>

**Grand Treasurer's Office**

Grand Treasurer's Salary .....	3,900.00	
Grand Treasurer's Expense (Postage) .....	750.00	
		<u>4,650.00</u>

**Printing and Editing**

Roster .....	—0—	
Proceedings .....	17,000.00	
Annual Printing .....	41,500.00	
Associate Grand Matron's Books/Supplies .....	2,500.00	
Editing Proceedings .....	100.00	
		<u>61,100.00</u>



Mileage	
Mileage .....	14,000.00
<b>Legal &amp; Professional</b>	
Audit & Accounting Services (CPA) .....	10,000.00
Legal .....	750.00
Grand Chapter Official Reporter .....	2,200.00
	<u>12,950.00</u>
<b>Memorials</b>	
Grand Chapter .....	200.00
<b>Other</b>	
Fidelity Boards:	
Worthy Grand Matron .....	\$
Grand Secretary .....	
Grand Treasurer .....	200.00
Contingency Funds:	
Board of Grand Trustees .....	10,000.00
Worthy Grand Matron .....	1,500.00
	<u>11,700.00</u>
Total .....	<u>\$209,750.00</u>

The General Fund proposed Budget is broken down in many categories. We will start with the Grand Officers — the Worthy Grand Matron's expenses — Special expense fund — the Associate Grand Matron's expense fund; the Grand Conductress's fund — we go on down to where she ends her year and have the Worthy Grand Matron's jewel and the Worthy Grand Patron's jewel. These figures will be, of course, in the Proceedings, but for our precise figure, the total will be \$13,000.00.

Now Board and Committees, they are your Work Horses of your Eastern Star. The Grand Trustees' expense fund is expected to be \$2,500.00; the Grand Examiners' expense fund \$600.00; the District Deputy and Deputy Grand Matrons' expense fund \$5,000.00. By-Laws expense approximately \$100.00; the Welfare Committee's \$400.00; Home Endowment Committee \$400.00; and Estarl Committee's expense fund \$100.00. The total of this category is \$9,100.00.

Now the Grand Chapter Session. A few years ago, the registration was increased to \$5.00. It almost pays its way. There have been occasions where some of the amount has been returned. I am proud to say that one of those was in El Paso, Texas. Prices are not quite as expensive there as they might be in other parts of Texas but it is very close each year — \$20,000.00 to run Grand Chapter Session for the four or five days involved — the installation of the new administration is a part of this cost — \$750.00 allocated out of the \$20,000.00 for the new Worthy Grand Matron and, of course, her particular installation functions. Entertainment of visiting Grand Officers. The pomp and ceremony of our Order is most in order at times. We must recognize courtesy, for it really should be extended but it is going to cost us dollars to a certain degree to do it. This year it is \$1,000.00. Entertainment at General Grand Chapter for the Texas General Grand Chapter Officers is expected to be about \$750.00. This area comes to a total of \$21,750.00.

The Grand Secretary's Office never ceases to be a marvel to me as a businessman. How in the world so much can be done with so little. Grand Secretary's salary is set by law, as you know. Office salaries and allowances are quite variable. First, she is limited in whom she might hire. They must be Eastern Stars to begin with. Who wants to work for a pittance of three, four, or five hundred dollars a month if that is their sole income. They can't very well survive. We have many persons who are up in years — do not have to work but have to give a certain amount of their time and talent for a few dollars to

help our Eastern Star go forward; but, nevertheless, these salaries total \$31,900.00. Further in the Grand Secretary's office would be expenses such as telephone, \$3,000.00. Other supplies within that office, \$2,500.00. Machine repairs, you know there is no end of office labor saving devices, \$300.00; mail assistance is the biggest quandary, perhaps, of all. Postage may be kept within \$2,000.00. Other little incidental expenses \$400.00. This category is \$8,900.00.

Further, you know a few years back we separated the Administration Building, or the Grand Secretary's Office as we call it, from the main Eastern Star Home — tax purpose being the objective down the way. That left this Office to bear the utilities, cleaning, maintenance, repairs and remodeling, taxes, and insurance. All of this is \$7,000.00.

Payroll taxes, back to these employees I mentioned a moment ago, will be \$2,400.00. New equipment — machines wear out — will be \$1,000.00. This grand total is \$61,200.00. This is the heart — the administrative heart of our whole Grand Chapter of Texas. It is a fair dollar for as much as we get out of it. I don't know how we can make it any less.

Grand Treasurer's Office. Her salary is by law \$3,900.00. Her expenses — postage of \$750.00, totaling \$4,650.00.

Here is the straw that is breaking the camel's back to use another old Hoosier saying — the Roster, printing and editing, something like \$17,000.00. Proceedings, something like \$41,500.00. These are from tentative bids. We know these are going to come up and we know if there is much delay, we can have price increases. So this again is hoped to be close. Associate Grand Matron's supplies will be \$2,500.00. This is a lot of printing, but it is what we teach throughout our schools throughout our chapters. Editing proceedings \$100.00, for another \$61,100 total.

We have had much discussion on mileage at this session and previous years. Next year we expect it to be about \$14,000.00. That is a pebble in a pond in comparison to the other expenses.

Legal and professional services. When we acquire buildings — when we acquire any kind of deeds, legal instruments of those coming into the Home or other donations, sometimes we must have legal assistance. They don't come cheap either — present company excepted, Worthy Grand Patron — but these services must be had. We take the accounting, legal, and the Grand Chapter Official Reporter services; by law again, this is supposed to be done — we are going to have a total of \$12,950.00.

When our day on earth is done, we end with memorials. That we hope will only be \$200.00 or less.

Again to conform to society's rules of today, we must have certain kinds of Fidelity Bonds, so we have the Worthy Grand Matron bonded; we have the Grand Secretary bonded; we have the Grand Treasurer bonded. This premium is \$200.00.

I don't think any of us can say exactly what is going to happen in the next 365 days. Really as to dollars, as to what inflation is going to be, whether up or down. I think it is going up, so we must have a contingency. What if we have underestimated some of these? What if an emergency comes up? Well, the Board of Grand Trustees will have a contingency fund to help out in the amount of \$10,000.00. We have not had to use this too often; hope we don't have to this year. The Worthy Grand Matron has a contingency fund also of \$1,500.00. We have had to use this on occasions — unexpected expenses at Grand Chapter, and I think we can understand this — the total of this comes to \$11,700.00.

If any of you have had your little electronic computer, you will find this total to be \$209,750.00. Our General Fund receipts are expected to be less than \$150,000.00. Nevertheless, Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this Report.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** You have heard the Report of Brother Paul Fitch and his motion. I have a second. Is there any discussion? All in favor of adopting this Budget of General Funds let it be known by saying "Aye". Any "No's"? Motion is carried.

I now recognize Sister Jackie Huffhines:

**Mrs. Jackie Huffhines:**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT NO. 4**

(Comments before Report)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

This is more or less a repeat so, Sisters and Brothers, I am going to give it to you short and sweet.

If you are not familiar with your Contingency Fund, and right quick, I am going to tell you that that is your "ace in the hole" in case you get in trouble. It has not changed. Fortunately the good Lord smiled on us this year and we did not have to touch it. It reads like this:

**ORGANIZED MAY 5, 1884**

**REPORT NO. 4**

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,

- Mr. Paul B. Fitch, Chairman
- Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong, Vice Chairman
- Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Secretary
- Mrs. Jackie Huffhines, District 1 Member
- Mrs. Maude Arnold, District 3 Member

As I have said, Sisters and Brothers, this has not changed — this last year — and with the Grace of God, I hope that it doesn't change next year.

I move the adoption of the Report No. 4 of the Grand Trustees.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** We have the motion that Report No. 4 of the Board of Grand Trustees be adopted. There is a second. Any discussion? All in favor, let it be known by saying "Aye". All opposed "No". The report is adopted.

I recognize Mrs. Maude Arnold.

**Mrs. Maude Arnold:**

**BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES — REPORT NO. 5**

(Comments Follow Report)

This will be your Report No. 5. It will be according to our laws, the 1977 Audit.

**ORGANIZED MAY 5, 1884****REPORT NO. 5**

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, 1977.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul B. Fitch, Chairman  
 Louise W. Armstrong, Vice-Chairman  
 Elizabeth Williams, Secretary  
 Jackie Huffhines, District 1, Member  
 Maude Arnold, District 3, Member

(Reports attached)

**TRAVIS & RAMSEY, INC.**  
 Certified Public Accountants

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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

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**  
**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND EQUITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1977 and 1976**

Schedule 1

	Schedule Number	ASSETS								Educational Fund F. V. Ward Fund Special Funds			
		Total All Funds		General Fund		Home Fund		Endowment Fund		Benevolent Fund		Special Funds	
		1977	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976
Cash on deposit	2 & 3	\$1,050,336	\$ 665,963	\$277,156	\$128,002	\$188,736	\$169,351	\$ 343,102	\$ 196,322	\$ 47,847	\$ 51,972	\$193,495	\$120,316
Investments	4 & 5	2,195,446	2,228,911	205,000	205,000	308,441	308,441	1,525,005	1,558,470	130,000	130,000	27,000	27,000
Other		(19,359)	(18,628)	(11,537)	19,935	(27,541)	(8,156)	71,332	(9,603)	1,742	(8,933)	(53,355)	(11,871)
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$3,226,423</b>	<b>\$2,876,246</b>	<b>\$470,619</b>	<b>\$352,937</b>	<b>\$469,636</b>	<b>\$469,636</b>	<b>\$1,939,439</b>	<b>\$1,745,189</b>	<b>\$179,589</b>	<b>\$173,039</b>	<b>\$167,140</b>	<b>\$135,445</b>
<b>FUND EQUITIES</b>													
Balance — beginning		\$2,876,246	\$2,700,995	\$352,937	\$355,609	\$469,636	\$448,609	\$1,745,189	\$1,606,436	\$173,039	\$166,669	\$135,445	\$123,672
<b>Receipts</b>													
Dues		\$ 375,782	\$ 318,180	\$181,187	\$122,377	\$170,271	\$171,328	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 24,324	\$ 24,475	\$ —	\$ —
Interest	3 & 5	189,444	172,939	20,999	18,932	27,190	25,794	124,083	112,328	11,601	11,457	5,571	4,428
Supply sales		50,385	40,690	50,385	40,690	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bulletin		18,216	17,978	18,216	17,978	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Registration fees		19,735	14,101	19,735	14,101	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gifts and donations		282,363	212,408	—	—	78,995	52,562	84,312	63,220	—	—	119,056	96,626
Oil sales		35,143	11,276	—	—	35,143	11,276	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends and rents		4,356	6,527	—	—	566	3,139	3,790	3,388	—	—	—	—
Transfers		—	—	34,447	(48)	17,723	40,183	(17,723)	(40,183)	—	—	(34,447)	48
Pensions		191,880	208,806	—	—	191,880	208,806	—	—	—	—	—	—
Property sales		25,549	7,365	—	—	25,761	7,365	(212)	—	—	—	—	—
Other		17,996	6,863	5,629	6,176	12,367	465	—	—	—	—	—	222
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>\$1,210,849</b>	<b>\$1,017,133</b>	<b>\$330,598</b>	<b>\$220,206</b>	<b>\$559,896</b>	<b>\$520,918</b>	<b>\$ 194,250</b>	<b>\$ 138,753</b>	<b>\$ 35,925</b>	<b>\$ 35,932</b>	<b>\$ 90,180</b>	<b>\$101,324</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>													
Grand Chapter	9	\$ 212,916	\$ 222,878	\$212,916	\$222,878	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Home													
Board of Directors	10	54,227	35,317	—	—	54,227	35,317	—	—	—	—	—	—
Superintendent	10	476,481	434,283	—	—	476,481	434,283	—	—	—	—	—	—
Allowances-Home member	10	27,432	29,322	—	—	27,432	29,322	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	10	1,756	969	—	—	1,756	969	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chapter benevolences	11	29,375	29,550	—	—	—	—	—	—	29,375	29,550	—	—
Special and other	12	58,483	89,563	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	58,483	89,551
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$ 860,670</b>	<b>\$ 841,882</b>	<b>\$212,916</b>	<b>\$222,878</b>	<b>\$559,896</b>	<b>\$499,891</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 29,375</b>	<b>\$ 29,562</b>	<b>\$ 58,483</b>	<b>\$ 89,551</b>
Net Increase (Decrease)		\$ 350,179	\$ 175,251	\$117,682	\$ (2,672)	—	\$ 21,027	\$ 194,250	\$ 138,753	\$ 6,550	\$ 6,370	\$ 31,697	\$ 11,773
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>		<b>\$3,226,425</b>	<b>\$2,876,246</b>	<b>\$470,619</b>	<b>\$352,937</b>	<b>\$469,636</b>	<b>\$469,636</b>	<b>\$1,939,439</b>	<b>\$1,745,189</b>	<b>\$179,589</b>	<b>\$173,039</b>	<b>\$167,142</b>	<b>\$135,445</b>

GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

Before you become confused, I will tell you that this will be itemized in detail in the Proceedings — Grand Chapter Proceedings — This is October 31, 1977 audit. Our beginning balance was \$2,876,246.00. We received in 1977 \$1,210,849.00. Our disbursements came to \$860,670.00. It gave us an increase in the over-all funds of \$350,179.00. This gave us \$3,226,425.00. That is the total assets.

In our Home Fund \$469,636.00. In the Endowment Fund we have \$1,939,439.00. In the Benevolent Fund \$179,589.00. In the Educational Fund \$167,140.00. This will come back and total to \$3,226,425.00. The total assets of Grand Chapter, Worthy Grand Matron. I move the adoption of this Report.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** I have a motion to adopt the Report of the Audit of 1977 reflecting total assets of \$3,226,425.00. Seconded. Any discussion? All in favor of adopting this Report, let it be known by saying "Aye". Opposed "No". The Report is adopted.

Our sincere appreciation to this fine, hardworking Board. (Applause) As you know, I have said to them many times when they came to our Schools, you and I have given them an inflated budget to work with, but our dues have not been increased since 1965 and they are still, thus far, keeping our heads above water! I know there is not one of you who has been able to do that in your private homes, so I feel we owe a great debt to these fine members of the Board who have watched our dollars so carefully and invested so wisely that we would be getting these greater returns; thus, being able to cover what inflation has done in increasing our costs.

I recognize Sister Mildred Garlitz, Chairman of the Grievances and Appeals:

Mrs. Mildred Garlitz: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

## REPORT OF GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, the only grievance reported to this committee during this Eastern Star year was concerning a petition for membership by affiliation being black balled. Such matters are not within the jurisdiction of this committee. Therefore no action could be taken. We are pleased to report that no other grievance was appealed to us for hearing.

Fraternally submitted,

Mrs. Nell Clonts  
Robert H. Steelhammer  
Mildred Garlitz, Chairman

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

**Worthy Grand Matron:** I have a motion and second that we adopt the Report of the Grievance and Appeals Committee. Are there questions? All in favor of adopting the Report presented by Sister Mildred Garlitz, Chairman of the Grievance and Appeals Committee, will say "Aye". Opposed, "No". The Report is adopted.

Thank you, Sister Mildred Garlitz, for the fine work your Committee does. I told her at the beginning of the year, "I'm hoping that your Committee will have nothing to do all year long!"

I recognize Brother C. A. "Bill" Holmes who will be presenting the Report of the Purposes and Policies Committee. Sister Mildred Sharpe, Chairman, has been unable to be with us because of illness of her husband, and Brother C. A. "Bill" Holmes has been asked to present this Report.

Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

I regret the Chairman of this Committee is not here to present this Report, but as explained by the Worthy Grand Matron, she is detained at home by illness in the family. I have been asked to give the Report as written by the Chairman of the Committee.

## PURPOSES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

Your Purposes and Policies Committee, consisting of the eight elective Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, Chairman of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences and the five appointive members: Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, District 1, Chairman; Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes, District 2; Mr. Earl Manning, District 3; Mrs. Pearl Ruth Johnson, District 4; and Mrs. Carrie Ruby, District 5, submit the following report.

The only matter referred to the Committee during the past twelve month period was the proposed Welfare Program for 1978-79 as follows:

1. Endowment Fund
2. Eastern Star Home
3. Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership (ESTARL)
4. Dread Diseases

A detailed copy of the proposed Welfare Program is attached for printing in the Proceedings. Upon receiving the proposed Program, the following letter was written to each member of the Committee under date of July 20, 1978:

"Dear Members of the Purposes and Policies Committee:

I am attaching letter from the Associate Grand Matron, as well as the proposed Welfare Program of 1978-79 for the consideration and approval of the Purposes and Policies Committee . . . all is self-explanatory.

No other matters have come to the attention of our Committee for consideration. Therefore, in conversation with our very thoughtful and efficient Associate Grand Matron, the suggestion was made . . . in order to hasten our approval and to permit her to proceed with the necessary printing . . . that she forward the material to me and that we handle the approval of the proposed program in this manner rather than call a meeting of the Committee. This would eliminate some of you traveling many miles for a meeting of a very short duration.

Her letter of explanation to our Committee, as well as the proposed Welfare Program, reflect her careful thought and planning and I ask that you please review same and send your written approval to me, as Chairman, just as quickly as possible. This will enable the Associate Grand Matron to proceed with her plans and enable your Chairman to prepare the necessary report for presentation at the Grand Chapter Session.

Naturally, should other matters come to our attention, necessitating a meeting, same will be called.

Upon receipt of a majority of approvals, the Associate Grand Matron was so notified. We heartily recommend the approval of the Welfare Program of 1978-79 by this Grand Chapter.

No other matters have been referred to the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Purposes and Policies Committee

C. A. 'Bill' Holmes

Earl Manning

Pearl Ruth Johnson

Carrie Ruby

Mildred Sharpe, Chairman

Mary Brown

Murray Watson

Agnes Lee Howard

Jettie Hinton

Rennie Ofton

T. L. 'Duke' Weaver

Kathy Johnston

Viola Edwards

Paul Fitch

Charles H. Allen

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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
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July 13, 1978

Dear Members of the Purposes and Policies Committee

Attached is a copy of the plan Duke Weaver and I have chosen for our Welfare Program for 1978 — 1979. We solicit your consideration and approval.

We shall ask members of the Constitutional Endowment Fund Committee to continue in their efforts to provide assistance and information to the membership concerning large contributions/wills, etc, to the Endowment Fund.

In addition to voluntary contributions from our Chapters and members, we have the following proposals to gain additional funds for the ENDOWMENT FUND:

a. Sell the following items — all proceeds to be given toward the ENDOWMENT FUND after the initial cost has been met:

**THE REDBIRD MARCH Music**

A book of poetry and other items of interest to Eastern Stars of Texas

A "SHARING IS LOVE" heart pin

b. Proceeds from FOUNDER'S DAY activities after expenses have been met.

Other areas in our plans for 1978-1979 which may be of interest to this Committee are as follows:

a. In an effort to cut costs for the membership, I propose holding half-day Eastern Star Schools.

b. Under the provision of the Constitution allowing the Worthy Grand Matron to authorize special proficiency examinations, I shall be permitting the Grand Examiners to hold Examination Sessions periodically, in areas of their Districts where they feel they may reach more members.

The theme for our year shall be "Caring and Sharing" and we hope this thought, instilled in our membership, will carry Grand Chapter's program for the year and work for the future.



I shall be anxious to hear from you concerning these proposed plans and any guidance you may offer.

Sincerely and fraternally

Mrs. Rennie Ofton  
Associate Grand Matron

Dear Sisters and Brothers

It has been said that "today's vision meets the needs of tomorrow." In thinking about the meaning of that statement, we can find a depth of challenge for our 1978-1979 Welfare Program.

It is hoped each of us will be enthusiastic and dedicated in our efforts to accomplish the desired results for the benefit of the Order of the Eastern Star and others.

#### ENDOWMENT FUND

The endowment of our Eastern Star Home will be our Number One Project for this Year the future of the Home and, in great measure, the peace of mind for the dedicated membership of this Grand Jurisdiction are at stake.

Without loyalty and dedication of purpose, the commitment we have to maintain a haven for our indigent members could be lost through selfishly enjoying the social aspect of our Order.

We stand alone in providing for our "own" in that beautiful Home in Arlington. We, also, stand very far above other "Homes" in "caring" for the members of the Eastern Star Home. The love shown the resident members is a true reflection of the principles of our Order.

We must increase our exertions to insure this Home remains a haven of love and security.

#### EASTERN STAR HOME

Along with the effort to provide for the future, we certainly must be concerned with the present. To be sure there is adequate "care" for those living in the Home, we must "share" our resources and talents in every way.

Just as in our individual homes, maintenance needs are constant and it takes constant care to preserve this Home. We must keep the Home in good repair to assure comfort and a feeling of security for those lovely ladies who reside there.

The very heart of our Order is the "HOME" and that "HOME" should be first in the heart of each of us!

#### ESTARL

The Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership Program was adopted by the General Grand Chapter, and we in Texas consider our participation a very worthwhile endeavor.

It is a JOY to realize the money which we designate for these ESTARL Scholarships will bring blessings to mankind for many years to come. We appreciate the opportunity to have a part in the development of the religious leaders whose service will be our hope for the future.

In thinking about this Program, let us consider the true meaning of JOY. .

JESUS, first  
 OTHERS, second  
 YOURSELF, last

This is our challenge to support the ESTARL needs for this Grand Chapter Year. Let us not falter in our responsibility.

### DREAD DISEASES

Many members of our Order have been saddened by the loss of a loved one because of cancer or diseases of the heart, lung, kidneys, and the muscular system. Perhaps, a gift to the public organization researching the dread disease will bring consolation to one's heart; therefore, this category is to be a part of our Welfare Program for the year. Too, contributions in the name of the Order of the Eastern Star will bring a creditable reflection of our charitable and beneficent purposes.

NOTE: In making contributions to this portion of our Welfare Program, keep this fact in mind:

"We in the Eastern Star receive no help from the Government or those National Funds handling the programs for dread diseases; therefore, as you give to any of the Funds cited above, consider . . .  
 . . . MATCHING the sum of your donation . . .  
 . . . with a gift to our ENDOWMENT FUND."

Sisters and Brothers, as members of the Order of the Eastern Star, we are reminded daily of the need to live more closely by the principles of our beautiful Order. We have a fellowship which is matched by none other, and the opportunities for our service are second only to those set forth as the Christian duty by our Churches.

The CHALLENGE is there; the THOUGHT to remember is:

"SHARING IS LOVE"

Sincerely and fraternally  
 Mrs. Rennie Often  
 Worthy Grand Matron

C. A. "Bill" Holmes: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this Report.

Worthy Grand Matron: I have a motion that we adopt the Report of the Purposes and Policies Committee. I have a second. Any discussion? If not, all in favor of adopting the Report as presented by Brother C. A. "Bill" Holmes, will say "Aye". Opposed, "No". The Report is adopted.

Thank you, Brother Bill.

I recognize our Poet Laureate, Sister Elretta Sudsbury.

Sister Elretta Sudsbury:

### POET LAUREATE'S REPORT

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Other Distinguished Members, my sisters and brothers:

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as Poet Laureate during the 1977-1978 Grand Chapter Year. This was one of the most rewarding periods of my life. I am deeply grateful both to the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Brown, who appointed me, and to my sisters and brothers who expressed enjoyment in the poetry.

Fifteen poems and one essay were published in the BULLETIN. I provided readings for many Chapters on special occasions, plus composing speeches, prayers and poems any time my creativity could be useful.

The Worthy Grand Matron's Installation Theme, "The Master Potter", and her year-long Theme of "Love" served as inspiration for much of the writing as did the classic example of LOVE IN ACTION set by Sister Mary throughout her year.

One final thought in conclusion:

#### GOD IS . . . .

God is with us in cathedrals,  
With their hushed, majestic air;  
He stands near in humble churches,  
Where we sing and kneel in prayer.

God walks with us in our triumphs —  
Golden moments of success;  
He stands by when bright dreams crumble,  
Helps us cope with pain and stress.

God is with us in large cities,  
Scenes of bustle, smog and lights;  
He shares with us small town living,  
Sites of tranquil, star-filled nights.

He will never, never leave us;  
We are in His loving care;  
Wondrous thought to kindle courage —  
OUR GREAT GOD IS EVERYWHERE!

Elretta Sudsbury, Poet Laureate 1977-78

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the acceptance of this Report.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** You have heard the Report of the Poet Laureate. It has been moved to accept it. I have a second. Is there any discussion? All in favor of accepting the report of the Poet Laureate, will say "Aye" Opposéd, "No". The Report is accepted.

Thank you, Sister Elretta, this was a very beautiful report, concluding the many hours you have given this year. To add beauty to our lives! Thank you, my dear. (Applause)

I recognize Sister Dorothy Springer who will bring the Report of the Museum Committee. Our Chairman, Sister Patsy Wilson, is not able to attend the Session and has asked Sister Dorothy to represent her.

### REPORT OF THE MUSEUM COMMITTEE

**Mrs. Dorothy Springer:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star:

In the absence of our General Chairman, Sister Patsy Wilson, it is my pleasure to give the report of the Museum Committee for 1977-1978 and to present the names of the members of this Committee; however, some of them are not present this morning:

District 1 Mr. Ross McCord  
District 2 Mrs. Ruby Lee Meckley  
District 3 Mrs. Frances Boone  
District 4 Mrs. Dorothy Springer  
District 5 Mrs. Alberta Latham

Worthy Grand Matron, we want to thank you and the Worthy Grand Patron for giving us the opportunity of serving on this Committee.

It is a difficult task to follow the other Committees who have given so much time to see that our Museum is an important part of the O.E.S. Home. The first Museum Com-

mittee under the direction of Mrs. Donna Reed worked very hard in setting up and moving into the Museum. As I went back and read the reports of this Committee, as well as the others, I was well aware of the hard work that was done.

The Past Grand Matrons' dresses are very interesting to all who come to the Museum and I urge all Past Grand Matrons to send their dresses so that they might be seen. We moved these dresses around during the year in order to show them better on the dress forms and on the hangers.

The Committee met to clean and display donated items in cabinets and to hang historical pictures and other articles of interest.

It is a warm, wonderful feeling to know that our members sent some of their very precious items to the Museum, but we note that, in the future, space will be given more to historical Grand Chapter items because our Museum is not very large. But we are very proud of the space that we have to show our history.

The photograph panels of our Past Grands hanging in the hallway to the Museum have been brought up to date and brass engraved plates with each name and date they served have been placed on all the photograph panels.

Mrs. Dorothy Bernhard and Mrs. Barbara Robinson started the photograph panels at the request of our beloved Past Grand Matron Pearl Hall. Thank you, ladies, for your hard work. Our thanks also go to the Doris Darlings of Dallas for their contribution to update the photograph panels in memory of their beloved member, Sister Pearl Hudson.

Also, a photograph panel of the Penix family was hung. They are the first Mother, Father, and Son to date to be Past Grands of Texas.

We want to thank Mrs. Patsy Sawyer, Home Administrator, and her capable staff for all the assistance they have given to us. They are always willing to give their best.

We also want to thank Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, for helping us. Her sweet smile encouraged us and urged us on our way with securing all the photograph panels. Thanks, Agnes Lee.

Worthy Grand Matron, in closing we wish to say that this has been an exciting and rewarding job. Thank you for allowing us to serve this year with you.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Mrs.) Patsy Wilson, General Chairman  
Museum Committee

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

**Worthy Grand Matron:** We have a motion and a second that the Report of the Museum Committee be adopted. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of adopting the Report of the Museum Committee as presented let it be known by saying "AYE". Opposed, "No". The Report is adopted.

And Thank you, Sister Dorothy Springer, for bringing it. In order for this to be put in our proceedings, Sister Dorothy, I would like to say we wish to present to the Museum these items that were given to our Grand Chapter last evening by Sister Beth Morgan, the great niece of Sister Norton B. Wellborn, our beloved Past Grand Matron. And this morning we have placed a beautiful shawl that belonged to Sister Norton B. and a fan with a pink chiffon rose on the floor among the arrangement of urns in front of the Grand East. Thank you, Sister Dorothy.

We are now going to be favored by a piano and organ duet from the Music Committee of District 2 — Johnnie Burgess and Barbara Traylor.

(The duet was delightful and was received with much applause by the Grand Chapter).

**Worthy Grand Matron:** We are going to have the Report of our Fraternal Friendship Committee.

I present Sister Genea McCall, Chairman of the Fraternal Friendship Committee.

### FRATERNAL FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

**Mrs. Genea McCall:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

What blessings and joys have been mine this year as General Chairman of the Fraternal Friendship Committee and I shall always be grateful for this appointment, for the able assistance I have received from the District Chairmen, Section Chairmen, and the Chapter members who joined hands and went along with us on the Fraternal Friendship Way.

The District Chairmen were superb in the performance of their duties and kept splendid and accurate reports of points earned and visits made. Awards were presented or mailed each month to the highest point chapter in the State and District. An Honorable Mention Award was also made for the chapters earning 100 or more points but did not qualify for a winning award. The spirit of competition between chapters was friendly and cheerful.

Chapters Visited	13,853
Members Visiting	37,454
Members under thirty	2,821

I present the Chairmen of the Committee for each District to present the award to the chapter receiving same from their respective districts:

District 1	Mrs. Jessie F. Freeman
District 2	Mrs. Earnestine Winterrowd
District 3	Mrs. Doris Fenn
District 4	Mrs. Carlos Worley
District 5	Mrs. Cleta Todd

**Mrs. Jessie Freeman:** The winner in District 1 is DeSoto Chapter No. 1089, from Section 5. I am happy to present their award and certificate:

“Be it known that this Certificate is awarded to DeSoto Chapter No. 1089 for its participation in the Fraternal Friendship Program, having received the greatest number of points for the year 1977-1978.

Congratulations on the participation of the membership thereof along with hopes that the future may witness the same.”

Mary Brown, WGM  
Murray Watson, Jr., WGP  
Genea McCall, Chairman

**Mrs. Genea McCall:** Mrs. Earnestine Winterrowd, District Chairman from District 2.

**Mrs. Earnestine Winterrowd:** The winner in District 2, is Lamesa Chapter No. 363.

**Mrs. Genea McCall:** Mrs. Doris Fenn, District Chairman from District 3.

**Mrs. Doris Fenn:** The winner in District 3, is Dublin Chapter No. 910.

**Mrs. Genea McCall:** Mr. Carlos Worley, District Chairman from District 4.

**Mr. Carlos Worley:** The winner in District 4 is Pasadena Chapter No. 711.

**Mrs. Genea McCall:** Mrs. Clela Todd, District Chairman from District 5.

**Mrs. Clela Todd:** The winner in District 5 is Prospect Hill Chapter No. 817.

(Each District Chairman presented to the representative present from each of the Chapters a plaque of two little people, "hand in hand".)

**Mrs. Genea McCall:** Grand Champion of Fraternal Friendship is Pasadena Chapter No. 711.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** It is my distinct pleasure and pride to present this plaque to Sister Bea Kizziah, the Mary Brown Girl, and Brother Bill Dunaway, Murray's Man of Pasadena Chapter No. 711 — Grand Champion of Fraternal Friendship. This is quite a tribute to our State Chairman as Pasadena No. 711 is her Chapter!

(The plaque presented to Pasadena Chapter No. 711 was larger than the ones presented to the other Chapters)

**Mrs. Genea McCall:** Again, my deepest appreciation to every single member who went along the Fraternal Friendship Way with us and made this program such a rewarding and happy experience for all of us. And to you, my Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of serving as your General Chairman. I have been greatly blessed by this beautiful appointment.

#### WINNING CHAPTERS DURING THE YEAR:

Pine Tree No. 1090  
 McLennan No. 639  
 New Caney No. 1093  
 Lytle No. 355  
 Boyd No. 897  
 Chico No. 433  
 Lamesa No. 363  
 Indian Creek No. 255  
 Kerrville No. 24  
 Prospect Hill No. 817  
 Bonham No. 852  
 Thunderbird No. 1087  
 Mart No. 109  
 Beaumont No. 71  
 Devine No. 43  
 Vienna Buckner No. 888  
 Midland No. 253

Floyd Easterling No. 1074  
 Castleberry No. 1028  
 Bells No. 1110  
 Vashti No. 32  
 Ganado No. 957  
 Grandview No. 828  
 Ridglea No. 999  
 Wallace Hughston No. 1100  
 Top O Texas No. 1265  
 Sour Lake No. 75  
 Farmer's Branch No. 687  
 Dublin No. 910  
 Conroe No. 710  
 Logas No. 998  
 Cora Posey No. 1072  
 Friendship No. 1008

#### HONORABLE MENTION CHAPTERS

Archives No. 1095  
 Deer Park No. 1063  
 Park Place No. 731  
 Covington No. 1007  
 Carlton No. 949

South Park No. 1056  
 Lakeside No. 1054  
 Galena Park No. 884  
 Honey Grove No. 901  
 Laura B. Hart No. 1019

Cedar Bayou No. 11  
 Valley Hi No. 1104  
 Centennial No. 842  
 Oak Forest No. 1080  
 Woodland No. 696  
 Norma D. Allen No. 1050  
 North Side No. 651  
 Rothwell No. 669  
 Bellaire No. 1021  
 West University No. 933  
 Goose Creek No. 798  
 Edna No. 692  
 Springtown No. 498

Queen Esther No. 833  
 Woodbine No. 738  
 Dayton No. 233  
 Humble No. 415  
 Seabrook No. 1096  
 West Columbia No. 705  
 Bonita No. 184  
 Aurora No. 799  
 Covington No. 1007  
 Carlton No. 949  
 Belton No. 589  
 Lamesa No. 363  
 Midland No. 253

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

**Worthy Grand Matron:** I have a motion and second that we adopt the Report of the Fraternal Friendship Committee. Are there questions? All in favor, let it be known by saying "Aye". Opposed, "No" The Report is adopted.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** We will now have the Benediction by Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes.

**BENEDICTION**

**Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes:** Our most gracious Heavenly Father, as we once again come into Thy presence with humble hearts to thank you for this portion of this Assembly, we thank you for Thy presence and we thank you for thy watchful care of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron in this our Grand Assembly. We thank Thee, our Father, for all blessings that come from Thy hands. We thank you for the sunshine, the rays of the light that come to our lives that they might reflect upon the outside world the sincerity of the truths and the love which this organization stands for. Now, as we temporarily adjourn this Assembly, we pray Thy blessings upon all as they go their way. Bring us back safely. We would ask Thy presence in the balance of this Grand Chapter, and we will give Thee the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

(Grand Chapter was called from labor to rest at 12:10 p.m.)

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**

**October 25, 1978**

**1:45 P.M.**

Musical Selections ..... Grand Choir

(As the membership gathered for the Wednesday Afternoon Session, beautiful musical selections were rendered by the Grand Choir)

**PROCESSIONAL**

Mrs. Thelma M. Chandler, Past Grand Matron  
 escorted by Mr. Marvin Chandler  
 Mr. Hal Burnett, Past Grand Patron  
 escorted by Mrs. Rachel Burnett  
 Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, Past Grand Matron

**2:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Mrs. Thelma Chandler:** Members of Grand Chapter, Distinguished Guests, and Visitors, I deem it not only a great privilege but a fine honor to be accorded the opportunity to Call to Order this 96th afternoon session of our "For Love's Sake Session",

with my Past Grand Patron, Brother Hal Burnett. Brother Hal Burnett and I wish to greet everyone in the audience with a good, "Good Afternoon". We are certainly, indeed, pleased to have the pleasure of again meeting in this wonderful city. Most of you know that back in 1962 I had the pleasure of presiding with Brother Paul Stoneman as your Acting Worthy Grand Matron, due to the loss of our beloved Sister Pearl Hall. Then Brother Hal and I were installed as your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and surely we hold a deep love for each of you. We will always remember your kind hospitality.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will invite the Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

(The Grand Officers enter the Grand Chapter Room)

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

Sisters and Brothers, it is my special delight, privilege, and honor to introduce to you our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Brown, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Murray Watson. You will join me in saluting them with Grand Honors.

The Grand Officers will take their respective stations.

(In Constitutional form the Grand Chapter was called from Rest to Labor)

**Mrs. Thelma Chandler:** Sisters and Brothers, I acknowledge at this time my heartfelt gratitude to our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Brown, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Murray Watson, for the many honors that you two have bestowed upon so many of us. I count the priceless joys and pleasures and opportunities for service as a special gift from each of you. And, as our leaders, you've blessed an unselfish service of successive deeds of victory and achievement. But as these are being swept into the past, we're not unmindful that with them go the cares and burdens of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. To each of you, you have given us freely of yourselves and freely of your love and we shall long remember the service that you have given to this Grand Chapter. We could not begin to enumerate the pleasures — the assets, not only in dollars and cents, but in the fact that you have given us love and friendship in the true meaning of the beautiful Order.

At this time I am sure that Brother Hal Burnett would love to speak to you from the inner resources of his heart. Brother Hal Burnett.

**Mr. Hal Burnett:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers, elected and appointed, present and past, Distinguished Guests, my Brothers all. What a privilege it is to be with you here and have the opportunity of serving with my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Thelma McReynolds, who served two terms practically as Worthy Grand Matron of Texas with all the proficiency that any one could have.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, if you'll come here and hold my hand a minute. Worthy Grand Matron, come over here will you please. I'm getting nervous! I need somebody to hold my hand!

You know, it's not the strong arm and iron will, the obedience and order, that are the chief requisites by which good government is secured but to hold the key to the hearts of the membership. I feel that this administration has held the key to the hearts of the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas, and certainly our words are inadequate when I endeavor to tell you what a fine service they have rendered to our great State. I feel that they have honestly and truly, sincerely acted in obedience to the privilege of holding the key to the hearts of you, our membership. And Sister Mary and Brother Murray, it is a privilege indeed to be asked by you to stand by my Worthy Grand Matron as she opens this Session this afternoon. May God, in His infinite love,



guide you in all your endeavors, for soon you will leave this place in the East and go out in the beautiful world after having served as Grand Matron and Grand Patron of this great State of ours. May God, in His infinite love, ever hold His arm about you. I thank you for this privilege.

**Mrs. Thelma Chandler:** Thank you, Brother Hal Burnett, for those inspirational words. I am sure that in the heart of each of us they will linger long. Sisters and Brothers, may each of us this afternoon rededicate our lives to the two commandments laid down by Christ two thousand years ago. First, "and thou shalt love the Lord, Thy God, with all Thy heart, and with all Thy soul, and with all Thy might and with all Thy spirit." Second, "Thou shalt love Thy neighbor as Thyself."

And at this time, Brother Leslie Burnett will offer a prayer to our Heavenly Father to guide and direct us in such a way that our lives may exemplify the principles for which Thy son died on Calvary's cross. Brother Leslie Burnett.

### PRAYER

**Mr. Leslie Burnett:** Holy and Merciful God, the giver of all good and precious gifts, we thank you for the gift of this Order of the Eastern Star, an instrument that you use here on earth to proclaim your Kingdom. Father, we ask, if it be Thy will, to look down through our minds and in our hearts, that if there is something displeasing, remove it, that we can commune closer with you, that we may do Thy will. We thank you for the lives of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for you have truly used their lives and their time to build your Kingdom here on earth. Father, we ask that in this Afternoon Session as it is opened, that only your will will be done, that we may end this Session knowing that we have done what you would have us to do and leave as sisters and brothers with brotherly love that knows no other organization, for we pray in Jesus' name.

**Mrs. Thelma Chandler:** Our Grand Choir will render us that beautiful song, "Fill my cup, Lord".

(This outstanding Grand Choir rendered "Fill my cup, Lord" beautifully to the enjoyment and pleasure of all in the Assembly Room)

**Mrs. Thelma Chandler:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Yes, my friends, the day plummets with glee across the Dial of Time and it's hard to realize that, in a few short days, a new regime will be serving in your responsible places and offices of this Grand Chapter. Worthy Grand Matron, it is with a heart full of joy and love that I call this Grand Chapter Session from rest to labor and return to you your gavel.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you, Sister Thelma McReynolds Chandler and Brother Hal Burnett for the inspirational opening to the Wednesday Afternoon Session.

I recall so well when you had your Installation in this Coliseum. You know, I felt that was the most beautiful Session I had ever seen. The simplicity of your Altar — you know, I had always thought that when we had our Grand Chapter Session, I would have an Altar similar to yours. That red cloth and the lovely Brass Candle stick and red candle.

In the years that have passed, I have been impressed by the humility and strength of character of these fine leaders of our Order and I am very proud that they have Called to Order this Wednesday Afternoon Session.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know you want to address a word to these two.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. If I were to pick out the most priceless jewels in the world, I could not find any worth as much as my friendship with you. Both of you, with your distinguished qualities of character, have served our Order well. You have both been and still are a great inspiration to the membership of this Grand Chapter. Your messages, your words, reveal a great faith in the Eastern Star, and your years of service to our Order have been a blessing to all who have had the privilege and opportunity to know and work with you. My thanks for your valuable assistance and cooperation in helping us reach the goal for this year.

Thank you for Calling to Order this Wednesday Afternoon Session of this 96th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** I would also like to express appreciation to Brother Leslie Burnett for having led us in our petition to God for watchful care in our deliberations this afternoon and to Sister Molly Goodpasture who will close our afternoon Session with the Benediction.

Thank you, Grand Choir for the beautiful rendition of "Fill my cup, Lord".

## FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

**Worthy Grand Matron:** At this time, I am pleased to recognize those who have attained 50 years of service in our Order.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will escort our 50-year members who are in attendance to the East. (applause)

(Amid much applause, the 50-year members in attendance were escorted to the East as the audience sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart".)



50-Year Members

Sisters and Brothers, the names of these lovely members are not in order, but I will ask that as your name is called, you will take a bow.

- Sister Emily Womble ..... Nacona Chapter No. 62
- Sister Frankie Eskew ..... Bastrop Chapter No. 64
- Sister Margaret Reich ..... Almeda Chapter No. 1081
- Sister Guinn Etta O'Bannon ..... Huntsville Chapter No. 240
- Sister Dee Elmore ..... Channelview Chapter No. 954
- Sister Clara Wynne ..... North Fort Worth Chapter No. 684,  
and a resident of the Home
- Sister Virginia Chesney ..... West Columbia Chapter No. 705
- Sister Ellen Graham ..... Rob Morris Chapter No. 759
- Sister Josie Feltz ..... Dumas Chapter No. 653
- Sister Myrtle Phillips ..... Stockdale Chapter No. 69
- Sister Sallie Witte ..... Seadrift Chapter No. 602
- Sister Annie Maye Martin ..... East Houston Chapter No. 955
- Sister Elizabeth Gilliam ..... Yorktown Chapter No. 945
- Sister Myrtice Kirk ..... Loyal Chapter No. 648

All received their Certificates in their own Chapters.

Our Worthy Grand Organist, Sister Sally Matranga, is going to present a tribute to you by playing on the Harp.

(Several beautiful numbers were played on the golden Harp and by the great applause it was evident that they were enjoyed by the membership)

Thank you, Sister Sally Matranga, for a beautiful tribute by a beautiful lady to fourteen beautiful ladies who have served our Order for fifty years. We have had 625 members who have attained this milestone in their service during this year. Only fourteen could attend this afternoon. We're going to invite them to share the East with us for the remainder of the afternoon if they would like.

We have several ladies from our Home whom we recognized earlier this morning; Sister Clara Wynne, Sister Sara Jane Koontz, Sister Cora Bailey, and Sister Alma Beall. They are seated over on the side.

(The ladies from the Home stood and received applause)

They are here to hear the Report of their Superintendent, Sister Potsy Sawyer. So, Sister Potsy. I recognize you for your Report.

### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE HOME

**Mrs. Potsy Sawyer:** Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Brown, Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Murray Watson, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I bring to you the report from your Eastern Star Home for the year 1977-1978.

We have 87 ladies living in the OES Home. They seem to be happier and more at home each day. You, the membership, are as much responsible for their contentment as we who work there.

You adopt a lady, visit her and shower her with love and attention. You send gift items to them and to the home for their comfort and use. This saves them many dollars over the years. We appreciate you, the members, for these gifts of love for the residents in the home.

We have had 12 members to enter the home this year. They are:

Mollie Robinson, Cisco No. 461, November 19, 1977  
 Mrs. Pixie Ann White, Alma Walker, No. 1101, December 12, 1977  
 Mrs. Maggie Tynes, Boerne No. 200, January 25, 1978  
 Mrs. Charlotte Parks, Royce City No. 642, March 28, 1978  
 Miss Mittie Bradford, Seagoville No. 697, March 30, 1978  
 Mrs. Maudie J. Sullivan, Ft. Worth No. 681, April 5, 1978  
 Mrs. Mabel Watson, Corsicana No. 118, April 17, 1978  
 Mrs. Edith Cornell, Oso No. 868, July 5, 1978  
 Mrs. Rebecca L. Miles, Athens No. 177, July 19, 1978  
 Mrs. Frances Massengill, Electra No. 539, August 21, 1978  
 Mrs. Katie McBride, Childress No. 101, August 23, 1978  
 Mrs. Frances Griffith, Crescent No. 820, September 9, 1978

We had one lady to leave the home of her own accord.

We have lost 9 by death. They are:

Mrs. Goldie Behymer, Dallas No. 1, November 11, 1978  
 Mrs. Susan Dick, Independence Chapter No. 1044, February 6, 1978  
 Mrs. Laura Bless, Alpine No. 132, February 12, 1978  
 Mrs. Ota Leatherman, Handley No. 617, February 16, 1978  
 Mrs. Ruth Lindsey, Faith No. 713, July 3, 1978  
 Mrs. Mary Wilson, Aransas Pass No. 162, July 5, 1978  
 Mrs. Ord Diggs, Hillsboro No. 769, August 2, 1978  
 Mrs. Sallie Lockett, Ruth No. 20, August 19, 1978  
 Mrs. Mary Wilkerson, Travis No. 472, October 20, 1978

We have enjoyed working with Mrs. Nellie Sowell, Chairman of Time and Talent and Mr. Dale Shackelford, Chairman of Founders Day.

The Legacy of Love Book, being on display at the home, has been a point of interest. It has been a real joy receiving your letters and working with Mrs. Joan Ward, Secretary for District 3. She came day after day to make entries of your generous contributions to the Home Endowment Fund.

Mrs. Patsy Wilson, Chairman of Museum Committee, it has been my pleasure to work with you and your Committee this year. You have contributed much to our Museum. This is one of the highlights of the home to our many visitors. It continues to create interest.

Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Brown, it has been a pleasure having you and your fine husband, Doss, visit the home this year. You have, for the past four years, endeared yourself to the ladies and the employees of the home. Your warm, friendly smile and wonderful personality will be missed. We have enjoyed working with you as our Worthy Grand Matron. We feel that our Order has prospered under your leadership.

Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., we have enjoyed working with you. We have relied on your counsel and advice on many occasions. For this we thank you. It has been our pleasure to have you and your lovely wife, Greta visit the ladies and the home. Thank you for all that you have done for the home in the past and we know you will continue to do.

Sister Agnes Lee, Grand Secretary, we wish to express our appreciation for the many hours that you give to us in helping care for the ladies. It requires much of your time. You are a real friend to me and to the home. Thank you, Agnes Lee, for your sincere interest.

Mr. Charles "Doc" Allen, Chairman of The Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolence, we will never be able to thank you for all the many, many hours that you

have, so generously, given for the benefit of the home and the care of the ladies. Your wise counsel and good advice is appreciated more than you will ever know. No one realizes how much responsibility a Board Member has unless they serve on this Board. Thank you, Mr. Allen and our other Board Members.

Our faithful and loyal employees are responsible for the smooth operation of the Eastern Star Home. To them and their continued interest, we say a big thank you.

Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for your interest and love for your home and the lovely ladies who reside there.

Our first and foremost thought has been and will continue to be the health, welfare and happiness of each lady.

Respectfully submitted,

Potsy Sawyer, Adm.-Supt.  
Eastern Star Home

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

**Worthy Grand Matron:** We have a motion and a second that the Report of the Superintendent of our Home, Sister Potsy Sawyer, be adopted. Is there any discussion? All in favor, please say "Aye". Opposed "No". The Report is adopted.

Thank you, Sister Potsy.

Sister Barbara Robinson is going to bring a tribute to the "Special Ones" at this Session. If the ladies who reside in our Home will stand for just a moment as she begins, then you may be seated.

**Mrs. Barbara Robinson:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, let's look at these beautiful ladies just one more time. These are our special ones. Thank you.

### GREETINGS TO THE "SPECIAL ONES"

One of the happiest privileges to come my way in my Eastern Star Life is the privilege of addressing those whom the Worthy Grand Matron calls the "Special Ones" — the Past Matrons and Past Patrons in our Home at Arlington and in the Masonic Home. To me — they are not the "special Ones" but the "Loved Ones". They, like Naomi, have so inspired and led us that we cannot but tell them that "where they go, we will go, and where they lodge, we will lodge, and where they worship, we will worship. When I was a little girl, I spent many hours with my mother on her busy errands concerning our elder sisters in Arlington. To her — they were the reason and purpose of our Order! I learned early in my life to love them and to follow their guidance and love! I am reminded of the story of the famous Texas statesman who was reared by a beloved grandmother. Once, when his friends were talking of those who preached and talked in the Legislature, he made this statement, "My grandma didn't do much preachin' but she sure did a lot of practicing!" So it is with our elder sisters! They have loved greatly, they have lived greatly, and they have practiced mightily! They are like the man who was found building a bridge. His friends asked him why he was spending so much time on a bridge that he would never live to cross? His reply was that he was not building for himself, but for those who came after him! Our sisters have built a bridge for us! They have been our torch-bearers! When I look at them, I am reminded of a little verse by Alfred Noyes:

"So I speak  
Not for myself, but for the age unborn,  
I caught the fire from those who went before,  
The bearers of the torch who could not see  
The goal to which they strained, I caught their fire,

And carried it, only a little way beyond;  
 But there are those that wait for it, I know,  
 Those who will carry it on to victory.  
 I dare not fail them. Looking back, I see  
 Those others . . . with their arms outstretched  
 . . . pointing to the future!" (Noyes)

So, my sweet sisters and brothers, we salute you! We recognize that everything good in this Order was bought at a price and that someone built the Fraternal House we live in with loving toil. We recognize that someone with aching back lifted the stones from our path. We recognize the fact that the path of benevolence was made easy for us by the labor and good will which you gave to this Order. In simple fairness, because of your leadership we must make ready the path for those who follow us and we must add joy to the road which others will tread long after our names have been forgotten.

To you, our Special Ones, thank you! We love you! We need you! We revere you! And we're glad that you came our way!

Barbara Robinson, Grand Electa  
 Grand Chapter-Houston, Texas  
 October 25, 1978

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you, Sister Barbara Robinson, my "Special" friend, for that beautiful tribute to our Special Ones.

Worthy Grand Patron, I will now invite you to preside while we legislate the amendments to our Constitution.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Now Sisters and Brothers, we've been moving along on these amendments and we've some twenty other amendments, and, if my memory serves me correct, we'll try to be through by tomorrow night. If at all possible, we would like to move through these with some dispatch. We don't want to cut off any one on debate or the opportunity to speak or be heard, but if you would, if you choose to speak for or against any of the amendments, I would ask that you come down to the front and register so we can try to determine an order or sequence of speakers, and if it meets with your approval, I would like to request that we try and limit the proponents and the opponents to three (3) each, and five minutes apiece. That would be 30 minutes. So, if you will extend to us this courtesy and the other members so we can move along as quickly as possible. Be prepared to speak, and if you would, come to the back and let one of the people here on the stage — Sister Cloe Morris, stand please — if you would register or make known your wishes to her, she will write your name down either for or against and then we can have an orderly procedure in handling these amendments. The Chair now recognizes the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

**Mrs. J. Victor Jones:** Yesterday the Jurisprudence Committee reported on Resolution No. 6, which was postponed so this will be the first thing we will take up this afternoon. I will read it.

## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 6

### AMENDMENT NO. 6

We, the undersigned, respectfully submit the following Proposed Amendment to the Constitution (First Reading):

That ARTICLE IX, SECTION 1, Page 43, COMMITTEES, which now reads:

(11) Welfare

Be amended to read:

(11) Humanitarian

Respectfully submitted

Rennie Ofton, Associate Grand Matron                      T. L. Weaver, Associate Grand Patron  
Kathy Johnston, Grand Conductress                      Viola Edwards, Associate Grand Conductress

Worthy Grand Patron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this proposed amendment to be in proper form for action of this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** While our Associate Grand Matron is coming to the front — the Chair now recognizes our Associate Grand Matron to speak on Amendment No. 6 as it's printed in the proposed amendments to our Constitution. There is an amendment that is laid out to the amendment as it is printed. The Chair recognizes our Associate Grand Matron.

**Associate Grand Matron:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. In reference to the amendment, we the undersigned agree to leave the word "humanitarian" in as it was submitted. We went over to the library right over here and read the definition of the word "humanitarian" and it said "a person interested in the welfare of his kind" and I believe that will cover the definition, and we decided to leave it as was.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Is there objection to the amendment as proposed by the Associate Grand Matron be withdrawn from amendment No. 6? The Chair hears none, so ordered. The Chair recognizes the Associate Grand Matron, to speak on Amendment No. 6 as printed.

(She did not speak)

Are there those that wish to speak against Amendment No. 6 as it is printed in the Report? Are you ready for the question? As this is an amendment to the Constitution, under Article 14, First Reading, it must be presented and read and approved by a majority of the votes present. I would ask all those who are for Amendment No. 6 changing the word "welfare" to "humanitarian" to please stand. Thank you. I would ask all that are opposed to Amendment No. 6 to please stand. Those who are opposed to Amendment No. 6, please stand. Amendment No. 6 is adopted on first reading.

The Chair recognizes Mr. J. Victor Jones.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, yesterday the Jurisprudence Committee reported out Report No. 9 covering Amendment No. 9. The Committee reported it not to be in proper, legal form to submit to Grand Chapter. The proponents of Amendment No. 9 have amended same in writing, which I will now read.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 9

ARTICLE X, Section 1, Page 44, Grand Chapter Sessions and Matters Related Thereto, Stated Sessions:

Now reads:

"The Grand Chapter, except as hereinafter provided, shall meet in one stated session each year, the Ceremonial Opening beginning at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the fourth Monday in October, at such place as the Grand Chapter may select."

(The rest of Section 1 remains unchanged.)

Be amended to read:

“The Grand Chapter, except as hereinafter provided shall meet in one stated Session each year, the Ceremonial Opening beginning at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the third Saturday in October at such place as the Grand Chapter may select.”

Paul B. Fitch  
Elizabeth Williams  
Maude Arnold

Louise W. Armstrong  
Jackie Huffhines

Worthy Grand Patron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this in proper and legal form for action of this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Is there any one to speak for Amendment No. 9? Is there any one to speak against Amendment No. 9? Are you ready for the question? All those who are in favor of Amendment No. 9 will please stand. You may be seated. All who are opposed please stand. The “Noes” have it. Amendment No. 9 did not pass. The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, that now completes the ten (10) proposed amendments to the Constitution.

We now begin twenty-two (22) Resolutions to amend the Code of Laws for the government of Grand Chapter. We are again attempting to report — to have the Jurisprudence Committee report — the number corresponding with the Resolution number, so the delegates will be able to follow more easily. We ask the careful attention of everyone present. As the laws are amended, deleted, or expanded, they affect each of us personally. As we are each bound by oath to obey those laws, it is vitally necessary that you thoroughly understand what you are doing and that you vote as conscientiously as if you were voting upon a petitioner. What you do today affects you and that petitioner in the years to come. When you return to your Chapters, it will be your duty to explain what you did — not what they did. While it takes two years to amend the Constitution, any amendment to the Code of Laws becomes effective following the close of the Grand Chapter Session at which the amendment was adopted.

Brother Richard Porter will read Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 11.

## REPORT NO. 11

**Mr. Richard T. Porter:** Amendment to the Code of Laws, Chapter 2, Article 11, Page 53.

## CODE OF LAWS AMENDMENT NO. 11

CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, Page 53, Election and Installation of Grand Officers

Now reads:

“TIME FOR ELECTION. The election of Grand Officers and of the elective Officers of Grand Chapter shall begin at ten o'clock A.M. on Thursday of the session week and be conducted with dispatch until its completion. The Credentials Committee shall convene not later than 8:00 on the election morning for the registration of latecomers, but registration of voting delegates shall close at 9:00 on election morning.”

Be amended to read:

“TIME FOR ELECTION. The election of Grand Officers and of the elective Officers of Grand Chapter shall begin at ten o'clock A.M. on Tuesday of the session week and be conducted with dispatch until its completion. The Credentials Committee shall



convene not later than 8:00 on the election morning for the registration of latecomers, but registration of voting delegates shall close at 9:00 on election morning."

Paul B. Fitch  
Elizabeth Williams  
Maude Arnold

Louise W. Armstrong  
Jackie Huffhines

Worthy Grand Patron, your Jurisprudence Committee finds this Amendment in proper form and ready for action of this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the reading of Amendment No. 11. Are there those who wish to be heard for Amendment No. 11? Are there those who wish to be heard against Amendment No. 11? Are you ready for the Question?

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Worthy Grand Patron, Members of this Grand Chapter, had you voted to change the time of Grand Chapter, this might have been workable, but for those old timers, like myself, you'll perhaps remember my Grand Chapter in San Antonio twenty years ago. We tried this, and it was very unworkable and we voted immediately to change back. We tried it that one year. What it requires is, that after a long opening that night, opening night, you have to also entertain the report of the Chapters Under Dispensation in order to give them a vote the next day. There's a question about whether that's even legal or not, because you haven't even had the report of the Worthy Grand Patron and his recommendation to either grant the Charter or not. So, it certainly places a burden on everybody to be ready for election on Tuesday. It would have been ideal if we had changed the time of Grand Chapter. Otherwise, I urge you to defeat this.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there others who wish to be heard on Amendment No. 11? We will proceed to vote. All those who are for Amendment No. 11 will please stand. All those who are against Amendment No. 11, please stand. Amendment No. 11 does not pass. The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Ruby Enloe will read Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 12.

**Mrs. Ruby Enloe:** Worthy Grand Patron and Members of this Grand Chapter.

## AMENDMENT NO. 12

CHAPTER 2, Article 3, Page 53, ELECTIONEERING, which now reads:

"Article 3. ELECTIONEERING. Any person being a candidate for office in this Grand Chapter who shall promote her or his candidacy by electioneering or by encouraging it, shall be ineligible for office. If such offense is committed by one holding office and seeking re-election, such person shall be ineligible for re-election. Circular letters, cards, etc., are prohibited, and shall act as a bar to the candidate using such methods for gaining office. The presiding Officer shall publicly expose, within the closed Grand Chapter room, any person violating the above."

BE DELETED IN ITS ENTIRETY AND THE FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTED IN LIEU THEREOF:

"Article 3. ELECTIONEERING. Following the Tuesday evening session of the Grand Chapter, all persons being a candidate for office in this Grand Chapter, having complied with Article V, Section 3 (2), as amended, exclusive of the offices of Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Grand Conductress (unless there is more than one candidate in

each instance), shall hold a combined reception, each paying a proportionate share of the costs involved. Such reception shall be under the supervision of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter Session and shall be designated as a 'social'. All other teas, receptions, open houses or any other gathering, during the Grand Chapter week, for the promotion of a member's candidacy, shall render the candidate ineligible for office. Circulars, letters, cards, etc., are prohibited and shall act as a bar to the candidate using such methods for gaining office. Any violation of the above shall subject a candidate to reprimand by the presiding Officer within the closed doors of Grand Chapter and subsequent ineligibility."

Zena Wilson  
 Joyce Martin  
 Polly Dugger  
 Thurman Perry  
 Ruth Baggett  
 Eddie Robinson  
 Lucille Goolsby  
 Sue Stockton  
 May Delle Grubbs

Ethel Pratt  
 Mildred Barnes  
 Frances Key Herrin  
 Perry Smithwick  
 Robert L. Wood  
 Marie Harcum  
 Edwin R. Pickett  
 Gladys M. Pickett

Worthy Grand Patron, your Jurisprudence Committee finds this Amendment in proper and legal form and is ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Is there any one present who would like to speak for Amendment No. 12. We have a gentleman who would like to be heard against Amendment No. 12.

**Mr. Emmet Gerald:** Thank you, Brother Worthy Grand Patron. Yesterday afternoon — I'll talk real fast since we're in a hurry — I failed to get my name and chapter as I should — the name is immaterial because I'm not running for anything or running from anything. But I am a Past Patron of Wimodausis Chapter No. 141 in San Antonio. I guess some of you think that I am not for anything, that I'm against everything. But this is not true. I am for the high moral and spiritual principles for which this Eastern Star was established. I am for the charitable and benevolent purposes. I believe in the "brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God" and I believe that this Grand Chapter and the members of the Order of the Eastern Star should get back to those high morals and spiritual and charitable and benevolent purposes. (applause) I'm not for electioneering, campaigning politically in the Order of the Eastern Star. I've been coming to Grand Chapter for over twenty-five years. I know what goes on at the parties and what have you, but I am — or — I hope that someone checks this our with the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Masons in Texas because I fear, since it came up once before in previous years — the Grand Master visited the Grand Chapter of Texas, saw what was going on in electioneering, and he frowned on it; and if we put this in our laws, I feel that the Grand Lodge of Texas is going to be reluctant, or they're going to frown on Eastern Star doing so. Of course, we have our freedoms, our freedom of speech, and our freedom of worship, and if I have — I think this should be left up to the candidates, to their prerogative if they want to go in together, but I, if I have a suite of rooms down in a motel or hotel, I pay for it out of my own pocket. I think it's my privilege, my freedom, to invite my friends, whether it's a tea or called a reception, or no name at all. I have the privilege to invite my friends, my sisters and brothers, to come over and visit with me any time I so wish. (applause) I have enjoyed this Grand Chapter and I intend to enjoy the rest of it as I have previous Grand Chapters and I would expect to and hope to enjoy many more and hope you have done the same. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and all here assembled.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Thank you. Are there others who wish to be heard? Would you like to come to the East? Are there others who wish to be heard for or against this Amendment? If there are, please let us know who you are and come to the East.

**Mrs. Frances Herrin:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. I'm Frances Key Herrin, Past Matron of Capitol Chapter No. 803, and you will find that my name is attached to this amendment. I called — after reading the amendment — the Grand Secretary and asked that my name be stricken from this amendment. I do believe that it deprives some of our — takes away some of the tradition of our Grand Chapter Session — ah, Grand Chapter proceedings and I, therefore, ask that we defeat this resolution — amendment.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there others who wish to be heard? Are you ready for the question? All those who are for Amendment No. 12 as it is printed, please stand. Thank you, you may be seated. All who are opposed, please stand. Thank you. Amendment No. 12 failed. The Chair recognizes the Jurisprudence Committee Chairman.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Katherine Poulis will read Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 13.

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Worthy Grand Patron, Members of this Grand Chapter, Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 13.

**AMENDMENT NO. 13**

Chapter 4, A. Worthy Grand Matron, Article 15, APPOINT COMMITTEES, Page 56:

Now reads:

“(13) Home Endowment. Six (6) members to be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron, one from each of the five districts, and one as General Chairman.”

Be amended to read:

“(13) The Home Endowment Committee shall be composed as follows: Five members to be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron, one from each of the five districts in Texas, the terms of the Committee Members from District of the first Committee hereunder to be:

- One member for one (1) year.
- One member for two (2) years.
- One member for three (3) years.
- One member for four (4) years.
- One member for five (5) years.

Thereafter the term of one member expiring each year. No member shall be eligible to succeed herself or himself as Chairman or member of said Committee.”

Paul B. Fitch  
Elizabeth Williams  
Maude Arnold

Louise W. Armstrong  
Jackie Huffhines

Worthy Grand Patron, your Jurisprudence Committee finds this Amendment to be in proper and legal form and is ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Is there any one who would like to be heard for Amendment No. 13?

**Mrs. Maude Arnold:** Worthy Grand Patron, I am Maude Arnold, a member of the Board of Grand Trustees, but first I would like to say, I am a member of the Eastern Star. This Home Endowment is a major project of all of the members of the Eastern Star; all of the Worthy Grand Matrons have tried and are very sincere in trying to get

this project over to the membership. This year your Worthy Grand Matron has spent all year long, trying to point out to you the need of a permanent Home Endowment fund. So, as a member of the Board who comes to you each year with a budget, who turns your money over for the greatest interest they can receive, who watches the Eastern Star budget better than they do their own, I feel very strongly — I have served on the Home Endowment Committee — and I feel very strongly that we need a permanent, continuing project on home endowment. You — you and I — the members of this great Order — tried to make a Home Endowment a permanent committee. This committee has no direction, no guidelines, no duties, except what may be set up each year. Now, I have no criticism whatsoever — every Worthy Grand Matron who has served since this item 13 was put into our Code of Laws, has tried to make you understand the importance of the Home Endowment. But we feel very strongly that it should be a continuing trying. No. 1. — No. 2, you paid transportation and mileage. You set aside in the budget expense for the home endowment committee, and they do not have anything that they can specially do as a committee. Now, let me explain this to you before I tell you what is in your Code of Laws and get your book out, get your blue book out, so we'll go over it, but what I'm trying to say to you is that under the present system, any money that you give to the Home Endowment goes first, supposedly, to your Secretary, the Secretary to your Committee member, from your committee member to your District member, from your District member to your State Chairman, then it goes in to the Welfare Chairman. We have proof this year of several — I could give you the names of some of them whose checks were given, one of them four, one of them five months — check of \$100 — getting into this. Now, my sisters and brothers, you have voted and you have given the Board permission to turn your money over, to use your money, to get the best results they can get. I want to tell you that the minute the Grand Secretary gets money into her office, it starts drawing interest. We do not have, such as you and I, a little ordinary checking account. Now, when it takes four and five months for us to get money through the routine way, you can figure up for yourself, when we get as much as \$250,000 a year, which we're hoping that you're getting this year, how much interest we lose. You say maybe peanuts compared to what we need, but I'll tell you \$30.00 or \$40.00 a month helps, at the end of the year \$2,000.00 and \$3,000.00 helps, because we're looking at it that way, exactly. Now, this is no fault of any one, because this is what the Constitution says. My time has expired, but I wish you would look — I'm very, very sorry — but you look on page 43, Article 4, Section 1, it tells you. And nowhere does it tell you what the project will be and who will handle it and it comes in to the Welfare Chairman and she must handle it. Your Home Endowment Chairman has no authority to receive it. We received anonymously — people who do not want it to be told — for their money, they do not want every one to know it — we have money anonymously that we cannot accept in the Grand Secretary's Office. It has to go to Welfare. You think about it. Let's get this going.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there those present who would like to be heard against the Amendment?

**Mrs. Frances Herrin:** Worthy Grand Patron, I'm Frances Key Herrin, Past Matron of Capitol Chapter No. 803, and I oppose this Amendment. I do not believe that we should have — I do not believe in long terms in office. We have two Boards that serve for a period of five years, and I think that is sufficient. We have a Home Endowment Fund and it has been very successful and certainly this is proved this year, very capably and very efficiently, that the Home Endowment Fund and as now operated, is very efficient and is doing the work of our Grand Chapter, so I oppose this Amendment and ask that it be defeated.

**Mrs. Ruby Enloe:** I am Ruby Enloe, Past Matron of Bryan Chapter No. 222. I want to say that I oppose any five-year committee. We have many capable people in our Grand Chapter. Let's let them serve.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there others who wish to be heard for or against this Amendment? Are you ready for the question? All those who are for Amendment No. 13, dealing with the Home Endowment Committee, will please stand. You may be seated.

All who are opposed to Amendment No. 13. You may be seated. Amendment No. 13 does not pass. The Chair recognizes the Jurisprudence Committee.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, this is Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 14 covering Amendment No. 14. We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have carefully examined Resolution No. 14 of the proposed Amendments to the Code of Laws for the Government of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, and find same not in legal and proper form to submit to the Grand Chapter for its action, which proposed Amendment reads as follows:

#### AMENDMENT NO. 14

Chapter 4, A, Article 19, Page 57. SUPERVISION:

Now reads:

“She shall have general supervision of all Grand Officers, Boards Deputies and Committees, with the exception of the Worthy Grand Patron and his Deputies, in the discharge of their respective duties, in accordance with the Ritual and the Constitution and Laws; and may require the advice and assistance of any or every Grand Officer at any and all times.”

Be amended to read:

“She shall have general supervision of all Grand Officers, the Board of Grand Examiners, Deputies and Committees, with the exception of the Worthy Grand Patron and his Deputies, the Board of Grand Trustees, and the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, in the discharge of their respective duties, in accordance with the Ritual, the Constitution and Laws; and may require the advice and assistance of any or every Grand Officer at any and all times.”

Paul B. Fitch  
Elizabeth Williams  
Maude Arnold

Louise W. Armstrong  
Jackie Huffhines

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this not in legal and proper form for action as it conflicts with the Ritual, pages 133 and 134, in addition to conflicting with the corporate charter under which we operate.

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin Chandler  
J. Victor Jones  
Richard T. Porter

Ruby Enloe  
Katherine Poulis

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of this Report.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the motion that the Amendment No. 14 is not in proper order and the Report that it not be considered. All those in favor of adoption of the motion say “Aye”. Opposed, “No”. The ayes have it. The Committee Report is adopted that No. 14 is not in proper order. The Chair recognizes the Jurisprudence Committee.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, Marvin Chandler will read Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 15.

**Mr. Marvin Chandler:**

## AMENDMENT NO. 15

Chapter 4, A, Worthy Grand Matron, Article 32, PREPARATION OF PROCEEDINGS FOR PRINTING, Page 59:

Now reads:

"The retiring Worthy Grand Matron is hereby empowered to supervise the preparation and the printing of the Proceedings, and her final approval shall be had before same are printed. Her expenses incurred in such work shall be paid by voucher check, when itemized account is submitted to the Grand Secretary."

Be amended to read:

"The retiring Worthy Grand Matron is hereby empowered to supervise the preparation and the printing of the Proceedings as recorded by the Official Recorder of Grand Chapter. Her expenses incurred in such work shall be paid by voucher check, when itemized account is submitted to the Grand Secretary.

The Board Of Grand Trustees is empowered to accept bids and to select the printers for the printing of the proceedings."

Paul B. Fitch  
Elizabeth Williams  
Maude Arnold

Louise W. Armstrong  
Jackie Huffhines

Worthy Grand Patron, we, your Jurisprudence Committee, find this Amendment in proper form and ready for the action of this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there those who wish to be heard for Amendment No. 15? Is there any one present who would like to be heard against Amendment No. 15? Are you ready for the question? All those who are in favor of Amendment No. 15, please stand. You may be seated. All those who are opposed to Amendment No. 15, please stand. You may be seated. Amendment No. 15 does not pass. The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Brother Richard T. Porter will read Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 16.

**Mr. Richard T. Porter:**

## AMENDMENT NO. 16

Chapter 4, A, Article 36, Page 60 (First Paragraph). AUTOMOBILE

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 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."

Be amended to read:

"The Board of Grand Trustees is authorized to provide an automobile for the use of the Worthy Grand Matron, by purchase, lease or monthly allowance. Said automobile

shall be within the price range of a medium-price car, and if purchased, shall be retained as the property of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. The automobile shall be operated under the supervision of the Board of Grand Trustees, and each year the automobile shall be disposed of by the Board of Grand Trustees."

Paul B. Fitch  
Elizabeth Williams  
Maude Arnold

Louise W. Armstrong  
Jackie Huffhines

Worthy Grand Patron, we, the Jurisprudence Committee, find Amendment No. 16 in proper legal form and ready for consideration of this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Is there any one who would like to be heard for Amendment No. 16? The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees.

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** Worthy Grand Patron, good friends all assembled. I believe each and every one of us know that in today's inflationary times and in today's energy conservation times that there is hardly any definition that could be attached to the words "medium sized car". A medium sized Lincoln, a medium sized Ford, a medium sized most any other brand that you would want to list. The problem is the price. We would ask very much that we be allowed to continue to purchase the automobile as directed, but that we try to control the price. Thank you.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** The Chair recognizes our Grand Conductress.

**Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Patron, I'm Kathy Johnston, a Past Matron of Farmer's Branch Chapter No. 687, and since this sort of deals with me in the not too distant future, I do not believe that this proposal is necessary because the Board of Grand Trustees has always in the past cooperated with the wishes of the Associate Grand Matron. We have always provided good, safe transportation for the Worthy Grand Matron, always keeping in mind that she travels 30,000 to 40,000 miles in that car during her year as Worthy Grand Matron and she should be provided an automobile that is safe and that is comfortable for her travel as she represents the Grand Chapter of Texas.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there others who wish to be heard for or against Amendment No. 16? Are you ready for the question? All those who are for Amendment No. 16 as printed, please stand. You may be seated. All who are opposed to Amendment No. 16, please stand. You may be seated. Amendment No. 16 is not adopted. The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Sister Ruby Enloe will read Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 17.

**Mrs. Ruby Enloe:**

#### AMENDMENT NO. 17

Chapter 4, Duties and Prerogatives of Grand Officers, C. Associate Grand Matron, Article 49, DUTIES, (5) Page 62:

Now reads:

"(5) The Associate Grand Matron shall prepare and submit to the Board of Grand Trustees, at the opening of Grand Chapter, a proposed BUDGET for Grand Chapter expenditures for the ensuing Eastern Star year."

Be amended to read:

“(5) The Associate Grand Matron shall prepare and submit to the Board of Grand Trustees, by August 15 prior to Grand Chapter, a proposed Budget of her expenditures as Worthy Grand Matron for the ensuing Eastern Star year.”

Paul B. Fitch  
Elizabeth Williams  
Maude Arnold

Louise W. Armstrong  
Jackie Huffhines

Worthy Grand Patron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this Amendment in proper and legal form and it is ready for the action of this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Is there any one who would like to be heard for Amentment No. 17?

**Mrs. Frances Key Herrin:** I'd like an explanation, please. The Amendment now is a proposed budget for the Grand Chapter expenditures, and as amended it says a proposed budget for expenditures as Worthy Grand Matron for the ensuing Eastern Star year, changing it from the Grand Chapter to the Worthy Grand Matron.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** The Chair is not advised. Who would like to respond?

The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees.

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. We talked at considerable length yesterday in regard to budgets, per capita, dollars. We presented budgets this morning — again about dollars. We also had the budgets adopted without enough money being appropriated. Now, it seems kinda odd how we're going to do this. Nevertheless, we will do it by the little extra surpluses we invested at this time. The purpose really of separating the budget a little bit here is so that more people can more clearly define where the expenses are. A General Fund Budget now covers all the items from A to Z and that starts with the Worthy Grand Matron and ends with memorials, as we said this morning. But in between, there are many items that really come under the Worthy Grand Matron's expenses which should be back under the General Fund in particular.

Again, what we are trying to do is to make the budget more efficient and more realistic as the guideline it should be.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there others who wish to be heard either for or against Amendment No. 17?

**Mrs. Frances Key Herrin:** Worthy Grand Patron, I'm sorry, I still don't understand just exactly — Brother Paul, I am sorry — I appreciate what you and your Board Members are doing. I know what you're trying to do and I know what you want to do; but I do not understand because the Worthy Grand Matron in most cases — the Associate Grand Matron in most cases (or at least they have some in the past) have simply followed a prior budget. And I know as the years have passed, those budgets have had to be increased. This simply says the Worthy Grand Matron. Now, I heard your budget this morning and I wrote down the figures and I know that the Worthy Grand Matron's expenses are included in your budget . . . so why this?

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** Mrs. Frances Key Herrin, Past Grand Matron. The first part of our budget for the General Fund this morning indicated her immediate expenses only. Do you recall that I mentioned later some \$70,000.00 printing? Much of that also applies to her budget. That's one item. May I give you more? There are other items of similar nature that are in other parts of the budget or categories of the budget and if we separate them and put them where they should be, then you would know exactly who is spending whose dollars and why. That's all we're trying to do.



**Mrs. Frances Key Herrin:** Thank you, Brother Paul, as I say, I appreciate what you and the other members of the Board of Grand Trustees are doing and I have the highest respect, regard, and love for those on the Board; however, I do recommend to this Grand Chapter Session that this Amendment be defeated.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are you ready for the question? All those who are in favor of Amendment No. 17, please stand. You may be seated. All who are opposed to Amendment No. 17, please stand. You may be seated. Amendment No. 17 is not adopted.

The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, Katherine Poulis will read Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 18.

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:**

#### AMENDMENT NO. 18

Chapter 4, Duties and Prerogatives of Grand Officers, E. Grand Secretary, Article 53, OFFICE AND OFFICE HOURS, Page 63:

Now reads:

“The Grand Secretary shall keep her office in the Administration Building on the O.E.S. grounds at Arlington. The office shall be kept open from 9:00 o'clock a.m. to 5:00 o'clock p.m. every day except Saturdays and Sundays and the holidays named below:

New Year's Day, George Washington's Birthday, Texas Independence Day, San Jacinto Day, National Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.”

Be amended to read:

“The Grand Secretary shall keep her office in the Administration Building on the O.E.S. grounds at Arlington. The office shall be kept open from 8:30 o'clock a.m. to 4:30 o'clock p.m. every day except Saturdays and Sundays and the holidays named below:

New Year's Day, George Washington's Birthday, Texas Independence Day, Memorial Day, National Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.”

Edwin R. Pickett  
Gladys M. Pickett

Jackie Huffhines  
Maudine King

Worthy Grand Patron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this Amendment to be in proper form and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Thank you. The Chair recognizes our Grand Secretary.

**Grand Secretary:** Sisters and Brothers, I have been asked after I arrived at Grand Chapter why my name was not listed there as a proponent of this Amendment. I shall tell you this Amendment was written at the time the flood in Albany occurred, and since I'm not infallible, I simply forgot. You heard Sister Frances say that she asked that her name be removed. Well, I couldn't get Sister Frances' name off and I couldn't get Agnes Lee Howard's on after it had been printed. But I certainly would invite your consideration. I trust that you will vote for this Resolution.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Is there any one else that would like to be heard for or against Amendment No. 18?

**Mrs. Frances Key Herrin:** This is my day to talk. Worthy Grand Patron, this is nothing but just good common sense and certainly I do urge the Grand Chapter to adopt this Amendment No. 18.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are you ready for the question? All those who are for Amendment No. 18, will please stand. You may be seated. All those who are opposed, please stand. The "ayes" have it and Amendment No. 18 is adopted. The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Marvin Chandler, will read Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 19.

**Mr. Marvin Chandler:**

#### AMENDMENT NO. 19

Chapter 4, Duties and Prerogatives of Grand Officers, E. Grand Secretary, Article 58, SUPPLIES, Page 63:

Now reads:

"Grand Chapter shall appropriate a sum not to exceed \$10,000.00 as a revolving fund with which to purchase the supplies hereinafter provided. Following instruction of the Board of Grand Trustees, she shall buy and keep on hand such supplies as are needed by Subordinate Chapters. She shall pay for such supplies out of said revolving fund. She shall sell such supplies to all subordinate Chapters, keeping an accurate record of such sales. When the net cost of supplies on hand and money from this appropriation shall exceed the original appropriation therefor, such excess shall be paid over to the General Fund."

Be amended to read:

"Grand Chapter shall appropriate a sum not to exceed \$15,000.00 as a revolving fund with which to purchase the supplies hereinafter provided. Following instructions of the Board of Grand Trustees, she shall buy and keep on hand such supplies as are needed by Subordinate Chapters. She shall pay for such supplies out of said revolving fund. She shall sell such supplies to all subordinate Chapters, keeping an accurate record of such sales. When the net cost of supplies on hand and money from this appropriation shall exceed the original appropriation therefor, such excess shall be paid over to the General Fund."

Paul B. Fitch  
Elizabeth Williams  
Maude Arnold

Louise W. Armstrong  
Jackie Huffhines

Worthy Grand Patron, your Jurisprudence Committee finds this in proper form for action of this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Is there any one who would like to speak for Amendment No. 19? The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees.

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers. This is a revolving fund, and that might be a little confusing. By that, I mean, first, you've got a limit now of \$10,000.00. And if there is any one in here that disagrees with me that inflation has not affected them in some manner, I'd like to hear from them, first. Hearing none, I assume you all know inflation is here. We cannot spend more than \$10,000.00. We order supplies and this creates an inventory. The prices of the supplies have gone up, increased in price in other words, and this causes us then to have a lesser inventory. At times

we are out of stock items — maybe a Ritual — maybe other items that are needed because we do not have enough money to order this normal usage supply. All that we are asking is that this figure, by law, be increased to \$15,000.00 in order that the Grand Secretary's office will have more operating money, will have more supplies on hand when you need them, then you won't have to wait for them. I thank you. I hope you will pass this, please.

**Mrs. Frances Key Herrin:** Brother Paul Fitch, would you come up here and stand by me, please? Sisters and Brothers, I agree very heartily with this Amendment submitted by the Board of Grand Trustees and I please ask that you adopt it.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there others that wish to be heard? Are you ready for the question? All those who are for Amendment No. 19 will please stand. You may be seated. All those who are opposed to Amendment No. 19. You may be seated. Amendment No. 19 is adopted. The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, this is Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 20 covering Amendment No. 20.

**AMENDMENT NO. 20**

Chapter 4, Duties and Prerogatives of Grand Officers, E. Grand Secretary, Article 62, PROPOSED BUDGET, Page 64:

New reads:

“The Grand Secretary shall prepare and submit to the Associate Grand Matron, not later than October 1st, a proposed budget of expenditures covering the printing of proceedings and rosters and of all supplies needed in the Grand Secretary's offices, such budget to be considered by the Associate Grand Matron in preparing a proposed budget of expenditures to be submitted to the Board of Grand Trustees.”

Be amended to read:

“The Grand Secretary shall prepare and submit to the Board of Grand Trustees, not later than August 15th, a proposed budget of expenditures covering all supplies and entire operations of the Administration Building and the business of Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year.”

Paul B. Fitch  
Elizabeth Williams  
Maude Arnold

Louise W. Armstrong  
Jackie Huffhines

Worthy Grand Patron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this proposed Amendment in proper form for action of this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Is there any one who would like to be heard for Amendment No. 20?

**Mrs. Frances Key Herrin:** (Goes to microphone)

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** Are you for or against?

**Mrs. Frances Key Herrin:** I'm For.

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** You speak your 'for' and I'll speak mine.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** I'm going to recognize the lady first.

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** Good idea.

**Mrs. Frances Key Herrin:** I think this is a very good Amendment. It spells everything out very well for our Grand Chapter Session and I urge you to adopt Amendment No. 20.

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** There's a reason behind this — more than just what it appears — and if affects the Grand Secretary's office — it also affects Grand Chapter next year because we'll be starting about a week early if any one wants to go to Toronto, and I think we do — and I move the adoption of this Report, also, and would also like to ask Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard if she would like to add a point to it.

**Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard:** Worthy Grand Patron, I feel like one of the two women who were seated on the back pew at church and talking about how to fry chicken. When the high notes by the choir soloist, ended suddenly, one was heard to say, "I always fry mine in deep fat." I don't mind telling you I was talking and wasn't listening. But, let's just be realistic, it shouldn't take any time to think about this, if you are talking about — which one? It is too late to wait until October to propose a budget! You did defeat one that says that the Board should get bids, but it did not say the Grand Secretary would not get bids and, as long as I'm in the office, I'm going to get competitive bids before I even ask our Grand Trustees to appropriate money or to ask this body to appropriate money and August 15 is the proper time for me, or for any Grand Secretary, and I solicit your consideration to vote for this.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there others who would like to be heard for or against Amendment No. 20? Are you ready for the question? All those who are for Amendment No. 20, please stand. You may be seated. All who are opposed, please stand. You may be seated. Amendment No. 20 is adopted. The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Brother Richard T. Porter will read Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 21.

**Mr. Richard T. Porter:**

#### AMENDMENT NO. 21

Chapter 5, Duties and Prerogatives, Board of Grand Chapter, A. Board of Grand Trustees, Article 81:

Add:

"(12) The Board of Grand Trustees shall have full power and authority to manage and control the maintenance and operation of the O.E.S. Administration Building and administer the funds appropriated under the budget therefor by the Grand Chapter from time to time."

Paul B. Fitch  
Elizabeth Williams  
Maude Arnold

Louise W. Armstrong  
Jackie Huffhines

Worthy Grand Patron, we your Jurisprudence Committee have considered this Amendment and find it in proper legal form for action by this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees in behalf of Amendment No. 21.

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. Sisters and Brothers, again, this budget separation is much like Amendment No. 17 in order that we might know exactly what our expenses are. You know, I mentioned in the budget this morning that we

had to separate the administrative offices from the Home — again, future tax problems that might arise was the reason. Now, if it is separated from it, we have to have the expenses separated too; and if this particular office comes under a different function and a different power, the budget also should be there. We believe that this Amendment should be adopted to easier manage our budget. Thank you.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there others that would like to be heard for or against Amendment No. 21? Are you ready for the question? All those who are for Amendment No. 21, please stand. You may be seated. All those who oppose Amendment No. 21, please stand. You may be seated. Amendment No. 21 is adopted. The Chair recognizes the Chairman of Jurisprudence.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, I will read Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 22 covering Amendment No. 22.

### AMENDMENT NO. 22

Chapter 5, Duties and Prerogatives of Boards of Grand Chapter, B, Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, Article 82, Paragraphs (3), (5) and (6):

Now reads:

“(3) The Chairman shall preside at the Board meetings and with the Secretary and Treasurer sign all voucher checks; and, with the Secretary, sign all contracts, official papers, and reports; and perform such other duties as are usually incumbent upon such an officer.

(5) The Secretary of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences shall keep a record of the Board meetings; and with the Chairman, sign all contracts, official papers and reports, issue and sign all voucher checks drawn on this fund, which voucher check shall also be countersigned by the Chairman and Treasurer of this Board; and such Secretary shall notify the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron of all Board meetings at the time the Board Members are notified, and shall perform such other duties as are usually incumbent upon such office.

(6) The Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Grand Chapter Benevolences shall receive from the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter all money appropriated for the Grand Chapter Benevolences and disburse the same on voucher checks, countersigned by the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of this Board, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws and the direction of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences; and shall perform such other duties as are incumbent upon such officer. The Treasurer of the Board shall make a surety bond in such amount as the Board of Grand Trustees may require. The premium on said bond shall be paid out of this fund.”

Be amended to read:

“(3) The Chairman shall preside at the Board Meetings and with the Secretary and/or Treasurer sign vouchers checks; and, with the Secretary, sign all contracts, official papers, and reports, and perform such other duties as are usually incumbent upon such an officer.

(5) The Secretary of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences shall keep a record of the Board meetings; and with the Chairman, sign all contracts, official papers and reports; issue all voucher checks drawn on this fund, which voucher check shall be countersigned by the Chairman and/or Treasurer of this Board; and such Secretary shall notify the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron of all Board meetings at the same time the Board Members are notified, and shall perform such other duties as are usually incumbent upon such office.

(6) The Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Grand Chapter Benevolences shall receive from the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter all money appropriated for the Grand Chapter Benevolences and disburse the same on voucher checks, countersigned by two of the following Board officers: Chairman, Secretary, and/or Treasurer of this Board; in accordance with the Constitution and Laws and the direction of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences; and shall perform such other duties as are incumbent upon such officer. The Treasurer of the Board shall make a surety bond in such amount as the Board of Grand Trustees may require. The premium on said bond shall be paid out of this fund."

Edwin R. Pickett  
Gladys M. Pickett

Jackie Huffhines  
Maudine King

Worthy Grand Patron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this Amendment in proper and legal form to be presented to this Grand Chapter for action.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there those who wish to be heard for Amendment No. 22. The Chair recognizes Brother Ed Pickett.

**Brother Ed Pickett:** Worthy Grand Patron, I am Ed Pickett, a Past Patron of East Dallas Chapter No. 715. After Brother Jones has read all this dissertation in our Code of Laws, let me just explain that this, briefly, permits a signature of only two of the three officers of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences rather than three as now required under our Code. This also will conform with Article 60 which permits the signature of only two of the Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer on Grand Chapter checks. It's strictly a streamlining method for Grand Chapter and I recommend you pass it.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Is there any one else who would like to be heard for or against this Amendment? Are you ready for the question? All those who are for adoption of Amendment No. 22, will please stand. You may be seated. All those who are against Amendment No. 22, will you please stand. You may be seated. Amendment No. 22 is adopted. The Chair recognizes our Worthy Grand Matron.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you. I have two announcements I would like to make. First, the General Banquet tonight is at 6:00, not 6:30, as shown in the program. Sister Ruby Enloe, Chairman, tells me that 6:30 was a printing error and it should be at 6:00. Also, lest you think our watches have stopped, we have ten more amendments to legislate and we are staying late this afternoon, hoping to get far enough along that we will not have to call a special session tonight after our Memorial Service. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee on Amendment No. 23.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Katherine Poulis will read Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 23.

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:**

#### AMENDMENT NO. 23

We, the undersigned members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, do hereby submit the following resolution to be considered and acted upon at the Annual Session of the Grand Chapter to be held in October, 1978.

That Chapter 5, Section C, Article 86, of the Code of Laws Governing Chapter, which reads as follows:

“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.”

same to be changed to read as follows:

“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 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 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.”

Paul B. Fitch  
Elizabeth Williams  
Maude Arnold

Louise W. Armstrong  
Jackie Huffhines

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this Resolution in proper legal form and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there those who wish to be heard for Amendment No. 23. The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees.

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. Sisters and Brothers, this was brought before you last year and maybe it wasn't clearly understood at that time, that the idea was really meant to save money and that most of these functions will have been completed at that time. We were approached several times this year asking us to again bring it up. At first, we thought, well, it is rather futile, but we are a rather optimistic group, you might believe. So, we believe again that this should be adopted. We thank you.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Is there any one who would like to be heard against Amendment No. 23? Is there any one else present who would like to be heard in regard to Amendment No. 23? Are you ready for the question?

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, I feel that I should speak in opposition to removing mileage from the Grand Examiners, the District Deputies, and the Deputies when that arises. I hadn't planned to speak either way on anything; however, we do expect a great deal of our Officers of Grand Chapter. The mileage that we give them is just a little pittance, but it is some sort of a token of appreciation of what they are doing — mileage is the only thing — mileage money is the only thing that separates the Constitutional Committees from the Special Committees. Granted, that may not be much, but, nonetheless, I certainly am in favor of continuing our mileage as it is. As a matter of fact, I'm almost tempted to submit an amendment increasing the mileage these members get! (applause)

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there others who would like — anyone else who would like to be heard for or against Amendment No. 23? Are you ready for the question?

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers, this whole question of mileage is a very mixed up question because, as pointed out to you earlier, the actual basic Constitution provides that mileage will be paid to all Grand Chapter Constitutional Committees, except Arrangements and Executive Committees. So you can eliminate all this mileage if you want to from everybody else right now, but it will take two years to take it away from your Committees. It seems to me that the whole business of mileage should be reconsidered. Three cents (3-) per mile is not realistic, it's almost degrading, to offer someone three cents (3-) a mile to conduct the business of Grand Chapter. (applause) It is certainly inequitable that we pay some of them three cents (3-) a mile and others five cents (5-) a mile. Who's to say, for example, that the work of the Deputy Grand Matrons in visiting these chapters that are so far apart — in some instances they are 200 miles separating these chapters in one section — the Deputy visits all these chapters and really travels quite a lot of mileage for Grand Chapter. This may be the only contact those chapters have with Grand Chapter, or most of it. It seems to me that's very important in the business of a Fraternal Order and I would hate to take away their mileage; as a matter of fact, I agree with Brother Victor Jones that we should perhaps re-study all of this mileage and see if we can't increase the mileage to ten cents (10-) a mile for some of these Deputies, District Deputies, Grand Examiners and some of those who are carrying on the actual work of our Grand Chapter. I urge that you defeat this. (applause)

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Brother Fitch, do you want to close?

**Mr. Paul Fitch:** Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, if we would defeat this bill, the Board of Grand Trustees feels that we should withdraw the amendments for mileage for all the other committees. We thank you. (applause)

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are you ready for the question — Amendment No. 23? All those who are in favor of Amendment No. 23, will please stand. You may be seated. All those who are against Amendment No. 23, will please stand. You may be seated. Amendment No. 23 is defeated.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Let's take care of these . . .

**Worthy Grand Patron:** We'll have to lay them out . . .

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** I know — but that's what I want you to help me do — all right? Now, No. 23 was defeated and, Worthy Grand Patron, as I mark these and pull them, would you poll the proponents of these proposals? Amendment No. 24 covers mileage for the District Deputy Grand Matrons. Is that being . . . we're not pulling — what are we doing?

**Worthy Grand Patron:** I'll state it.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** All right — you state it and I'll mark it.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** The Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee lays out the Amendment No. 24 and the Chair asks the sponsors of this Amendment if it is their wishes that it be withdrawn.

(Amendment No. 24 was not read. It was printed in the delegates' Advance Report and is shown here for the record only.)

#### AMENDMENT NO. 24

We, the undersigned members of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, do hereby submit the following resolution to be considered and acted upon at the



annual Session of the Grand Chapter to be held in October, 1978.

That Chapter 7, Article 142, of the Code of Laws Governing Grand Chapter which reads as follows:

“. . . Each District Deputy Grand Matron shall also receive mileage to Grand Chapter.”

same to be changed to read as follows:

“District Deputy Grand Matrons shall not receive mileage to Grand Chapter.”

Respectfully submitted,

Paul B. Fitch  
Elizabeth Williams  
Maude Arnold

Louise W. Armstrong  
Jackie Huffhines

I think the proper motion then would be that we recommit this to the Committee of Jurisprudence.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Was it withdrawn or recommitted?

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Why don't we just recommit it with no action — no report?

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Whatever terms you want! Recommit!

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Okeh — recommitted. Is there objection to the recommitting of Committee Amendment No. 24 with the understanding it will not be brought back?

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** All right. Amendment No. 25 — Deputy Grand Matrons.

(Amendment No. 25 was not read; it is shown here for the record only)

#### AMENDMENT NO. 25

We, the undersigned members of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, do hereby submit the following resolution to be considered and acted upon at the annual Session of the Grand Chapter to be held in October, 1978.

That Chapter 8, Article 145, of the Code of Laws Governing Grand Chapter, which reads as follows:

“. . . Each Deputy Grand Matron shall also receive mileage to Grand Chapter.”  
same to be changed to read as follows:

“Deputy Grand Matrons shall not receive mileage to Grand Chapter.”

Respectfully submitted,

Paul B. Fitch  
Elizabeth Williams  
Maude Arnold

Louise W. Armstrong  
Jackie Huffhines

**Worthy Grand Patron:** I ask the Chairman of the Board of grand Trustees . . . I didn't vote on the other one — is there objection to the recommitting of Amendment No. 24? The Chair hears none. Is there objection to the recommitting of Amendment No. 25? The Chair hears none, it is recommitted.

The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee for Amendment No. 26.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Excuse me, Worthy Grand Patron, Amendment No. 26 is not — Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 26 covering Amendment No. 26 states it is not in legal and proper form in that the Constitution states that Grand Chapter Committees shall receive mileage.

(Amendment No. 26 was not read; it is shown here for the record only)

#### AMENDMENT NO. 26

We, the undersigned members of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, do hereby submit the following resolution to be considered and acted upon at the annual Session of the Grand Chapter to be held in October, 1978.

That Chapter 10, Article 151, of the Code of Laws Governing Grand Chapter, which reads as follows:

“MILEAGE: Members of Grand Chapter Committees shall be entitled to mileage to Grand Chapter.”

same to be changed to read as follows:

“MILEAGE: Members of Grand Chapter Committees shall not be entitled to mileage to Grand Chapter.”

Respectfully submitted,

Paul B. Fitch  
Elizabeth Williams  
Maude Arnold

Louise W. Armstrong  
Jackie Huffhines

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee in regard to Amendment No. 26 not being in proper form. Is there objection to the adoption of this Report. The Report is adopted. The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee on Amendment No. 27.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** I will submit Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 27 covering Amendment No. 27.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 27

Chapter 10, Article 162, Page 104, ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE:

DUTIES: The Endowment Fund Committee shall perform the following to-wit:

Promote, educate, plan and receive contributions to the permanent Home Endowment Fund. The amount collected shall be remitted directly to the Grand Secretary. Any person can contribute, devise or by will to this Grand Chapter any amount of money, securities, real estate, stock, bonds etc. for the purpose and use for which the Home Endowment is administered.

THE COMMITTEE shall receive HOME ENDOWMENT MEMORIAL contributions and shall acknowledge receipt of same to person or persons, making such contribution and shall so advise the family for which the memorial has been made. The Grand Secretary shall prepare a monthly report of such contributions to the Worthy Grand

Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Treasurer and Board of Grand Trustees.

Paul B. Fitch  
 Elizabeth Williams  
 Maude Arnold

Louise W. Armstrong  
 Jackie Huffhines

Worthy Grand Patron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this proposed Amendment to be in proper form for action of this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there those who wish to be heard for Amendment No. 27? Are there those who wish to be heard against Amendment No. 27? Are you ready for the question? All those who are for Amendment No. 27, will please stand. You may be seated. All those who are against Amendment No. 27, will you please stand. You may be seated. Amendment No. 27 is adopted.

I recognize the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 28 will be read by Sister Katherine Poulis.

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:**

**AMENDMENT NO. 28**

Chapter 10, Article 162, Page 104, be amended by adding the following sub-section:

Article 162-1 SECRETARIAL COMMITTEE. Shall consist of six members to be appointed annually by the Worthy Grand Matron, one from each of the five O.E.S. districts, and one as Secretary-at-Large.

Signed:

Gladys M. Pickett  
 Hazel B. McGhee  
 Charlotte Carpenter

Joyce Fields  
 Sylvia Cuccino

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this Amendment in proper form and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Is there any one who would like to be heard for Amendment No. 28? Is there any one present who would like to be heard against Amendment No. 28? Are you ready for the question? All those who are for Amendment No. 28, will please stand. You may be seated. All those who are against Amendment No. 28, will you please stand. You may be seated. Amendment No. 28 does not pass.

The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, this is Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 29 covering Amendment No. 29.

**AMENDMENT NO. 29**

We, the undersigned members of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, do hereby submit the following resolution to be considered and acted upon at the annual Session of the Grand Chapter to be held in October, 1978.

That Chapter 13, Article 180 (1) of the Code of Laws Governing Grand Chapter, which reads as follows:

hum-m-m . . . this is another mileage thing!

(the remainder of Amendment No. 29 was not read; it is shown here for the record only)

“(1) 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, Grand Trustees, Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, members of the Board of Grand Examiners, 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.”

same to be changed to read as follows:

“(1) 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 (5¢) per mile to and from Grand Chapter.”

Respectfully submitted,

Paul B. Fitch  
Elizabeth Williams  
Maude Arnold

Louise W. Armstrong  
Jackie Huffhines

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Is there objection to the recommitting of Amendment No. 29 back to the Committee on Jurisprudence with no recommendation? The Chair hears none; it is so ordered.

The Chair recognizes the Chairman of Jurisprudence.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Richard T. Porter will read Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 30.

**Mr. Richard T. Porter:** Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 30, Amendment No. 30 . . . (after he read halfway through the first paragraph, the membership became noisy, indicating confusion. It was learned there had been an error in the printing of the amendments . . .)

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** In the printing under the 60-day rule, 30 and 31 were garbled — one-half of it was labeled No. 30 and the second half of the same amendment was labeled No. 31. Therefore, from this point on, you are going to have to renumber. We have 32 Resolutions all told, so one-half of No. 31 becomes a part of Amendment No. 30. That's typographical; we didn't do that on purpose.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** For the clarification of the membership, Amendment No. 30 will be the one that Brother Porter is going to address to you. No. 30, as printed here, will be taken up following this Amendment. Brother Porter.

**Mr. Richard T. Porter:** Thank you. I'll start over.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 30

Whereas the Grand Chapter of Texas has adopted the Ritual of General Grand Chapter in its entirety and whereas, said Ritual stipulates under the heading of GRAND HONORS (amended at the 1976 Session of General Grand Chapter) “Only

those who are entitled to be presented West of the Altar & escorted through the Labyrinth are entitled to be given Grand Honors. They shall be Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron at the time of their installation; Grand Representatives at Grand Chapter Session; and Associate Grand Matrons and Associate Grand Patrons when performing the official duties of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

And whereas, our Constitution is in conflict, be it resolved that the following article which reads:

Chapter 11, Article 281, Page 144, INTRODUCTIONS, Paragraph 3:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. when present, is presented at the Altar, welcomed, escorted to the East and introduced.

be changed to read:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. when present, is presented behind Esther's station, welcomed, escorted to the East and introduced.

Lallah Mae Vollus

Eunice Connell

Sisters and Brothers this is simply to conform to the laws of General Grand Chapter and remove a conflicting law of the Grand Chapter of Texas, and is certainly not intended to in any way infringe upon the Most Worshipful Grand Master's high station and I submit that this Grand Chapter by a standing ovation for the Grand Master Furman Vinson, showed our high esteem for the Grand Master of Masons in Texas. We, your Jurisprudence Committee, Worthy Grand Patron, find this to be in proper form and ready for the consideration of this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Is there any one who would like to be heard for Amendment No. 30 which has just been read and explained. Is there anyone who would like to be heard against it? Are you ready for the question?

**Mr. Jack Wright:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I am Jack L. Wright, Past Patron of Houston Heights Chapter No. 258. I am opposed to this inasmuch as the Most Worshipful Grand Master is the leader of all Masonry in Texas; he should be accorded the highest honors which the Eastern Star Grand Chapter can afford him, which is to be presented at the Altar. (applause) I know that this produces a conflict between our Grand Chapter and the General Grand Chapter, but this is Texas; we must take care of our Most Worshipful Grand Master in the highest position that we can afford him. Thank you. (applause)

**Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard:** Worthy Grand Patron, I say to this Assembly, these two revered Past Grand Matrons are really trying for us to conform to the Ritual in this presentation. You must remember that not every Past Grand Master has been a member of our Order; therefore, they would not really know; but on the other hand, I know how all my life what high respect I've had for Masonry and how dear the Masons are to the hearts of all of us I hope that no one will take offense when I say — we have the Square and Compasses on the Altar through the courtesy of the Masons, and that, too, is in conflict with General Grand Chapter. (applause)

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Is there any one else who would like to be heard for or against Amendment No. 30 that has been explained?

**Mr. Jack Cleveland:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Members, all. I never thought that I would stand up and discuss a piece of legislation. Were it not for the Most Worshipful Grand Mater of Texas being in concordance of allowing us to

meet, as the Order of the Eastern Star, with or without the Square and Compasses, it is within his prerogative to shut us down. He is our leader, he is your leader, Sisters, and where he allows us, as only one of two states to enjoy the privilege of being recognized as part of Masonry by having the Square and Compasses presented on our Bible, I submit to you that we owe him the privilege and all honors this Order can bestow, be it in conflict to any other organization we might have reference to. (applause)

**Mrs. Frances Key Herrin:** Worthy Grand Patron, Frances Key Herrin again! Sisters and Brothers I attended the General Grand Chapter Session when this was brought, this very situation was brought, before General Grand Chapter, and it failed.

We, in turn at our very next Grand Chapter Session adopted this law. It is in direct conflict with our Ritual. You have voted to accept the Ritual in its entirety, so if you are doing that — if you approve this amendment, or disapprove this amendment, rather, you are going against your vote when you voted to accept the Ritual in its entirety. Now, please do not misunderstand me, I would not be standing here as an Eastern Star if I did not have Masonic affiliation. I have told my Brother Masons many, many times what they mean to me, what my membership in the Order of the Eastern Star means to me, how much I appreciate the many courtesies that are extended to us and the privilege of meeting in their sacred halls. At the same time, I do urge you to vote for acceptance of this Amendment so that we will in actual fact accept our Ritual in its entirety. (applause)

**Mr. Herbert L. Arnold:** Worthy Grand Patron, you haven't heard anything out of me today. But this — Ol' Herb's on the spot — I am on Jurisprudence of the General Grand Chapter, and when we disobey the laws of the General Grand Chapter, next year when we are presiding, will I be on the spot, or will I be on the spot? However, I am willing and will go on the spot to see that our Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Texas shall receive the highest honors that we in Texas can bestow — if they throw me out of General Grand Chapter. Thank you. (applause)

**Mr. Murray Watson:** Are there others who would like to be heard for or against Amendment No. 30? Are you ready for the question? All those who are for Amendment No. 30 will please stand. You may be seated. All those who are opposed to Amendment No. 30 will please stand. You may be seated. Amendment No. 30 is not adopted. Now, the Chair is going to recognize the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee. While ago I said we would get back to the one that is numbered 30 in the book, but the way they have it drawn up, the next one would be No. 32 which will be No. 31. Bear with us, and we will save the best till last, which was your printed number 30, which will be renumbered 32. The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, in the absence of Sister Ruby Enloe, I will read Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 31, covering Amendment No. 31.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 31

We, the undersigned, respectfully submit the following proposed Amendment to the Code of Laws:

That Article 281, Page 145, which now reads:

“(4) All Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards

(5) All Officers of Grand Chapter, all Grand Chapter Committees, all Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron, and all Grand Representatives may be presented back of Esther's Station together . . . ”

Be amended to read:

“(4) All Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards

## (5) Grand Representatives

(6) All Officers of Grand Chapter, all Grand Chapter Committees, and all Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron may be presented back of Esther's Station together . . . ”

Respectfully submitted,

Rennie Ofton, Associate Grand  
Matron

Kathy Johnston, Grand Conductress

T.L. Weaver, Associate Grand  
Patron

Viola Edwards, Associate Grand  
Conductress

Worthy Grand Patron, your Jurisprudence Committee finds this in legal form and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Is there any one who would like to be heard for Amendment No. 31 as has been explained. Brother Duke.

**Mr. T. L. "Duke" Weaver:** Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers. This amendment simply puts the Grand Representatives back in the order where they really should be. Having been a Grand Representative, I understand the reasoning behind this. When other Grand Representatives come to the State of Texas and our Chapters, they are not introduced in their proper order. From General Grand Chapter on down through other states that I have visited, the Grand Representatives are always introduced in the order which this Amendment places them. This is really what — Grand Representative as Constitutional and they should be introduced just subsequently to the installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards. I urge you to pass this Amendment.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Is there any one else who would like to be heard for or against this Amendment? Any one like to be heard against this Amendment? Are you ready for the question? All those who are in favor of Amendment No. 31, please stand. You may be seated. All those who are opposed to Amendment No. 31, please stand. You may be seated. Amendment No. 31 is adopted.

Let me ask you this. You've certainly been most courteous and considerate as we've gone through these Amendments. There is one other Amendment dealing with dual membership. The banquet tonight is scheduled to start at 6:00 o'clock. Would you like to proceed with this Amendment? (An overwhelming "yes") Thank you. The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. Sisters and Brothers, Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 32 covering Amendment No. 32. The consensus of the Jurisprudence Committee is that many, many of our voting delegates are in favor of dual membership. With that thought in mind, certainly we feel that they should be permitted to express their votes, either for or against. But the proposed amendment as submitted will not in itself be workable. In the event it develops that you are, in fact, in favor of dual membership in this Grand Jurisdiction, your Jurisprudence Committee has re-written, as we are authorized to do under our Code of Laws — we have re-written this proposed amendment to Article 225 so that we can give you what will be a form that will be workable. Certainly, we are not able to cover every possible, conceivable happening that might occur down the road, but we feel that if this does pass, then next week you are going to want to start affiliating with other Chapters, so for that reason, I'll read this and it is entirely up to you. Certainly, I am neither for nor against dual membership.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 32

BE IT RESOLVED, that Chapter 4, Article 225, which now reads:

“DUAL MEMBERSHIP. Dual membership is recognized and approved whereby

members of local Chapters in Texas, while in good standing, may also affiliate and hold membership in regularly organized Eastern Star Chapters in foreign countries.”

**BE AMENDED BY ADDING:**

“Members from other Grand Jurisdictions recognized by Texas Grand Chapter may affiliate with a Subordinate Chapter of Texas and hold dual membership therewith, provided such other Grand Jurisdictions’ laws permit dual membership.

“Dual membership is recognized and approved whereby members of local Chapters in Texas, while in good standing, may also affiliate and hold membership in ONE OTHER regularly organized Eastern Star Chapter, provided that those members shall be allowed voting privileges at Grand Chapter from only ONE of those Chapters by virtue of serving or having served as Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron of a Subordinate Chapter of Texas.

- (1) Petition shall be made in writing on Form 114-S, signed by the applicant and recommended by two members of the Chapter.
- (2) Such petition shall be presented at a Stated Meeting, referred to a committee for investigation, and lie over four weeks.
- (3) The application shall be accompanied by a fee of not less than Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).
- (4) Provisions of Article 217, 218, 222, 223, 224, and 227 shall apply, provided, however, a current receipt for dues MUST be shown the investigation committee.”

This is signed by Marvin Chandler, J. Victor Jones, Richard T. Porter, Ruby Enloe and Katherine Poulis.

Worthy Grand Patron, your Jurisprudence Committee finds this in proper form for action of this Grand Chapter.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there those who would like to be heard for this Amendment? The Chair recognizes Brother Herb Arnold.

**Mr. Herbert L. Arnold:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. I’m Herbert L. Arnold, a dual member in Granbury, Texas in the Blue Lodge, recently. We, in Texas, are receiving Masons from the Northeast and all over the United States into the Sunbelt for a new home — a lot of retired people are coming our way. They will not give up their memberships in their mother lodge or mother home of their Eastern Star, just like I wouldn’t give up mine in Richland Hills No. 1348 in the Blue Lodge because I am a charter member; so, therefore, I could take our dual membership in the Blue Lodge of Granbury and become an active member and work with that lodge, but Maude cannot join the Eastern Star under dual membership nor neither can I; therefore, we can only visit the Chapter in Granbury, which we do quite often. Now, the provisions they have brought up in this I think are workable because they are right along the lines of Masonry and if it’s good for Masons it’s good for Eastern Stars. (applause) Some have said that trouble-makers will get into these chapters. Well, it hasn’t happened in the Lodges, so to speak of, because we still have the right of the black ball. We have an investigation committee to go out and investigate these people, find out who they are before you allow them in your Chapter. I think this will be one salvation of our Chapters to increase the membership and to have more active members in our Grand Chapter in Texas. I sincerely hope that you will okay this dual membership.

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers. When you weren’t ready for the Jurisprudence Committee this morning, we spent the entire morning drafting this, we spent a lot of time on it and we think we’ve made a very workable



amendment here, a serious amendment. Many of our members are very anxious for us to have dual membership. It has worked for Masonry in Texas, 40 some odd States — rather Grand Jurisdictions — have dual membership and it works well for them. It's a source of added revenue for our Grand Chapter because we will be picking up per capita twice from people who want to belong to two Chapters. They'll be paying full dues in each chapter. We purposely left open the fee. We tossed it around — we couldn't make up our minds whether we should just provide for a fee that would be at least equal to the per capita so that, if a person moved at the end of the year, the chapter would at least get the per capita they would have to pay — all the way up to — someone suggested an exorbitant fee. So we just said not less than \$20.00; you can vote on that any way you want to, but it kind of leaves it up to the chapter. If the chapter wants to put a prohibitive fee in its by-laws to discourage dual members coming into its chapter — well, that's its privilege. We just said not less than \$20.00, thinking it was something special, but this again is up to you. We think this is workable. We think we should have dual membership we think there is no reason in the world why we shouldn't have it. Perhaps you can think of some. I realize it is very difficult with just one reading for you to be assured that we have answered all the problems. We probably haven't answered all of them, but we thought that your main concern was that anybody in this Grand Chapter should be a member of this Grand Chapter by virtue of the fact that they have earned that by being a Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron or a Past Matron or Past Patron of a Texas chapter. We provided for that. We also provided that the new member, or those who are involved in dual membership, could claim voting privileges from only one chapter, so that means if they are a Past Matron of their parent chapter, then they go on to become Worthy Matron on a "passport" and even a Past Matron of a second chapter, they still can claim voting privileges from only one of them. They're not going to accumulate a bunch of votes. And we think really that we've answered all the problems, essentially. We think that this is workable, and we think there is no reason in the world why this should pose any problems for our Associate Grand Matron. We urge that you pass it.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** We have one sister who asked to be heard. Sister Moore of Martha Chapter No. 883 of Austin. The Chair recognizes Sister Jean Moore.

**Sister Jean Moore:** Worthy Grand Patron, members of Grand Chapter, I am not only a member of Martha Chapter No. 883, I am a member of Minariat Chapter No. 11, Phillipine Islands. Before that I was a member of the Laredo Chapter No. 86, in Texas. Texas allowed me to apply for dual membership in the Phillipines and I served as Worthy Matron out there while I was still supporting this Grand Chapter by paying my dues. In other words, I was supporting two chapters. Yet, when I came back I was not allowed a vote in this Grand Chapter because I had not served as Worthy Matron in the State of Texas. That's like saying if I go to Rice University down here and I receive my degree, that if I go to Austin, my degree will not be recognized unless I go to the University of Texas. I thought the Order of the Eastern Star was an International organization. However, what I found about this as it was printed in the book, I found it too ambiguous. It set forth no guidelines to regulate it; however, the way it has been rewritten, it does have more guidelines, but my main objection was that if any one of our Past Grand Matrons here in this State were to go into another Grand Jurisdiction and they said we don't recognize you as a Past Grand Matron, you'd just have to start all over from the bottom, I wonder how they would like that? Thank you.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are there others who would like to be heard for or against dual membership? Would you like to come to the front, please. While the Sister is coming to the front, let me again express to you how much I appreciate your courtesy and consideration given to the Chair today as we have taken up a very heavy legislation workload and the dispatch which you have used in disposing and handling this legislation. My personal thanks to each of you for your help and most especially for staying and participating in the debate and voting.

**Mrs. Lillie Mae Hurst:** Worthy Grand Patron, I am Lillie Mae Hurst, Past Matron of Corpus Christi Chapter No. 354, and I am affiliated with Houston Chapter No. 385. I

would certainly like to see the adoption of this proposed Amendment. In the Jurisdiction from which I have just recently returned to Texas, they charge the same for dues of a dual membership member as they do for a regular member. That was rather confusing to me. Now, for instance, if you pay \$20.00 and have dual membership in a chapter, would you have to pay \$20.00 a year or would it revert to the dues of whatever the chapter charges. That's the only way I can see it. I heartily endorse dual membership.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Thank you, The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Sister Lillie Mae, the Resolution as presented covers only the fee for affiliation for dual membership. Once you became a dual member, you would pay whatever dues the by-laws of that chapter prescribed be paid.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Are you ready for the question? All those . . . After this sister speaks, we will call for the question and we will proceed to vote.

**Past Matron of Del Rio Chapter No. 204:** I am a Past Matron of Del Rio Chapter No. 204 and regarding the passing of this Amendment, I think it would help the chapters that are so far apart or where the membership is of the same age and do not have enough members to carry on and the same ones having to serve again and again each year, but if we had dual membership, maybe members from the larger chapters could go and help them. I would certainly be in favor of dual membership. (Applause)

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Thank you. Are you ready for the question? All those who are in favor of Amendment No. 32 dealing with dual membership will please rise. You may be seated. All those who are against Amendment No. 32, dual membership, will please stand. You may be seated. Amendment No. 32 is adopted. The Chair recognizes the Worthy Grand Matron.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Sisters and Brothers, I have two announcements to make. A Past Matron's jewel from Kingsville Chapter No. 225 has been lost and has been sent to the Lost and Found Desk. Also, our photographer has asked that we announce some of the pictures are ready for inspection.

Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter from Labor to Rest and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

(Grand Chapter was called from Labor to Rest in Ritualistic form at 5:15 p.m.)

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

(Open to families and friends of Eastern Star and Masons)

**October 25, 1978  
8:15 P.M.**

Musical Selections . . . . . Mrs. Violet Sellers  
(As the Membership returned for the programs of the Evening Session, they were greeted with pleasing musical numbers by Mrs. Sellers)

### PROCESSIONAL

Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling, Past Grand Matron  
escorted by Mr. Howard Sides  
Mr. Paul Huffhines, Past Grand Patron  
escorted by Mrs. Leona Huffhines

**8:30 P.M.  
CALL TO ORDER**

**Mary Ella Schoverling:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, All Distinguished visitors of this Grand Chapter, my beloved Sisters and Brothers: I am grateful to our beloved Worthy Grand Matron for giving me the honor of presiding at this Wednesday evening Session of our "For Love's Sake" Session of our Grand Chapter, and again have the privilege of greeting my beloved Sisters and Brothers.

Twenty-four years ago at this time, I was serving as your Worthy Grand Matron and our "Open Door" Session was held here in Houston. I look back with fond memories of that happy time with the wonderful membership of Texas. We are so pleased to have each of you in our lovely city. We have eagerly looked forward to your coming and trust your visit with us will be filled with treasured memories.

This has been a great year in the history of our Grand Chapter. We have watched with pride our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and our Grand Officers serving our Lord and their Fellow Man for "Love's Sake". We recall that every act of our blessed Lord as He walked among men reflected Love. So has it been with our Leaders this year. I congratulate them upon a fruitful year.

I am especially pleased to have Brother Paul Huffhines, one of our distinguished Past Grand Patrons, assisting me in calling this meeting to order. Thank you, Brother Paul . . . you and your lovely Leona are very special to me. I know our members would appreciate hearing from you.

**Mr. Paul Huffhines:** Thank you, Sister Mary Ella. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters, Brothers and Friends. I, too, appreciate the privilege of assisting in the opening of this Wednesday evening Session and of having the joy of serving in the Grand East with my friend of many years, Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for this honor.

**Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling:** Surely, I want to express my gratitude to my Worthy Patron, Brother Howard Sides, for serving as my escort.

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

(They entered in formation and the Master of Ceremonies continued)

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

Sisters and Brothers, Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have been presented and introduced a number of times during this Grand Chapter Session, so I'm going to ask you to rise and express your appreciation of them. (APPLAUSE)

Worthy Grand Matron, love has tempted you and me to walk down Friendship's Road together for many years. I want you to know, Mary, that I love you and appreciate your interest in behalf of the Welfare of our great Order. I am sure that when you have had time to look back upon the accomplishments of your wonderful year, you will receive great satisfaction in knowing that much good has been accomplished. Thank you, Mary, for giving me the privilege of presiding at this very special evening.

Worthy Grand Patron, you have been a kind, gentle and capable leader. We love you and appreciate your excellent leadership. Thank you for all you have done and will continue to do for this great Order. I have watched you with pride as you have conducted the business affairs of this Grand Chapter and I want you to know that I sincerely appreciate you and your willingness.

Brother Paul.

**Mr. Paul Huffhines:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers. What a pleasure it is for me to be up here tonight serving with Mary Ella and to be with our Worthy Grand Matron. I have known Mary for many years. I used to kid her a little bit when she was Deputy and then District Deputy. I imagine that she remembers the words that I used to tell her . . . "that she was the best that Amy had".

Worthy Grand Patron, I have known you for but a few short years but I remember your home town real well. I shall never forget that when I served on the Board, the first lady I ever investigated was living in Mart. I soon located Mart and I found this lovely lady. What a pleasure it was to talk to her and to get her into the Eastern Star Home. You know back in those days, a person coming into the Home had to wait as long as eighteen months for an opening. You see, times have changed. Now we are fortunate that we can admit many more. In perhaps four weeks to eight weeks, we can get these beautiful ladies into the Home.

It has been a real pleasure working with you this year and I wish for you next year the very best, at the foot of the line.

**Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling:** The Grand Officers will be seated in the Grand Chapter Room. (The Star Points were seated on the North and South sides)

## WELFARE PRESENTATION

**Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling:** The Welfare work of our Grand Chapter is of such great importance. Some members work so hard and accomplish so much. When we serve in sincerity and humility, rich is the Harvest. I now present Mrs. Eva G. Johnson, Chairman of the Welfare Committee who will present the Welfare Program.

**Mrs. Eva G. Johnson:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East, Other Grand Officers, my Sisters and Brothers:

This Wednesday evening session makes us mindful of the Expressions of Love of the members of our 722 chapters who have contributed to this year's Welfare Program, to the call of our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron for "The Completion of the Endowment of our Eastern Star Home."

The Endowment of our Eastern Star Home has been our NUMBER ONE project as we have sought to provide Guaranteed care for our Ladies in the Eastern Star Home in Arlington. To aid in promoting this GREAT program, "Second Mile Giving" was introduced this year as though the untiring efforts of the Legacy of Love Committee and the Endowment Committee, sincere purpose and a tremendous challenge were expressed.

This evening the members of the Legacy of Love Committee are forming a beautiful Cross of Love with the ladies in the middle and the men outlining the Cross, symbolizing that the untiring efforts of our ladies are made stronger by our Masonic Brethren in promoting the support and maintenance of our Eastern Star Home in Arlington.

(As the portion of the report was given, the members of the LEGACY OF LOVE committee entered from several entrances of the Coliseum and formed a great CROSS on the floor with the Committee members in their light green dresses on the outer part of the Cross and the Chairmen in their print dresses forming the three rows nearest the center of the Cross . . . the center being left open. The members of the committee who were Brothers, outlined the Cross.)

Love is shown in many ways in our lives. Extending a hand to our Sisters and Brothers in need or distress is one way. Providing for the care and needs of our older members and assuring them of a comfortable and beautiful place to spend their senior years is LOVE IN ACTION. We owe much to these members who have given of themselves to make our Order what it is today. They have laid the groundwork of our Grand Chapter and exemplified the teachings of our Order through their lives. We have a challenge to meet as we seek to provide for our children these same meaningful teachings.

"Second Mile Giving" is a challenge in our world of costs and anxieties, but we have met the challenge. We have given \$128,360.71 as of October 25, 1978, through Legacy of Love and forwarded to the respective District Welfare Chairmen.

As in the past, our Chapters have sought to give \$1.00 per member to the Worthy Grand Matron's designated projects for Welfare, this year being Home Endowment and ESTARL. We have received through the Home Endowment Fund as of October 25, 1978, \$90,647.70 to strengthen our program for the future.

The second phase of the Welfare program has been ESTARL. The Grand Chapter of Texas is an integral part of General Grand Chapter, and we embrace its great program of EASTERN STAR TRAINING AWARDS FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP. Christ said to his disciples, "Go ye into all the world and teach the gospel." You and I may not be able to heed this call, but we can, through our program of ESTARL, bring the gospel into the communities of this State, this Nation and our Father's World. \$28,749.46 has been given for ESTARL through our Welfare Chairmen this year.

Four Hundred Eighty Chapters throughout our State have given \$1 per member or more to these two designated welfare projects. Our Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Junior Past Matrons and Junior Past Patrons of these 100% Chapters are forming a frame around the Cross, making the picture complete as we all join hands to frame our Cross of Love. I would love to call the names of each of these 100% chapters but time does not permit this. They are listed in my report.

It's a joy to present to you four of my five lovely ladies who have served their respective district well. Sister Jean Nesbitt, District 1; Sister Edwina Cage of District 2 who was appointed at this Grand Chapter Session to serve out the term for Sister Cortez Dowlen who had a massive stroke and is in the hospital in Amarillo; Sister Ava Lee Bell, District 3; Sister Louise Peterson, District 4; and Sister Kaleta Shepperson, District 5. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for giving me these precious chairmen to assist in this job. I cannot say enough for the sweet spirit and tremendous efforts they have all exhibited in seeking to carry out the demands of this responsibility. I would invite each one of them to come and share with us a brief report from their district.

(At this point of the Program, The Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Junior Past Matrons and Junior Past Patrons entered and formed a frame of the beautiful CROSS, joining HANDS signifying unity of Purpose. These ladies were in white formals with the gentlemen in dark suits and Tuxedos)

**DISTRICT 1: Sister Jean Nesbitt:**

100 Chapters were 100% or more in Welfare  
 Mesquite Chapter No. 887 was 200% in Welfare  
 A total of \$44,975.18 was given for District 1.

It has been a joyous year to receive money each day for Welfare.

(100% Chapters are listed in Table of Gifts)

**DISTRICT 2: Sister Edwina Cage**

88 Chapters were 100% or more in Welfare  
 12 Chapters gave more than 100%. They are

200% Lubbock No. 76 — Siere Blanco No. 154 — Canadian No. 222  
 Harmony No. 244 — Truth No. 941  
 300% Clarendon No. 6 — Sierra Blanco No. 154 — Midland No. 253  
 Woodbine No. 738 — Ysleta No. 991  
 400% Rotan No. 52 — River Oaks No. 1013

A total of \$45,870.17 was given from District 2.

Thank you for the privilege of serving this Welfare and taking the place of a precious friend, Sister Cortez Dowlen.

(100% Chapters are listed in Table of Gifts)

DISTRICT 3: Sister Ava Lee Bell's report was given by Sister Eva Johnson  
 68 Chapters were 100% or more in Welfare  
 200% Chapters were: Clyde No. 308, DeLeon No. 693, Lometa No. 871  
 A total of \$28,313.60 was given for Welfare.

(100% Chapters are listed in Table of Gifts)

DISTRICT 4: Sister Louise Peterson.  
 130 Chapters were 100% or more in Welfare  
 10 Chapters gave more than 100% in Welfare. They are:  
 200% Port Arthur No. 262 — Woodville No. 462 — Bethlehem No. 728  
 Andral Vann No. 741 — South Houston No. 915 — Norma D. Allen  
 No. 1050 — Almeda No. 1081  
 300% Shepherd No. 1003  
 400% Lake Jackson No. 1009  
 600% Jacques DeMolay No. 1094

A total of \$89,602.04 was given from District 4.

I thank you for the privilege of serving on this Committee.

(100% Chapters are listed in Table of Gifts)

DISTRICT 5: Sister Kaleta Shepperson.  
 94 Chapters were 100% or more in Welfare  
 5 Chapters gave more than 100% in Welfare. They are:  
 200% Star No. 782 — Scherta No. 911 — Bronte No. 1048 — Zapata No. 1106  
 300% Prospect Hill No. 817

A total of \$33,940.00 was given from District 5.

It has been a rewarding experience for me to serve on the Welfare Committee this year. Thank you.

(The 100% Chapters are listed in Table of Gifts.)

Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to thank you for the honor of serving as the General Chairman of your Welfare Committee. It has been a joy to see the love expressed through the membership of this State as they have given untiringly to these worthy goals.

From each member of our Committee, Sister Agnes Lee Howard, Grand Secretary, thank you for your assistance and advice in so many ways . . . for your patience and understanding . . . for your knowledge of and interest in the work of this Great Order.

Thank you, Sister Jerry Miller, our Grand Marshal, for your assistance as we planned this welfare drill . . . for the sweet and lovely manner in which you expressed your

love as you had led these members of our Legacy of Love Committee and the Chapter representatives of our 100% Chapters out on to the floor.

Thank you, Brother Paul Fitch, our Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, for your support and assistance this year. Your letters each month following the receipt of our report were a great inspiration. I shall always be grateful to you for your encouragement during this year.

And to the membership of this Great Order in this Grand Chapter of Texas, YOU made the results possible. YOU are beautiful as you expressed in extending your hands of love to make possible a fulfillment of our dreams.

I am happy to report that as of September 31, 1978, \$230,572.58 had been given for all causes through the Welfare Committee of this State. During October and since we arrived at Grand Chapter, we have received more than \$19,387.10, bringing our total at the present time to \$249,959.68.

Since the Eastern Star Home at Arlington and the ladies therein are the HEART of our Grand Chapter of Texas, I would like to introduce to you four lovely ladies with us today to represent these precious ones in our Home: They are Sister Cora Bailey, Sister Alma Beall, Sister Sarah Jane Koontz and Sister Clara Wynne. I would ask the representatives of our four Chapters who have given the most pre member to Welfare to come forward and escort them into the center of our formation . . . Jacques deMolay No. 1094, Rotan No. 52, Lake Jackson No. 1009 and River Oaks No. 1013.

I would say to our precious ladies in the Home:

You have given our Order so much  
In talents, in service, in time  
As you feel the heavenly touch  
May your memories be sublime.

You cannot see the love we bring  
You cannot hear our prayers  
Yet somehow you must surely know  
That both of them are there.

(As this portion of the report was read, the Representative of the four named chapters escorted our Sisters from the Home, present with us, to the center of the CROSS. They were given LARGE umbrellas when opened, spelled our the word LOVE). The final picture lifted the thought that it is the wish of Grand Chapter to "Shelter those in our Home with Love. They were wearing their pretty pink formals, a gift of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, designating them as "Special Ones.")

Our umbrellas are being opened on the floor over each of our ladies from the Home to symbolize our desire to shelter these beautiful ladies with LOVE.

As we pause, I would like to ask our District 5 Committee Member, Sister Kaleta Shepperson, to share with us a lovely expression she has written, as perhaps the way it would happen to me.

When I began to reach the golden years,  
Naturally, there were doubts, and fears,  
And many times, tears filled my eyes,  
And I would realize, how alone I would be,  
So many things I could not foresee.  
Yes, all the things that might befall me,  
One day I reached to dry my eyes, it came to mind,  
The many years I have served in Our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star,  
A faithful member I had tried to be, and my,



Welfare Drill with "Special Ones" in center of Cross

The wonderful things it had done for me.  
 Oh! Do you suppose I could qualify?  
 Yes, Oh yes, Our Eastern Star Home,  
 There, I would never be alone.  
 Always, someone near to lend a helping hand.  
 My, the love, and joy that does abound, in  
 this new home that I have found.  
 So secure, happy, and comforted I feel,  
 Sometimes I think it isn't real,  
 That I am here with so many Dear friends,  
 Happiness, without end.  
 Most frequently comes to mind, My Sisters,  
 And Brothers, that so unselfishly thinks of  
 Others, that are less fortunate than they,  
 For them, are providing this wonderful way I am living,  
 By their generous hearts, and their Eastern Star giving.  
 Yes, I am here, what a wonderful place,  
 My Eastern Star Home.  
 Yet, when The Master securely takes my hand,  
 And says, Come With Me, to the Promised Land,  
 Wait Master, one final word, then I would  
 say, with a grateful heart, Thank you, My Dear  
 Sisters, and Brothers, for your generous hearts,  
 And the things you did for me, and what you are  
 Doing for others."

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter this year.



Respectfully submitted,  
THE WELFARE COMMITTEE  
Eva G. Johnson, General Chairman  
Jean Nesbitt, District 1  
Cortez Dowlen, District 2  
Edwina Cage, District 2  
Ava Lee Bell, District 3  
Louise Peterson, District 4  
Kaleta Chepperson, District 5

Thank you each one for participating in this lovely DRILL.

(The Grand Officers retired and preparation was made for the Memorial Service)

“My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all, and none is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand.” John 10:29

**IMMORTAL HANDS OF GOD  
Memorial Service**

Under direction of  
Mr. Redell Henson, Grand Chaplain

Hanging as a background upon the curtain in the East was an impressive and meaningful painting of a Rising Sun with rays emanating therefrom. Clouds partially concealed the sun, reminding all of the “Veil that we call Death”. From the lower portion of the clouds emerged strong and beautiful Hands reaching out as though to “Receive”.

As the Grand Officers assumed their stations, the Grand Choir rendered the Hymn, “He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”, thus setting the tone for the program to follow.

CHORAL ENTRANCE . . . . . “He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought” Grand Choir  
PAST GRAND MATRON: “This evening, we will endeavor to honor those who have been taken from our circle for awhile.

“Let us give reverent attention while the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductres assist the Grand Chaplain at the Altar.” . . . . . Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling  
Past Grand Matron

DRAPING OF THE ALTAR . . . . . Mrs. Kathy Johnston Grand Conductress  
Mrs. Viola Edwards Associate Grand Conductress  
Mr. Redell Henson, Grand Chaplain

Past Grand Matron: “Brother Grand Chaplain, you will now preside over our Service in Memory of those who now are at rest in the Immortal Hands of God.”  
Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling, Past Grand Matron

Grand Chaplain: “Worthy Grand Matron, I wish to express to you my deep appreciation for the opportunity of being a member of your Grand Family this year. Serving our Beautiful Order in this Field of Service has been a most rewarding and enriching experience in my life. One which I will treasure always.”

“Sisters and Brothers; This is the hour when the memory of those who have passed into the life beyond, shall be recalled in the tenderness of our love.”

“My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and none is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand.”  
John 10:29

“Precious memories surround us as the Grand Chapter of Texas pauses to pay tribute to the memory of these members and their loved ones, who are now secure in the “Immortal Hands of God:” where eternal joy, happiness and peace shall forever reign.

“The Hands of Christ seem very frail  
For they were broken by a nail,  
But only they reach Heaven at Last,  
Whom these frail, broken Hands hold fast.”

Hearts have been made desolate this year by the death of loved ones, yet our faith has not been destroyed, nor our hope lost. In this memorial service, we would not have you dwell on sadness, but look with us into the Beautiful Plan of God and to the precious promises revealed in God’s Holy Word;

“I go to prepare a place for you.”

With Martha’s faith, we can look beyond this mortal existence to the fulfillment of God’s eternal promise:

“Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.”

How brief and full of mystery is human life — and — as deep as the mystery of life is the mystery of sorrow.

“We walk by faith not by sight”

Sustained by this faith may we go from this hour of remembrance and reflection with the inspiration of a new hope and earnest purpose for our lives.

“Let us Love one another.”

“No one hears the door that opens  
When they pass beyond our call.  
Soft as loosened leaves of roses  
One by one the love ones fall.”

“From our midst these links have fallen  
In the East these Stars have set  
But engraved on memories tablet  
Are the names we shall ne’er forget.”

- Mr. W. Kendall Baker — Grand Sentinel
- Dr. Russell Holt — Past Grand Patron
- Mr. Frank R. Phillips — Past Grand Patron

FLORAL TRIBUTE TO:

- Mr. W. Kendall Baker, Grand Sentinel
- Dr. Russell Holt, Past Grand Patron
- Mr. Frank R. Phillips, Past Grand Patron

URNS OF RED ROSES PLACED ON ALTAR: . . . . . Mrs. Rennie Ofton  
 Associate Grand Matron  
 Mr. T. L. Weaver  
 Associate Grand Patron

LORDS PRAYER: Grand Chaplain: “Sisters and Brothers, I ask you to stand with me and we will repeat the “Lord’s Prayer.”

“BE STILL MY SOUL” . . . . . Grand Choir  
DEDICATION: . . . . . Mr. Redell Henson, Grand Chaplain

**Grand Chaplain:** "Heaven is the Soul finding its own Perfect Personality in God." This "Immortal Hands of God," Memorial Service is lovingly dedicated to Mr. W. Kendall Baker, Grand Sentinel; Dr. Russell Holt, Past Grand Patron; Mr. Frank R. Phillips, Past Grand Patron; and all other departed Sisters and Brothers of this Beautiful Order.

"Their toil is over, their work is done  
And they are fully blest  
They fought the good fight, the victory won  
They have entered into eternal rest."

"HOW GREAT THOU ART" ..... Grand Choir  
Soloist: Rev. Paul Hancock, Past Patron

GRAND CHAPLAIN REPORT: ..... Mr. Redell Henson, Grand Chaplain

"Our Lord has written the Promise of the Resurrection, not in Books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."

The Golden Chain of our Fraternal Circle has been broken by the passing of one member of our Grand Family, Mr. W. Kendall Baker, Grand Sentinel; two Past Grand Patrons, Dr. Russell Holt and Mr. Frank R. Phillips and 2247 members from Subordinate Chapters of Texas. God called to rest one General Grand Chapter Committee member; 53 Past Grand Matrons; 45 Past Grand Patrons; and one Grand Martha, all from 45 other Grand Jurisdictions.

"Let us be thankful for lives so kind and true  
They blessed our world by passing through."

Three letters of Sympathy were sent to families of loved ones of our own Grand Jurisdiction.

One Hundred letters of Sympathy were sent to other Grand Jurisdictions and 100 Cards of Sympathy were sent to the Grand Secretaries of 45 other Grand Jurisdictions.

Numerous letters, cards, memorials, flowers and messages were sent to our Texas membership during their times of sorrow or illness.

"Leaves have their time to fall,  
And flowers to wither at the North Winds breath.  
And Stars to set,  
But thou, thou hast all seasons for thine own,  
O Death."

"To them death is but the beginning of all life  
Not the close, but the dawn of day."

TRIBUTE

**Mrs. Mary Ella Scoverling:** In these sacred moments we pause to pay our tribute of love and esteem to BROTHER W. KENDALL BAKER, Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

On Sunday evening, April 30, as the curtain of night clothed our earth, "The Immortal Hands of God" reached out to Brother Kendall and gently led him up "The Stairway of Stars" to dwell with our Heavenly Father where there is no sorrow, no pain.

Early in life our beloved Brother heard and heeded the words of Paul who said to his Ephesian friends, "As God's children, try to be like Him and live in love as Christ loves you —". Our precious friend generously gave of his time and strength in loving service, not only in Eastern Star but in all branches of Masonry. In words and deeds he followed Paul's admonition.

His Masonic and Eastern Star life began in Boise City, Oklahoma in 1930. He faithfully served in all branches of Masonry on local, state and national levels, through this dedication he attained the high honor of becoming a 33° Mason. In 1956 he served Arabia Shrine Temple as Potentate.

On October 27th, 1977, our distinguished Brother was installed as Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S., and was serving in that capacity at the time of his death. We rejoice that this great honor blessed his life and those whom he served. Our Order has received many blessings from his faithful service in numerous offices in our Grand Chapter.

A life on earth can be a benediction to one's fellowman if that life is guided by our Master's teaching. Joy, gladness, understanding and sympathy can fill one's hours if close to the Holy Altar he walks with God's love hidden deep in his heart. Such was Kendall Baker's life.

If one builds upon marble the sands of time shall efface your work, but if one builds upon the hearts and minds of man he builds for eternity. The conviction of this great truth influenced Brother Kendall's efforts in all worthy undertakings.

Our beloved friend lived seventy-one fruitful years. He gave so generously and lovingly in serving others; his tender generous heart was ever seeking to serve his fellowman along the "Road of Life". We can truly say his was a good and worthwhile life.

As we look to the dawn of Life Eternal may we be reminded that our greatest Tribute to Brother Kendall's memory would be a rededication of ourselves to those labors dear to his heart and to the ideals of this great Order that we bind him ever closer to our memory.

"When memory's Golden Book we take  
and lovingly its pages scan  
No record there will ever show  
A kinder, gentler, nobler man."

#### TRIBUTE

**Mrs. Ruby Enloe:** William Penn once said, "Death is but crossing the worlds, as friends do the seas; they live in one another still." Truly, DR. RUSSELL HOLT lives on in the heart and mind of every Eastern Star member who knew and loved him.

Russell Holt grew up in the small community of Tennessee Colony near Palestine, Texas. From the time he graduated from the Palestine High School, his record was one of achievement. He held a B.A. degree from Texas Tech University and an M.D. from the University of Colorado.

In 1934, he entered general practice at El Paso and became actively involved in various professional, civic, and cultural organizations. But it was as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star that he delighted. He had an intense pride in his Eastern Star heritage and membership and strove to be a member par excellence.

In his final report as Worthy Grand Patron, Dr. Holt said, “. . . It has been my endeavor to perform my duties in such a manner that everyone in the Order would be benefitted.” That statement is symbolic of the unselfish life that Russell Holt lived. His first thought was the welfare of his family, his patients, his friends, and his associates.

No more fitting words can be uttered to pay tribute to this good man than his own when he, as Worthy Grand Patron, gave the memorial for the members of the subordinate chapters:

“In their sojourn their lives were full of beautiful things . . . They have had their homes, their families, their friends . . . Most of all they believed in God, and through their faith they were prepared to receive those glorious gifts from Him who understands all.”

Russell Holt was, indeed, a good man who believed in God, loved his family and respected his friends. He was a devoted and outstanding Eastern Star member. At the end, I know he could say, as did the great Apostle Paul, “I have fought the good fight. I have kept the faith.”

To his loved ones I would say.

“He is ours just as ever  
He is only just away;  
He is simply pioneering  
In our great Eternal Day  
He is ours just as ever  
He is dearer than before;  
He'll be watching at the portals  
Welcome Home! Forever more!”

#### TRIBUTE

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** PROFESSOR FRANK R. PHILLIPS, Worthy Grand Patron 1946-1947, educator, businessman, friend of young and old alike, was born April 29, 1887 in Tennessee. He died in San Antonio on August 7, 1978. In 1923 he was married to Miss Olga Standerfer and, together, they raised two daughters. The first Mrs. Phillips died in 1962. In 1964 he married Mrs. Edna Turner of Dallas, who preceded him in death by three short months. These were two of the dearest friends I have ever had.

Mr. Phillips was a noted academic leader in the Panhandle and headed the Agriculture Department at West Texas State University more than thirty years. He earned his degree from North Texas State in Denton, Texas, A&M University at College Station, and Cornell University, serving as County Agricultural Agent at Rusk before joining West Texas State in 1920. During the 1930's, he founded West Texas Educational Tours, Inc., and for a number of years sponsored student excursions across much of the United States and Mexico. He owned and operated Western Life Camp in Las Vegas, New Mexico, directing youngsters in the study of nature in the New Mexico high country. He was an active Methodist and during World War II operated the Ceta Canyon Encampment for the Northwest Texas Conference of the Methodist Church.

Last year, FRANK PHILLIPS DAY was declared at West Texas State and the annual reunion centered around Mr. Phillips and his accomplishments for the University. The Governor, in praising his activities, stated that one of Frank Phillips' greatest traits was that he always stood by his students in their needs. He established the College Farm, where needy students could have shelter, while raising their own food. He established the Student Loan Fund, which he administered for his students' necessities. One of the most respected teachers in the area stated upon her retirement

that she owed her education to Frank Phillips. As a young girl, she had saved \$100 from picking cotton. She took this money to Mr. Phillips in Canyon, telling him she wanted as much education as it would provide for her. His statement to her was that, together, they would take the \$100 and get her a degree. This they did.

He was truly a man among men. With his passing, the mold has been shattered. He made his students more than just agriculturists and teachers. He made them noble men and women — honest, socially acceptable, able to meet people, ready to serve friends and willing to get the job done.

Mr. Phillips is gone. No longer will we have his counsel. No longer will we share his warmth, his zest for life. He has left a void, but he has left an impact of truth, fair play, sincerity, and a host of friends.

"I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go; and I will guide thee with mine eye. Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding; whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, else they will not obey thee. Great plagues remain for the ungodly; but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side". Psalm 32:9

#### TRIBUTE

**Mrs. Sally Matranga:** We are born for a higher destiny than that of earth. There is a realm where the rainbow never fades, where the stars will be spread out before us like islands that slumber on the ocean, and where the beings that pass before us like shadows, will stay in our presence for-ever.

Reverently we pause in our deliberations to dedicate this portion of "THE IMMORTAL HANDS OF GOD" service, in loving remembrance of the GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER MEMBERS who have passed on to a more beautiful life, but who still live in our hearts.

There is no way that we can evaluate or measure the lives of those, who have lived these high ideals, whose influence will live on through generations to come, for dedicated lives such as these can never die, but live on in the hearts of friends.

"Softly they walk within our thoughts —  
They are not dead who live  
In the hearts they left behind.  
In those whom they have blessed  
They live a life again  
And they shall live through the years  
Eternal life, and grow  
Each day more beautiful  
As time declares their good,  
And proves their immortality."

**Mrs. Amy Goebel:** In Issiah, 41:10 we find these comforting, reassuring words: "Fear not, for I am with you. I will strengthen you. I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."

Sisters and Brothers, it is a sacred privilege to pause and to pay tribute to the MEMBERS OF THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS, who have been called to their eternal reward during the past year. May this hour be filled with the spirit of love that

can bridge time and space, and bring back to us in our thoughts and in our prayers, the memory of all those we hold most dear. They traveled with us through the Labyrinth of Life, and have now entered into the realm of that eternal home where love, peace and happiness abide.

Sweet is the memory of our departed sisters and brothers who have stepped through the heavenly portals into that larger and more beautiful life. Sweet is their crown of victory. For the rich meaning and legacy of their lives, we are grateful. Our hearts are saddened by their going, but our lives are enriched by the memories of many experiences shared with them.

Their presence is ever felt by those who knew and loved them dearly, and though they have departed, memories of their presence never fade. The links of our golden chain have been broken in death, but the light and love they have spread will remain with us always.

As the shadows lengthen and the sun sets across the evening sky, we know that it is just the prelude of a glorious awakening. So it is with this earthly life — the day fades gently into night, but just beyond we see the glorious dawn of eternal light.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the families of our departed Sisters and Brothers. May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them.

Long after a beautiful life is gone  
To a fairer world on high  
Our lives are bright with a lingering light  
For true life cannot die.

They have seen the sunrise with the Master  
Earth's long and weary night has passed,  
And their lives are bright with a heavenly light  
Since the sunset of yesterday.

**Mr. Redell Henson**

**I Do Not Go Alone**

If Death should beckon me with outstretched hand  
And whisper softly of "an unknown land" . . .  
I shall not be afraid to go,  
For though the path I do not know . . .  
I take Death's hand without a fear,  
For He who safely brought me here . . .  
Will also take me safely back  
And though in many things I lack . . .  
He will not let me go alone  
Into the "valley that's Unknown" . . .  
So I reach out and take Death's hand  
And journey to the "Promised Land".

**Grand Star Points**

(For a second, the Coliseum was brought into "complete darkness". As the lights were brought up, the Star Points had encircled the Altar. Their hands were out-stretched . . . palms uplifted . . . with their eyes cast upward. About the softly draped Altar, holding the Precious Book and the two urns of red roses, the words of the Hymn, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand", rendered by the Grand Choir became very personal and meaningful.)

"PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND" . . . . . Grand Choir  
CLOSING PRAYER AT ALTAR: . . . . . Mr. Redell Henson  
(See Next Page)

Oh God, our Father, we thank Thee for this time of commemoration. We are comforted by Thy precious promises and we would live in such a manner that we may be worthy of joining our loved ones in the great Land Beyond, when our lives on this earth are done. Comfort the hearts of all who mourn; bring peace to the sad, and lighten the burdens of the sorrowing. These things we ask for Thy Name Sake. Amen.

Grand Chaplain from the East:

Jesus said, "I am the Ressurrection and the Life." "He that believeth in Me though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die, Believeth thou this?"

"I KNOW WHO HOLDS TOMORROW" . . . . . Rev. Paul Hancock, Past Patron

**Grand Chaplain:** "May grace, mercy and peace from God, our Father, our Savior, our Comforter, be with you all in life, in death, and throughout the life everlasting. Amen."

(With a blow of the gavel, the Memorial Service was closed. The Grand Organist continued to play, "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow" as the membership retired)

"DEATH is the golden key  
that opens the palace of  
Eternity"

Milton

(Grand Chapter closed at 11:10 p.m.)

**THURSDAY MORNING**

**October 26, 1978**

**8:45 A.M.**

Musical selections . . . . . Mr. Bob King

(As the membership gathered for the final morning Session of the "For Love's Sake" Session, this talented musician entertained with delightful musical numbers.)

**PROCESSIONAL**

- Mr. Katherine Poulis, PGM  
Escorted by Mr. Frederick Herrin
- Mr. Harold C. Todd, PGP  
Escorted by Mrs. Clela Todd
- Mrs. Eunice Connell, PGM  
Escorted by Mr. Oliver Chamberlin
- Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, PGM  
Escorted by Mr. Leslie Burnett

**9:00 A.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Good Morning, Sisters and Brothers. Have you congratulated yourself yet this morning? If you haven't I hope you will, and then turn and congratulate your neighbor. Congratulate yourselves because we're all made of such sturdy stuff that we all made it here this morning. Now congratulate yourself that even though you are weary beyond words, you're still able to smile.

I am grateful to our Worthy Grand Matron for the courtesy she has extended to me and Brother Harold Todd to call to order this Thursday morning session. I know Brother Todd agrees with me for just recently when we were on stage together, he said he thought it was an awfully good idea for us to be on stage TOGETHER — he on one side and me on the other to kinda balance things.



Brother Todd, do you have a word for us this morning?

**Mr. Harold Todd:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for giving me the pleasure of calling to order this Thursday morning "For Love's Sake" Grand Chapter Session with Sister Katherine Poulis.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, this has been a wonderful Grand Chapter Session. Much has been accomplished and today we look forward to finalizing the business of this Session.

Sister Katherine, it is a pleasure to serve with you in the Grand East this morning. As always, Sisters and Brothers, I would ask that our Lord walk by your side and the side of your loved ones as we go down the pathway of life together.

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Grand Marshal, you will invite our Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

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

Sisters and Brothers, I present our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Let us join together in saluting them with Grand Honors.

That we may feel His Presence here this morning, Sister Eunice Connell will share an inspirational message with us. I know of no one better qualified, for she is indeed a gentle and loving person who devotes much of her life in helping others. Sister Connell, Past Grand Matron.

**Mrs. Eunice Connell:**

"This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."  
Psalms 118-24 RSV

Greet the dawn with love in your heart and a smile on your lips. Be gentle, kind and courteous through all the hours of the day and at eventide you will have a deep sense of joy and happiness that is near complete content.

Charles Schmitz has said, "We may go into this day alone." Upon leaving your room or your home, we may leave all thought of God behind us. All is forgotten save the business of the hours before us. Or, we may walk into this day with God. His presence we may have in the very thick of life! Along with that presence will come other blessings.

Walking into this day with God, we will go into it with a wisdom that is greater than our own. Our jobs are too big for us to handle with sheer knowledge and cold facts. We need the wisdom of God to play upon our understanding. So we would share the wisdom that is from above.

Walking into this day with God, we will go into it conscious of a love that will shepherd us through blind alleys and personal failures. That love will not let us go. It will be available to us all through this day.

Walking into this day with God, we will meet it with Divine strength. Strength is a relative thing. We ask, "What is more important, physical strength, mental strength or spiritual strength?" We answer, "Most important is the strength of God, His Almightyness." His strength is on the side of love, hope, faith, truth, justice and mercy. We go into this day with that strength.

Walking into this day with God, we face it with the everlasting mercy through the abiding forgiveness that it brings. It is unqualified mercy. It moves in mysterious ways, its wonders to perform. We move into this day with His mercy around us. Walking into this day with God, we walk very patiently. There is a patience that waits and waits and waits until the right moment, the right event, and the right person work together for good. Within this day may be the right moment and the right event. Walking into this day with God assures us of having the right Person with us so that the day will work together for good.

So let us resolve that —

We will walk into this day with God  
 In His wisdom, He understands us.  
 With His love, He shepherds us.  
 By His strength, He keeps us.  
 Through His mercy, He forgives us.  
 In His patience, He works for us.  
 We will walk into this day with God.

Today is one of the most important days in our Grand Chapter year. I hope it will be a truly "WONDERFUL DAY" for each of you, and I am sure that it will for, again I remind you that, "This is the day which the Lord hath made . . ."

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** I know that we have all enjoyed the music of this Grand Choir. Let us join with them now and sing together "Texas Our Texas".

Sister Molly Goodpasture, our distinguished Past Grand Matron, will lead us in prayer.

**Mrs. Molly Goodpasture:** Let us bow our heads.

Our gracious Heavenly Father, we thank you for your graciousness to us. Thank you for the gift of a new day. May we live today and each day as if it were our last day on this earth. Thank you for the friendship and love of families and friends. Thank you for health and happiness and forgive us when we fail Thee. Amen.

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter from rest to labor and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

(Grand Chapter was called from rest to labor in Constitutional form).

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you again for all of the courtesies that you have extended to me this year. I have been very proud of the service that you and your Worthy Grand Patron have rendered our Order. It is evident that after this splendid Session, your memories of Houston will be an unforgettable part of your lives just as it has been in many lives. Eunice was installed here in 1954. I was installed here in this Auditorium twenty years ago in 1958.

May God bless you and yours. I present to you your gavel.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you Sister Katherine Poulis, Past Grand Matron, for calling to order this Thursday morning Session and thank you Brother Todd for having assisted her.

Sister Katherine, I appreciate you, not just for this morning but for many years as you have been interwoven in my Eastern Star life in a very personal way and with your quick mind, your keen wisdom I know that everything in Grand Chapter is in good hands when you're with us!

Brother Harold, a very sweet and kind man, with whom I had the privilege to travel my first year as Grand Examiner, I appreciate you and Cleta and I sincerely thank you for having assisted in calling this Grand Chapter to order, and especially for the friendship you and Cleta have given Doss and me through the years.

To Sister Eunice Connell. This is a very serious day — the day for elections, and no one could have inspired us and helped us “to walk into this day with God” better than Sister Eunice Connell. Thank you, Sister Eunice.

To Sister Molly Goodpasture. You know, each Worthy Matron in her chapter expresses her appreciation for those who step in at the last moment and fill a vacancy . . . well, yesterday afternoon, Sister Molly was scheduled to bring our Benediction and, in my haste to let the membership go to prepare for the Banquet, I failed to call on her. I apologize to her and though we miss Sister Mildred Sharpe this morning, how delighted I was that Sister Molly would come and step in her place and perform this service for us. Thank you so much. You too, are one of those special ones and I am grateful to you.

Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to express your appreciation at this time?

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Sister Katherine, your ability and dedication to the Order of the Eastern Star and the service that you have rendered have been a great inspiration to me, as well as to the members of this State. Your presence has added much to this Session. Thank you for calling to order this Thursday morning Session of this, the 96th Grand Chapter Session.

Brother Harold, my association with you has been most pleasant. Your friendly spirit and genuine concern and interest in your fellowman have exemplified the true meaning of the phrase, “extend your right hand in the spirit of fraternal love and friendship”. Thank you for your contribution to this Grand Chapter Session and for assisting in calling this Thursday morning session to order.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** We cannot always have time to give to announcements that come our way. We try to assist you in finding yourselves, but this morning I do have some announcements that are important. Sister Leona Bowen, now she's a Mary Brown Girl. Honey, would you meet your husband in the lobby; he has your credentials, (Laughter) Would someone take her place as Grand Page so that she may go and meet him. (Laughs) It isn't funny, really, because she needs her credentials. Now at the lost and found desk, we have a lodge card for Mr. Wm. Edward Hauser. I am sure that you would like to pick those up.

We have not acknowledged our Grand Choir as I think we should. Brother Pember-ton, we are truly indebted to you. Thank you, Brother Lowe, for the marvelous manner in which you and each member of your choir have performed during this Session. Even though we may not have said thanks before, we appreciate you and our programs have been enriched by your music. Thank you sincerely! Sisters and Brothers, join me in showing your appreciation. (Much applause)

I would also like to say, you could deposit your mileage checks, if you would like to contribute them to Home Endowment. We did have a little glass fish bowl out front for you to use — that was at Transportation and Mileage. I am told it is not there this morning. Sister Elizabeth, will you get someone outside to arrange for a place for the “donations”.

Now, I know that our Grand Secretary — right now Sister Ruby has her attention — Would you listen to this for Sister Agnes Lee. If you have mileage checks that you would like to turn in to the Home Endowment Fund, take them to Sister Agnes Lee so that you will not have to go outside. I am sure that she will be glad to receive them. Just

endorse them to "The Grand Chapter of Texas—OES Home Endowment Fund". I will tell you that I have received quite a number of checks from some of our fine membership who want to be able to make this donation for Home Endowment.

Yesterday, I called attention to the Fan here in the East and I would like to again remind you that here we have the fan of our Past Grand Matron, Sister Norton B. Wellborn; and though I know this is only a symbol of Sister Norton B, somehow, I feel this signifies her presence in this Grand Chapter Session.

Also in the East, if you will look just to the right of the Cross, you will see a little urn that is holding Scottish Heather. Now, I know all of you would like to have good luck today. This Scottish Heather was given to me in London by Sister Barbara Hansford who visited our Grand Chapter during Sister Doris Easterling's year, as the Worthy Grand Electa of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. She gave me the heather requesting I keep it alive and bring it to my Grand Chapter Session so that we might have good luck. I feel that her little Guardian Angel as well as Sister Norton B's, is watching over us.

Now, this morning we are going to make preparation for our election immediately. Before getting into this — that is, the instructions — I would like to name those who are in charge of the election.

Election Judge — Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus

Table Judges:

Table 1 — Mrs. Sally Matranga, Mrs. Thelma Chandler

Table 2 — Mrs. Doris Easterling, Mrs. Mabel Harle

Table 3 — Mr. Gerald Allen, Mrs. Lillian B. Parker

Table 4 — Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Mr. Herb. L. Arnold

The following Past Grands are requested to position themselves at the Tables and assist the tellers in counting and totaling:

Table No. 1:	Mrs. Mary Katherine Smith	Mrs. Molly Goodpasture
	Mrs. Mildred Garlitz	Mrs. Eunice Connell
	Dr. James Goettee	The Rev. O. D. Christian

Table No. 2:	Mrs. Lois Burnett	Mr. Hal Burnett
	Mr. J. T. Sanders	Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen

Table No. 3:	Mr. Charles Bairfield	Mrs. Amy Goebel
	Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup	Mrs. Frances Key Herrin
	Mr. J. Perry Smithwick	

Table No. 4:	Mr. Paul Huffhines	Mrs. Edna Earl Duke
	Mr. Harold C. Todd	Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes

The table in the southeast is Table No. 1, southwest — Table No. 2, northeast — Table No. 3, and northwest — Table No. 4.

At the adding machine in the south — Mrs. Nellie Warren, the machine in the north — Mrs. Zena Wilson.

Now, Brother Wesley Jackson (that tall, white-haired fellow with a big smile who is always on the run) is in charge of the blackboards and his writers are:

Mr. Earl Long at the Board in the southeast

Mr. Leonard Dunsford, the Board in the southwest

Mr. Kenneth Hoisington, the Board in the northwest

Mr. Donald Matranga, the Board in the northeast

**TELLERS:**

I shall read the names of those appointed to serve as Tellers. Listen carefully and if your name is called, get up immediately and come to the floor. You will fill Table 1 first, then Table 2, Table 3, and Table 4 last. I shall call a few extra names in the beginning to allow for those who may not be in the room at the moment. If the tables are filled when you arrive, you may go back to your former place. If more are needed, I have other names. **Bring your credentials with you so you may ballot.**

**TELLERS**

Mrs. Marie Gipson	Hazel Blumenstock
Mrs. Wanda Faye Gilmore	Mr. Paul Ofton
Mrs. Opal Ramsey	Mrs. Betty Phillips
Mrs. Eva G. Johnson	Mrs. Frances Boone
Mrs. Ann Robinson	Mr. C. L. Pribble
Mrs. Merlyn McArdle	Mr. J. B. Easterling
Mrs. Edna Goettee	Mrs. Alice Burkhart
Mrs. Carrie Ruby	Mrs. Betty Friend
Mr. Jack Crump	Mrs. Fran Curtis
Mrs. Shirley Hunt	Mr. Arthur Emmott
Mrs. Donna Reed	Mrs. Elretta Sudsbury
Mhs. Ruth Wallace	Mrs. Miriam York
Mrs. Mary Louise Williams	Mrs. Mitzie Brill
Mrs. Ava Lee Bell	Dr. Ruby N. Perkins
Mrs. Thelma Bairfield	Mrs. Fannie Mae Fox
Mrs. Louise Peterson	Mrs. Nell Kennedy
Mrs. Virginia Meyer	Mrs. Joy Shackelford
Mrs. Lena Hoover	Mrs. Ann Strobl
Mrs. Oleta Domes	Mrs. Leona Huffhines
Mr. Frederick Y. Herrin	Mrs. Gordon Smith
Mrs. Erlene Woodall	Mrs. Jane Gregory
Mr. Doss Brown	Mrs. Tommye Sandlin
Mrs. Lois Harris	Mrs. Jeffie Roberts
Mrs. Jane Minter	Mrs. Tommy Foreman
Mrs. Ruth Palmer	Mr. C. B. Davidson
Mrs. Frances Christian	Mr. Brooks Spears
Mrs. Clara Klein	Mrs. Gladys Lawson
Mrs. Sherrill Cain	Mrs. Josephine Turner
Mrs. Betty Carter	Mrs. Faye Boutotte
Mrs. Betty Samford	Mrs. Vivian King
Mrs. Jessie Davis	Mr. Joe McCarter
Mrs. Karine Gilstrap	Mr. George Goff
Mrs. Tony Cleveland	Mrs. Ruth Baggett
Mrs. Hattie Jean Bogue	Mrs. Elsie Pope
Mrs. Dorothy Cleveland	Mrs. Marian Morelan
Mrs. Catherine McCord	Mrs. Nell Koonce

We will stop there and see if we have our table filled.

We are lacking one teller at Table No. 1. You know my instructions were to fill that table first, so will one of you on your way to the Grand Chapter floor, please go to Table No. 1 in the southeast.

Mrs. Juanita Moubles	Mrs. Geneva Cook
Mrs. Violet Sellers	Mrs. Margaret Wheeler
Mrs. Gladys Manning	Mrs. Mildred Weise
Mrs. Augusta Bratton	Mr. Lud T. Goebel
Mrs. Nell Davidson	Mrs. Loyce Wilson
Mrs. Toye Farrington	Mr. Howard Coleman
Mr. E. L. Brannam	Mr. Kermit Schnelle

Mrs. Mildred E. (Betty) Fitch  
 Mr. Stanton Parker  
 Mrs. Selma Fones  
 Mrs. Lemma Voorhees  
 Mr. Dave Henry  
 Mrs. Toye Karrer  
 Mrs. Nadine Murphey  
 Mrs. Eva Mae Caraway  
 Mrs. Jewel Montgomery  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Hood  
 Mrs. Peggy Alexander  
 Mrs. Alice Mathews  
 Mrs. Fae Holmes  
 Mrs. Myrtle Speck

Mrs. Eula Reed  
 Mr. J. E. Johnston  
 Mrs. Betty Klonaris  
 Mrs. Helen Sanderford  
 Dr. Jewett Enloe  
 Mrs. Bernice Trulan  
 Mrs. Maude Arnold  
 Mrs. Clela Todd  
 Mrs. Velda Anderson  
 Mrs. Shirley Rattan  
 Mrs. Patricia Brown  
 Mrs. Dickie Jane Calame  
 Mrs. Gladys Dupree  
 Mrs. Nelda Hastings  
 Mrs. Isabelle Sellers

While the Tellers are taking their places, we will have the report of the Credentials Committee-the final report. I recognize Mrs. Hazel McGhee.

### FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

**Mrs. Hazel McGhee:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, your Committee on Credentials will give its final report at this time.

May I first introduce the members who have worked so diligently and faithfully fulfilling their duties.

Mrs. Angie M. Bonner — District 1  
 Mr. Steve Baker — District 2  
 Mrs. Ethel Waggoner — District 3  
 Mr. D. A. Morris, Jr. — District 5

They have been marvelous co-workers.

Total Number of Chapters Represented .....	614
Total Number of Voting Delegates .....	3289
<b>DELEGATES VOTES DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:</b>	
Single Ballots .....	2809      2809
Dougle Ballots .....	393      786
Triple Ballots .....	87      261
<b>TOTAL BALLOTS .....</b>	<b>3289</b>
<b>TOTAL VOTES .....</b>	<b>3856</b>

Worthy Grand Matron, we appreciate the privilege of serving you and Grand Chapter in this capacity. We have enjoyed working at the "For Love's Sake" Session. I move the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Hazel B. McGhee, Chairman  
 Angie M. Bonner  
 Steve Baker  
 Ethel Waggoner  
 D. A. Morris, Jr.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** You have heard the report of the Credentials Committee. Sister Hazel has moved adoption of the report and I have a second. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor of adopting the report of the Credentials Committee, let it be known by saying aye. "AYE". Those opposed, "No". The Report is adopted. Thank you, Sister Hazel.

All right, we need more Tellers and if you will listen, I will call more names.

Mrs. Marguerite Cornwell  
Mrs. Marjorie Veal  
Mrs. Mae Jones  
Mrs. Phyllis Joan Meyer  
Mrs. Blanche Kukkuck  
Mrs. Mary W. Taylor  
Mrs. Helen Hare  
Mr. Ernest Evans  
Mr. W. P. Lamb

Mrs. Bernice Heitman  
Mrs. Dottie Hooeks  
Mr. Aaron D. Baker  
Mrs. Elise Hammack  
Mrs. Jean Clark  
Mrs. Alvaretta Mathys  
Mrs. Mary Grubb  
Mrs. Mary Nell Mosby  
Mrs. Gay Nelle Wilson

There should be 24 Tellers at each table; the chairs on the ends are for the Table Judges.

Do we still need one at Table No. 4? We have three coming, so you have a choice.

Sister Thelma Chandler, do you have extra pencils at your table — we need pencils at Table No. 3. You do have? Thank you.

Brother Wesley Jackson, walk **s l o w l y** around to the other side and get those pencils — he's been running all week and I don't want anything to happen to him before we have these elections! (Laughter)

Are there Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons in the Grand Chapter room whose names were not called in the request of assistance to the Tellers? Sisters Mary Ella Schoverling, Aliene Houston, and Edna Earl Duke, we would be very pleased if you would assist us in this effort.

Sisters and Brothers, please give your attention to the instructions —

#### **ELECTION** (Code of Laws pp. 53 & 54)

The election of Grand Officers and of the elective Officers of Grand Chapter shall begin at ten o'clock a.m. on Thursday of the session week and be conducted with dispatch until its completion.

Only the name of the candidate, and the name, number and location of the Chapter to which the candidate belongs and the office for which nominated shall be given. No member of the Grand Chapter shall be nominated for more than one elective office at any one session of Grand Chapter.

No member shall hold two offices, either elective or appointive, in this Grand Chapter at the same time.

If only one candidate is nominated, the election may be by acclamation. If two or more candidates are nominated the vote shall be by ballot upon the official ballot forms furnished to voting delegates upon registration. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to a choice.

If on any ballot no candidate has received a majority vote, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped. In case two or more candidates tie on the lowest number of votes, and there are at least two other candidates

receiving a higher number of votes, then all candidates tied on the lowest number of votes shall be dropped. Subject to these regulations the election shall proceed until some candidate receives a majority of all votes cast.

The results of all votes shall be declared by the Presiding Officer.

After an election has been declared by the Presiding Officer it shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Election officers to destroy the ballot.

Sister Lallah Mae, would you like to come up and give your instructions? I believe we need to determine if the voting delegates are in their proper places.

(It was determined that all voting delegates were in the proper sections except a few in the Grand Choir and a number of out of state visitors on the first floor. They were noted and instructed to remain)

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus: Now, Pages, you know where the Voting Delegates are seated.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTION:

The Worthy Grand Matron has given you instructions to cover the actual election . . . there are, however, a few other instructions necessary to expedite the election. You will please give close attention to them.

While I am giving these, the Table Judges will please be giving to the Tellers, the instructions that you will find at each table.

1. Please, EVERYONE get your ballot out NOW and be sure that it is signed. If you should have to leave the Grand Chapter Room, do so between ballots. No one will be permitted to enter or leave (except in emergency) while a ballot is in process. If you do leave, in order to return, you MUST have your signed Ballot with you in addition to the requirements that have been necessary throughout the Session.
2. The PAGES assigned to collect ballots will go to the WEST. On Table No. 2 to my left are the Ballot Boxes. You will get YOUR box . . . remain in the West until we arrive at a CONTESTED ELECTION. After the WGP has declared the Ballot closed, he will direct you to proceed with the collection of the ballots.
3. Pages, the Ballot Box will NEVER leave your hands. Under no circumstance will a person deposit more than ONE ballot. You will report any irregularities to me.
4. All ASSISTANT GRAND SENTINELS will step inside the door to deposit their ballot and then return to their post. Will one PAGE be sure to go to the sound Room to get the ballot of those there.
5. The FIRST BALLOT will be taken to Tables 1-2. You will gather around the tables and empty your boxes when you are directed to do so by the TABLE JUDGES. This will be AFTER the Ballot has been declared CLOSED.
6. Elections are serious . . . You are selecting the leadership of our Order. Your ballot is precious. DO NOT WASTE IT by writing upon it before you are given instruction as to which ballot to use. If you use the wrong ballot, it will have to be thrown out.
7. When the count is completed, the result will be given to the presiding officer and he/she will declare the result. The FORM will then be passed to the Recorder for the Grand Chapter proceedings.

Are there any questions?



(Announcements were made as to the use of microphones in the North, South, and West for the making of nominations)

At 10 o'clock sharp when all was in readiness, the Worthy Grand Matron invited the Worthy Grand Patron to preside for the election.

The Worthy Grand Patron proceeded with the election of officers for the ensuing year. In contested elections, the candidates were introduced, and as an election was decided, the Worthy Grand Patron presented in the East the winning candidate as the "newly" elected officer for that position.

As Ballots were being counted, the business of Grand Chapter continued, being interspersed with Reports.

The Ballot resulted in the following selection of those to serve:

- Worthy Grand Matron ..... Mrs. Rennie Ofton
- Worthy Grand Patron ..... Mr. T. L. "Duke" Weaver
- Associate Grand Matron ..... Mrs. Kathy Johnston
- Associate Grand Patron ..... Mr. Leslie Burnett
- Grand Secretary ..... Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
- Grand Treasurer ..... Mrs. Jettie Hinton
- Grand Conductress ..... Mrs. Viola Edwards
- Associate Grand Conductress ..... Mrs. Lena Maye Cook
- Member — Board Grand Trustees Dist. 2 ..... Mr. Leonard Ellington
- Member — Board Grand Chapter Benevolences — Dist. 1 ..... Mr. J. C. Gilmore

Grand Examiners:

- District 1 ..... Mrs. Marjorie Johnson
- District 2 ..... Mrs. Beulah Speer
- District 3 ..... Mrs. Elise Hammack
- District 4 ..... Mrs. Elsie Paladino
- District 5 ..... Mrs. Lois Bell
- Grand Examiner-At-Large ..... Mrs. Martha Sanders

**Worthy Grand Matron:** I received a request yesterday — and you know how busy we were — the note regarded our Choir and some of the members there — if I could just find my notes. Here they are. Some of the members of District 1 would like to hear, our Grand Soloist, Sister Janice Thornhill, sing "He Touched Me" — and I'd like that, too! Janice and Grand Choir, would you so honor us?

(The Choir responded to this request and with Janice Thornhill, rendered "He Touched Me".)

I now recognize Brother Victor Jones, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, for a report.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

This is Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 33.

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have examined and considered all portions of the Worthy Grand Matron's report distributed to it on Jurisprudence Committee Report on Distribution.

We approve all actions, rulings and decisions contained in the report and move the adoption of same.

Respectfully submitted  
Marvin Chandler  
J. Victor Jones  
Richard T. Porter  
Ruby Enloe  
Katherine M. Poulis

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Brother Murray, will you preside?

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and I have a second. All of those in favor of the adoption of the Jurisprudence Report No. 33 will please hold up their hands. All opposed by like sign. The report is approved.

The Chair now recognizes Brother Thurman Perry for a report on Transportation and Mileage.

**Mr. Thurman Perry:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Matron, before I read this report, I would like to introduce the members of the Transportation and Mileage Committee:

- Mrs. Floyd Green — District 1
- Mrs. Jeannie Gish — District 2
- Mr. Horace Slate — District 3
- Mrs. Martha Sanders — District 4

Worthy Grand Matron, I have the preliminary report prepared by the Chairman, Mr. Leonard J. Remley. It reads as follows:

Mrs. Mary M. Brown  
Worthy Grand Matron  
Grand Chapter of Texas  
Order of the Eastern Star

Worthy Grand Matron:

It has been my pleasure to serve as Chairman of Transportation and Mileage. Due to my being unable to attend Grand Chapter this will be my preliminary report. I wish to thank you for the fine committee you appointed to serve with me and, also, I wish to thank the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for all the assistance given us.

We wish to report approximate mileage to this Grand Chapter Session as follows:  
Total Mileage covered: 491,604 miles: Total compensation paid for mileage: \$14,747.82.

We recommend this committee be authorized to make any adjustments necessary and submit a complete and final report to the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully Submitted  
Leonard J. Remley, Chairman

I now have the supplemental and final report of the Committee:

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 Transportation and Mileage Committee respectfully submit the following supplemental and final report for the fiscal year 1977-1978.

Total number of mileage checks issued . . . . .	656
Total number of miles traveled . . . . .	325,173
Total compensation paid for mileage . . . . .	\$9,755.58

Fraternally submitted,  
 Thurman H. Perry, Acting Chairman  
 Floyd Green, District 1  
 Jeanne Gish, District 2  
 Horace Slate, District 3  
 Martha Sanders, District 4

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of the Preliminary and Supplemental and Final Report.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the motion. I have a second. Is there any discussion? All those who are in favor of the adoption of the Preliminary Report and the Supplemental Report of the Transportation and Mileage Committee, please raise your hands. All opposed, same sign. The Preliminary Report and the Supplemental Report are both adopted.

The Chair now recognizes Sister Bernice Trulan, for a Report on Founders Day.

**Mrs. Bernice Trulan:** Worthy Grand Patron, it is a privilege to give the Report on the Founders Day Committee. I do wish that our Chairman, Brother Dale Schackelford, were here because it is due to his untiring efforts that we think the Founders Day Committee did meet with such great success.

I would like to name the co-workers on this Committee — that is the District Chairmen:

District No. 1 — Mr. Morris Fair  
 District No. 2 — Mrs. Betty M. Johnson  
 District No. 3 — Mrs. Mary Call  
 District No. 4 — Mrs. Bernice Trulan  
 District No. 5 — Mrs. Nelda Hastings.

## REPORT OF FOUNDERS DAY COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers.

I am pleased to give the report of the Founders' Day Committee.

Thru the efforts of this committee, all Chapters were visited or contacted and 529 Chapters are 100% or more and have contributed \$9,227.40 Cora Posey Chapter No. 1072 donated 500%.

The Founders' Day Fair began Friday, August 4 with food, fellowship and entertainment by the Mountain Creek Express Bluegrass Band. Many beautiful hand-made items were brought by members from all over the state and offered for sale.

A new event this year was the Eastern Star chili cook-off on Saturday, August 5. Thirteen teams entered the cook-off and just as things were really getting started, the rain began. It looked at first as if all was doomed, but there is no stopping Eastern Star members! The Fair and the chili cook-off continued, and even in the rain, all seemed to have a good time.

Wedgwood Chapter No. 756 won first place in the cook-off and was overall chili cook-off champion. Castleberry Chapter No. 1028 won first place in showmanship. But all teams should have won by just participating in the mud and rain!

It did stop raining and the Fair netted \$6,049.28. Our thanks to all who worked to help make the weekend a hugh success.

The contributions from the 100% Chapters of \$9,227.40 and \$6,049.28 from the Fair makes a total of \$15,276.68 for our Worthy Grand Matron's project this year — **TO ENDOW OUR EASTERN STAR HOME.**

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of serving as chairman of the Founders' Day Committee and for these special members I have had the pleasure of working with this year.

Fraternally submitted,  
Dale W. Shackelford, State Chairman

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of this Report.

#### REPORT OF THE FOUNDERS' DAY COMMITTEE

Receipts from Chapters and misc. contributions .....	\$9,227.40
Receipts from Founders' Day Fair .....	6,633.82
Total Receipts .....	\$15,861.22

#### EXPENSES:

Expenses for Fair .....	\$ 550.00
Committee expenses .....	34.54
Total expenses .....	\$ 584.54

Net proceeds .....	\$15,276.68
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Additional funds received from Chapters as of October 31, 1978

Additional Chapters being 100%.

Additional funds received for Founders' Day Fair.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the motion to adopt this Report. Do I hear a second? It is seconded. Any discussion? All those in favor, say "Aye". Opposed, "No" Report is adopted.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Worthy Grand Patron, may I express my appreciation to this fine Founders Day Committee. They stood out there in the mud and all the rain and all the membership had such a good time — fine contribution for our Home Endowment Fund from their work this year.

Thank you, Sister Bernice, and please bring our appreciation to members of your Committee, and especially to Brother Dale Schackelford — and, while we are appreciating — let's give them a hand! (Applause).

I would like to go on and add praise to Brother Dale. I know all of you have enjoyed our backdrop — which is a replica of the picture I drew for the back of our printed program. Brother Dale Schackelford drew the backdrop, painted it, brought it down here and set it up — so, even though he isn't here, let's tell Brother Dale how we appreciate him!! (Applause).

**Worthy Grand Patron:** The Chair now recognizes Sister Jean Lee, Chairman of the Registration Committee.

#### REPORT OF REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

**Mrs. Jean Lee:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members and Guests, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is a pleasure for me to introduce my capable co-workers and your Registration Committee:

I am Jean Lee and represent District IV.

Flora Jean Black, District I

Edward Meckley, District II. Ed was appointed at this Grand Chapter Session in the absence of Sudie Beth Hancock who has the flu and was unable to attend.

Leona Huffhines, District III.

Doris Hartman, District V.

Worthy Grand Matron, our committee has received a liberal education in the operation of our Grand Chapter through contact with our many Sisters and Brothers from all across this great state. We appreciate the opportunity of serving our membership.

We express appreciation to Grand Secretary Agnes Lee Howard, as well as to the members of the Credentials and Transportation and Mileage Committees, and to many others who assisted in the registration process.

The following members of District IV, Section IV, contributed a total of no less than 300 hours in the processing of pre-registrations: Romelle and George Edwards, Velma Edwards, Ray Wagstaff, Gladys O'Brien, Winnie Mills, Alma Miller, Lavernia Farrell, Polly Curtis, Edna Boyer, and my husband O. B. Without their assistance, the pre-registration process would have been impossible.

The Registration Committee presents the following report be incorporated into the Proceedings:

3255 delegates pre-registered  
 468 delegates registered at Grand Chapter  
 738 non-voting members registered  
 108 number of distinguished out-of-state guests and visitors  
 4569 TOTAL REGISTRATION for the 96th Grand Chapter Session

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

Respectfully submitted,  
 Jean Lee, Chairman  
 Registration Committee

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the motion for the adoption of this Report, is there a second? Is there any discussion? All those in favor of adoption of the Registration Report, will please say "AYE". Opposed, "NO". The "Ayes" have it and the Report is adopted.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you, Sister Jean Lee — there are many hours of work reflected in your report and we deeply appreciate your dedication.

In the rush to receive a report on the election, I did not express appreciation to the Transportation and Mileage Committee for their report. We do appreciate the hours expended in compiling your report and the work it represented.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** The chair recognizes Sister Sarah Coursey, the Acting Chairman of Time and Talent Committee.

**Mrs. Sarah Coursey:** Thank you. As each of you know, our General Chairman, Sister Nellie Sowell, had an accident upon the arrival at the Coliseum for the ESTARL Service and she is in St. Joseph Hospital. She was to have surgery yesterday. Let's please remember her in our thoughts and prayers. This is her report.

## TIME AND TALENT REPORT

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star:

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the privilege of serving on the Time and Talent Committee, this year and for your selection of the members who were to assist me.

I would like to introduce the District Chairman:

1. Mrs. Sarah Coursey, District 1
2. Mrs. Grace Findley, District 2
3. Mrs. Zoe Simms, District 3
4. Mrs. Marietta Phillips, District 4
5. Mrs. Daisy Forester, District 5.

Would all members of the Time and Talent Committee please stand.

Worthy Grand Patron, your quiet, friendly manner has endeared you to everyone. We appreciate the honor of serving with you this year.

We wish to express our deep appreciation to our Grand Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, the Board of Grand Trustees and Mrs. Potsy Sawyer, Superintendent of our Eastern Star Home, for their assistance and advice.

We were pleased to learn that our committee had been chosen to be the Hostesses for the Valentine Tea given for the ladies in our Home on February 14, 1978. Sarah and Bob Coursey made beautiful heart shaped what-not dishes for gifts at the tea. Everyone seemed to have a delightful time. All refreshments were furnished by members of this committee.

Our last social event was a Bar-B-Que Chicken dinner, given at the Home on May 20th. We are grateful to Denzil Huff, Past Patron of Arlington Chapter No. 249 and his committee for cooking the chicken for us, and to the Time and Talent Committee members who furnished the rest of the food.

Total money received by Districts through October 20, 1978:

District 1 .....	\$2,318.00
District 2 .....	2,039.00
District 3 .....	1,859.80
District 4 .....	3,958.00
District 5 .....	2,543.50
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$12,718.30</b>

Disbursements:

Valentine Tea .....	\$ 54.23
Bar-B-Que Dinner .....	75.28
Committee Expense .....	131.24
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$260.75</b>

Donations: .....	432.00
Members .....	12,286.30

With 59 ladies in Order of the Eastern Star Home.

Money Received .....	12,718.30
Disbursements .....	260.75
Total .....	<u>12,457.55</u>

Paid in for Home Endowment by October 20, 1978

There were six (6) 100% Chapters, namely:

- Navasota No. 309
- Lufkin No. 382
- Hamlin No. 460
- Winnie Stowell No. 1076
- Almeda No. 1081
- Wallace Hughston No. 1100,

with 466 Chapters participating. The Chapter giving the most was the Lufkin Chapter No. 382, with \$335.00.

Service hours by Districts:

- District 1 — 11,064
- District 2 — 199,297
- District 3 — 93,766
- District 4 — 132,505
- District 5 — 96,811

Total Hours 533,443 with District 2 having the most.

We wish to thank all the members whose endeavors and generosity made this report possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nellie D. Sowell, State Chairman of Time and Talent Committee

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

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the motion for the adoption of this report. Is there a second? There is a second. Is there any discussion? Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the adoption of the report, please say aye. "AYE". All opposed, "NO". The ayes have it and the report is adopted.

The chair recognizes the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee. (Mrs. Katherine Poulis made this report in lieu of the Chairman)

### JURISPRUDENCE REPORT NO. 34

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Worthy Grand Patron and Members of this Grand Chapter: It is the unanimous recommendation of the members of the Jurisprudence Committee together with the members of the Board of Grand Trustees that I make this motion.

I move that the Grand Chapter empower the Board of Grand Trustees to transfer \$150,000 from the Benevolent Fund to the OES Home Fund.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** I second the motion.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Is there any discussion? All in favor of the adoption of the report of the Jurisprudence Committee will hold up your right hand. Opposed, by the same sign. The report is adopted.

May I have your attention? Would the members of the Board of Grand Trustees meet at my left, including the newly elected member of the Board of Grand Trustees — just to the left of the Podium.

## JURISPRUDENCE REPORT NO. 35

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, this is Jurisprudence Committee Report No. 35 with regard to the ESTARL Committee's recommendation as presented on Tuesday and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

This committee respectfully refers to Chapter 10, Article 162-G and attempts to amend our laws. Since this was not presented under the 60-day rule, we, your Jurisprudence Committee, find it not in order to consider at this Session and recommend to the proposers that they put this in proper form for consideration at the next Grand Chapter Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin Chandler  
J. Victor Jones  
Richard T. Porter  
Ruby Enloe  
Katherine Poulis

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

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the motion. There is a second. Is there any discussion? Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the adoption of the Jurisprudence Committee report, will please say aye. "AYE". All opposed. The report is adopted.

The Chair recognizes the chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee for another report.

**Mr. J. Victor Jones:** Worthy Grand Patron, your Jurisprudence Committee has looked forward to this report for several days. It is the final report of the Jurisprudence Committee and is in Resolution Form.

### CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTION 96th ANNUAL SESSION OF GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR HELD IN HOUSTON, TEXAS OCTOBER 23-26, 1978

**WHEREAS:** The Grand Chapter of Texas has been most fortunate this past year having our beautiful, gracious, and loving Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary M. Brown, and our dedicated, capable, and sincere Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Murray Watson, Jr., to lead our Order; and

**WHEREAS,** the membership at this 96th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for a job well done.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That this the 96th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, express its sincere thanks and deep appreciation to our two leaders for all their hard work and dedicated service for the past year and this 96th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That copies of this Resolution be sent to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.



Respectfully submitted,

Marvin Chandler  
 J. Victor Jones  
 Richard T. Porter  
 Katherine M. Poulis  
 Ruby Enloe

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of the final report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Is there a second? There is a second. Any discussion? All in favor of the adoption of the final report of the Jurisprudence committee, will say aye. "AYE". All opposed, "NO". The ayes have it and the report is adopted.

The chair recognizes the Worthy Grand Matron.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Sisters and Brothers, I really do not know — and surely I was not prepared to express properly the appreciation of myself and of our Worthy Grand Patron for this distinct honor and expression of love that this fine, dedicated Jurisprudence Committee has brought. Please know that we are grateful and we humbly and gratefully accept this expression of Grand Chapter.

I expect I'll frame mine!

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. You expressed my sentiments and I want to express my deep appreciation to each and everyone of you and to the Jurisprudence Committee, especially, for bringing back this resolution. This year is a memorable one and we shall always cherish it and I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

May I have your attention.

The Chair recognizes Brother Redell Henson, Grand Chaplain.

#### ADOPTION OF GRAND CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

**Mr. Redell Henson:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Matron, I'd like to say again, thank you for this appointment. I'd like to thank all the membership of this great state of ours for all of the courtesies they have shown me this last year. Worthy Grand Patron, thank you very much for being my friend. I have enjoyed very much working with you this year.

I want to thank all of the membership for their very, very reverent attitude during our service last evening. I appreciate it very much.

At this time, I would like to move the adoption of the Grand Chaplain's Report.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the motion. Is there a second? Seconded. All those who are in favor of the adoption of the Grand Chaplain's report, would you please stand. All those opposed. The report is adopted and let's give our Grand Chaplain a fine hand. It was a beautiful program last night. (APPLAUSE)

The Chair recognizes Sister Eva G. Johnson for a motion.

### ADOPTION OF WELFARE REPORT

**Mrs. Eva G. Johnson:** I am Eva G. Johnson, General Chairman of the Welfare Committee. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers.

I would like to again thank our Worthy Grand Matron for the privilege of serving on this committee. Each one of the members has enjoyed it. We have been busy but, being busy, we have made many friends and had a wonderful fellowship. The love expressed by you, the members, this year has been tremendous as we have seen these funds come in to support the endowment of our Home. We are grateful to you, the membership, for your response.

I would also like to thank those who participated in the lovely drill last night — Sister Gerry Miller for the fine direction that she gave in leading it, and those that assisted me from my home Section to prepare for that.

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of the Welfare Report as given last night.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the motion for the adoption of the Welfare report. There is a second. Is there any discussion? All those who are in favor of the adoption of the Welfare Report, will please stand. Those opposed? The report is adopted. Let's give them a fine hand. (Applause)

**Worthy Grand Matron:** There are those who have not given their reports. Would you come now to the East and prepare to give your report at the first opportunity we can recognize you. We need the Bulletin committee, Endowment Fund Committee, Grand Historian's report, and Sister Mary Katherine Smith, if you are not too involved, you may come to the East also that we may have the Protocol Committee Report at the first opportunity.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Well, but first the Chair would like to recognize the Associate Grand Matron in the West.

**Mrs. Rennie Ofton:** Sisters and Brothers, on behalf of the group that you see back here, we want to collectively and individually express our appreciation to Grand Chapter for the confidence they have placed in us. We solicit the support and prayers of the membership as we, your line officers, strive to do our best for you next year. We are enthusiastic about the prospect of serving the Order and we pledge to each member here that we will do our very best. So, collectively and individually, we want to say, "WE THANK YOU" (spoken in unison).

(The Elective Line Officers were all standing together in the West)  
(applause)

**Worthy Grand Patron:** The Chair recognizes Sister Mary Katherine Smith.

### PROTOCOL COMMITTEE REPORT

**Mrs. Mary Katherine Smith:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished East. Our Worthy Grand Matron did a very beautiful thing in appointing a PROTOCOL COMMITTEE to instruct and enlighten the membership, to provide guidelines of uniform rules of procedure for the Chapters and members throughout the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas.

The lovely members of the Committee have received joy in preparing and assisting our beloved Chapters and members in the forms of ceremony and etiquette observed at meetings and social gatherings of the Order of the Eastern Star — an organization of reverence, culture, dignity, beauty, and refinement.

When requested to do so, the members of the Protocol Committee have made themselves available to speak to Chapters, to groups, and to provide assistance in the planning of all functions both business and social. Our Worthy Grand Matron expressed great love and confidence in the experience and the wisdom of the Past Grand Matrons selected to compose the Protocol Committee, and the delight in working with them has been great; for we are related by the dearest ties.

Kindness and true consideration for the feelings and rights of others reminds us that the GOLDEN RULE is never out of date, and just as sin is a reproach to any people, wrong thought and actions debase an individual or an organization. Right living in word and deed exalts a Nation, an Organization, or an individual for VIRTUE, BEAUTY, and GRACE are a joy to the eye of the beholder!

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Katherine Smith, PGM, Acting Chairman, District I  
 Cynthia May Watts, PGM, General Chairman  
 Katherine Harbour, PGM, District II  
 Amy Goebel, PGM, District III  
 Edna Earl Duke, PGM, District IV  
 Eunice Connell, PGM, District V

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of this Report.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the motion to adopt this Report. I have a second. Is there any discussion? All in favor of adopting this Report, will please say "AYE". Opposed, "No". The Report is adopted.

The Chair recognizes Sister Lallah Mae Vollus for a Report.

## REPORT OF ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

**Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and members beloved of this Grand Chapter. I am pleased to give in behalf of the Endowment Committee our Report.

It has been said that "from little sparks may burst mighty flames!" The year cometh to its close — the shadows of the year's days enfold us and within our hearts, we feel reflected the beauty of the mighty flames of "Sunset's glow". The heart strings are sounding the refrain of thanksgiving for one year's labor has taught us the great lesson that "an effort made for the happiness of others lifts us above ourselves."

The membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas walked forth into the unborn days of 1978 feeling strengthened from the touch of our hands, one with another, at the challenging Welfare Presentation of the call to HOME ENDOWMENT. There was a sense of UNITY and strengthening fellowship for great is the unity of purpose and action. Our prayer was that each day of the year would bring forth a stronger Brotherhood, not of words, but, of acts and deeds. That prayer has been answered in great measure.

All Committees had their sights upon the same goal. These goals were clearly etched upon our minds. Your Endowment Committee was not unmindful of the tremendous task assigned to us — the many miles that would need to be traveled — the letters that would need to be written and phone calls made, as well as talks given. However, has there ever been a challenge GREAT that has not had its price?

Through the year, as many committee members have labored, sending the profit of their labor into Welfare, there have been times when they were weary but the VISION of an ENDOWED HOME kept them moving onward and upward. Through the year,

the Endowment Committee has enjoyed a closer walk with the membership. You, my Sisters and Brothers, have been great. Your enthusiasm — your ingenuity of plans for the raising of funds has been a constant challenge. The Endowment Committee is joined by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in saying, "To YOU goes the glory and the honor of any success attained in this year's PUSH for ENDOWMENT. You have truly dropped the sweetness of giving for "Love's Sake" into the Cup of our Lives.

Because of the lack of understanding of "Endowment as Welfare" and "Endowment as Legacy of Love", we are aware that funds have been credited to one account intended for the other. However, we feel that this is not really important. Both gifts culminate in the SAME fund. All eyes were upon the goal of ENDOWMENT. . . all efforts were focused in THAT direction. The total report of the WELFARE Committee, is the benediction upon our labors. We recognized that this situation posed a point of confusion for the Welfare Committee and brought upon them additional work. The beauty of work depends upon the way in which we meet it. You have met yours nobly, Welfare Committee.

A member of our Order with quite a sizeable estate executed a Will. The Will provides for a Trust with a life estate, first for his wife, followed with a life estate for his daughter, the corpus remaining in the Trust to go to the Order of the Eastern Star, Home Endowment Fund.

A death bed request was made that this bequest be credited to this Grand Chapter year for Home Endowment.

A copy of the probated will is to be mailed to me upon the return home of the Legacy of Love Member of that area and I will immediately file same with the Grand Chapter of Texas Office in Arlington, Texas.

A number of our Sisters and Brothers have turned their milesage checks over to me to become a part of the Legacy of Love contributions for the Home Endowment. I am pleased to give their names at this time:

Flora Jean Black  
Nell Davidson  
Max Sanderford  
Mary Brown  
Florine Sizemore  
Beulah Speer  
Louise Peterson  
Murray Watson, Jr.  
Greta Watson  
Spring Chapter  
Grapevine Chapter  
Brookshire Chapter  
Tomball Chapter  
Sundown Chapter  
Mrs. E. R. Underwood  
These checks total \$295.58

Ruby Enloe  
Martha Sanders  
J. Victor Jones  
Virginia Sanders  
Pasadena Chapter  
Helen Sanderford  
Miriam York  
Ciddings Chapter  
Dorothy Springer  
Galveston Chapter  
Ross McCord  
Seguin Chapter  
Mrs. Mildred Garlitz

A number of sizeable amounts have been given to us by those who are not members of our Order. They endorse our aims and programs. They have requested that we not make public their names and such a request is readily understood. For our records, we would in this report thank them most sincerely and will, of course, respect their request.

We have already heard from the Worthy Grand Matron that the Travel Program brought us \$5,360.00. There are one or two accounts where our office overpaid Trans National but that will be cleared shortly, I am sure. The overpayment involved charges

made on a credit card about which we knew nothing. With the amount reported at the last Grand Chapter, the travel of the two years covering a period of 16 months, the Endowment Fund has benefited a little over \$12,500.00, at the same time affording our membership the joy of travel together.

I list below the chapters and individuals who have qualified for the entry of their name in the LEGACY OF LOVE BOOK as a \$1,000 Donor.

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| Vashti Chapter 32  | Rothwell Chapter No. 669                               |
| Richland Hills Chapter No. 1040  | Magnolia Chapter No. 706                               |
| Mrs. Maxine Burns  | Pasadena Chapter No. 711                               |
| Miles Faris, Jr.   | Galveston Chapter No. 716                              |
| Robert E. Franklin   | Andral Vann Chapter No. 741                            |
| Ransford Chapter No. 135   | South Houston Chapter No. 915                          |
| P.M. & P.P. Assn. of Houston   | Lake Jackson Chapter No. 1009                          |
| Smithville Chapter No. 39  | New Candy Chapter No. 1093                             |
| Rotan Chapter No. 52   | Rebecca Miles  |
| Pampa Chapter by M/M Aubrey Jones  | Rothwell Chapter No. 669 (Will of a member)            |
| Lubbock Chapter by Lillian Barnard Parker  | Woodland Chapter No. 696 (Ins. Policy—Alice Burkhardt) |
| Houston Heights Chapter  | Creedmoor Chapter No. 607                              |
| Sunshine Chapter No. 399 (a sizeable amt. of which was given by Mrs. Viva Huffman) | Galena Park Chapter No. 884                            |
| Pleiades chapter No. 620   |  |

The above list comprised part of a list given to me by the Chairman of the Welfare Committee. Great numbers of both our members and Chapters gave \$500 and more. Many wills will be changed whereby the Endowment Fund of our Home will be remembered, such action being the result of our extensive program of EDUCATION.

The fine report that you heard last evening given by the Chairman of the Welfare Committee was made possible, not only through these gifts of greater amounts, but through the contributions of ALL of us. In the eyes of the Master whose Star we follow and our Father in Heaven to whose Glory our gifts were made, the sacrificial gifts of smaller amounts is perhaps more meaningful and beautiful.

The section giving the greatest amount was Section 5 of District 4 who reported \$36,534.09.

At the beginning of the year, the Grand Secretary forwarded a check in the sum of \$200.00 for expenses of the committee. I did not desire to receive any of the money and, therefore, divided it among the five District members. Brother C. L. Pribble of District 3, has returned his check. I attach hereto, my check to cover this refund (\$40.00)

Though this report will be signed by all members of the Committee, I trust that you and they will permit me these few personal comments. I had known each of you committee members before our appointments. I anticipated a happy year with you, as well as a year of fine leadership in your area of responsibility in your respective Districts. My anticipation has been a full and beautiful realization. Because of a close walk in a great cause and the outstanding manner in which you have served, my admiration and respect for you has deepened. I am proud to call you friends and Sisters and Brothers.

It is a pleasure to present this fine Committee at this time:

- Sister Velda Anderson . . . . . District 1
- Sister Elizabeth Marbut . . . . . District 2
- Brother C. L. Pribble . . . . . District 3
- Brother Leslie C. Burnett . . . . . District 4
- Sister Saphrona B. Krause . . . . . District 5

Worthy Grand Matron, the entire committee expresses to you our sincere appreciation for the opportunity of working with you for our beloved Grand Chapter. While we did not attain your hoped-for goals, we know that the outstanding report of the Welfare Committee is truly outstanding, representing that which has been given "For Love's Sake". It will forever represent an outstanding achievement for your year.

Worthy Grand Patron, we would express a particular word of appreciation for the assistance tendered by you in the preparation of legal documents. You were prompt and thorough in helping to meet our needs. For this we are indebted to you and express our appreciation.

How gratified we are that we have known the beauty of the reward of Soul by assisting in enfolding those of this year and the years held yet within the Hand of God, with PROTECTING ARMS in a HOME, someday to be completely endowed.

As a Grand Chapter, if we continue the momentum of this year's TRUST, we **SHALL** succeed and shall be able to say in the near future, "**WE HAVE FINISHED THE TASK**"!

Fraternally submitted,

District 1 — Velda Anderson  
 District 2 — Elizabeth Marbut  
 District 3 — C. L. Pribble  
 District 4 — Leslie Burnett  
 District 5 — Saphronia Krausse  
 Chairman — Lallah Mae Vollus

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of this Report.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Thank you, Sister Lallah Mae. You have heard the motion for the adoption of this fine Report. There is a second. Is there any discussion? Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the adoption of this Report, please say "AYE", Opposed, "No". The ayes have it, the Report is adopted. Let's give Sister Lallah Mae and this Committee a fine hand for the good work they have done. (Applause)

The Chair recognizes our Worthy Grand Matron.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron, and for just one moment, if I may have the attention of the membership in this Grand Chapter room, I would like to make an announcement. About three weeks ago my husband and I were visiting with one of our beloved Past Grand Matrons, and Past Grand Secretary, Sister Rebecca Miles. She told me and Doss that she had approximately \$66,000.00 in her estate and she would like it to go to the Home Endowment Fund. And as I said before, we have permission from the Board, who, by our laws, has the authority to make such a decision — and I want you, the membership of Texas, to know the fine tribute that has been paid to us by this one who has given so many years of service to our Order. At some later date, perhaps, we can recognize this fine and generous gift in a more appropriate manner, but we would want to get this into our proceedings and wanted you, the great membership of Texas, to know what Sister Rebecca Miles has done for Endowment. Might I ask you to stand and give her a standing applause? (Applause) Thank you.

**Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus:** Worthy Grand Matron, I should like to have your permission to make this motion, that, when the copy of the Will to which I referred is received by me, together with its inventory, that this Grand Chapter give me permission to file it as a supplementary report to appear in the Proceedings.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** You have my permission.

**Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus:** Sisters and Brothers, I so move.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the motion and the second to include the amount in the Will which Sister Lallah Mae has just discussed with you. Is there objection to this motion? The Chair hears none, and the motion is approved.

The Chair recognizes Sister Mary Kittoe for a Report on the Bulletin Committee.

### REPORT OF BULLETIN COMMITTEE

**Mrs. Mary Kittoe:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers, it is with great pleasure that I introduce a wonderful committee, The Bulletin Committee, Mrs. Lorrell L. Earnest, District I, Mrs. Mina Eason, District II, Mrs. Pauline Penix, District III, Mrs. Jimmie Lee Huey, District IV and Mrs. Autie M. Tally, District V. These Committee Members have worked hard this year to increase the distribution of The Official Bulletin and we are very proud to report that through the splendid cooperation of the Membership of Texas and in some cases Members of Texas who are living in other Grand Jurisdictions, there has been an increase of 1400 in the distribution from November, 1977, through October 15, 1978. I would also like to acknowledge the help of the Grand Secretary's staff in compiling these figures for me so that this report could be made to the Membership of Texas at this Grand Chapter Session.

Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Brown, Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., I personally would like to express my thanks for the confidence you expressed in me in giving me the opportunity of serving our Grand Chapter in this capacity. It has truly been an experience and a pleasure to serve with you in this year of service to our Beautiful Order. I am sure that the subscriptions will continue to come in and our distribution will continue growing.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kittoe, State Chairman, Bulletin Committee  
Mina Eason  
Pauline Penix  
Lorrell Earnest

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

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have the motion to adopt this Report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of adopting this Report, please say "Aye". Opposed, "No". The Ayes have it, the Report is adopted.

The Chair recognizes the Worthy Grand Matron.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you, Mary Kittoe and members of the Bulletin Committee for your splendid efforts in securing this increased subscription.

You know, at the third Session, we were to have been entertained by District 3 Music Committee, and Sister Mildred Priddy is here at this time, prepared to lead us in a sing-song. How about that? — Would you like to sing along with our Choir? (Applause) Sister Priddy.

**Mrs. Mildred Priddy:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for appointing me as District 3 Chairman of Music and for the ten who helped me on this Committee. Our program this evening was prepared by one Committee member, Mary Alberts, Florence Chapter No. 440, District 3, Section 8. The sing-song will be under the leadership of the Grand Choir Director assisted by the Grand Choir and Sister Mary Alberts.

(The assembly joined in with the Choir in a sing-song "I'll Fly Away")

**Worthy Grand Patron:** No, I wasn't stopping you. I had just made an observation — with as much chicken as we have had at our Banquets, we just might fly away. (Laughter)

**Mr. Lowe:** We'd like to sing "When the Saints go Marching In".

("When the Saints go Marching In" was sung and then all joined in and sang "We love you, Mary and Murray", paraphrased to the tune of "It's a Grand Old Name".)

**Worthy Grand Patron:** The Chair recognizes our Grand Chaplain.

**Mr. Redell Henson:** At this time I'd just like to say that there is only one person in this world that didn't make a mistake, and that was Jesus Christ, and they crucified him. Just a moment ago, I made a mistake. I love my God, my country, my neighbors, and my beautiful Eastern Star friends, but there is one person I love more than anything else in this world, and the one who has stood beside me this year and made everything possible that I did, and she has supported me more than anything else, and that is my beautiful wife, Frankie, and I want to recognize her at this time. (Applause) Thank you for being so gracious.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** The Chair recognizes our Worthy Grand Matron.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Sisters and Brothers, you know I promised you that we would introduce our distinguished guests that had not been introduced previously, and we would not overlook this. Would other Distinguished Guests from other Grand Jurisdictions who have not been introduced, please rise, that we might know where you are.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our General Grand Chapter Committee Member at the Altar.

**Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is with much pleasure that I present Sister Mildred McIntosh, Chairman, International Temple Committee, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Sister Mildred, how delighted we are that you have taken the time from what must be a very heavy schedule as you travel around the world telling our membership of the beauties of our International Temple and exhorting the Chapters to become 100%. We welcome you to Texas' 96th Annual Session. We have heard much about you for, you see, we have one who serves on your Committee and speaks highly of you. Thus, even before you came, we knew that we would love you. Thank you, Sister Mildred, for coming.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort this Distinguished Guest to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is with much pleasure that I introduce to you Sister Mildred McIntosh, Chairman of the International Temple Committee, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join with me in saluting her with Grand Honors.

We are going to invite Sister Mildred to bring Greetings.

**Mrs. Mildred McIntosh:** Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Jurisdiction of Texas. This is a highlight to me to have an opportunity to extend greetings to you from my Grand Jurisdiction, the Grand Jurisdiction of the State of Maine. Even though we are much smaller in number, as I travel throughout these United States and parts of Canada, I find that your theme, the theme of love, is being extended everywhere. I am



delighted to be able to be present to extend to you love of the members of the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine and to also tell you how delighted I am to have the opportunity of working with one of your Past Grand Patrons, Brother Victor Jones, on this important committee for General Grand Chapter. I am so sorry that I was not present to watch your beautiful pageantry of International Temple, but I was attending the Grand Chapter Session of Kentucky. I find it impossible to be in two Jurisdictions at the same time, although there are many times I would like to do so! I would like to congratulate you on the contributions you have given this year. I know you are not quite 100% but I have been assured by the membership that you will be by October, 1979, and it is only through the efforts of our Worthy Matrons and our Secretaries that this can be accomplished, so please, when your program is suggested for International Temple, be sure that you realize that we have the beautiful Temple which holds beautiful treasures that cannot be replaced. We also have the opportunity of giving, telling the peoples of the world what we stand for.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for giving me this opportunity to express my thanks to the membership of Texas and, even though I arrived only yesterday afternoon, I want you to know I thoroughly enjoyed listening to your legislation and to your balloting this morning. I know it was delightful to attend all your banquets, but I have tried these last two years to attend the legislation business of the Grand Jurisdiction and to hear both here and throughout the world some of the ideas that can be exchanged and yet find we all have the same desire and that is to spread the good word of love and affection from one another and to give our charity as our talents would let us.

Again, many thanks; and, Brother Victor, I would like to be present when they honor you as you so well deserve. Thank you so much.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you, Sister Mildred. And you are welcome to Texas any time you can come our way.

Are there Worthy Grand Matrons or Worthy Grand Patrons from other Grand Jurisdictions who have not been introduced? Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions who have not been introduced? Are there any Past Grand Matrons or Past Grand Patrons of Texas who are with us this morning and who have not been previously introduced?

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present Sister Molly Goodpasture at the Altar for introduction.

**Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am pleased to present Sister Molly Goodpasture, Past Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Welcome to your 96th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Were it not for the leadership of outstanding Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of our Grand Jurisdiction, we would be like a ship without a sail. We express our appreciation to you for the many fine contributions you have made to our Grand Chapter. I could stand here and give instances regarding our association, but they've all been said before and they are all very pleasant; but may I say to you, I am very pleased to have had you sit with me in the East this morning and get to visit, and I am delighted to say "Welcome, Molly."

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort Sister Molly Goodpasture to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is with much pride that I introduce to you Sister Molly Goodpasture, Past Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join with me in saluting her with Grand Honors.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** We will now have a Report from the Resolutions Committee.

## REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

**Mrs. Loyce Roper:** I would ask that Sister Gladys Lawson and Sister Earlene Woodall come to the East, and if any of the other Committee members are present, please come to the East and stand by my side while we give this Report. Sister Gladys Lawson, District 1; Mrs. Juanita Whittington, District 2; Mrs. Gracie Davis, District 3; Mrs. Erlene Woodall, District 4; and Mrs. Mildred May, District 5.

We, your committee on Resolutions, wish to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, the Ninety-Sixth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas named, "For Love's Sake" has convened in the Fifth largest City in the Nation, Houston, Texas and

WHEREAS, we look upon the HANDS of the clock of time now tells us that another wonderful year of service by many to our Grand Chapter of Texas is coming to an end, and we stop to acknowledge our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for once again allowing us to assemble here for His good and the good of our Fellowmen, and

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that we express our appreciations to the following: To the General Chairman, Mr. Gene Belk, and ALL Committees on Arrangements, We Thank You for all your efforts in planning for our comfort and entertainment. We appreciate the many HANDS that were used to work and plan for our coming.

To our beloved and beautiful Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary M. Brown, it is with much pride and joy that we say "Thank you for your service to our great Order, not only this year, but for the many, many years past." Your HANDS have been busy, not only in the many duties you had to perform, also, because you extended them in loving kindness and friendship to everyone who was within your grasp.

You and your precious husband, Doss, have given unselfishly of your time and talents, and have endeared yourselves to all of us who had the privilege of serving with you. You have fulfilled the trust we placed in your HANDS and are worthy of all the praise and honor we bestow upon you. And now, we would ask the Precious Lord, to take your HAND and give you the rest you so deservingly earned . . . We love you!

To our Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., you exemplify those strong qualities we look and hope for in our Worthy Grand Patron each year. Your humor, dedication and knowledge is appreciated by all members of this Order. We thank you for lending your HANDS in support to our Worthy Grand Matron and to our Grand Chapter of Texas. We feel that we will be seeking your wise counsel many, many times in the future. We thank you and your lovely wife, Greta, our Grand Esther, for answering the call to serve the Lord, our Order, and Others. May God Bless You Always.

To our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris: We are always so proud to point to you with so much pride and to say, "You belonged to Texas First." And then we were so happy to share you with all the Eastern Stars of the World. You are always such an inspiration to all of us and such a gracious lady. We are glad the Lord saw fit to mold only one of your kind, for you are very special.

To our own General Grand Chapter Officers; Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons: We recognize the service rendered to us by each of you. We feel that the Master did not make you from just plain ordinary mud clay, but He must have spent many days trying to seek and find the finest and richest clay to mold the lives of each of you. You are truly "Fairest among thousands, altogether lovely."

To our Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Rennie Ofton and Associate Grand Patron, Mr. T. L. (Duke) Weaver: We thank you for the service you each have given and will be giving to our Grand Chapter. We extend to you our HANDS in LOVE and loyalty in

the hopes that we might help lighten your load of responsibilities for the coming year. We wish you the very best.

To our Grand Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, and Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Jettie Hinton: Our Grand Chapter is indeed fortunate in the excellent, continued service you two render to our Grand Chapter of Texas. We recognize our dependence upon you and thank you with all our hearts.

To our Grand Conductress, Mrs. Kathy Johnston and Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Viola Edwards: We, the Stars of Texas, wish for you LOVE, peace, and happiness as you continue your journey to the Grand East and would ask the Lord to hold your HANDS and guide you — whatever you may do.

To our Grand Chaplain, Mr. Redell Henson: To you was given one of the greatest responsibilities of all; that of praying with and for us and inspiring us into the realization that we are molded into the "Master's Image." We thank you for the sacred and impressive "The Immortal Hands of God" Memorial.

To our Grand Organist, Mrs. Genevieve Halbert, and the Grand Choir: In the years to come as we hear the "Hand in Hand March" we shall be reminded of you and we thank you for the beautiful music and singing of praises during this Grand Chapter.

To our Grand Marshal, Mrs. Jerry Miller: As a personal note, I truly know the many hours, days and nights, weeks and months that goes into planning, drawing, organizing practicing, and finally performing and directing these beautiful drills and formations. Sister Jerry, your reward is plentiful and we thank you.

To our Star Points: We think our Worthy Grand Matron chose well when she asked the five of you to join HANDS and represent the five heroines of our Order.

To our Grand Warder, Mrs. Mary Kay Lester: As we gather together at each session we are well aware of your great responsibility, that of guarding and protecting the secrecy of our work. We appreciate your loyalty.

It is with deep regret that we acknowledge the death of our Grand Sentinel, Mr. W. Kendall Baker, on April 30, 1978. He is with the Master and now guarding the Heavenly Doors.

However, with the wise selection of our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Mr. Maxwell M. Sanderford, was installed to finish the remainder of the term as Grand Sentinel of Texas. And for your service to this Grand Chapter of Texas we Thank You.

ALL Board Members: The welfare and progress of our Order in Texas is largely in your HANDS. As each board gave it's report we were confident that you have not failed us in this labor of LOVE. We are deeply indebted to ALL of you.

We realize that it is impossible to give praise to all who are deserving. Our lives are richer and happier because of the experience of sharing this year with the loyal and faithful members of the Order of the Eastern Star, and for the privilege of gathering in this Session of LOVE.

**THEREFORE, Be It Resolved:**

That we say THANK YOU to all who have contributed to the joy and success of this "For Love's Sake Session" Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. We extend our sincere gratitude to each and everyone of you.

We would now ask the Master to take each of you by the HAND and say to you, "A job well done, my good and faithful servants."

Fraternally submitted,

Loyce Loper, Chairman  
Gladys Lawson  
Juanita Whittington

Gracie Davis  
Erlene Woodall  
Mildred May

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of this Report.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the motion for the adoption of this Report. There is a second. Any discussion? All in favor of the adoption of this Report will please say "AYE". All opposed, "NO". The "ayes" have it, the Report is adopted.

The Chair recognizes Brother Fred Britz.

### INVITATION COMMITTEE

**Mr. Fred Britz:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers of the Great State of Texas:

As the sun begins to set on this Grand Chapter Session and will soon rise again heralding the beginning of 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.

I am proud to present a group of distinguished and beloved friends of mine and yours from District 5 who are always ready to provide leadership and support to Grand Chapter activities. It is my privilege and honor to present these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who shine so brightly in our hearts.

#### PAST GRAND MATRONS:

Eunice Connell  
Katherine Poulis

Frances K. Herrin  
Nancy Bailey Allen

#### and PAST GRAND PATRONS:

Gerald C. Allen

Harold Todd

Unable to be with us physically, but always present with their love and support are:

#### PAST GRAND MATRONS:

Mattie Mitchell

Hallie Anglin

Hattie Dowell Gilbert

In behalf of this distinguished group, I am pleased to extend a most cordial and sincere invitation to this Grand Body to come to San Antonio in 1979 to conduct its 97th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

We hold an invitation and proffer of support from:

1. The Mayor of the City of San Antonio
2. The Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce
3. San Antonio Hotel and Motel Association
4. San Antonio Restaurant Association

We also proudly present an invitation and testament of full support from the thousands of members of our great Masonic and Fraternal Bodies in the City of San Antonio embodied in letters from:

1. The District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas
2. The District Deputy Grand Masters of District 39-A and 39-C of The Grand Lodge of Texas
3. The Secretary General of The Valley of San Antonio Orient of Texas, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry

4. District 22 Deputy General High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas
5. The Worshipful Masters of 12 Area Lodges of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
6. The President of the San Antonio Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association
7. Last, but by no means least: The Worthy Matrons of 21 Eastern Star Chapters of the City of San Antonio and surrounding communities have certified by vote of their Chapter membership to support this Grand Body during their visit in our "Unique" City.

San Antonio is "One of America's Four Unique Cities." Unique because San Antonio is more than a city; she is an experience, Five historic missions recall the beginning of this experience, and the Tower of the Americas symbolizes its present. A picturesque river bend, lined with shops, clubs, hotels, and restaurants runs through the heart of the city to the door of the Convention Center complex which can house every meeting and dining need of our Grand Chapter. One of the great characteristics of our city is the warm, friendly hospitality San Antonians extend to visitors. It is with this warmth that we invite this Grand Body to come to San Antonio in 1979 to conduct its 97th Session of Grand Chapter, an Eastern Star City who wants to embrace you with friendly and loving arms. Thank you

Fred Britz, Chairman, Invitation Committee, District 5

(Applause)

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of this Report.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the invitation and the motion. Is there a second? Any discussion? All in favor of the motion, please stand. Those opposed, please stand. The motion carries.

The Chair recognizes the Worthy Grand Matron.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Floor Officers, please remember we must leave our Badges with the Grand Secretary at the close of this Session, together with the beautiful pins we have been privileged to wear all year long — that they may be available for the Installation this evening.

Now, we are going to be favored with District V's Special Music — and I know this particular group is pleased to follow Sister Rennie's invitation for the 1979 Session. Brother Kenneth Lowe, Director of our Grand Choir, is going to render a tuba solo, accompanied by Mrs. Edith Head. Would you tell us about your special number, Brother Ken?

**Mr. Kenneth Lowe:** "Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron — Worthy Grand Patron — Members of this Grand Chapter, by way of introduction, this musical instrument is called a Tuba. It is the largest musical instrument in the brass family, and is therefore capable of playing the lowest musical sounds. Because of this, melodic melodies are not normally written for the Tuba, as compared to the Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, etc. Accordingly, I have selected a solo originally written for the Trumpet, entitled "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp" by Edwin Franko Goldman".

(Enthusiastic applause after solo)

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you, Ken Lowe, for your own special brand of music! The first time I heard you play, it was a tuba solo, and you were accompanied by Sister Edith. I liked it then — and I liked it even better today!

Thank you also for the many hours you have spent — selecting the music for the Choir — then preparing the books, with considerable expense to yourself. And what beautiful voices you have in your Choir. I wish we could have enjoyed your performances more often — but business takes precedence over pleasure at our Sessions!

We appreciate sincerely your Choir's outstanding performance each time you had an opportunity. Sisters and Brothers, let's say "thank you" again! (Applause)

**Worthy Grand Patron:** The Chair recognizes our Associate Grand Matron in the West.

**Associate Grand Matron:** Worthy Grand Patron, I appreciated that very fitting climax to our invitation to come to San Antonio. Brother Ken plays with the Symphony in Corpus Christi. The invitation of Mr. Britz followed by this lovely number let's you know San Antonio wants to have Grand Chapter October 14 — 18, 1979, so "you-all" come.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Thank you. The Chair now recognizes Sister Thelma Joyce Alsup, Past Grand Matron, Chairman of the Telegram Committee.

**Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members, Sisters and Brothers. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for your invitation to serve for you on the Telegram Committee. I appreciate this courtesy. My sincere best wishes to you and your family. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we appreciate your service to our beloved Grand Chapter of Texas. This body is in receipt of the following regrets: Sister Mabel L. Mackereth, Most Worthy Grand Matron; Sister Virginia Jones, Right Worthy Grand Secretary; Sister Carol Strizek, Right Worthy Grand Conductress of the General Grand Chapter; and from two of our own beloved Past Grand Matrons, Sister Katherine Harbour and Sister Patricia Neinast. The following message was sent to our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons not in attendance. "Our fraternal greetings and our love. 96th Session Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star." Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this courtesy. God Bless You. Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of this Report.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the motion. There is a second. Is there objection to the adoption of the Report? Hearing none, the Report is adopted.

The Chair recognizes our Worthy Grand Matron.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** I wish to express my gratitude to Sister Thelma Joyce for accepting this responsibility and executing it so efficiently in sending telegrams to all who could not be with us.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** The Chair recognizes Sister Louise White for the Report of the Grand Historians.

## GRAND HISTORIAN REPORT

**Mrs. Louise White:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished guests, officers and members. At this time I find that words are inadequate to express my feelings and appreciation to you, Sister Mary, for allowing me the privilege and the honor of serving Grand Chapter as Chairman of the Grand Historians. I would like to present my co-workers at this time. I would like to present Sister Romelle Edwards, who has put in rhyme our program and has been an able assistant through the year; Mrs. Penny Vletas, who has worked with us through the year by keeping in contact with a number of our supersales persons, the Envoys of Service: Mr. Floyd Keasling who has also made reports and has helped keep records of the sales updated.

Will all of the members of the Envoys of Service please stand? Mrs. Dottie Griffith, Mrs. Lena Maye Cook, and Doris Efird will be recognized during our program because of the outstanding work they did in the selling of the Historical Highlights and we also want to thank each member of the Eastern Star who participated in helping to sell the books this year.

We want to recognize Romelle Edwards' mother, Sparky Edwards, and my husband, Edd White, who have been top, super salespeople for us. (applause)

**Mrs. Romelle Edwards:**

Each year we Stars gather by the  
thousands our business to perform  
Not paying much attention to when  
our Star was really born.

Did you know in Dallas, Texas the date of 1877 — Chapter No. 1 was formed with regulations Dr. Rob Morris had given.  
Hard work, prayer and sacrifice was laid to the line,  
This continued for seven years, and ten chapters were doing fine.  
Ft. Worth sent out the call in 1844,  
Let's start our own Grand Chapter, so we can accomplish more.  
We have the people, time and the space,  
Let's put O.E.S. on the map and Ft. Worth is the place.  
Everything went off in fine shape —  
Not a fault could they find.  
So now we had our own Grand Chapter in Texas,  
Yes, yours and mine.  
The Historical Highlight is our record —  
Read it now and then.  
You'll see all our Past Grand Matrons  
And how their styles were then.  
Many of our Past Grand Patrons served two or three times in the East,  
This was before travel was easy and very few big feast.  
In 1894 and 1895 Rachel M. Swain, Worthy Grand Matron and Daniel Ludlow, Worthy Grand Patron spent \$39.10 for expenses the whole year —  
And the delegates voted it paid without shedding a tear.  
Grand Chapter met in Waco in 1911 and decided to build a home,  
So our elderly men and women would no longer be alone.  
This home is in Arlington, a place we should all be glad to show,  
If you've never been, please make plans and go.  
Several Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons have used this as their aim,  
I'm told, to endow our home, but none have reached their goal.

**Mrs. Dottie Griffith:** The Envoys of Service, a group of thirty-five across the state,  
Have tried to sell 5,000 books at a very decent rate.  
We have worked the schools — we've made chapters near and far,  
Pushing Historical Highlights for the Eastern Star.

**Mrs. Louise White:** The Grand Historians are proud of the office we hold,  
And thankful to God for every book sold.  
I was thrilled at Arlington when we visited our home —  
So many were working to help make money, that we no longer felt alone.

**Mrs. Lena Mae Cook:** Chairman of our Committee, Sister Louise White,  
Dogs us to sell books day and night.  
I have tried hard to put Historical Highlights in every O.E.S. home in our State,

**Mrs. Doris Efird:** We still have a few left, being sold outside the entrance gate  
Buy your books secure the future for our sisters in our home once and for all  
Come on Texas members, this is our last call.

**Mrs. Romelle Edwards:** As our star shines above our home, it's beautiful and bright  
Just remember it means everything to our ladys who depend on it for life.  
We thank everyone who helped in any way,  
May God bless you and keep you the rest of your days.  
The Bible says "Ask and it shall be given, seek and you will find,  
When I hear this passage, my Eastern Star Brothers and Sisters stand tall in my mind.

Sister Louise White has the figures of who sold what, They are ready for your inspection, like it or not. This money was all gotten from Historical Highlights both near and far. Grab your pencil — write it in your record — here they are!

**Mrs. Louise White:** The Grand Historians relinquished their expenses of \$158.00 for shipping the Historical Highlights to the Envoys of Service over the State — we relinquish this to Home Endowment.

Our preliminary report for money turned over to the Grand Secretary is \$11,039.00 for the sale of the Historical Highlights of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

A full report will be completed and sent to the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Brown, and the Grand Secretary, Sister Agnes Lee Howard.

Worthy Grand Patron I move the adoption of this preliminary report.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Louise B. White, Grand Historian, Chairman

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the motion for the adoption of this Report. There is a second. Is there objection to the adoption of the Report of the Grand Historians? The Chair hears none and it is so ordered. (Applause)

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you Sister Louise White, Penny, Romelle, Floyd, and Sparky — and Capt. Edd — together with all the Envoys of Service Members — for your many hours of persuasive salesmanship. Your contribution to Home Endowment is indeed outstanding, and I love you for each Historical Highlight you sold! (Applause)

**Worthy Grand Patron:** I would like to call on Sister Betty Klonaris for the Grand Examiner at Large Report.

## GRAND EXAMINER AT LARGE REPORT

**Mrs. Betty Klonaris:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers, Sisters and Brothers:

It has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve as the Grand Examiner at Large for the past year. I have appreciated the fellowship with the members and I am deeply grateful for the many courtesies that have been extended to me.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, you both have been most kind and courteous to me and for this I am most appreciative and I shall always love you.

To my co-workers, the Grand Examiners, and the other members who have assisted me in the examining room throughout this Grand Chapter Session, please know how grateful I am to you. It is through their faithful service that I am able to submit this report:

DISTRICT NO. 1	
“A” Certificates	5
“B” Certificates	0
DISTRICT NO. 2	
“A” Certificates	8
“B” Certificates	0



DISTRICT NO. 3  
 "A" Certificates ..... 2  
 "B" Certificates ..... 0

DISTRICT NO. 4  
 "A" Certificates ..... 8  
 "B" Certificates ..... 1

DISTRICT NO. 5  
 "A" Certificates ..... 1  
 "B" Certificates ..... 0

Total certificates issued at this Grand Chapter Session ..... 25

Fraternally,  
 Betty Klonaris, Grand Examiner at Large

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

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the motion for the adoption of this Report. There is a second. Is there objection to the adoption of this Report. The Chair hears none; it is adopted.

The Chair recognizes Brother David Bratton, Chairman of the Arrangements Committee.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** While the Worthy Grand Patron is waiting for the Chairman of the Arrangements Committee to come to the East, I would like to talk with you for just a moment —

Sisters and Brothers, for four years, busy hands have been making gifts of love for the Grand Officers of 1977-78. Because of work required at this Session, we fear many of these Grand Officers were unable to attend the social function at which these gifts were presented.

These gifts are from the Worthy Grand Patron and me, and have been made especially for you by the Mary Brown Girls. If you failed to receive your gift, come by the Worthy Grand Matron's suite after this Session and pick up one of these beautiful gifts — made by beautiful ladies!

Now — Brother David Bratton . . . .

**REPORT OF THE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE**

**Mr. David Bratton:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

First, please allow me to introduce my two wonderful co-chairmen:  
 Sister Bennie M. Kincaid                      Brother Jack L. Wright

These two prominent members of Section 5 have shared equally with me in supervising and working with the 27 sub-committees of the Arrangements Committee which are listed in your program with the names of our fine Houston members who labored on each. The members of these sub-committees deserve individual recognition for their tremendous efforts.

As you know, many of our committee functions were accomplished during the past several months while we were looking forward to your coming to Houston. Since your arrival, we have enjoyed visiting and working with you. Certainly, you have been most kind and understanding, and we especially appreciate your cooperation.

We of the Arrangements Committee wish to express our thanks to the five greatly admired Past Grands who joined us in work and contributed their talents and leadership as we prepared and presented several of the social events. We are indebted to these illustrious friends for their assistance.

Sincere thanks go to the members of the Executive Committee for their good counsel and leadership as we prepared for this 96th "FOR LOVE'S SAKE" SESSION. We especially thank our Executive Chairman, Brother Gene Belk for his patient supervision and his understanding of each of our financial needs.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing us to enjoy being a part of your grand family.

Respectfully submitted,  
David J. Bratton, Chairman, Arrangements Committee

I request permission for our co-chairman Brother Jack Wright to add a few comments to mine.

**Mr. Jack L. Wright:** Thank you, Brother Dave. Worthy Grand Matron, we've had a lot of members working, but we have had one member of Houston Heights Chapter that was not appointed because he is a member of the Chapter and is not a Past Patron, but he has climbed the steps up to that sound booth, even though he uses a cane, he is a member of the Sound Union and has covered us in our closed sessions along with the members of the lighting and sound group, and I think Brother Harry Creasy needs a special thanks for his devotion to the Order. (Applause)

**Mr. David Bratton:** Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of this Report.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the motion. It has been seconded. Is there objection to the adoption of this Report? The Chair hears none, and the Report is adopted. I'd like to ask what this Committee stand again, and let's give them a fine hand for a job well done. (Applause)

The Chair now recognizes Brother Gene Belk, Chairman of the Executive Committee.

**Mr. Gene Belk:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. I would like for my committee to come up here, if they will. I have another one down here at the table, Jewell Montgomery. On behalf of the Executive Committee, let me say "thank you" for this opportunity to serve Grand Chapter in this capacity. It has certainly been a pleasure to work with all the various committees and members on them.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the members of this Committee and express to them my personal appreciation for this year of devotion and work. I have never had a job this year that I have not been able to reach out and find the man or woman who could take care of it for me. They have certainly made my job very easy. My co-chairman, Mrs. Edna Mae Hillen, has had the experience and kept me in line this year; and Mrs. Katherine Cowgill has been our Secretary; Mr. Ford Ham was our Public Relations; Mrs. Frances Atkinson, our coordinator, and the big man with the big book, Mr. Donald Matranga, who carried the pocketbook. I mentioned Jewell, but Jewell is our other coordinator. She and Frances have coordinated the various committees and kept everything moving along for us.

I would certainly be remiss if I were not to give special remembrance to Brother David Bratton for his many, many hours of detailed labor in setting up the progress of this whole Grand Chapter and of the Arrangements Committee and all the work they did. Along with his two co-chairmen, Brother Jack Wright and Sister Bennie Kinkaid — whom you have just met, the work of this Grand Chapter has been a breeze for me. Grand Chapter certainly owes a debt of gratitude to these fine people.

I can't begin to call all the names of those who have been of help to me this year, but I would like to mention just a few and then apologize to any of you I happen to leave out.

I would like to mention that the Evans Music Company here in the city delivered the new organ and the new piano and will pick it up in the morning. They have let us use them at no charge to the Grand Chapter at all. (Applause)

The IBM Typewriter Division has graciously furnished five of the electric typewriters that the Registration Committee and several other committees have used, along with many of the personal typewriters of various people here in Houston, but the IBM Company and these members have charged us nothing for the use of these typewriters. (Applause)

We had limousines that were donated to us by the Heights Funeral Home, Niday Funeral Home, and Forest Park, along with countless other people, and I cannot even tell you all the people who stepped in at the last minute and donated their own personal cars and spent hours driving around here trying their best to make your stay with us complete and I never will know how to say "thanks" to them. (Applause)

Along with this we had companies, such as Houston Transformer Company (owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams) who donated all of your goodie bags and, again, with no cost to this Grand Chapter.

We probably,— I don't think I could have even gotten this thing off the ground this year without the assistance of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Houston. I would certainly like to mention to all the Scottish Rite Masons present, and all of you ladies please mention to our Scottish Rite friends and husbands, that those people just about put us in business. (Applause)

We've called meetings all year long and have had those fine people down there set up the building, turn on the air conditioner, furnish coffee, anything our hearts desired, and have never charged us a dime. They've let us fill all our bags down there, they have opened the Cathedral on Sundays so we could work on the bags. Any time anything has been asked, the Scottish Rite has furnished it to us and always at no charge. Again we are indebted to them and also to Arabia Temple and the 11,000 Shriners here in Houston who donated parts of their beautiful temple out there for our use for drills and various other things.

As I said, I could probably go on for an hour telling you all the people who have helped this year, but I want to stop it at that point and tell you that, at this time we are unable to give you an accounting of the receipts and disbursements as we have not yet been billed for many of the expenses, nor, hopefully, have we gotten through getting some donations in that some people have told me about. A complete report of your funds and the distribution of them will be made as soon as possible and submitted through the proper channels and will appear in the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter Session.

Worthy Grand Matron, let me take this opportunity to thank you personally for the confidence placed in me this year. My big ambition has been to do the job in a manner pleasing to you and Grand Chapter. The rewards have been many, courtless contacts, friendships, and opportunities have been opened to me and I shall always be indebted to you for the many courtesies, trust, and consideration you placed in me. In spite of the many efforts you and your committees have expended, I am sure some of your high ideals and goals were not obtained, and I would like to quote to you a little poem that I think expresses my thoughts to you. I'm getting to be hep on these poems, aren't I? This was written by Sister Mildred Barnes.

You have dreamed many dreams that have not come true  
 You have seen them vanish at dawn,  
 But you have realized enough of your dreams, Thank God  
 To make you want to dream on.

You have prayed many prayers when no answer would come  
 Though you waited patient and long  
 But answers have come to enough of your prayers, Thank God  
 To make you want to pray on.

You have trusted a friend you have found has failed  
 And left you to weep alone  
 But you have found enough friends true blue, Thank God  
 To make you want to Trust on.

You have sown many seeds that fell by the way  
 For the Birds to feed upon  
 But you have held enough golden sheaves in your hand, Thank God,  
 To make you want to sow on.

You have drank of the cup of disappointment and pain  
 And have gone many days without song,  
 But you have sipped enough nectar from the Roses of life, Thank God,  
 To make you want to live on.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

I move the adoption of this Report. (Applause)

Respectfully submitted,  
 Gene Belk, Executive Chairman

**Worthy Grand Patron:** You have heard the motion. It's seconded. Is there objection to the adoption of this Report? The Chair hears none, the Report is adopted.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you, Brother Gene Belk and the Executive Committee, Brother David Bratton and the Arrangements Committee. Even though I expressed my appreciation Monday evening at the Informal Opening, I'd like to do it again. For more than 12 months you have assisted us in our plans, and for the past six months, the No. 1 priority in your lives has been this Grand Chapter Session. Everything has been just right, and I shall be thanking you for the rest of my days!

Gene, I did not realize you were so adept in poetry reading — that was simply beautiful! The love I have received from you and Frances has blessed my life in many ways, and it is fully returned from Doss and me!

**Worthy Grand Patron:** The Chair really has an apology to make to both the Executive Committee and the Arrangements Committee. When the Worthy Grand Matron asked me to come down here in her behalf to name the appointment of these committees, I told them the committee was the selection by the unworthy from a group of the unwilling to do the unnecessary and I must say that this has been a group who has been most willing and who have done the impossible and made this Grand Chapter Session a complete success. I'll ask you to stand and let's give them a standing round of ovation for a job well done. (applause)

**Worthy Grand Matron:** To the GRAND MEMBERSHIP OF TEXAS, to whom this Session was dedicated — we have been told our year has been outstanding, but let us not forget — whatever might have been accomplished, TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

May I ask Doss and Greta to come and stand by Murray and me? As you know, together we have walked through this Grand Chapter year. I would like for all the Grand Officers to stand, reach out and take the hand of another.

Together we walk . . .  
 friends in our sameness . . . in our differences . . .  
     in sunshine and rain . . .  
 through field and forest . . .  
 across mountain and river . . . giving . . . sharing . . .  
     in simplicity and trust . . .  
 together in the journey of living . . .

Friends . . . together . . . trusting  
 as the birds trust the wind . . .  
 . . . as the plants rely on the trinity  
 of earth, raindrops, and sun.  
 We comfort each other in the storm . . .  
     sheltering as a mantle of boughs shelters  
     the robin's nest.

And though the path divides . . .  
 and sometimes we must move  
     in and out of different doorways  
     of the world . . .  
 and cross other vistas of experience . . .  
     . . . still we are together  
 in the heart of things . . .  
 patient as seedlings . . .  
     till we bloom again  
 along the same flourishing byway.

Then together we walk onward . . .  
 beyond our vision . . .  
     into the unknown . . .  
     where the path may be  
     steep or narrow . . .  
 wide or straight . . .  
     in sunshine and rain . . .

It matters not,  
 because we are secure . . .  
     and move toward greater wisdom . . .  
 blending in the glory of life . . .  
     . . . and the promise of tomorrow . . .

Thank you. (Applause)

**Worthy Grand Patron:** (After reporting on the last election) I would like to thank the Election Judges, the Tellers, the Grand Pages, and all those who have helped in this election. Worthy Grand Matron, I herewith return your gavel.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron, for presiding during our Election. (Applause)

Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter from Labor to Rest, and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

Our Benediction will be pronounced by the Worthy Patron of Lexington Chapter NO. 996, the Rev. Reuel J. Cooper.

## BENEDICTION

**Rev. Reuel Cooper:** Let us pray. Oh, God, we pray that the spirit of love that has prevailed through these Sessions, the spirit of love that you gave to each of us through Jesus Christ, might be exemplified in each of our lives. Those busy hands that began a few short months ago in making and forming the many lives and many functions and many purposes, now come to the time of turning over the reins to other hands to continue in the spirit, continue in the promotion of the love that has been given to each of us, through Jesus Christ. May that love — may that spirit that has been generated and has been exemplified during these Sessions continue within each of our lives. In Jesus Christ's Blessed Name we pray. Amen.

(The Bible was closed and Grand Chapter called from Labor to Rest at 2:15 P.M.)

**THE  
NINETY-SEVENTH  
INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS  
1978 — 1979**

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

**OCTOBER 26, 1978  
SAM HOUSTON COLISEUM  
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

**THE "TREE OF LIFE" INSTALLATION**

*is lovingly dedicated to*

**MR. PAUL OFTON**

**MRS. HELEN WEAVER**

*and the members of*

**HARLANDALE CHAPTER NO. 750, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS  
Home Chapter of the Worthy Grand Matron-elect**

**and**

**TEMPLAR CHAPTER NO. 374, DALLAS, TEXAS  
Home Chapter of the Worthy Grand Patron-elect**

**THE TREE OF LIFE**

A tree who majestically stands alone,  
 confident in her beauty: Strength —  
 Is a tree which flawlessly flows from season  
 to season —  
 keeping her stature and beauty within.  
 Yet, the tree does not function alone —  
 every part of her plays its own role,  
 has its own identity.  
 Yet, each depends on one another for  
 growth and maturity for life.  
 The tree withstands all hardships and pain —  
 for every part refuses to turn its  
 back on those who are in need.

A leaf will proudly fall so a new one can  
 take its place,  
 her arms will open wide for those  
 who need shelter,  
 she gives strength to those who are  
 weak and support to those who are  
 strong.

She possesses all these qualities which  
 every living being depends on so  
 desperately for existence —

She is truly a  
**TREE OF LIFE.**  
 by TRICIA

**HONOR GUESTS**

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

and

**PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF TEXAS**

- |                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mrs. Mattie Mitchell       | Mrs. Frances Key Herrin  |
| Mrs. Rebecca L. Miles      | Mrs. Aliene Houston      |
| Mrs. Florence Read         | Mrs. Katherine Harbour   |
| Mrs. Robbie Dyer           | Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup  |
| Mrs. Viva S. Huffman       | Mrs. Patricia Neinast    |
| Mrs. Hallie Anglin         | Mrs. Doris Easterling    |
| Mrs. Cynthia May Watts     | Mrs. Joyce Roberts       |
| Mrs. Lillian B. Parker     | Mrs. Mary M. Brown       |
| Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus     | Mr. E. B. Gauntt         |
| Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert     | Mr. Earl G. Manning      |
| Mrs. Cheba Dewees          | Mr. Charles E. Bairfield |
| Mrs. Mable S. Harle        | Mr. Ed L. Sharpe         |
| Mrs. Flora B. Boone        | Dr. R. O. Fuqua          |
| Mrs. Mildred Garlitz       | Mr. Gerald C. Allen      |
| Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling | Mr. Paul Stoneman        |
| Mrs. Eunice Connell        | Mr. Hal Burnett          |
| Mrs. Lois Burnett          | Mr. E. F. Plumlee        |
| Mrs. Katherine Poulis      | Dr. James H. Goettee     |
| Mrs. Mary Katherine Smith  | Mr. J. T. Sanders        |
| Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard      | Mr. Richard T. Porter    |
| Mrs. Thelma Chandler       | Mr. Harold Todd          |
| Mrs. Molly Goodpasture     | Mr. C. A. Holmes         |
| Mrs. Amy Goebel            | Mr. Paul Huffhines       |
| Mrs. Edna Earl Duke        | Mr. O. D. Christian      |
| Mrs. Mildred Sharpe        | Mr. J. Perry Smithwick   |
| Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen    | Mr. Murray Watson, Jr.   |
| Mrs. Robbie Yates          |                          |

**DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

Other General Grand Chapter Officers and Committees  
 Present and Past Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions  
 Other Visiting Grand Officers

You are invited to sit in a section especially reserved for our Distinguished Guests.



**THE "TREE OF LIFE" INSTALLATION**

**October 26, 1978**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Sam Houston Coliseum  
Houston, Texas**

Organ Melodies ..... Miss Kay Houston  
(Granddaughter of Worthy Grand Patron-elect)

(As the Membership and Guest gathered for the 97th Installation of Officers of the Grand Chapter, they were impressed, once again, by the beauty in the simplicity, of the transformed setting, as well as entertained by the resounding melodies of the Organ played by a very talented musician.

There were but few changes in the setting and these were to uplift the theme of the installation. In the East, rising from the floor and reaching about four feet above the stage, between the two Podiums, was a tremendous, metal "Tree of Life". Fruit hung from its out-spread branches and red birds perched upon the branches. Each station was adorned by a smaller "Tree of Life" placed behind it.

The labyrinth scene was completed by a softly draped Altar in shimmering blue satin, overlaid with a lovely crocheted ecru cloth.)

**PROCESSIONAL**

Mr. Katherine M. Poulis, PGM  
Escorted by Mr. Cecil W. Hopkins  
Mrs. Frances Key Herrin, PGM  
Escorted by Mr. Frederick Herrin

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Sisters, Brothers and Friends of Eastern Star. Welcome to the 97th Installation of Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

I assume that you have noted on your program that the beautiful organ melodies have been rendered by the Granddaughter of the Worthy Grand Patron-elect. Please join me in showing our appreciation to this very talented young lady, Miss Kay Houston. **APPLAUSE.**

Kay made a very special effort to be here tonight but, unfortunately, she is not able to remain to see her beloved grandparent installed. She has to leave now, with her mother, to catch a plane back to Dallas where she is due on another program. Kay is a Senior at the Lake Highland Highschool in Richardson, Texas.

She is a member of the Band and plays bass clarinet. She plays other instruments, as well as the piano, which is her favorite. She is interested in mathematics and plans to attend Rice University next Fall. Kay has to leave now but I would like to present her and her mother, Mrs. Jean Houston, mother of two children—a girl and a boy. This is the family of the Worthy Grand Patron-elect.

We are so sorry that you have to leave us. Thank you again for providing such beautiful entertainment for us as we gathered for this special occasion.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will escort to the East those Distinguished Guests who will participate in our Installation Ceremony.

(As these guest approached the East, their name and the name of their escort was given by the Master of Ceremonies)

## PRESENTATIONS

- Mrs. Mary M. Brown ..... Worthy Grand Matron  
Escort: Mr. F. Doss Brown
- Mr. Murray Watson, Jr. .... Worthy Grand Patron  
Escort: Mrs. Greta Watson
- Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris ..... Past Most W.G.M., General Grand Chapter  
Escort: Mr. Robert L. Wood  
(Mrs. Harris was seated in the North)
- Mrs. Sally Matranga ..... Worthy Grand Organist, G.G.C.  
Escort: Mr. Donald Matranga
- Mrs. Ruby Enloe ..... Ritual Committee, G.G.C.  
Escort: Dr. Jewett Enloe
- Mr. J. Victor Jones ..... International Temple Committee, G.G.C.  
Escort: Mrs. Jocie Jones
- Mr. Herbert L. Arnold ..... Jurisprudence Committee, G.G.C.  
Escort: Mrs. Maude Arnold
- Mrs. Viva S. Huffman ..... Past Grand Matron  
Escort: Mr. Nathan Segal  
(Mrs. Huffman was already seated in the East)
- Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus ..... Past Grand Matron  
Escort: Mr. Robert Franklin
- Mrs. Eunice Connell ..... Past Grand Matron  
Escort: Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes, PGP
- Mrs. Edna Earl Duke ..... Past Grand Matron  
Escort: Mr. Lloyd Crabb
- Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen ..... Past Grand Matron  
Escort: Mr. Gerald Allen, Past Grand Patron
- Mrs. Joyce Roberts ..... Past Grand Matron  
Escort: Mr. Paul Compton
- Mr. Harold Todd ..... Past Grand Patron  
Escort: Mrs. Clela Todd
- Mr. Paul Huffhines ..... Past Grand Patron  
Escort: Mrs. Leona Huffhines
- Right Worshipful W. P. Lamb ..... Deputy Grand Master  
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas  
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons  
Escort: Mrs. Anna Lamb
- Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield ..... Supreme Faith and Supreme Inspector in Texas  
Order of the Rainbow for Girls  
Escort: Mrs. Charlcie Wright
- Mrs. Sharon Harbison ..... Escort: Her husband, Mr. O. W. Harbison, Jr.

There is a special significance to our Worthy Grand Matron-elect in the use of the gavel tonight. It will be used in our ceremonies throughout the Installation Service. It is the gavel of her Worthy Matron, Mrs. Corinne Pope, and it is used very efficiently and judiciously in our Worthy Grand Matron-elect's Home Chapter, Harlandale No. 750.

Also, the beautiful cloth covering the Altar is a "Queen Anne's" lace tablecloth that Rennie's mother, Mrs. Mary Freeman, was making at the time of her death. Having it on the Altar at this Installation holds much significance for Rennie. It is unfortunate that her sister, Mrs. Margaret Howard of Alice, could not be here this evening, but she called and extended her very best wishes.

### CALL TO ORDER

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present to you, perhaps for the last time with their present titles, our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary M. Brown, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Murray Watson, Jr. In a short time their successors will be installed into office but they take leave of their offices, taking the love and respect of the Eastern Star membership of Texas, in grateful appreciation for their splendid service to our Order. As her last official act, as Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Brown will now call this session to order.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you, Sister Katherine Poulis, for your beautiful words of affection and Good Evening to my Sisters and Brothers. We have had a joyful week together as we have served throughout the Session. This evening, we gather, not at eventide, but at the dawning of a new day, for this 97th Installation of our Grand Chapter of Texas; "The Tree of Life". It is with much love in my heart that I stand by my Worthy Grand Patron and call to order this night's session, the 97th Installation of the Grand Chapter of Texas. (sounds gavel)

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Traditionally, the entire program for the Installation of Grand Officers is carefully planned and directed by the Worthy Grand Matron-elect. We are fortunate, indeed, that we have in our next Worthy Grand Matron an extremely well-organized person. As we see her plans for the ensuing year begin to unfold, we will appreciate the depth of her dedication. Our Worthy Grand Matron-elect has invited Mr. Herbert Arnold, Past Grand Patron, and member of the Jurisprudence Committee of General Grand Chapter, to present to you the commitments of our Floor Officers. Brother Herbert Arnold.

**Mr. Herbert Arnold:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies.

### THE TREE OF LIFE

There is much symbolism associated with the Tree of Life. The beauty of its being is portrayed many times in the things which are so important to our lives.

PROVERBS 3:13-18: Happy is the man who findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof from fine gold.

She is more precious than rubies; and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

Length of day is in her right hand and in her left hand riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all HER paths are peace.

She is a TREE OF LIFE to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her."

The tap root of our Eastern Star Tree of Life is GOD and Rob Morris used His wisdom to portray the principles of Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith, and Love as Feeder Roots of the Tree. The solid trunk is our heritage built by the Masons and Eastern Stars who have preserved the work of our Order through strict observance to these principles. The Branches are the chapters of today who are striving to carry on the beautiful work. The Leaves are the membership of these Chapters who must retain Wisdom and must withstand the storms of Apathy, Carelessness and Disrespect to hold on to and nourish our EASTERN STAR TREE OF LIFE for the future of our beautiful Order.

### PRESENTATION OF 1978-1979 FLOOR OFFICERS

(The Floor Officers entered from the rear of the stage descending the steps and paused before the "Tree of Life" for a picture. The lady Floor Officers were exquisitely gowned in blue chiffon with flowing skirts and beaded bodices. The men Floor Officers were dressed in black tuxedos.)

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Planning and commitment are essential to the success of any organization but equally important is its staffing. Therefore, it is with pride and pleasure that I present our new Corps of Officers for 1978-1979.

Grand Sentinel .....	Mr. Paul B. Fitch escorted by Mrs. Betty Fitch
Grand Warder .....	Mrs. Dorothy Bartlett escorted by Mr. William Bartlett
Grand Electa .....	Mrs. Ethel Schnelle escorted by Mr. Kermit Schnelle
Grand Martha .....	Mrs. Helen Clark escorted by Mr. Edward Hueske
Grand Esther .....	Mrs. Mae Pearl Ernst escorted by Mr. Rudolph Ernst
Grand Ruth .....	Mrs. Pauline Mathews escorted by Mr. Grover Mathews
Grand Adah .....	Mrs. Cordie Havron escorted by Mr. Meto Miteff
Grand Organist .....	Mrs. Mary Alberts escorted by Mr. Joseph Alberts
Grand Marshal .....	Mrs. Mary Horton escorted by Mr. Carl Curtiss
Associate Grand Conductress .....	Mrs. Lena Maye Cook escorted by Mr. James Cook
Grand Conductress .....	Mrs. Viola Edwards escorted by Mr. Austin Edwards
Grand Treasurer .....	Mrs. Jettie Hinton escorted by Mr. D. F. Grigg
Grand Secretary .....	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard escorted by Mr. Murie Howard



- Associate Grand Patron ..... Mr. Leslie Burnett  
escorted by Mrs. Dortha Burnett
- Associate Grand Matron ..... Mrs. Kathy Johnston  
escorted by Mr. J. E. Johnston
- Worthy Grand Patron ..... Mr. T. L. "Duke" Weaver  
escorted by Mrs. Helen Weaver
- Worthy Grand Matron ..... Mrs. Rennie Ofton  
escorted by Mr. Paul Ofton

**PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUEST**

Now, Sister Grand Marshal, you will escort all General Grand Officers, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions and all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to be seated in the East.

(A host of Distinguished Guest were escorted to the East amid the applause of the Membership)

Sisters and Brothers, I shall not attempt to call the names of each one of these Distinguished Guests, but I am sure you will want to join with me again in showing our appreciation for their attendance this evening. Let them know that "The Eyes of Texas" are indeed upon them and that we are proud of them and their accomplishments.

I don't believe that our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron has arrived yet. We will present her just as soon as she does appear. We are fortunate indeed, our prayers are answered, that she is able to be with us after her serious illness.

**GREETINGS FROM PAST GRAND MATRONS & PAST GRAND PATRONS OF TEXAS**

Dr. James Goettee, beloved Past Grand Patron of Texas, who is distinguished in the South as an Educator, as well as in his fraternal service, will bring Greetings from the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Dr. Goettee.

**Dr. James Goettee:** Master of Ceremonies, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters, Brothers and Friends: I bring you greetings from the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. We are on the threshold of a new year of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. May it be an outstanding year of progress in the history of this Grand Chapter. Each Past Grand is interested in helping to make this a good year for our beautiful Order in this state. Those being installed have the goodwill and best wishes of the Past Grands. May the ensuing year bring the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother T. L. "Duke" Weaver, their Corps of Officers and the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas much happiness and success in all of their Eastern Star program.

May God guide, bless and keep each of you.

**GREETINGS FROM THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS, A.F. & A.M.**

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** We are indeed honored to have with us this evening, a distinguished Master Mason who will bring us greetings from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. May I present The

Honorable W. P. Lamb, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Brother Lamb.

**Mr. W. P. Lamb:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions, my Sisters and Brethren, all. From 220,000 Master Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction, from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Texas, and from your Most Worshipful Grand Master, R. Thurman Vinson, I bring you the warmest of fraternal greetings. I recall most vividly your, soon to be installed Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie, about this time three years ago when her highest expectations were achieved. Now, three years later she and her Corps of Officers will take the duties of guiding this gentle fraternity in the destinies of the Eastern Star for the coming year of 1978-1979.

I feel that I speak with the consent and opinion of most of the Master Masons in the State of Texas, that we stand ready to assist and help you as you undertake and do the good duties that you have so long performed and still are performing. Certainly it is a pleasure to share the Masonic Family with you and to tell you that we are grateful that you are part of us. Sometimes I wonder how we could ever feel any different.

So to you, Worthy Grand Matron-elect and Worthy Grand Patron-elect, may I wish for you God-speed for you and your Corps of Officers — as you do those things that we know to be fitting in your benevolency toward mankind. May you succeed in your undertakings under the assumption that they are all good. And surely as we progress Life's Pathway, we must realize that we have one stronghold — that is a MASTER who guides the destinies of all men. May this be your plight as you continue to serve your Sisters and Brothers. Convey the good wishes of the Master Masons of the State of Texas to your Sisters and Brothers wherever you might go. I would consider it a privilege and a pleasure for you to do this.

Again, I offer you my support not only as — hopefully — the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Texas, but as a Master Mason. I was a Master Mason and an Eastern Star long before I got into the Grand Lodge "line-up".

Again, it would behoove us just to work a bit harder for as there has been much done, there is still much to do. As you strive to do those things which we know to be right, I know, that with the helping Hand of the good Master of all men, you can't help but succeed.

Good wishes! May God speed you on the way. Thank you.

## TREE OF LIFE EMBLEM PRESENTATION

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Our Grand Marshal will now escort our noble and esteemed Past Grand Matrons of Texas who will participate in the TREE OF LIFE EMBLEM presentation. Their presence on our program reminds us of their service and devotion to the Eastern Star as they illustrate in their lives the sublime virtues of the Heroines of our Order.

### ADAH

Mrs. Mary Katherine Smith  
Mrs. Aliene Houston

### RUTH

Mrs. Lillian B. Parker  
Mrs. Molly Goodpasture

### ESTHER

Mrs. Lois Burnett  
Mrs. Doris Easterling

### MARTHA

Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling  
Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup

### ELECTA

Mrs. Mabel S. Harle  
Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard

(Mrs. Katherine Poulis read the narration. As she spoke of the point that they were representing, they approached the Point, bearing the emblem of same, and placed it upon the station remaining there until the completion of the narration)

The Tap Root of our TREE OF LIFE is our God above. His eternal love nourishes the whole of the tree, and great is its strength. Its strength is unwavering through the Grace of the food of God's promises.

Our Founder, Brother Rob Morris, used this tap root to build our Order of the Eastern Star. His love begat the Feeder Roots of the Tree of Life — Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love — to give nourishment and growth.

From the Tap Root and Feeder Roots, began the formation of our Tree of Life. Their everbearing strength has provided food for a solid trunk for the Tree of Life. This Trunk is further strengthened with the fibers of Perseverance, Dedication, Courage, Service, Charity, Endurance and Love evidenced by the members of our Order of the Eastern Star through the years.

Before you, are some of those who have sustained the Tree of Life of the Grand Chapter of Texas. It is symbolic tonight to note the lines of service which have built this solid Trunk.

For Adah, the Sword and Veil is an emblem which represents FIDELITY. In our Order, the span of fifteen years of service from Sister Mary Katherine Smith of 1959-1960 to Sister Aliene Houston, 1971-1972, gives confidence to our membership.

For Ruth, the Sheaf is an emblem which represents the rewards of industry. In the Grand Chapter of Texas, what better representative of this constancy than the service of Sister Lillian Barnard Parker in 1944-1945 to Sister Molly Goodpasture in 1963-1964, a period of 19 years.

For Esther, the emblem, the Crown and Scepter united, represents the dignity due all mankind. In the service of Sister Lois Burnett in 1955-1956 to Sister Doris Easterling in 1975-1976, we see the promulgation of this unselfish loyalty.

For Martha, the Broken Column portrays the severance of an earthly object. We do not despair because we have the promise that all adversities will be overcome with God's help. Such Faith in His presence was evidenced by the service of Sister Mary Ella Schoverling — 1953-1954 to Sister Thelma Joyce Alsop in 1973-1974.

For Electa, the cup of charity gives credence to one of the basic principles of our Order. Benevolent service has no boundaries and generosity to the less fortunate is an important goal of our Order. Through the service of Sister Mabel Harle in 1949-1950 to Sister Agnes Lee Howard in 1960-1961, we have a true example that we do, indeed, love one another as God has commanded.

Yes, Sisters and Brothers, our TREE OF LIFE is beautiful and strong, and we thank God for the lives and service of all those Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas who have made it that way.

Grand Marshal, you will escort our distinguished members to the East. (As they were being escorted to the East, the Master of Ceremonies said:) May we express our appreciation for that beautiful, symbolic presentation of service to our Order. AP-PLAUSE.

The Tree of Life is an honored emblem of many cultures of the world, as well as ours, especially Oriental cultures which venerate the accomplishments of age and honorable ancestors.



I wish every Eastern Star in Texas could have seen and heard this presentation. In any case, I'm sure they will be grateful that Rennie has finally provided a "roosting place" for all those Redbirds and Cardinals.

## SPECIAL DEDICATIONS

### "THE REDBIRD MARCH"

Now, we will have the March of the year. The composer is here. He is a Past Patron of Edinburg Chapter No. 473. Sister Grand Marshal, you will present:

Brother Irvin Base, Escorted by his wife Mrs. Josephine Base

While they are coming, we will have a special rendition of the march by our esteemed Worthy Grand Organist, Mrs. Sally Matranga. Brother J. Victor Jones who was to have played for us had deferred to our Sally. Victor says, there's no way he can compete with an ANGEL who also plays a Harp.

The title of this march — what else? THE REDBIRD MARCH.

**Mrs. Rennie Ofton:** Thank you, Sister Sally Matranga. And Brother Irvin Base, thank you for that beautiful piece of music. It's a happy piece of music and I know that it is filled with love. Every effort you put into it was based on the friendship that we have enjoyed for many years. I love both you and Jo and our friendship has meant much to me ever since you took care of me as Grand Examiner all through the Valley for about five years. I appreciate it so much.

Tonight I have a special plaque to present to you. It was made by Paul. It is:

In appreciation  
With love and much appreciation for the  
REDBIRD MARCH

God bless you.

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Each year the Rainbow Girls of Texas have an honored place on our Installation program. The Houston area Rainbow Assemblies will participate in an inspiring program, led by Miss Kelly Arnold, Grand Worthy Advisor. To present these beautiful young girls to you and to bring greetings from the Order of Rainbow for Girls, I present to you their very capable leader in Texas, Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield, Supreme Faith and Supreme Inspector in Texas, Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Mrs. Whitfield.

**Mrs. Martha Marie Whitfield:** Master of Ceremonies and our very special friend, Mrs. Rennie Ofton. It is a distinct pleasure, of course, to present the Rainbow Girls. These girls are mostly from the Houston Area with Miss Kelly Arnold, our Grand Worthy Advisor, with Peggy Patterson from our Grand Music Committee. She will accompany the girls.

Girls, we are ready, now.

(As these lovely girls entered the Grand Chapter Room, they formed their square and the Grand Worthy Advisor went to the East of the Altar. Sister Rennie Ofton was then conducted to the Altar)

**MISS KELLY ARNOLD:**  
WORTHY GRAND ADVISOR OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

Many special duties have fallen to me during my association with this Order, but none more pleasant than that which I am privileged to discharge at this time. There comes a time in the affairs of every one when it seems that no one can be depended upon

and we are left to our own resources, but the all-wise Supreme Being can furnish us a way for our own consolation.

Upon reflection, you will doubtless remember that one of the first things brought to you in this Order was a copy of this old Book which you placed next to your heart and you have been taught that it alone was to be the rule and guide to your faith and practice. At each succeeding step in your advancement, you have been reminded that it will guide you to all truth, direct your path to 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 traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, to the pilot, a 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.

(The Worthy Grand Matron Elect was escorted back to the East and spoke)

**Mrs. Rennie Ofton:** Mrs. Whitfield, Kelly Arnold and all of you lovely Rainbow Girls. This presentation has special meaning to me, and as you noticed, I did not bring another Bible because I wanted to use the Rainbow Bible for my Installation. Your lives portray the beauty of youth. We are hopeful that we, in some way as Eastern Stars, can support the Order of Rainbow for Girls to bring you strength of charity. We know you are the leaders of tomorrow and, from what I see here, we have some good leadership coming up.

I shall always enjoy the use of the Rainbow Bible and it will bring special memories of this presentation tonight, of Mrs. Whitfield, of Miss Kelly Arnold and of you sweet Rainbow Girls. May God bless each of you, and as you grow in age, may you grow in strength. Thank you very much.

(MY RAINBOW was then sung by the girls and, amid much applause, they retired).

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Aren't they beautiful?

Now to dedicate this installation, it is my pleasure to present to you the lovely and inimitable Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Roberts.

## DEDICATION OF INSTALLATION

Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Jr. PGM

Thank you. That "Jr." is not going to last but 30 more minutes. Thank you, Sister Katherine Poulis.

The Installation of the 1978-1979 Officers of the Grand Chapter of Texas is lovingly dedicated to Mr. Paul Ofton, the husband of the Worthy Grand Matron, and Mrs. Helen Weaver, the wife of the Worthy Grand Patron.

From Rennie and Duke comes this special Tribute:

“Your unwavering and loyal support has provided for us the bulwark which will withstand the uncertainties of the future in our service to Grand Chapter. As we travel the highways of responsibilities, please know a special part of our heart and mind will be with you.

To you, Paul and Helen, this poem of love and appreciation is dedicated.

“For your acceptance and understanding of the role I must play;  
For your words of encouragement and evidence of love each day;  
A grateful heart acknowledges each sacrifice made along the way;  
And thanks God above that you were sent to be my special one.

## PRESENTATION OF SQUARE AND COMPASSES

By: Mr. Paul Ofton  
and  
Grandsons: Glenn Mueller  
Dale Mueller

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Rennie’s husband Paul and her grandsons participation in this Installation is what dreams are made of. This is why Rennie wanted them to have this part on the Program. Paul sits high in the saddle. He literally and figuratively is someone these boys can look up to. We join Rennie in hoping these young men will grow up to be just like Grandpa.

It was Will Rogers who said, “I never met a man I didn’t like”. To paraphrase that, I’ve never met a man who didn’t like Paul Ofton.

## OPENING OF BIBLE

Our Grand Conductress will attend at the Altar.

## INVOCATION

Our Senior Past Grand Matron, Sister Viva Huffman, is one who has always tried to practice her faith. She will ask God’s blessing on this assembly at this time. Sister Viva Huffman.

**Mrs. Viva Huffman:** May we bow our heads. Our Heavenly Father, how thankful we are to be here and to ask Thy blessings upon the beginning of a new year — the TREE OF LIFE SESSION.

We know that it is necessary for all of us to believe in Thee before we became members of this beautiful Order. May we all remember our obligation and strive to carry out the wishes of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron that will be in harmony with Thee.

Thou hast given each one talents and may we always try to praise Thee and work to develop those abilities that we might reach out and share our talents with others.

May our goal in life be to follow Thee in caring and sharing all that we have with others.

May we look to this day for peace, inspiration and hope always through Thee.  
Amen

## INTRODUCTION OF INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Sisters and Brothers, it is a privilege, indeed, to introduce one for whom I have such high regard and one whom I know so well. I know of no one who exemplifies the teachings of our Order better in her everyday life than this lovely lady. She spends the greater part of everyday in Christian Service to others. What higher compliment is there? Perhaps that is why Rennie asked her to serve as her Installing Grand Officer. Mrs. Eunice Connell, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

## TREE OF LIFE RITUALISTIC INSTALLATION

**Mrs. Eunice Connell:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. It is always a privilege and honor to serve with you in Eastern Star Ceremonies.

As one of the pages from the closing season of color and splendor appears before our eyes, the glories of Harvest Time are again revealed. We lift our hearts in praise to our Heavenly Father for the harvest of a very successful year in our beloved Order through the spiritual links of faith, hope, love and charity.

The shadows of night are falling upon the year 1977-1978 and a New Year is about to unfold. Standing on the brink of this New Year, the words of the Psalmist come to mind, "The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth and even for ever more." Psalms 121-8. This is the gladdening, comforting message as the new officers go forth to possess this New Year.

ASSISTING in the TREE OF LIFE Installation are:

Mr. Gerald Allen, PGP	Obligation
Mr. Paul Huffhines, PGP	Assistant Installing Grand Officer
Mrs. Edna Earl Duke, PGM	Grand Chaplain
Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen, PGM	Grand Marshal
Mrs. Sally Matranga, PGM	Grand Organist
Mrs. Mildred Garlitz, PGM	Grand Secretary Protem

(A short Recess was declared for the preparation for Installation. In a dignified and beautiful manner, the Officers listed below were installed to serve during the year 1978-1979.)

Mrs. Rennie Ofton	Worthy Grand Matron
Mr. T. L. "Duke" Weaver	Worthy Grand Patron
Mrs. Kathy Johnston	Associate Grand Matron
Mrs. Leslie Burnett	Associate Grand Patron
Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	Grand Secretary
Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Grand Treasurer
Mrs. Viola Edwards	Grand Conductress
Mrs. Lena Maye Cook	Associate Grand Conductress
Mrs. Letha West	Grand Chaplain
Mrs. Mary Horton	Grand Marshal
Mrs. Mary Alberts	Grand Organist
Mrs. Cordie Havron	Grand Adah
Mrs. Pauleen Mathews	Grand Ruth
Mrs. Mae Pearl Ernst	Grand Esther
Mrs. Helen Clark	Grand Martha
Mrs. Ethel Schnelle	Grand Electa
Mrs. Dorothy Bartlett	Grand Warder
Mr. Paul B. Fitch	Grand Sentinel

(After the declaration by the Grand Marshal, the Worthy Grand Matron instructed the Grand Conductress to close the Bible)

The Assembly joined and repeated the Mispah Benediction in unison.

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** The formal ceremony of Installation has been concluded but just as traditional is the informal program which follows. Sisters and Brothers, I promised you that Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, would be with us tonight. Her presence is evidence of her great devotion to our Order and exemplified her courage and determination. These are but some of the qualities which have earned her the highest office our Order has to offer.

If Mr. Robert Wood will escort our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron to the mike at my right, we would be delighted to hear from Mrs. Harris at this time.

**Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris:** Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, our Distinguished Guests and my beloved Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Chapter. It is a special privilege for me to be here with you at this Session. I feel greatly blessed that I am physically able to be with you — to enjoy the inspiration which you are to me and which you have been through these many, many years. Thank you for this opportunity. Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, for a beautiful evening.

(Standing APPLAUSE)

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** In the next short presentations and responses, you are about to hear the most elegant and sincere speeches of the entire Grand Chapter. I hear that Doss Brown is absolutely ecstatic to present his wife with the PAST Grand Matron's Jewel of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Mr. Doss Brown.

## PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MATRON'S JEWEL

**Mr. Doss Brown:** Mary, I have been so proud of you ever since that first day that we started our lives together. I have been especially proud of you these past four years. You have served your Sisters and Brothers with dignity, with love, and in a friendly manner. Grand Chapter allows a certain sum for the Past Grand Matron's jewel, and I have been looking forward to adding to this. You have not yet decided on your jewel, but knowing that you will wear it with pride and honor, I hand you this token to be added to the Grand Chapter allotment for the purchase of the jewel of your choice. I do believe it will be a beautiful jewel for a beautiful lady. (Applause)

**Mrs. Mary Brown:** Thank you, Doss. I would not give away one day of the past four years serving my Sisters and Brothers, but I assure you that I look forward to coming home and being a grandmother, mother, and wife. (Applause)

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** And I am sure, with equal grace, Greta Watson will present her husband the Past Grand Patron's jewel of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

## PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND PATRON'S JEWEL

**Mrs. Greta Watson:** Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Distinguished members and visitors, this is a very special occasion for me. I am sorry that our family could not be here to share in this occasion, because this is a great honor. As Murray stated in his Annual Report, that another chapter in the history of his life has come to a close, and tonight marks the official ending of a very eventful, very rewarding, and a very dear chapter in his life — that of serving as Worthy Grand Patron of this great Order. Like other chapters in Murray's life, I have had the great honor of experiencing those chapters as his wife, and, so tonight it is with a great deal of pride that I present to him this token — this Past Grand Patron's jewel — as a sign of his year of service to this great Order in the position as Worthy Grand Patron of this State.

**Mr. Murray Watson:** Thank you, Greta, for this beautiful presentation of the Past Grand Patron's jewel. You have been an inspiration to me and a source of strength throughout this past year and for years before that. I shall always be grateful to you for the comfort, the help, the love and devotion which you have provided me, and I shall wear this jewel of the Past Grand Patron's office with pride; I hope that I will always give honor to the Order by my actions, as I wear the pin. In closing let me say this, how much I have appreciated the members of this Grand Chapter, the people of Houston, the Pages, the drivers, and all those who have helped put on this Grand Chapter. You have certainly been wonderful. I want to especially thank our Junior Past Grand Matron for allowing us to share this year with her in her life. I want to thank Sister — Sister what? — Sister Mary Brown — you know how quick we forget. (Laughter) And I just want to say, thank you for the privilege and the honor to be able to wear this Past Grand Patron's pin. (Applause)

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** A new year of promise stretches before us all the goals and objectives for another happy and successful period in our Order's history. Mrs. Ruby Enloe, Past Grand Matron of Texas and a member of the Ritual Committee, General Grand Chapter, will dedicate all that we hope to accomplish this ensuing year.

### DEDICATION OF THE YEAR

**Mrs. Ruby Enloe:** Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, other Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers. Webster says "to dedicate is to set apart for a special purpose." That is exactly what Sister Rennie Ofton has done. For her tenure as Worthy Grand Matron, she has set apart for a special purpose those who have been the life blood of our great Order. I know that those who are so honored will feel, as I do, and will be as humbly grateful as I am grateful for this recognition.

And, now, I read for you the dedication of the year 1978-1979 as written by Sister Ofton.

With enthusiasm and appreciation for the opportunity for service to the Grand Chapter of Texas in 1978-1979, we dedicate our year to:

The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas  
and  
The membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

In accepting the chalice of service which has been borne with dignity and love through the years, we acknowledge the great responsibility that is ours. The leadership provided in the past and the loyal support of the dedicated membership have built a beautiful and strong Order in this Grand Jurisdiction.

It shall be our earnest prayer that we shall be granted the strength and wisdom to continue everything that is good for our Order in serving you in 1978-1979.

May I add a word to Sister Rennie and Brother Duke, and pledge that throughout the year I will dedicate my love, my loyalty, and my support to your every effort. I challenge every Past Grand of the Grand Chapter of Texas to make this pledge with me. I am so deeply moved Sister Rennie Ofton that you chose me to read this dedication. I know that you and Brother Duke will accomplish much good this year.

Brother Weaver will always have a special place in my heart for the superb manner in which he served as my escort in Cleveland; and you, Sister Rennie, I have always admired your loveliness, your capabilities, and your character. May your stay in the East be crowned with many honors and achievements. Thank you.

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Our Junior Past Grand Patron, Brother Murray Watson, Jr., who wore his jewel with such distinction will now present it to his newly installed successor, Mr. T. L. "Duke" Weaver.

## PRESENTATION OF WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S JEWEL

**Mr. Murray Watson:** Worthy Grand Patron, Brother T. L. "Duke" Weaver, I am very pleased and highly honored to be able to present to you and to pin upon you this beautiful Worthy Grand Patron's pin. Your record of service and your dedication to the Order speaks for itself. I am confident you will make an excellent Worthy Grand Patron because you have already contributed much to our great Order. This past year your support, your interest, your devotion and your dedication will always be remembered, because each time there was something to be done, we could call upon you, and the job would always be well done I shall always be grateful to you for having done them. I now pin the Worthy Grand Patron's pin upon your new Worthy Grand Patron, and I pledge to you and the members of this Grand Chapter my support and help whenever you need it this next year. I could not have picked anyone, if I had been picking, that I'd rather have to be my successor.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Thank you, Brother Murray, thank you for presenting this beautiful jewel to me. In my travels over the State this coming year, I will wear it with an humble sense of pride and will strive to follow the examples set by you and other good Brothers who have gone this way before me, by upholding the principles of our beautiful Order.

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** We will now hear from our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Duke, to whom we shall look for guidance and direction this year as he shares the leadership of our Order with our lovely Worthy Grand Matron. Our love and prayers to you both. Sisters and Brothers, Mr. T. L. "Duke" Weaver.

## ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

**Worthy Grand Patron:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, Mrs. Katherine Poulis. Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Rennie Ofton; Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris; General Grand Chapter Officers; Past Grand Matrons; Past Grand Patrons; Brother W. P. Lamb, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.; my Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers, and Friends.

Worthy Grand Matron, I am happy to be here and pleased for the opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to you and to the Grand Chapter of Texas for the confidence you have placed in me. I am pleased to introduce my sweet wife, Helen, one of the two persons to whom this Installation was dedicated. (Applause) Our daughter and granddaughter were here earlier in the evening, but unfortunately they had to fly back to Dallas. Will all the members of Templar Chapter No. 374 please stand? I am pleased that each one of you could be here tonight. It gives me a great sense of confidence to know that you are behind me. Now please remain standing while all the members of District 1, Section 4, stand to their feet. I thank you for your presence here and please know that I am proud of each and every one of you. Thank you. (Applause)

Members of Texas Grand Chapter, in electing and installing me as your Worthy Grand Patron, you have bestowed upon me the highest honor you can give a Brother of our Order. Not only is the honor mine but also that of Templar Chapter No. 374, and District 1, Section 4. The ensuing year presents a great challenge for me. I accept this challenge and pray that I may prove worthy of your faith and trust, for I shall be ever mindful of my responsibility to our Great Order. I will try at all times to serve our Order in the manner as exemplified by those brothers who have gone this way before me.

Sister Rennie, my congratulations to you for being chosen our Worthy Grand Matron. To serve with you is a joy, a privilege, and a great honor which I anticipate because I know you are gracious, sincere, congenial, and devoted to our Order of the Eastern Star. Helen and I value your friendship, as we do that of your fine husband,

Paul. Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, thank you for your presence tonight, but most of all, thank you for being our example, our source of wisdom and help, as well as being our friends. Each of you represent a milestone, a landmark of unsurpassed beauty and stature in the history of our Grand Chapter. It is, indeed, a signal honor to have you, Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, my friend and my neighbor, with us tonight. My dear lady, if an inspiration can be amazing, you are indeed an amazing inspiration. You have been here all week, an inspiration to all of us, and it has really amazed all of us. I am deeply indebted to you for your presence here tonight.

Sister Mary Brown, Brother Murray Watson, Jr., congratulations to you for a wonderful Grand Chapter year. I am sure that you will have many great and beautiful memories of the past year and will remember with deep satisfaction the achievements made, the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding attained. May you enjoy being Past Grands as much as you have enjoyed being Worthy Grands.

Installing Grand Officers, thank you for a beautiful and impressive ceremony. I am especially pleased that the Worthy Grand Matron selected Sister Thelma Joyce Alsop and Brother Paul Huffhines to take part in this installation, as they are my fraternal Mom and Pop.

Elected and appointed officers and committee members, enjoy your year with us by taking honor to your Chapter, by serving your friends and brothers, and by loving them because they are your friends. The accomplishments that are made this year will be through cooperation, not only of our Past Grand Officers and our Present Grand Officers, but through the cooperation and prayers of each individual member of each Subordinate Chapter in our Grand Jurisdiction. Thank you. (Standing ovation)

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** You know, when our Junior Past Grand Patron handed over that jewel, I didn't know what to expect in his speech as lawyers don't talk like other people. I fully expected him to say he was divorcing himself of his impediments. (Laughter)

We will now enjoy a nice change of pace as Mrs. Sharon Harbison sings for us. Mrs. Harbison is a Past Matron of Loyalty Chapter No. 1036 of Austin, Texas. Her selection — "Peace Prayer of St. Francis".

(Mrs. Harbison sang most effectively and beautifully "Peace Prayer of St. Francis")

Mrs. Harbison made a special effort to be here that we might enjoy her lovely voice as a part of this Redbird and Cardinal installation. She wasn't sure she would make it for she and her husband have another date in a very few days with another very special bird — a long-legged critter who will bring a very special bundle they have wanted for a good many years.

Our Junior Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Brown, will now present the Worthy Grand Matron's Jewel. To have such a common name must have been a challenge to her all of her life. If so, this lovely lady certainly set that challenge for hers is a very uncommon record of achievement. She has indeed brought honor and distinction to the office she has just relinquished. Mrs. Mary Brown.

**Mrs. Mary Brown:** Thank you, Sister Katherine. Rennie, we are still Mutt and Jeff. And, how happy I am, my precious friend, to pin this beautiful jewel on you. (Problems in pinning)

**Worthy Grand Matron:** I don't think she wants to give it up. (laughter)

**Mrs. Mary Brown:** It is a beautiful jewel and will lead to great experiences many times this year and I could wish you no more greater pleasure than that which has been mine as I wore it this year. Remember to take each day as it comes, knowing whatever



it holds that it is the best for you; for once the Master said to you and to me "I hold Thy destiny". Look up to this day for its light — the very light of light, for yesterday is already a dream and tomorrow is just a vision, and makes very yesterday and every tomorrow a vision of Loveliness.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you, Mary.

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Our Worthy Grand Matron is well versed in all the functions of management, and she is also a skilled coordinator. She realize that if we are to achieve the meaningful objectives she has outlined for a successful year, that it will take the best efforts of our entire membership. We are fortunate, indeed, to have in our Worthy Grand Matron all of the attributes of a splendid leader and manager. Sisters and Brothers, Rennie Oton, our Worthy Grand Matron. (All rose)

## ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, Sister Katherine Poulis. Worthy Grand Patron, Brother T. L. "Duke" Weaver, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Distinguished General Grand Chapter Officers, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of Oklahoma, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Sisters and Brothers.

In the pages of our Holy Bible, in Ecclesiastes 3:1, we read: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under Heaven." Surely, tonight, I acknowledge this very special time granted me through God's loving grace. I come to you, humbly grateful for the privilege of serving the Grand Chapter of Texas. I, at this time, ask your indulgence as I express my appreciation to those who have done so much for me always, and, especially this evening.

Sister Katherine has done a tremendous job as Master of Ceremonies and the words she chose, I think, carry special significance. You are a very special preson, Katherine, and I thank you.

Sister Frances, you were a gracious Assisting Grand Marshal and I was proud to see you as you did your work for me and for Grand Chapter. Thank you so much.

Brother Herb, it was just great to have you by my side again, and I was especially appreciative of your committee, the service of the year. You know, Brother Herb and I were District Deputy Grand Matrons together, and Brother Herb would you come here just a minute, please. You know, all the District Deputies always give their Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron a scrapbook. Well, you're going to get it. (Laughter) You wouldn't believe it, you know every year for a few years I worked on this and then I think I must have moved it and I couldn't see it for another three or four years, but I found it the other day and I just thought this would be a good time to get this off my hands.

**Mr. Herbert Arnold:** Ten (10) years.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Oh, dear, but we all can't be perfect.

Mrs. Harris, thank you so much for being here this evening. You know how much it really means to me. Your guidance and counsel through the years, and your friendship have been deeply appreciated and your being here tonight is the culmination which means a lot to me.

**Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris:** Thank you, Rennie.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** And, Dr. Goettee, your words in behalf of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas were deeply appreciated. I know every one of the Past Grands will stand by the Worthy Grand Matron, but, somehow it is always just a little bit comforting to know and to hear it spoken out loud. Thank you very much for doing this for me tonight.

Brother W. P. Lamb is an esteemed Mason and Eastern Star but, most important, he is a friend and brother to us all. I am looking forward to walking in the pathways of service with you in our respective organizations. We are so pleased to have you with us, as I know your installation time is near and you must be a very busy man.

And to each of the Past Grand Matrons who took part in the Tree of Life emblem presentation, I express a personal word of thanks. The Tree of Life has many facets and many meanings and somehow I felt that our Past Grand Matrons certainly were representative of the beautiful Tree of Life we have in the Order of the Eastern Star, Grand Chapter of Texas. I hope that you gleaned from this particular dedication some of the thoughts that we have in mind for the work of the year of 1978-1979 which is to never forget the past and to be concerned with the future, but, in the meantime, be thankful that we have today in which we may serve.

Sister Sally, thank you for playing "The Redbird March" this evening. I am very proud of the music which Brother Irvin Base gave to me, or gave to Grand Chapter in my name, but it sounded a little bit special when you played it, because you're special. Thank you very much.

And I thought, you know, that Joyce would have just a certain bit of accent that might give the dedication of love to Helen and to Paul from Duke and me. I felt like she could give just a little bit of an accent to love, I was not disappointed, and she did it just beautifully, and I thank you very much.

And, Mrs. Whitfield, I was very honored by you and by the Rainbow Girls, and I spoke my words of heartfelt thanks a little while ago, but thank you again. It would not have been the same without these beautiful young ladies and the wishes of this very esteemed leader of our Rainbow Girls.

You know, Sister Viva, and I talked just a little before installation and she was talking about the Tree of Life and the many, many beautiful words she might find. She said she wished she had had more time to think of the Tree of Life installation so she could have offered a more special prayer. I told her that I needed words of love, prayerful words of love to God above for the well being of our Grand Chapter this next year; Sister Viva you did not disappoint me, and I appreciate the words you used. Thank you very much.

And I know, Brother Harold, as you bring our Benediction, you will choose the words — which he always does — to close our installation program in a manner which will bring us peace and which will be pleasing unto God.

As these fine Past Grands performed the duties of installation, I received a very deep feeling of security, secure in the knowledge that they are the leaders to whom we are privileged to look, they are the leaders who have kept our Grand Chapter moving these many years, and it was very meaningful to me to have them by my side and to know that they are wishing me and the officers of 1978-1979 well. Thank you so very much, each one of you who participated in the installation. You know how special, and quite a few are special, you are to me, and I am most grateful for the time that you took to be with us tonight. Thank you very much.

And to Mary and Doss, and Murray and Greta, I extend sincere and loving wishes for much happiness for the future. All four of you served Grand Chapter so well last year and I hope that God will bless you abundantly always. Mary, you know what fun we have had during the years. You know we started out as Grand Examiners together,

and the only good that I did in those days, well, I was sort of a pinpoint for Doss to find Mary. He could always see my head and then he knew Mary would be at my left or my right, so I was thankful I could give you that service, Doss, but it has always been a pleasure to walk by Mary's side and this year was no exception, and I hope that at this time next year that I will have served as beautifully and have a record that bespeaks of much done for mankind, just as we have had this year.

And Sharon, I thank you so much for the beautiful song. I knew the song was beautiful and would be an inspiration. Thank you for giving us this spiritual blessing in song.

I have a very special group here tonight, also. Would the members of Harlandale Chapter No. 750 stand? We'll start over here — there they are (applause) You know how very proud I am of you and how much you and your support have meant to me as I traveled this road, and, of course, we are now here, and I know that you are going to help us the rest of this time for this very, very dear Order. I do not have words to thank you adequately, but I think you know. And, Corinne, thank you for letting me use your gavel in this installation — it meant much to me. And while Harlandale Chapter is standing, would the members of District 5, Section 7, stand? And then all of District 5. Now, all of these folks from District 5, Sisters and Brothers, will be your host next year when you come to San Antonio. We're anxious for you to come because we want to entertain you, and we want to provide wonderful facilities for a beautiful Grand Chapter session. So these, Sisters and Brothers, will be your host when you come to San Antonio. Thank you. (Applause)

As you know, you don't go very far by yourself, and I have had wonderful support from a family which has very close ties. Paul and I have been married ten some odd years — I don't remember — thirty-two years — (laughter) — and we have a beautiful sweet daughter, Laura Lynn, and she brought us a son, in our son-in-law, Chris and two grandsons. Glenn and Dale would you stand, please? The presentation of the Square and Compasses by Paul, Glenn, and Dale will always have a very special spot in my treasury of memories. (Applause)

And Agnes Ofton Moore. This is Paul's mother, now my mother. She has encouraged both of us in our Eastern Star lives, and has been very interested in the progress that I have made this year. Thank you, Agnes, for your loving friendship. You know how much you have encouraged me and how much you have taken care of Paul when I was gone.

Paul has two brothers. Phillip out in California and he is a member of the Eastern Star there, and Bobby and his wife, Joyce, from McAllen. I am so pleased that you could come to be with us this evening. It's just good to have you. Thank you.

And Paul's cousin and her husband from California — Joan and Joe Dart. Joan is a member of the Eastern Star. They stood with us, or rather she did, when we got married. Thank you for being here.

So there are my family members for tonight and it's just real good to have you. Thank you, Paul, for all you mean to me and what you have done, are doing, and probably will be doing.

I know you appreciate having W. P. Lamb, our esteemed Mason with us. Thank you, Brother W. P. And I wish for you the very same good wishes you gave to me. I hope our paths cross many times, as friends, as leaders, because you are my friend, you are an Eastern Star, you are an esteemed Mason, and you are a credit to all of us. Thank you for what you mean to the Masonic Order and to us.

I know at times it's hard to listen to so many "thank-yous" but you know when you find yourself in this position, you're so full of appreciation, you just have to let some of it come out and I do appreciate your indulgence.

I would like to introduce a special co-worker I have, the Worthy Grand Matron of Oklahoma — four days? Five? Seven? She's an old hand at it. And to the Worthy Grand Patron of Oklahoma. She promised me she would come and I believe that they are the only co-workers we have here tonight. Thank you so much.

Now, we have some appointments. Now, we have named the Grand Officer appointments in the bulletin, but there are some which were not listed. We have the Board of Grand Trustees: Mrs. Louise Armstrong, Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Mrs. Jackie Huffhines, Mrs. Maude Arnold, and Mr. Leonard Ellington. Welcome, Leonard.

The Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences: Mr. Taylor Hood, Mrs. Ernestine Porter, Mrs. Modgie Hudson, Mr. Clifford Malone, and Mr. J. C. Gilmore, our newest members. Welcome to you, Brother J. C.

On our Board of Grand Examiners: Mrs. Marjorie Johnson, District 1; Mrs. Beulah Speer, District 2; Mrs. Elise Hammack, District 3; Mrs. Elsie Paladino, District 4; Mrs. Lois Bell, District 5; and Mrs. Martha Sanders, Grand Examiner at Large.

We have one other distinguished committee appointment, Mr. James E. Cook, Sr., Grand Escort.

Brother Duke Weaver, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you so much for being Brother Duke. You know that I am very grateful to you and to Helen for walking by my side. You have offered words of encouragement and you have been there as we made the plans for next year. Your enthusiasm has carried me when I might have backed off. I am looking forward to being with you, both, and to serving Grand Chapter with you, I appreciate this lovely rosewood gavel that has been used during the installation, I hope that I will be able to carry it on the school schedule and use it well and in a manner which will be fitting of its beauty. It is rosewood. Thank you, so much. Will you please tell Kay and Jean how much I appreciate their being here. You know young ladies have so much to do nowadays, but they took all this special time to come down. I'm very grateful. Will you please express my appreciation to her. Thank you very much, Duke.

Sisters and Brothers, it is my sincere desire that we, your officers of 1978-1979, will serve you well. I am most appreciative of the Floor Officers. I know you have pledged your support and your service and I'll be looking forward to working with you each day of this new year.

Thank you so much for every courtesy, for the love that you have shown here tonight. The Redbirds and the Cardinals will be carrying our program, showing that we are caring and sharing, that we do love one another, in loving service. God bless you all. (Standing Applause)

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Our Worthy Grand Patron wants equal time.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** There are two people sitting in the audience who are good friends of mine that I overlooked. Please forgive me. Carl R. Curtis, would you rise, please sir? This is a good friend of mine from Wills Point, Texas. He is also the father of our Grand Marshal, Mary Horton. Now, Dona Roysler, will you please stand. This is Mary Horton's daughter, also a good friend of mine. Thank you.

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Many of the meaningful objectives of our Order are incorporated in our efforts to accomplish our charitable goals. Our very capable Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, will present the Welfare Program for 1978-1979, and direct the Tree of Life formation.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Since I won't get to properly thank you, I want to tell you how much I appreciate your doing this for me, Sister Lallah Mae. I know it will be beautiful and your words will be chosen to best portray the meaning we hope to convey in our Tree of Life in presenting the Welfare Program.

## PRESENTATION OF WELFARE PROGRAM

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus:

**"HOPE DEFERRED MAKES THE HEART SICK BUT A DESIRE FULFILLED IS A TREE OF LIFE"** (Proverbs 13:12)

From the great Benevolent programs that are a part of the history of the Grand Chapter of Texas, we have all learned much. We have learned that it is more blessed to give than to receive; that God has blessed us that we MAY give rather than ask. We have learned to know the great truth of Martin Luther's words, "I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all, but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess, and of Victor Hugo's words, "As the purse is emptied, the heart is filled".

Yes, an effort made for the happiness of others lifts us above ourselves. That we too, may know the needs—may know the blessed joy of "Caring and of Sharing", we present the Benevolent program for the dawning year. It will be presented as **THE TREE OF LIFE** with the realization that each of us has a responsibility of fulfilling the desires of the program.

**LEARN** — We must not be weighed in the balance and found wanting.

**LISTEN** — and you shall hear of the needs—of the cry for loving protection.

**LOOK** — and you will see those lifting their eyes to the **STAR OF HOPE** as they reach out for a helping hand.

(Grand Organist plays through the presentation, **TREES**)

The great **ROOT** of our Tree is really its heart. The continued drive for the Endowment of our Eastern Star Home will be our Number One Project. The future of our Home and, in a great measure, the peace of mind for you, my Sisters and Brothers, is at stake. How true are the words of scripture, "No Vision and we perish" . . . without loyalty and dedication of purpose, the commitment which we have to maintain a **HAVEN** for our indigent members could be lost.

This responsibility is **OURS** alone . . . We do not provide just "a home" . . . because we **LOVE**, we **CARE** and in the Eastern Star Home in Arlington, this is very evident. For this reason, our great focus is on **ENDOWMENT**.

From the root, there emerges a strong **TREE TRUNK** . . . this is the Home **TODAY**.

We have no Yesterdays, Time took them away;  
Tomorrow may not be—But We have **TODAY**.

We live on a moving line between past and future — that line is our **TODAY**. Maintenance needs are constant — just as inflation eats away at our personal budgets, so does it at the **HOME**. Daily needs **MUST** be met.

Now is the time to love, and better still, to serve our loved Ones . . . thus the great Tree shall come to fruition, if we give, ere the time is gone. The Home **TODAY** is our Second call.

The Trunk sends forth many and strong **BRANCHES**. This part of our Tree is **ESTABLISHED**. We appreciate the opportunity to join in this universal project of General Grand Chapter. As we assist in the training of those to serve God, we are giving the greatest of assistance to Mankind. **JESUS**, is first; **OTHERS** are second; **WE** are last. Ella Wheeler Wilcox has phrased it perfectly:

"All roads that lead to God are good;  
 What matters it, your faith or mine;  
 Both center in the goal Divine  
 Of love's eternal Brotherhood.

A thousand creeds have come or gone;  
 But what is that to you or me?  
 Creeds are the BRANCHES of a Tree—  
 The root of love lives on and on."

All roads that lead to God are good . . . let us build strong branches in support of EASTERN STAR TRAINING AWARDS FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP.

Finally, a great tree puts forth beautiful leaves. The leaves of our Tree are **THE DREADED DISEASES**. Innumerable members of our Order, the world over, have been saddened by the loss of a loved one through cancer or diseases of the heart, lung, kidney and the muscular system.

Perhaps a gift to the great Research organizations seeking to find the cure for these "Sickles of Life" can bring consolation to one's heart; therefore, this category is to be a part of our BENEVOLENT Program for the year.

Too, support in the name of the Order of the Eastern Star will bring a creditable reflection of our charitable and beneficent purposes.

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Tonight we have planted the seed. In the days that reach ahead, ours will be the opportunity of cultivating — of fertilizing — of irrigating and of pruning the TREE that shall come forth. The fruits that shall develop in the coming twelve months, to be Harvested when again we meet, will reflect how well we have tended OUR TREE OF LIFE.

One has made at least a start in discovering the meaning of Human Life when he plants a tree under whose shade he knows full well he will never sit but their thoughts have been for OTHERS. Christ has bade us to "Love One Another"; Lest we forget, SHARING IS LOVE. As we "CARE and SHARE" as an Order, we will give the world proof that we are a viable force in improving the quality of life.

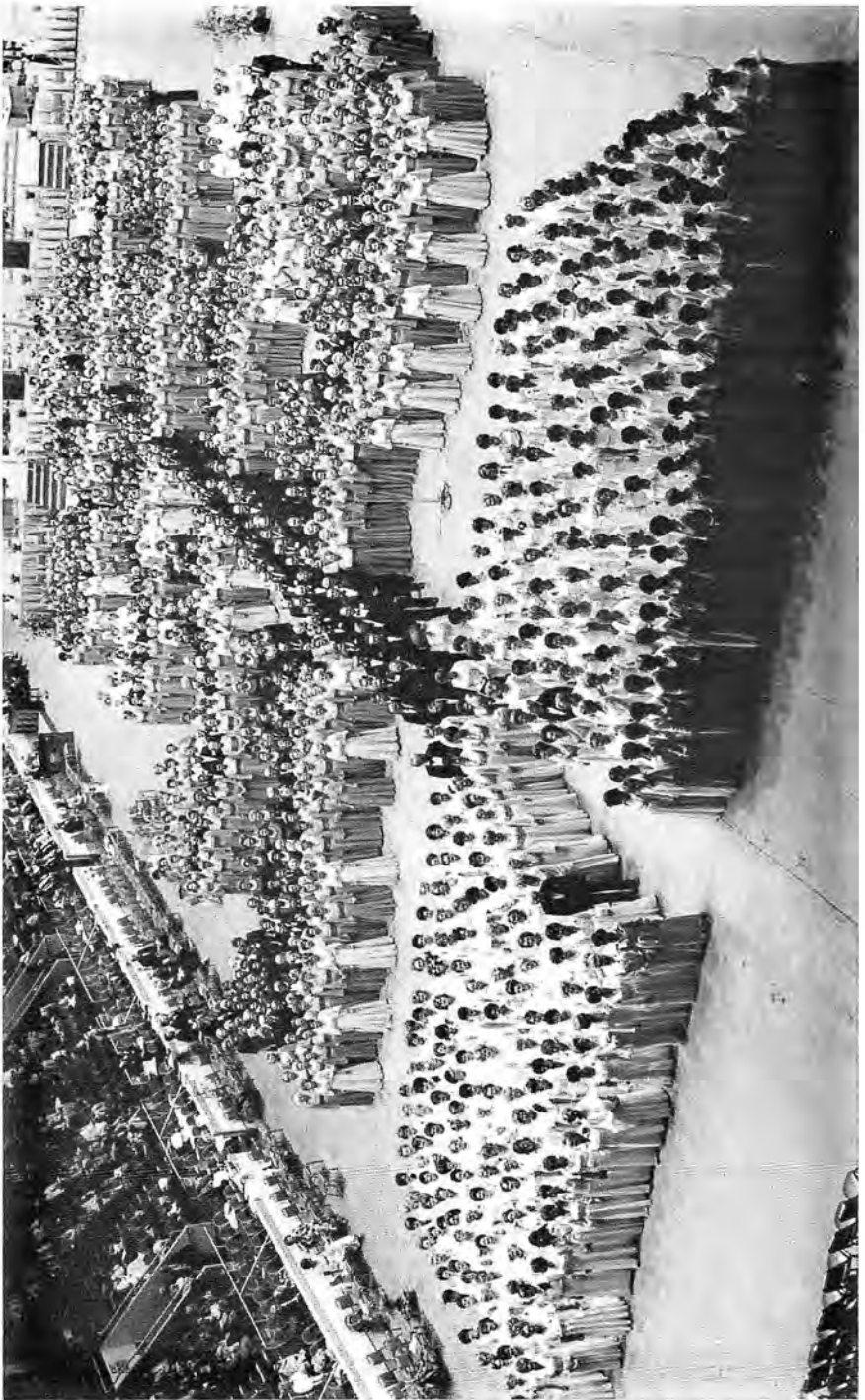
Worthy Grand Matron, will you and the Worthy Grand Patron close our presentation?

**Worthy Grand Matron—Mrs. Rennie Ofton:** My Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the analysis of our TREE OF LIFE. You behold its formation on the floor. It is composed of the leadership of our Grand Chapter — the officers of Grand Chapter on all levels and the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of our Subordinate chapters. Through their leadership and your concern, we SHALL bring forth in the days to come, a Harvest of LOVE. Hear again our Call to YOU:

Worthy Grand Patron  
 Mr. T. L. Duke Weaver:  
 THE ROOT  
 THE TRUNK  
 THE BRANCHES  
 THE LEAVES

Worthy Grand Matron  
 Mrs. Rennie Ofton  
 HOME ENDOWMENT  
 EASTERN STAR HOME  
 ESTARL  
 DREADED DISEASES

Now go forth  
 Climb high  
 Climb far—  
 Your goal, the sky  
 Your aim, the STAR.



(While the Welfare Program was being read a Tree of Life was being presented in the Grand Chapter room. The men in dark suits formed the trunk and limbs of the tree; the Floor Officers formed the tap root of the tree and the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons formed the earth from which the tree was emerging. The color on the tree was brought out by the Executive and Arrangement Committees forming the green leaves; the District Deputy Grand Matrons, Deputy Grand Matrons, Secretary and Constitutional Committees formed red birds and blue birds perched on the edge of several of the limbs; and the Grand Representatives formed white birds on two of the limbs. The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of San Antonio and Dallas — the home base of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron — formed one white bird perched on the limb close to the tree top. The Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron formed the fruit on the tree. On the top of the tree perched a bird bringing out the thought that sharing is Love. The gowns of the lady Floor Officers were of a flowing chiffon with capelet falling from the shoulder to the waist, some studded with rhinestones and others with pleated sleeves.)

**Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus:** Now, just a moment. The Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron will close the presentation, but may I ask all the beautiful Grand Officers to remain in the formation for the Benediction. You are a lovely sight to behold.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the analysis of our Tree of Life. You behold its formation on the floor. It is composed of the leadership of our Grand Chapter, the officers of Grand Chapter on all levels, and the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of our subordinate chapters. Through your leadership and your concern, we shall bring forth in the days to come a Harvest of Love. Hear again our call to you.

**Worthy Grand Patron:** The Roots.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Home Endowment

**Worthy Grand Patron:** The Trunk

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Eastern Star Home

**Worthy Grand Patron:** The Branches

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Estar!

**Worthy Grand Patron:** The Leaves

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Dread Diseases.

Now, go forth, climb high, climb far, your goal the sky, your aim, the Stars.

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** Our installation program is now complete, except to ask God's blessing once again. Brother Harold Todd, our own Past Grand Patron from San Antonio, will pronounce the Benediction.

## BENEDICTION

**Mr. Harold Todd:** Sisters and Brothers, let us pray. Our dear Heavenly Father, we know that you are here with us tonight. Father, we just want to talk to you, to give thanks for all the blessings you have given us. And we would ask, Father, that tonight as you touch our hearts, that we would show true love that we have for one another. Father, we ask that you touch our minds that we might think and do the things pleasing to Thee. Above all, Father, we would ask that you help us to understand the true meaning of charity. Now, Father, we ask that you bless each of us tonight. We would ask that you help us to grow in wisdom and in strength and to know you are the symbol of love and understanding. Walk by our new Leaders' sides that they might be



strengthened and see the way. Take them by the hand, Father, as they go through the year. May all of us love and understand Thee more. Father, we give all praise to Thee. We pray in Jesus Christ's name and for his sake. Amen.

**Mrs. Katherine Poulis:** We will recess so our visitors may leave before we re-open Grand Chapter.

(The Installation was closed with a blow of the gavel).

## THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS CALLED FROM REST TO LABOR

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Grand Warder, you will see that the doors to our Chapter are secure and inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of opening our Grand Chapter and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

(In Constitutional Ceremony the Grand Chapter was called from Rest to Labor)

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Do we have any General Grand Chapter Officers visiting who have not been introduced? I know we have the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of Oklahoma. Do we have other Worthy Grand Matrons or Worthy Grand Patrons present this evening who have not been introduced?

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

**Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my distinct honor to present Mrs. Wilma Clark, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. Herbie Simpson, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, Order of the Eastern Star.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, please escort our distinguished members to the Grand East. It is a special privilege for me to introduce Sister Wilma Clark, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Herbie Simpson, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join with me in hailing them with Grand Honors. They will remain in the East.

Do we have other Grand Officers who have not been introduced at this Grand Chapter Session? Mainly from the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our distinguished members in back of Esther's station.

**Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to present Sister Pat Beck, Grand Adah, and Brother Leo Nelson, Grand Sentinel, Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, Order of the Eastern Star.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** We are so pleased to have you visiting our Grand Jurisdiction, and you are new Grand Officers, so we thank you for sharing the newness of your titles with us. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our distinguished members to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to introduce to you Sister Pat Beck, Grand Adah, and Brother Leo Nelson, Grand Sentinel, Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, Order of the Eastern Star. Let's give them a big Texas welcome.

Do we have Grand Representatives who have not been presented at this Grand Chapter Session? Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Grand Representative at the Altar.

**Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present Sister Mary Louise Simpson, Grand Representative of Wisconsin in Oklahoma, Order of the Eastern Star.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** We are delighted to have you visit our Grand Jurisdiction and we know you are proud to be a Grand Representative appointee. Thank you for coming this way to share in our evening. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Grand Representative to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, I am pleased to introduce to you Sister Mary Louise Simpson, Grand Representative of Wisconsin in Oklahoma, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join with me in according her Grand Honors. She will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present Sister Alice Fair at the Altar.

Sister Alice Fair, I have a special privilege to perform this evening. As you know, our Grand Representative to New York resigned when she became our Grand Marshal. So it gives me a great deal of pleasure to appoint you, Alice Fair, Grand Representative of New York near the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

Whereas, the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Texas and the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of New York have agreed to cultivate and give to each of those a fraternal correspondence, and believing that the type of affection may be strengthened through the integrity and strength of the Order protected and the utility and honor confirmed by the appointment and reception of representatives from each of the aforesaid Grand Chapters to the other.

THEREFORE, be it known that we, because of the special trust and confidence in our Sister Alice Fair, have seen fit to constitutionally appoint and by these presents do constitutionally appoint the said Sister Alice Fair as representative of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York near the Grand Chapter of Texas.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, the seal of the Grand Chapter is affixed, attested by the signature of the Grand Secretary on the 25th day of September, 1978.

Congratulations, Sister Alice Fair. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Grand Representative of New York to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present Sister Alice Fair, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of New York near the Grand Chapter of Texas. You will join me in saluting her with Grand Honors.

**Mrs. Alice Fair:** Worthy Grand Matron, thank you. Words are inadequate. My heart is full of love for you, and I want you to know that I will try to promote fraternal friendship and love between these two Grand Jurisdictions. Thank you again for this beautiful honor.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you, Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress.

We do have another guest — another member here with us this evening. Would the Associate Matron of London Chapter No. 493, London, England, stand? We are delighted to have you visiting in our Grand Chapter and thank you for coming to visit with us while you are here visiting Texas. I am sorry, I do not have your name. May Holmes. We are so pleased to have you, Sister May Holmes. Thank you very much for being with us.

Sisters and Brothers, do we have any further business to be brought before this Grand Chapter at this time? I hope our Board of Grand Trustees has something.

**Mrs. Louise Armstrong:** Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to present to you, and especially to the members of this Grand Chapter Session, the members of the Board of Grand Trustees. Sister Elizabeth Williams, Vice Chairman; Sister Jackie Huffhines, Secretary; Sister Maude Arnold, District 3 member; and Brother Leonard Ellington, District 2 member.

Worthy Grand Matron, the five of us will be serving with you during your year as our Worthy Grand Matron. Each of us pledges our very best to you and to the Grand Chapter of Texas in the operation of this Grand Jurisdiction each and every day of the year 1978-1979.

Tonight begins my fifth year of service on the Board of Grand Trustees, and this moment is truly the highlight of my tenure of office, to be the one to present to you our Grand Chapter car — to one of the dearest friends, to me, in this world — it is a high honor and a memory that I will cherish always.

There's something special about these keys, too, Sister Rennie. Attached to the keys to this car is a specially made keyring — no way can she lose it. It was made by the outgoing Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, who is now serving as your Grand Sentinel. He tried to steal a little of my thunder, but I'll let you have it just the same.

I would like to read this letter:

“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 the good Lord bless and protect you as you travel this coming year.

“Most sincerely and fraternally,

Mrs. Louise Armstrong  
Mrs. Elizabeth Williams  
Mrs. Jackie Huffhines  
Mrs. Maude Arnold  
Brother Leonard Ellington”

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Thank you very much to the Grand Chapter and to the members of the Board of Grand Trustees for the beautiful silver station wagon which it will be my privilege to use this next year. I appreciate your presentation, Louise. I know that the good wishes you have tucked inside the car will carry me down the highway as I serve the Grand Chapter of Texas. And if Kathy is good, I might let her use it when I am not in Texas.

Is there any other business to come before this Grand Chapter Session at this time?

Grand Officers, will you please be sure to bring your badges to the Grand Secretary as soon as we close Grand Chapter. Be sure to have them all here so she can take them back and hold them for us for next year. Please don't forget.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will retire the Flag of our country.

Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel we are about to close this 96th Grand Chapter Session and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

The closing Ode was, in a measure, a benediction.

“I Don’t Worry About Tomorrow”

I don’t know about tomorrow  
I just live from day to day.

I don’t borrow from its sunshine  
For its skies may turn to gray.

I don’t worry o’er the future,  
For I know what Jesus said.

And today I’ll walk beside Him  
For He knows what is ahead.

Many things about tomorrow  
I don’t seem to understand.

But I know who holds tomorrow  
And I know who holds my hand.

With the sound of the gavel, the Worthy Grand Matron said “I now declare this 96th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas closed.”

(In Ceremonial Form Grand Chapter was closed at 10:40 p.m.)

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“For Love’s Sake” delegates and members gathered for the 96th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. The unfolding hours of the Session were joyous and were filled with reports of accomplishments.

Even as the sun was setting on one administration, it was rising upon another. New leaders and officers walked forth to meet the new year and to carry the message of “Caring and Sharing” and to lift up the theme of the “Tree of Life”.

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# APPENDIX

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## In Memoriam



**Dr. Russell Holt**  
Worthy Grand Patron  
1957-1958

Died  
January 30, 1978

*The voice that we loved is silent now  
And still are the helpful hands.  
But we know that God will use them both  
In that wonderful, heavenly land.*

*"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most  
High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty . . ."*  
Psalm 91: 1

## In Memoriam



**Brother Frank R. Phillips**  
Worthy Grand Patron  
1946-1947

Died  
August 7, 1978

*Grieve not for those whose souls  
take flight from earthly care,  
'Tis but their lot to enter first,  
a world more fair.*

*"In my Father's house are many mansions . . . .  
I go to prepare a place for you." John 14:2*

## In Memoriam



**Brother W. Kendall Baker**  
Grand Sentinel  
1977-1978

Died  
April 30, 1978

*“When Memory’s Golden Book we take  
And lovingly its pages scan,  
No record there will ever show  
A kinder, gentler, nobler man.”*

*For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle  
were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not  
made with hands, eternal in the heavens. — II Cor. 5:1*



IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
OUR SISTER AND BROTHERS  
OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS  
1977-1978

*May your faith reveal that through the  
MEMORIES in your heart —  
You and those you deeply love  
Never really part.  
And may it make your hour of sorrow  
Less difficult to bear  
Knowing this Grand Jurisdiction sympathizes  
Through FRATERNAL LOVE and prayer.*

*"Death is swallowed up in victory".  
I Corinthians 15:54*

IN  
LOVING MEMORY  
OF THE  
TWO THOUSAND—TWO HUNDRED  
AND FORTY-SEVEN MEMBERS  
OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS OF TEXAS  
WHO JOINED OUR BELOVED DEAD  
IN 1977-1978

*Too far away for sight or speech —  
But not too far for thought to reach;  
Sweet to remember them who once were here,  
And now, though absent, are just as dear.*

*“So teach us to number our days,  
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom . . .”*

*Psalm 90:12*

## LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF TEXAS, 1884-1978

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. Moagy	†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. Sebitt	†S.A. Penix	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1922	†Mrs. Mattie A. Sebitt	†S.A. Penix	Mrs. Norton B. Wellborn	†T.J. Holbrook	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1923	†Mrs. Norton B. Wellborn	†T.J. Holbrook	†Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie	†J. Dixie Smith	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1924	†Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie	†J. Dixie Smith	†Mrs. Velma B. Halley	†J.D. Todd	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1925	†Mrs. Velma B. Halley	†J.D. Todd	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Frank Holt	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1926	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Frank Holt	†Mrs. Lulu 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	†Mrs. Beulah Rawlings	†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 R. Phillips	Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Miss Blanche Earl	†Miss Cora Posey
1947	Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	†Miss Blanche Earl	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1948	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gauldin	†Miss Blanche Earl	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1949	Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gauldin	†Mrs. Lucile Dufner	†Dr. H.C. Sloop	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1950	†Mrs. Lucile Dufner	†Dr. H.C. Sloop	Mrs. Flora 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 Neinast	Joseph B. Powell	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
1974	Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast		Mrs. Doris Easterling	O. D. Christian	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
1975	Mrs. Doris Easterling	O. D. Christian	Mrs. Joyce Roberts	Perry Smithwick	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
1976	Mrs. Joyce Roberts	Perry Smithwick	Mrs. Mary Brown	Murray Watson, Jr.	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
1977	Mrs. Mary M. Brown	Murray Watson, Jr.	Mrs. Rennie Ofton	Thurman L. Weaver	Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard

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†Deceased

‡Suspended

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Alabama .....	Mrs. Billie Deal, 5084 Northumberland Rd., Irondale, Ala. 35210
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Arizona .....	Mrs. Marie Roberts, 1561 W. Wabash, Tuscon, Ariz. 85705
Arkansas .....	Mrs. Inez Povnter, Cotter, Arkansas 72626
British Columbia ...	Mrs. Edith Pringle, c/o Mrs. Alice E. Moore, Secy., 22191 Cliff Ave., Maple Ridge, B.C. V2X2L4
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Colorado .....	Mrs. Harriet Durand, Drawer W.W. Cortez, Colorado 81321
Connecticut .....	Mr. Frank Gallaway, 10H Massaco St., Simsbury, Conn. 06070
Delaware .....	Mrs. E. Jean Thornett, 105 Venus Dr., Newark, Del. 19711
District of Columbia	Mrs. Derie A. Blanchard, 4600 Duke St., Alexandria, Va. 22304
Florida .....	Mrs. Virginia B. Smith, P. O. Box 94, Interlachen, Fla. 32048
Georgia .....	Mrs. Billye Faubion, 6085 Kings Mountain Way, Stone Mountain, Ga. 30083
Idaho .....	Mrs. Virginia Layne, 702 W. Chubbuck St., Pocatello, Idaho 83201
Illinois .....	Mrs. Adelaide C. Farrens, Leisure Acres, #8, Washington, Ill. 61571
Indiana .....	Mrs. Mary Maus, 502 Brady, Attica, Ind. 47918
Iowa .....	Mrs. Maxine Houser, Massena, Iowa 50853
Kansas .....	Mrs. Joan Meili, Rt. #3, Lincoln, Kansas 67455
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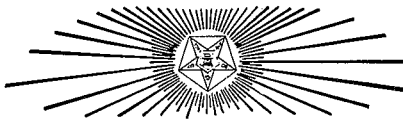
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Order of the Eastern Star



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Dear Board:

As Chairman of the Executive Committee for the 96th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, I am pleased to enclose a check in the amount of \$2,864.31 representing the unused portion of monies provided by Grand Chapter and earned by our Committees for the 96th Session.

The 200 permanent ballot boxes, two podiums, altar, and other supplies passed to us by the 95th Session Committee in El Paso are now in the custody of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton.

We had the usual situations and problems during the year, but with the response of the members and the help of the many merchants and Masonic Bodies - our real difficulties were few!

Again - our entire group wishes to say "thank you" for your cooperation and help throughout the year. Let me say personally how much I appreciate all you have done through the year to make my job more pleasant.

Fraternally,

*Gene Belk*

Gene Belk, Chairman  
Executive Committee

GB:MB

cc: Mrs. Mary M. Brown, Jr. P. G. M.  
Mr. Murray Watson, Jr. P. G. P.

**RECONCILIATION AND ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS  
AND DISBURSEMENTS  
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS 96TH SESSION**

**RECEIPTS:**

Grand Chapter Budget, Session Allowance	\$20,000.00
Grand Chapter Budget, Distinguished Guests	1,000.00
Profit from Chartered Bus	2,059.23
Total Receipts	\$23,059.23

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Coliseum Rent	\$ 3,460.00
Drapes, Stages, Carpet, Sound, Lights	4,891.59
Union Stage Employees	1,848.75
Freight	150.00
Equipment Rental, Typewriters & Furniture	346.85
Arrangements Committee	1,924.11
Postage	46.50
Housing Committee	441.81
Distinguished Guests (Incl. Housing)	1,729.43
Registration Committee	95.11
Social Committee	51.30
International Committee	30.83
Fraternal Correspondent	56.98
ESTARL Church Service	198.00
Grand Choir	220.00
Grand Warder and Grand Sentinel	172.25
Grand Chapter Photographer	1,000.00
Grand Marshall	22.85
Memorial — Grand Chaplain	1,139.45
Banquet, General Grand Chapter Officers	368.36
Banquet, Floor Officers	365.01
Reception, Sunday Afternoon	1,412.61
Insurance, Liability & Property	467.33
Associate Grand Matron, Installation	750.00
Total Disbursements	\$21,189.12

Refunds: Lola Sawyer on Insurance	\$ 20.00	
Aaron Furniture Co.	15.00	
Dorris Schiedemantel, decora.	28.00	
Distinguished Guests Com.	247.25	
Associate Grand Matron (Instl)	683.95	
Total Refunds	\$994.20	994.20
		\$20,194.92

BALANCE ON HAND	\$ 2,864.31
RETURNED TO GRAND CHAPTER APRIL 22, 1979	\$ 2,864.31
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**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 23-26, 1978**

**RECEIPTS**

Grand Treasurer — Grand Chapter of Texas .....	\$1,000.00
Executive Committee — Donald Matranga, Treasurer .....	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS .....</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Paper cups, wicker plates, envelopes, stamps, filing cards, paper clips, and typing paper .....	\$ 20.00
General Grand Banquet — Mrs. Pauline Haussner, Ticket Chairman October 22 — 11 Tickets @ \$12.50 .....	137.50
Past Grand Luncheon — Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup, Ticket Chairman October 23 — 17 Tickets @ \$ 8.25 .....	140.25
Grand Representative Breakfast — Mrs. Clara Klein October 24 — 18 Tickets @ \$ 6.50 .....	117.00
General Banquet — Mrs. Myrtle Speck, Ticket Chairman October 25 — 8 Tickets @ \$12.50 .....	100.00
Return of 2 Banquet Tickets .....	( 25.00)
Boutonniere for Dr. Fitch .....	2.12
Orchids, flowers, fruit, etc. for General Grand officers and Distinguished Guests — Masons, Governor and wife .....	69.00
Sheraton Houston — Coffee for Hospitality Room — 16 Gallons .....	191.88
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$ 752.75</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE .....</b>	<b>\$1,247.25</b>
<b>FUND RETURNED TO GRAND CHAPTER (Check mailed to Gene Belk, Chairman Executive Committee at his request) .....</b>	<b>\$1,247.25</b>

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Mary Ella Schoverling  
Past Grand Matron  
General Chairman

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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, 1978. 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, 1978; and (2) the fund balances of cash, investments and securities for the Order, as of that date.

Travis & Ramsey

Dallas, Texas  
January 16, 1979

GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
OCTOBER 31, 1978

**Note 1:**

The Exhibits and Schedules to which these notes are attached were prepared on the cash receipts and disbursements method of accounting and include cash and securities owned by the Grand Chapter as of October 31, 1978. The Grand Chapter also owns other assets such as land, buildings and equipment, as indicated by the Schedule of Insurance Coverage included in this report. However, the records of the Grand Chapter do not include accounts for the investments in such assets and they are not reflected in this report.

In the course of our examination we made minor adjustments to beginning balances in a few accounts; so the amounts will differ slightly from ending balances shown in our examination for the preceding year.

Our report has been stated in even dollars; and due to rounding of cents, some figures that appear on two or more exhibits or schedules may differ in amount by a few dollars.

**Note 2:**

Investment by the Grand Chapter in corporate stocks is prohibited by its Constitution and By-Laws. However, the Order has received corporate stocks as gifts and those owned by the Order at October 31, 1978 are reflected at Schedule 2 of our report.

**Note 3:**

Investments in government bonds and securities, Exhibit "A" and Schedule 3, are shown at par value. Any premium, discount or expense is adjusted through interest income on date of purchase.

**Note 4:**

Dues to the Grand Chapter, reported at Schedule 1, are based on individual chapter memberships and for the current year were at the rate of \$2.60 per member. Membership and dues data for the current year were as follow:

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total \$2.60</u>	<u>General \$1.00</u>	<u>Home \$1.40</u>	<u>Benevolent \$ .20</u>
Membership 5/31/77	<u>118,186</u>				
Membership 5/31/78	116,981	304,150	116,981	163,773	23,396
Initiations	2,829	7,355	2,829	3,961	565
Reinstatements	350	910	350	490	70
Exempt members	(129)	(335)	(129)	(181)	(25)
Adjustments, late reports, etc.	—	234	90	126	18
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>120,031</u></u>	<u><u>312,314</u></u>	<u><u>120,121</u></u>	<u><u>168,169</u></u>	<u><u>24,024</u></u>

**Note 5:**

Identification and location codes used in Schedules 3, 4 and 5 are as follow:

Code C — Certificate of Deposit

Code S — Savings Account

Code 2 — Safekeeping, Fort Worth National Bank, Fort Worth, Texas

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND EQUITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1978 AND 1977 Schedule 1

ASSETS													
	Schedule Number	Total All Funds		General Fund		Home Fund		Endowment Fund		Benevolent Fund		Educational Fund F. V. Ward Fund Special Funds	
		1978	1977	1978	1977	1978	1977	1978	1977	1978	1977	1978	1977
Cash on deposit	2 & 3	\$ 837,102	\$1,050,336	\$236,930	\$277,156	\$241,611	\$188,736	\$ 225,850	\$ 343,102	\$ (1,843)	\$ 47,847	\$134,554	\$193,495
Investments	4 & 5	2,733,446	2,195,446	205,000	205,000	438,441	308,441	2,048,005	1,525,005	—	130,000	42,000	27,000
Other		(27,148)	(19,359)	3,404	(11,537)	(51,475)	(27,541)	66,477	71,332	28,122	1,742	(73,676)	(53,355)
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$3,543,400</b>	<b>\$3,226,423</b>	<b>\$445,334</b>	<b>\$470,619</b>	<b>\$628,577</b>	<b>\$469,636</b>	<b>\$2,340,332</b>	<b>\$1,939,439</b>	<b>\$ 26,279</b>	<b>\$179,589</b>	<b>\$102,878</b>	<b>\$167,140</b>
FUND EQUITIES													
Balance — beginning		\$3,226,422	\$2,876,246	\$470,619	\$352,937	\$469,636	\$469,636	\$1,939,439	\$1,745,189	\$ 179,589	\$173,039	\$167,139	\$135,445
Receipts													
Dues		\$ 312,314	\$ 375,782	\$120,121	\$181,187	\$168,169	\$170,271	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 24,024	\$ 24,324	\$ —	\$ —
Interest	3 & 5	201,408	189,444	25,156	20,999	40,823	27,190	128,738	124,083	741	11,601	5,950	5,571
Supply sales		47,155	50,385	47,155	50,385	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bulletin		18,768	18,216	18,768	18,216	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Registration fees		22,175	29,735	22,175	19,735	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gifts and donations		413,305	282,363	—	—	95,032	78,995	279,480	84,312	—	—	38,793	119,056
Oil sales		44,248	35,143	—	—	44,248	35,143	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends		3,993	4,356	—	—	276	566	3,722	3,790	—	—	—	—
Transfers		—	—	—	34,447	150,000	17,723	—	(17,723)	(150,000)	—	—	(34,447)
Pensions		211,616	191,880	—	—	211,616	191,880	—	—	—	—	—	—
Property sales		44,751	25,549	—	—	44,751	25,761	—	(212)	—	—	—	—
Other		21,079	17,996	9,225	5,629	11,854	12,367	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>\$1,340,817</b>	<b>\$1,210,849</b>	<b>\$242,600</b>	<b>\$330,598</b>	<b>\$766,769</b>	<b>\$559,896</b>	<b>\$ 411,940</b>	<b>\$ 194,250</b>	<b>\$(125,235)</b>	<b>\$ 35,925</b>	<b>\$ 44,743</b>	<b>\$ 90,180</b>
Expenditures													
Grand Chapter Home	7	\$ 267,885	212,916	\$267,885	\$212,916	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Board of Directors	8	60,579	54,227	—	—	60,579	54,227	—	—	—	—	—	—
Superintendent	8	515,471	476,481	—	—	515,471	476,481	—	—	—	—	—	—
Allw.—Home mem.	8	30,186	27,432	—	—	30,186	27,432	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	8	1,592	1,756	—	—	1,592	1,756	—	—	—	—	—	—
Endmt. welfare prog.		11,047	—	—	—	—	—	11,047	—	—	—	—	—
Chap. benevolences	12	28,075	29,375	—	—	—	—	—	—	28,075	29,375	—	—
Special and other	9	109,004	58,483	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	109,004	58,483
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$1,023,839</b>	<b>\$ 860,670</b>	<b>\$267,885</b>	<b>\$212,916</b>	<b>\$607,828</b>	<b>\$559,896</b>	<b>\$ 11,047</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 28,075</b>	<b>\$ 29,375</b>	<b>\$109,004</b>	<b>\$ 58,483</b>
Net Incr. (Decr.)		\$ 316,978	\$ 350,179	\$( 25,285)	\$117,682	\$158,941	\$ —	\$ 400,893	\$ 194,250	\$(153,310)	\$ 6,550	\$(64,261)	\$ 31,697
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>		<b>\$3,543,400</b>	<b>\$3,226,425</b>	<b>\$445,334</b>	<b>\$470,619</b>	<b>\$628,577</b>	<b>\$469,636</b>	<b>\$2,340,332</b>	<b>\$1,939,439</b>	<b>\$ 26,279</b>	<b>\$179,589</b>	<b>\$102,878</b>	<b>\$167,142</b>

## ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENTS — CORPORATE STOCKS FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1978

Schedule 2

Description	Location Code (Note 6)	Date Acquired	Number of Shares	INVESTMENT			Balance 10/31/78	Dividends Earned Year Ended 10/31/78
				Balance 10/21/77	Additions	Reductions		
<b>Home Fund</b>								
Texas Electric Service Company — 4.56% Preferred	2	12-65	5	\$ 23	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 23	\$ 23
Affiliated Fund	2	11-72	409,808	2,868	—	—	2,868	221
Southwestern Electric Service Company	2	8-73	9	160	—	—	160	13
Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation	2	8-73	9	390	—	—	390	19
Total Home Fund				\$ 3,441	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 3,441	\$ 276
<b>Endowment Fund</b>								
American Telephone and Telegraph Co. — Common	2	8-61	60	\$ 4,020	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 4,020	\$ 270
Mobil Oil Company	2	4-56	68	2,988	—	—	2,988	286
Rio Grande Savings & Loan	2		27	2,700	—	—	2,700	162
Atlantic Richfield Company	2	6-74	200	8,950	—	—	8,950	460
Exxon Corporation	2	6-74	120	4,245	—	—	4,245	384
International Business Machines	2	6-74	50	10,650	—	—	10,650	557
Preston State Bank, Dallas, Texas	2	6-74	162	3,888	—	—	3,888	138
Sunbeam Corporation	2	6-74	100	1,838	—	—	1,838	125
Texas Industries, Inc.	2	6-74	216	2,991	—	—	2,991	233
Westinghouse Electric Corporation	2	6-74	220	3,355	—	—	3,355	214
AMF Incorporated	2	6-74	260	7,280	—	—	7,280	322
Abbott Laboratories	2	6-74	160	4,420	—	—	4,420	211
American Telephone & Telegraph — Common	2	6-74	80	3,680	—	—	3,680	360
Texas Industries, Inc. — Stock Dividend	2	5-78	8	—	—	—	—	—
Preston State Bank — Stock Dividend	2	6-78	234	—	—	—	—	—
Abbott Laboratories — Stock Dividend	2	6-78	160	—	—	—	—	—
Total Endowment Fund				\$61,005	\$ —	\$ —	\$61,005	\$3,722
Total All Funds				\$64,446	\$ —	\$ —	\$64,446	\$3,998

**ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENTS — GOVERNMENT AND CORPORATE SECURITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1978**

**Schedule 3  
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PROCEEDINGS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Description	Location Code (Note 6)	Dates		Interest Rate	Balance 10/31/77	Additions	Reductions	Balance 10/31/78	Interest Earned Year Ended 10/31/78
		Acquired	Maturity						
<b>General Fund</b>									
Federal Land Bank Bonds	2	2/ 4/74	7/23/79	7.150	\$ 100,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 100,000	\$ 7,150
Federal Land Bank Bonds	2	10/21/74	10/20/80	8.700	70,000	—	—	70,000	6,090
U. S. Treasury Bonds	2	4/ 7/75	5/15/79	8.250	35,000	—	—	35,000	2,887
Total General Fund					\$ 205,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 205,000	\$ 16,127
<b>Home Fund</b>									
Federal Land Bank Bonds	2	2/20/74	7/23/79	7.150	\$ 150,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 150,000	\$ 10,725
U. S. Treasury Bonds	2	4/ 7/75	5/15/90	8.250	65,000	—	—	65,000	5,363
Federal Home Loan Bonds	2	8/25/75	2/25/82	8.625	60,000	—	—	60,000	5,175
Federal National Mortgage Association	2	10/10/75	10/11/82	8.600	30,000	—	—	30,000	2,580
Federal National Mortgage Association	2	6/10/77	6/10/82	7.100	—	40,000	—	40,000	2,840
Federal National Mortgage Association	2	12/10/73	3/12/79	7.250	—	40,000	—	40,000	2,900
Federal Land Bank Bonds	2	10/21/74	10/20/80	8.700	—	10,000	—	10,000	870
Federal National Mortgage Association	2	10/10/75	10/10/79	8.500	—	20,000	—	20,000	1,700
Federal Land Bank Bonds	2	10/20/75	4/23/79	8.550	—	20,000	—	20,000	1,710
Total Home Fund					\$ 305,000	\$130,000	\$ —	\$ 435,000	\$ 33,863
<b>Endowment Fund</b>									
U. S. Treasury Bonds	2	4/ 5/60	5/15/85	4.250	\$ 65,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 65,000	\$ 2,763
U. S. Treasury Bonds	2	5/15/53	6/15/83	3.250	1,000	—	—	1,000	32
U. S. Treasury Bonds	2	1/23/59	2/15/80	4.000	88,000	—	—	88,000	3,520
U. S. Treasury Bonds	2	2/15/72	2/15/82	6.375	100,000	—	—	100,000	6,375
Federal Home Loan Bonds	2	4/12/73	5/25/83	7.300	40,000	—	—	40,000	2,920
Federal National Mortgage Association	2	12/11/72	12/10/97	7.100	125,000	—	—	125,000	8,875
Federal National Mortgage Association	2	3/12/73	3/10/81	7.050	110,000	—	—	110,000	7,755
Federal Home Loan Bonds	2	6/21/74	2/26/79	8.650	40,000	—	—	40,000	3,460
Federal Land Bank Bonds	2	2/20/74	7/23/79	7.150	72,000	—	—	72,000	5,148
Federal National Mortgage Association	2	7/10/74	12/11/78	8.950	20,000	—	—	20,000	1,790
U. S. Treasury Bonds	2	5/15/74	5/15/99	8.500	23,000	—	—	23,000	1,955
Federal Land Bank Bonds	2	1/20/75	1/20/82	7.800	10,000	—	—	10,000	780
Federal Land Bank Bonds	2	1/20/75	1/20/82	7.800	16,000	—	—	16,000	1,248
U. S. Treasury Bonds	2	2/18/75	2/15/2000	7.875	100,000	—	—	100,000	7,875
Federal National Mortgage Association	2	3/10/75	3/11/85	7.650	35,000	—	—	35,000	2,678
U. S. Treasury Bonds	2	4/ 7/75	5/15/90	8.250	30,000	—	—	30,000	2,475
U. S. Treasury Bonds	2	4/ 7/75	5/15/90	8.250	70,000	—	—	70,000	5,775
U. S. Treasury Bonds	2	5/15/75	5/15/82	8.000	10,000	—	—	10,000	800
Federal Land Bank Bonds	2	10/20/75	10/21/85	8.800	40,000	—	—	40,000	3,520
Federal National Mortgage Association	2	10/20/75	10/21/82	8.600	55,000	—	—	55,000	4,730
Federal National Mortgage Association	2	3/10/76	3/10/83	7.750	90,000	—	—	90,000	6,975
Federal Home Loan Bonds	2	5/25/76	5/25/84	7.750	20,000	—	—	20,000	1,550
Federal National Mortgage Association	2	9/10/76	9/10/86	7.900	50,000	—	—	50,000	3,950
Federal National Mortgage Association	2	10/12/76	10/10/91	7.800	50,000	—	—	50,000	3,900



**ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENTS — GOVERNMENT AND CORPORATE SECURITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1978**

**Schedule 3  
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Description	Location Code (Note 6)	Dates		Interest Rate	Balance 10/31/77	Additions	Reductions	Balance 10/31/78	Interest
		Acquired	Maturity						Earned Year Ended 10/31/78
<b>Endowment Fund (continued)</b>									
U. S. Treasury Notes	2	8/15/77	8/15/84	7.250	\$ 121,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 121,000	\$ 8,773
U. S. Treasury Notes	2	7/31/78	7/31/80	8.500	—	250,000	—	250,000	495
U. S. Treasury Notes	2	2/15/78	5/15/81	7.500	—	125,000	—	125,000	187
U. S. Treasury Notes	2	10/ 2/78	9/30/80	8.625	—	150,000	—	150,000	67
Sub-total					<u>\$1,381,000</u>	<u>\$525,000</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$1,906,000</u>	<u>\$100,371</u>
Duquesne Light Co. First Mortgage Bonds	2	6/21/74	7/ 1/99	7.750	\$ 15,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,162
General Telephone Co. of Florida First Mtg. Bonds	2	6/21/74	3/ 1/2000	8.625	14,000	—	—	14,000	1,208
Duke Power Co. First and Refunding Mtg. Bonds	2	6/21/74	3/ 1/2000	8.500	13,000	—	—	13,000	1,105
Commonwealth Edison Co. First Mtg. Bonds	2	6/21/74	1/ 1/2001	7.500	15,000	—	—	15,000	1,125
Northern Natural Gas Co. Sinking Fund Debentures	2	6/21/74	5/ 1/90	8.750	12,000	—	2,000	10,000	1,050
Southern Pacific Transportation Company Equipment Trust Certificate	2	6/21/74	2/ 1/85	8.125	14,000	—	—	14,000	1,137
Sub-total					<u>\$ 83,000</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 2,000</u>	<u>\$ 81,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,787</u>
Total Endowment Fund					<u>\$1,464,000</u>	<u>\$525,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,000</u>	<u>\$1,987,000</u>	<u>\$107,158</u>
<b>Benevolent Fund</b>									
Federal National Mortgage Association		12/10/78	3/12/79	7.250	\$ 40,000	\$ —	\$ 40,000	\$ —	\$ —
Federal Land Bank Bonds		10/21/74	10/20/80	8.700	10,000	—	10,000	—	—
Federal National Mortgage Association		10/10/75	10/10/79	8.500	20,000	—	20,000	—	—
Federal Land Bank Bonds		10/20/75	4/23/79	8.550	20,000	—	20,000	—	—
Federal National Mortgage Association		6/10/77	6/10/82	7.100	40,000	—	40,000	—	—
Total Benevolent Fund					<u>\$ 130,000</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$130,000</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>
<b>Educational Loan Fund</b>									
U. S. Treasury Notes		5/15/74	8/15/78	8.750	\$ 10,000	\$ —	\$ 10,000	\$ —	\$ 875
U. S. Treasury Notes	2	10/ 2/78	9/30/78		—	25,000	—	25,000	(29)
Total Educational Loan Fund					<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 846</u>
<b>Fannie V. Ward Fund</b>									
U. S. Treasury Bonds — Series "H"	2	2/15/66	6/15/83	3.250	\$ 17,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 17,000	\$ 553
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>					<u><u>\$2,131,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$680,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$142,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,669,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$158,547</u></u>

## ANALYSIS OF GRAND CHAPTER EXPENDITURES

Schedule 4

	Years ended October 31,			
	1978		1977	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>Grand Officers</b>				
Worthy Grand Matron's expense fund	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Worthy Grand Patron's expense fund	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Associate Grand Matron's expense fund	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
Associate Grand Patron's expense fund	250	250	250	250
Grand Conductress expense fund	150	150	150	150
Associate Grand Conductress expense	150	150	150	150
Worthy Grand Matron's auto expense	1,648	3,000	2,465	3,600
Worthy Grand Matron's automobile	3,576	2,345	2,569	2,345
Grand Examiners' expense	600	600	600	600
Past Grand Matron's Jewel	500	500	500	500
Past Grand Patron's Jewel	300	300	300	300
Worthy Grand Matron's secretary expense	500	500	500	500
Grand Chaplain's memorial	—	—	36	—
<b>Total Grand Officers' Expense</b>	<b>\$ 13,424</b>	<b>\$ 13,545</b>	<b>\$ 13,270</b>	<b>\$ 14,145</b>
<b>Boards and Committees</b>				
Board of Grand Trustees	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,227	\$ 1,500
District Deputies and Grand Matrons	4,435	5,000	5,000	5,000
By-laws Committee	100	100	100	100
Welfare Committee	400	400	600	600
Endowment Committee	200	200	—	—
ESTARL Committee	100	100	100	100
<b>Total Boards and Committees Expense</b>	<b>\$ 6,685</b>	<b>\$ 7,300</b>	<b>\$ 7,027</b>	<b>\$ 7,300</b>
<b>Grand Chapter</b>				
Grand Chapter Session	\$ 19,430	\$ 19,250	\$ 18,094	\$ 19,250
Installment expense	750	750	750	750
Entertainment — visiting Grand Officers to Texas	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Entertainment at General Grand Chapter of our Texas General Grand Chapter Officers	—	750	750	750
<b>Total Grand Chapter Expense</b>	<b>\$ 21,180</b>	<b>\$ 21,750</b>	<b>\$ 20,594</b>	<b>\$ 21,750</b>
<b>Grand Secretary's Office</b>				
Grand Secretary's salary	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Office salaries	26,335	25,000	24,905	25,000
Office expense	11,827	11,000	14,448	11,000
O.E.S. office building maintenance	7,537	4,300	2,150	4,510
Payroll taxes	1,746	1,500	1,871	1,600
Equipment	—	500	548	1,000
<b>Total Grand Secretary's Office Expense</b>	<b>\$ 57,445</b>	<b>\$ 52,300</b>	<b>\$ 53,922</b>	<b>\$ 53,110</b>

## ANALYSIS OF GRAND CHAPTER EXPENDITURES

Schedule 5

	Years ended October 31,			
	1978	Budget	1977	Budget
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	\$ 41,998	\$ 17,000	\$ 900	\$ 33,000
Annual printing	32,847	39,225	20,979	39,225
Associate Grand Matron's Books/Supplies	1,617	1,900	2,342	1,900
Editing proceedings	100	100	106	100
Total Printing and Editing Expense	\$ 76,562	\$ 58,225	\$ 24,327	\$ 74,225
Mileage	\$ 8,991	\$ 14,000	\$ 26,351	\$ 14,000
Legal and Professional				
Audit and accounting services	\$ 9,306	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,184	\$ 5,500
Legal	2,490	1,900	1,399	500
Total Legal and Professional Expense	\$ 11,796	\$ 7,900	\$ 7,583	\$ 6,000
Memorials				
Grand Chapter	\$ 180	\$ 150	\$ 26	\$ 150
Other				
Fidelity Bond (Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer)	\$ 147	\$ 200	\$ 151	\$ 200
Board of Trustees Contingency Fund	—	10,000	—	10,000
Worthy Grand Matron's Contingency Fund	519	1,500	360	1,500
Prior year expenses	276	—	—	—
Total Other Expense	\$ 942	\$ 11,700	\$ 511	\$ 11,700
Total Budgeted Expenditures	\$201,505	\$191,170	\$157,911	\$206,680
Supply Fund	\$ 43,293		\$ 33,915	
Bulletin Fund	23,087		21,091	
	\$267,885		\$212,917	

## ANALYSIS OF HOME FUND EXPENDITURES

Schedule 6

	Years ended October 31,			
	1978		1977	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Board of Directors' Expenditures				
Administrator conference expense	\$ 730	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,053	\$ 1,000
Repairs and replacements	26,302	43,000	33,703	53,000
Insurance (Schedule 11)	27,290	20,000	12,765	15,000
Funeral expense (less insurance reimbursements)	1,984	5,500	2,520	4,620
New equipment	—	3,000	752	3,000
Travel and Board expense	2,096	3,850	2,218	3,850
Printing and supplies	177	600	281	600
Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, etc.	835	1,000	935	1,000
Cemetery maintenance	—	400	—	400
Hospital	—	3,000	—	3,000
Painting	—	10,000	—	—
Hospital renovation	—	—	—	25,000
Contingency fund	—	7,500	—	7,500
Architects and land planners	1,165	—	—	—
Total Board of Directors Expenditures	\$ 60,579	\$ 98,850	\$ 54,227	\$ 117,970
Superintendent's Expenditures for				
Daily Operation				
Employee group insurance	\$ 4,391	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,795	\$ 3,000
Superintendent's salary	11,700	11,700	10,800	10,800
Nurse salary	9,600	9,600	9,000	9,000
Kitchen supervisor	8,538	8,400	8,317	8,400
Maintenance engineer	8,400	—	7,800	—
Salaries — home and kitchen	105,559	198,740	102,422	189,838
Salaries — clerical	10,430	—	8,920	—
Salaries — hospital	90,495	90,000	90,964	94,658
Salaries — matrons	16,200	—	15,000	—
Salaries — yard	21,649	—	20,382	—
Food	72,509	74,750	64,350	65,000
Utilities	48,293	43,200	36,645	32,000
Telephone — home	3,203	3,025	3,186	2,750
Car, tractors and mowers	2,447	2,915	2,366	2,750
Laundry and cleaning	4,508	5,000	4,520	5,000
Doctors (net of reimbursements from Medicare)	31,786	20,000	20,567	20,000
Drugs and pharmacy expense	30,308	42,000	34,332	35,000
Office supplies and postage	1,306	2,000	1,442	1,500
Maintenance supplies	10,803	10,800	9,726	10,800
Pest control	396	850	437	850
Payroll taxes	19,112	20,000	18,147	22,000
Newspapers and magazines	267	—	348	—
Other miscellaneous	2,491	2,000	1,993	2,000
Hospital	—	3,000	—	3,000
Trash pickup	1,080	1,200	1,032	1,200
Yard maintenance	—	3,000	—	3,000
Total Superintendent's Expenditures	\$ 515,471	\$ 555,680	\$ 476,481	\$ 522,546
O.E.S. Expenditures				
Insurance and ad valorem taxes	\$ 1,592	\$ —	\$ 1,756	\$ —
Allowances to Home Members	\$ 30,186	\$ 27,432	\$ 27,432	\$ —
Total Home Fund Expenditures	\$ 607,828	\$ 681,962	\$ 559,896	\$ 640,516

**ANALYSIS OF SPECIAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1978**

Schedule 7

	Balance	Transactions		Balance
	10-31-77	Additions	Reductions	10-31-78
Home				
Therapy fund	\$ 749	\$ 42	\$ 49	\$ 742
Hospital fund	302	—	—	302
Interest	8,564	1,706	—	10,270
Knights Templar Eye Foundation	2	7	—	9
Furniture and repairs	3,090	690	3,780	—
Barbara Harrison book sales	967	—	—	967
Undesignated	5,068	1,869	6,479	458
Christmas, Easter, etc.	1,712	1,630	1,233	2,109
Flowers, beauty supplies, etc.	18	—	—	18
<b>Total Home Funds</b>	<b>\$20,472</b>	<b>\$ 5,944</b>	<b>\$ 11,541</b>	<b>\$14,875</b>
Grand Chapter				
Time and Talent	\$ 8,667	\$ —	\$ 821	\$ 7,846
Founder's Day	8,597	—	2,654	5,943
International Temple Fund	2,360	3,492	5,128	724
Knights Templar Eye Foundation	5	—	—	5
Heart Fund	953	179	—	1,132
Cancer Fund	34,489	2,036	34,240	2,285
Arthritis and rheumatism	429	—	—	429
ESTARL	(1,068)	28,859	36,400	(8,609)
Christmas	122	—	—	122
Home beautification	19,378	—	15,426	3,952
Swiss holiday	420	—	—	420
Other	590	(11)	844	(265)
<b>Total Grand Chapter Funds</b>	<b>\$74,942</b>	<b>\$ 34,555</b>	<b>\$ 95,513</b>	<b>\$13,984</b>
<b>Total Special Funds</b>	<b>\$95,414</b>	<b>\$ 40,499</b>	<b>\$107,054</b>	<b>\$28,859</b>
		<b>\$ 40,499</b>		
		<b>(107,054)</b>		
<b>Decrease in Special Funds</b>				
Exhibits A and B		<b>\$(66,555)</b>		

**COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF HOME FUND EXPENDITURES  
PER MEMBER FOR THE YEARS ENDED  
OCTOBER 31, 1973 THROUGH 1978**

Schedule 8

<u>Year</u>	<u>Average Number of Members in Home</u>	<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>Annual Cost Per Member</u>	<u>Monthly Cost Per Member</u>
1978	85	\$607,828	\$7,151	\$596
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

**ANALYSIS OF CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES**

Schedule 9

<u>Chapter</u>		<u>Years ended October 31,</u>		
		<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>
35	Texas	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
49	Adah	—	600	600
71	Beaumont	1,275	1,500	1,275
156	Garland	600	50	—
204	Del Rio	1,200	1,200	900
249	Arlington	750	1,200	1,200
258	Houston Heights	600	550	—
262	Port Arthur	900	1,350	1,800
302	Jasper	500	—	—
354	Corpus Christi	1,200	1,200	1,200
399	Sunshine	1,100	900	600
502	Roscoe	1,800	1,800	1,725
562	Happy	600	600	600
616	Bexar	—	500	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	600
702	Arlington Heights	1,925	1,800	1,800
724	Kountze	900	900	900
743	Tahoka	600	600	600
820	Crescent	2,350	2,100	2,250
834	Riverside	—	—	300
835	South Hills	900	900	900
877	Abernathy	1,200	1,200	1,200
899	Azle	600	600	600
938	Huntington	—	525	900
971	Cockrell Hill	75	900	900
994	Camelia	900	900	900
1011	Clute City	900	900	900
1053	White Settlement	1,800	1,800	1,800
1104	Valley Hi	900	300	—
<b>Total Chapter Benevolences</b>		<u>\$28,075</u>	<u>\$29,375</u>	<u>\$29,550</u>



**WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S EXPLANATION  
OF BUDGET ITEM**

Please refer to Schedule 5 on Page 531 of the audit of the General Fund.

The **Worthy Grand Matron's Contingency Fund** under "Other" has a charge of \$518.70 which were not expenses of the Worthy Grand Matron. An item of \$64.80 was for telegrams mailed during the Grand Chapter Session by the Telegram Committee and should have been a Session expense; \$93 was for stationery; and the remainder was reimbursement for the 1977-78 Welfare Committee.

This information was provided by Mr. Ed Pickett, our auditor, in his letter of March 30, 1979.



## REPORT OF FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT, MRS. FRANCES BURBANK

### ALABAMA

Chapters: 294

Members: 31,270

Loss: 182

The seventy-seventh "Light of Faith" session was held in the Montgomery Civic Center in Montgomery, Alabama on October 16, 17, 18 and 19 of 1977.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Elsie Wilson Cockrell

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Joseph E. Wood

Motto: Be your best self everyday, Radiate Sunshine and Star Light.

Badge: A smile, so every member can wear one.

### ARIZONA

Chapters: 60

Members: 12,444

Loss: 24

The seventy-seventh annual session, "Forward With America" was held March 24, 25, and 26 of 1977 in the Adams Hotel at Phoenix.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Hilda B. Rubel

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Wayne L. Little

Projects: "100-500 Club (to reduce the mortgage)"

Eastern Star Cottage, Estar!

Watchwords: Strength and Loyalty

### ARKANSAS

Chapters: 214

Members: 24,778

Gain: 24

The one hundred second, "The Glory Session" met November 30, December 1 and 2, 1977 in Little Rock.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Rosalie Bratchelder

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Howard Griffith

Projects: Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital and other Children's hospitals; Cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation; Heart; Estar!; Cancer Research; International Temple; Merry Messengers

### BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON

Chapters: 96

Members: 11,296

Loss: 61

The sixty-sixth "Fan of Faith" session met in Penticton, British Columbia May 16 and 17 of 1977.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Barbara R. Schellenberg

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. J. Frederick Fisher

Projects: Cancer research and dressings; Estar!; International Temple Fund Elizabeth Bentley Scholarship; O.E.S. Auxiliary; Our Youth Save the Children Fund; and Fan of Faith.

### CALIFORNIA

Chapters: 522

Members: 132,432

Loss: 2,354

The one hundred and fourth session, "Harbors of Happiness", met October 17 through October 20, 1977 at the Memorial Auditorium in Sacramento.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Patricia B. Quibell

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Gerald P. Cashion

Projects: Home Endowment; Estar!; Cancer Dressing

Motto: "The Magic of Believing"



**COLORADO**

Chapters: 133

Members: 29,450

Loss: 1,098

The eighty-fifth annual "Wings of Wisdom" session was held in Denver September 21 through 24, 1977.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Betty J. O'Belmito

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Kap Larson

Projects: Robert E. Russell Eastern Star Home Endowment Fund Home building fund to complete a wing; Estarl; Youth Cancer research and education.

**CONNECTICUT**

Chapters: 89

Members: 18,069

Loss: 78

The one hundred third session "Small World of Friendship" was held April 21, 22, and 23, 1977 in the Assembly Hall of the Civic Center in Hartford.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Harriet L. Moore

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Robert M. Hess

Projects: Estarl; O.E.S. Hospital Fund; O.E.S. Endowment Fund.

**DELAWARE**

Chapters: 20

Members: 3,545

Loss: 45

The fifty-sixth "Pathway to the Star's" Session was held May 9 and 10, 1977.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Thirza P. Hall

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. John B. Betty

Projects: Summer Benefit; Heart Fund; Masonic Home arts and Crafts; Verterans' Hospital Hobby Cart; Cancer Research; "Knight Owls" Dinner and TV Projects.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Chapters: 24

Members: 6,799

Loss: 250

The eighty-first annual session of the District of Columbia was held in Washington, D.C. on May 5, 1977.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Gertrude Adelson Foreman

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. John Buchanan

Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects:

Endowment Fund of Masonic and Eastern Star Home;

American Cancer Society; National Childrens' Center

**FLORIDA**

Chapters: 257

Members: 47,751

Gain: 236

The seventy-third Grand Chapter of Florida was called "Light in Life's Garden".

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Helen Gregersen

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Robert C. Thomas

Projects: O.E.S. Endowment and Investment Fund

**GEORGIA**

Chapters: 280

Members: 33,364

Gain: 329

The seventy-sixth "Paths of Truth" session was held June 13, 14, 15, 1977 in the Coliseum in Macon, Georgia.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Frances Todd

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Kirby D. Ward

Theme: Promotion of truth — confidently believing we will come safely to the end of our journey.

Aim: Never to criticize my sister or brother until I have walked a mile in those shoes.

**IDAHO**

Chapters: 78

Members: 11,122

Loss: 136

The seventy-fifth "Diamond Gem Reflections" session was held in Pocatello June 13, 14, 15 of 1977.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Virginia M. Peters

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. George Strange

Projects: Cancer research; Estarl; Youth; International Temple; Home Fund Shriners' Crippled Children's hospitals

**ILLINOIS**

Chapters: 585

The one hundred third session, "The Garden of Happiness", was held in Medinah Temple in Chicago October 4 and 5 of 1977.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Lucy Jane Haeman

Worthy Grand Patron - Mr. George W. Wiemers

**INDIANA**

Chapters: 472

Members: 112,101

Loss: 2,382

The one hundred and fourth, "The Sound of Music" Grand Chapter session was held April 24, 25 and 26, 1978 in the Murat Temple in Indianapolis.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Suzanne Lisor

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Lyle J. Cotton

Theme: Music if Forever — a gift of God

Motto: Life is a song — love is the Music.

**IOWA**

Chapters: 382

Members: 57,322

Loss: 1,355

The one hundredth session, "Centennial Reflections" was held in the Veterans Memorial Auditorium, October 25, 26 and 27 of 1977 in Des Moines.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Beth Friday

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Dean Ellis

Motto: The Golden Rule

Aim: Bring out the best in ourselves by extending kindness to Others, increasing Happiness for All.

**KENTUCKY**

Chapters: 296

Members: 44,263

Loss: 236

The seventh-fifth "Diamond Jubilee" session was held in the Commonwealth Convention Center in Louisville on October 23, 24, 25 and 26 of 1977.

Worthy Grand Matron — Ms. Helen J. Berry

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Paul R. Daniels

Projects: O.E.S. Home Building Fund; Estarl; Cancer Research; Rob Morris Land Purchase

LaGrange, Kentucky was the home of our founder, Dr. Rob Morris.

**MANITOBA**

Chapters: 54

Members: 5,267

Loss: 22

The fifty-fifth "Esther's Love and Loyalty" session was held in the International Inn at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada May 30, 31 and June 1 of 1977.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Esther G. Wilding

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Norman K. Giller

Project: Lillian Bain Memorial Scholarship Fund

Watchwords: Love, Loyalty, Light, Laughter.

**MARYLAND**

Chapters: 107

Members: 24,251

Loss: 340

The seventy-ninth annual session, "Fidelity, Faith and Harmony" was held in the Main Ballroom of the Lord Baltimore Hotel in Baltimore.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Dorothy H. Streaker

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. J. Thomas Middleton

Special Project: Cancer Research

**MICHIGAN**

Chapters: 433

Members: 87,407

Loss: 1,595

The one hundred and eleventh session, "Joy in Living" was held October 11, 12, 13, 1977 in Grand Rapids. This is the oldest Grand Chapter in the World.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Phyllis M. Martz

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Donald A. Barns

Theme: Joy in Living

Emblems: Bible and Cross

**MINNESOTA**

Chapters: 234

Members: 39,167

Loss: 831

The ninety-ninth, "Treasured Memories" session was held in Rochester May 11, 12 and 13 of 1977 in the Mayo Civic Auditorium.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Florence M. Richert

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Tom Bosworth

Projects: Faith, Hope and Love project (for cancer and stroke patients at Masonic Home and Care Center)

Estarl; Starlite

Build Ships — friendship fellowship, membership and leadership.

**MISSOURI**

Chapters: 487

The one hundred third session, "Lillies of the Field" was held in the Municipal auditorium in Kansas City October 17, 18 and 19 of 1977.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Lillie Barks

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. I. Lee Ratcliff

Theme: The Enchanted Basket

Goal: To blend happiness and service — forming a beautiful friendship to strengthen our order.

**MONTANA**

Chapters: 111

Members: 19,565

Loss: 419

The eighty-eighth "Aloha" session was held in Kalispell on June 16, 17 and 18 of 1977.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Retta Powell

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Leo A. Thomas

Project: Good neighbor

Objective: To make a gain in membership.

**NEBRASKA**

Chapters: 226

Members: 36,494

Loss: 797

The one hundred, second "One Nation Under God" session was held May 3, 4 and 5th of 1977 in the Pershing Municipal Auditorium in Lincoln.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Virginia L. Jones

Worthy Grand Patron — Dr. Robert L. Bass

Projects: Estarl; Eastern Star Educational Association

**NEVADA**

Chapters: 29

Members: 5,614

Loss: 51

The seventy-second "Flight to the Stars" was held in Sparks October 6, 7, and 8th of 1977.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Hana Aoyama

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. John K. Carr

Motto: Chart your course by His star.

Emblem: The compass

Special Project: O.E.S. Home

**NEW BRUNSWICK**

Chapters: 41

Members: 4,296

Loss: 16

The forty-seventh "The Sunset Symphony" session was held in Campbellton, New Brunswick July 13, 14 and 15 of 1977 in the Sugarloaf High School.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Anne M. Steeves

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Cecil Jeffries

Projects: O.E.S. Home and magazine; Heart Fund; Crippled children; Estarl; Cancer Research.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Chapters: 62

Members: 10,754

Loss: 293

The eighty-seventh session, "The Happiness Through Hope" session was held in Bedford September 8, 9 and 10 of 1977.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Ruth B. Hamilton

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Robert F. Hefler

Motto: Speak kindly thoughts; do kindly deeds

Aim: Let us live for today, learn from yesterday, dream of tomorrow.

**NEW JERSEY**

Chapters:

Members: 45,367

Loss: 789

The one hundred, seventh, "The Camelot Session" was held in the convention Hall in Atlantic City May 24, 25 and 26 of 1977.

Most Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Evelyn A. MacKenzie

Most Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. William J. Bain

Motto: If you have the spirit — you hold the key to the Kingdom of Brotherhood, and are crowned with the glory of Christianity.

The initials of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron were combined as follows: "Embrace all men with joyous brotherhood."

**NORTH CAROLINA**

Chapters: 284

Members: 27,595

Gain: 133

The seventy-second session, "Bringing in the Sheaves" was held in Raleigh June 13, 14 and 15 of 1977 at the Memorial Auditorium.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Emma Lou Holt Johnson

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. G. Thomas Bullard, Jr.

Motto: In God We Trust

Projects: Home Maintenance, Estarl.

**NORTH DAKOTA**

Chapters: 90

Members: 7,727

Loss: 293

The eighty-third "Star Love Around the World" session was held at Bismarck June 8, 9 and 10 of 1977.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Clara O. Wendt

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Wesley I. Spillum

Motto: Live each day with a song in your heart; radiate happiness and joy while giving service to others.

Projects: International Temple; Estarl; Cancer Research; The Patio Pot of Gold; Peace Garden Overlook Shelter; Rainbow; DeMolay; The Current Currency

**NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

Chapters: 62

Members: 5,131

Loss: 8

The thirtieth, "The Golden Wings", session was held in the Westville High School July 5, 6 and 7 of 1977.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Helen Connors

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. William Anderson

Project: Nova Scotia Heart Foundation

Watchwords: Fidelity, Faith and Fellowship

**OHIO**

Chapters: 551

Members: 163,678

Loss: 2,083

The eighty-eighth session was held at the public auditorium in Cleveland October 25, 26 and 27 of 1977.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Doris P. Smith

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Bruce W. Hansford

**OKLAHOMA**

Chapters: 318

The sixty-ninth "Travel With the Stars" session was held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Guthrie October 17, 18 and 19, and 20 of 1977.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. J. Madge Ford

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. S. Howard Hope

Theme: "TNT" — Today — not Tomorrow

Motto: Forward Together

**ONTARIO**

Chapters: 218

The sixty-second session "Joy in Service" was held at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto September 21, 22 and 23 of 1977.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Violet Whitfield

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Alex Dawson

Motto: Jesus first, others second, yourself last.

Aim: To be very willing, able doers.

**OREGON**

Chapters: 163

Members: 30,356

Loss: 257

The eighty-eighty, "The Old Oregon Trail" session was held at the Memorial Coliseum in Portland June 20 through 22 of 1977.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Genevieve Powell

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Dick Barklow

Aim: Look to the past, not only to measure our progress, but to understand the present.

Motto: Every day is the best Day of the Year.

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Chapters: 455

Members: 105,408

Loss: 1,502

The eighty-third "Tree of Life" session was held in the Civic Center in Philadelphia June 27, 28, 29 and 30 of 1977.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Joyce M. Cooper

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Marshall C. Stevens

## QUEBEC

Chapters: 37

Members: 2,626

Loss: 11

The fifty-fifth "Star of Serenity" session was held in Montreal October 12, 13 and 14 of 1977 at the Sheraton-Mount Royal Hotel.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Janet Neal

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Mervin Jones

Motto: Be ye humble in all things.

Projects: Estarl; Cancer Society; International Temple; Arthritis and Rheumatism.

## SCOTLAND

The Supremem Grand Chapter of Scotland met April 9, 1977 for their half yearly meeting in the Usher Hall in Edinburgh.

Most Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Margaret Aitchison

Most Worthy Grand Patron — Mrs. Thomas Irvine

## SOUTH CAROLINA

The seventy-first session, "The Crown of Happiness" session was held in the Columbia Township Auditorium June 19, 20 and 21 of 1978.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Ruth Reynolds

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Ralph W. Horton

## SOUTH DAKOTA

Chapters: 122

Members: 13,540

Loss: 391

The eighty-ninth "Servie to Mankind" session was held at Watertown, South Dakota October 11, 12 and 13 of 1977.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Mary Klar

Worthy Grand Patron — Mr. Walter Reckling

Watchwords: Kindness, Light, Achievement and Rededication

Projects: O.E.S. home and Estarl.

## UTAH

Chapters: 23

Members: 3,775

Gain: 36

The seventy-second "Bridgebuilder" session was held at the Masonic Temple in Salt Lake City October 12, 13 and 14 of 1977.

Worthy Grand Matron — Mrs. Barbara R. Kidrick

Worthy Grand Patron — Mrs. Jean F. King

Projects: Charity ball in support of previously approved projects; Estarl; O.E.S. home fund; Cancer Research

Theme: Bridging all areas of fraternalism.

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## *Appreciation*

*To each member who has served in some manner  
to make this a more meaningful Session, we  
say thank you with grateful and loving hearts.*

*Mary M. Brown  
Worthy Grand Matron*

*Murray Watson, Jr.  
Worthy Grand Patron*

This Grand Chapter  
Session is dedicated  
to the "grand" membership  
of Texas!

As we continue to  
work in our Order, may  
we yield ourselves to  
the touch of the Master  
Potter that He may shape  
our lives into more  
useful vessels of  
service.

