

The Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star

Welcomes You to The
141ST Grand Chapter
LOVE AND SERVICE
Session



Grand Lodge of Texas Library & Museum
Waco, Texas
August 8 - 11, 2024

SUSAN DORMADY
Worthy Grand Matron

MARK DIECKMANN
Worthy Grand Patron



Amidst the whispers of the breeze so fine,
Trees stand tall, a symbol of friendship divine.
Their branches stretch, a gentle, loving hand,
A shelter from life's storms, a peaceful land.

Their leaves rustle, a soft, sweet melody,
A symphony that echoes harmony.
Their roots run deep, a bond that's strong and true,
A testament to friendships that forever shine
through.

Like trees, our friends stand by our side,
Through laughter and tears, they abide.
Their love and support, a sturdy frame,
A foundation on which our hearts can claim.

So let us cherish these treasured friends,
And the trees that stand, until the very end.
For in their shade, we find our peace,
And in their company, our hearts release.



MRS. SUSAN DORMADY

Worthy Grand Matron

2023 - 2024

Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star



MR. MARK DIECKMANN

Worthy Grand Patron

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Distinguished Guests

General Grand Chapter Elected Officers

General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members

Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons
of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons
of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Deputies and Special Appointments
of the Most Worthy Grand Matron

Deputies and Special Appointments
of the Most Worthy Grand Patron

Grand Representatives of Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions

Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions
in Other Grand Jurisdictions

Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas

Most Worshipful Grand Master

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, AF & AM

Past Grand Masters and other
Grand Lodge Officers

Distinguished Members and Leaders of the
Fraternal Youth Organizations

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Order of DeMolay

Presiding Officers and Distinguished Members
Of All Appendant Bodies

TEXAS MEMBER AND HONORED GUEST



Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.

Right Worthy Grand Trustee
General Grand Chapter
and
Past Grand Patron of Texas

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS



MR. BURLEY JONES
Ambassador Brazil,
Central West



**MRS. JIMMIE LEE
MCMAHON**
By-Laws Chairman



MRS. VI GRIFFIN
Community Service
Committee



DR. CHARLES W. BANE
Educational Committee



**MRS. LINDA
WINN-CHRISTENSON
ESTARL**



MR. TREY SMITH
International
Headquarters



MR. PAUL GARNER
Membership Committee



MR. RICK SKIDD
Regenerative Medicine
Committee



MR. GEORGE GWALTNEY
Service Dogs Committee

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS



MRS. CAROLYN MARTIN
Youth Committee



MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE
GGC Director of Deputies



MRS. BETTY BENHAM
Triennial Other Assembly
Colorful Notes



MRS. ROSEMARY BERRY
Triennial Other Assembly
Faithful Notes

General Grand Chapter Special Appointments

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| Mrs. Delia Whitfield | Deputy to the
Most Worthy Grand Matron for Mexico, GGC |
| Mrs. Joan Miller | Triennial Other Assembly Colorful Notes
Grand Page to MWGM, GGC |
| Mr. Terry Miller | Triennial Other Assembly Colorful Notes
Grand Aide to MWGM, GGC |



In Loving Memory
Geraldine L. "Gerry" Dusek

AUGUST 20, 1930 ~ AUGUST 20, 2023

Past Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Texas
2006 - 2007

Geraldine "Gerry" Dusek was born August 20, 1930 in San Benito, Texas, in Cameron County. She graduated from Rio Hondo High School and earned a BS degree in Elementary Education from Texas A & M University in Kingsville, Texas. Then, she earned her MS degree from the University of Texas, Pan American, and several professional certifications including Supervisory and Mid Management. She also served two terms on the Board of Trustees for Rio Hondo CISD.

Gerry was preceded in death by her husband, Hubert, and is survived by her daughter, Denise, three granddaughters, and six great grandchildren. She remained in the "Valley" her entire life and was buried in San Benito, the city of her birth.

Gerry was employed in various positions with the Harlingen CISD for 32 years, serving as an elementary school principal the last 13 years prior to her retirement. She enjoyed being actively involved in community affairs as well as church activities. She was a life member of Rio Hondo Community Church, where she served as an Assistant Youth Sunday School Teacher, and the church choir director for several years.

Gerry was initiated into Hope Chapter #124 on July 18, 1966, was affiliated with Rio Hondo #815 in 1983, as well as Harlingen #641 in 2001. She served as Worthy Matron five times, and served Grand Chapter in the following positions: Deputy Grand Matron, District Deputy Grand Matron, Grand Representative of New Brunswick, Grand Warder, and Board of

Grand Examiners, District 5, before being elected Associate Grand Conductress in 2003 in Ft. Worth.

Gerry's theme was TOUCHING THE FUTURE, and the little red schoolhouse was her emblem. Her desire was that every member would attempt to live the life exemplified in the work of our beautiful Order in the best possible manner. Gerry was very quiet, and extremely sincere when it came to performing any duty for the Texas Grand Chapter. Yet, when a funny story was told on someone that she had known in the past or a member of Eastern Star, no one could laugh harder than Gerry. She was a delight to be around outside the Eastern Star Realm.

Personally, I enjoyed hearing her say this, as she often did: "May we strive to demonstrate the beauty of our ritualistic work and the true meaning of our Order as described within our fourth Landmark – that our lessons are scriptural, our teachings moral and our purposes beneficent."

Betty Y. Friend,
Past Grand Matron



"Looking to the Future"



In Loving Memory

KENNETH RAY GREGORY

PAST GRAND PATRON 1997-1998

NOVEMBER 7, 1928 ~ JUNE 23, 2024

Kenneth Ray Gregory was born on November 7, 1928 in Nederland, Texas. He graduated from Nederland High School and enrolled in Lamar University, but left to join the United States Navy in August 1946 and began to travel the world. On June 10, 1948, Kenneth married Juanita Beatrice Smith.

While serving in the Navy, Kenneth advanced to the rank of Chief Petty Officer, Warrant Officer and received a commission as Ensign in the Supply Corps in 1958. He served at various shore stations in the U.S., various shipboard assignments and overseas in Athens, Greece; DeNang, Vietnam; and Frankfurt, Germany. In July 1968, he graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California with a Bachelor of Arts in Government and International Relations. Kenneth retired from the military in February 1975, after 29 years of service, with the rank of Commander while serving as the Logistics Finance Officer for Commander Construction Battalions, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, and then he returned to Texas.

Since retiring from the Navy, Kenneth's life was dedicated to his family, his church, his community and his fraternities. In his churches, he served as a Deacon, Sunday School Director, Bible teacher for adult men and on many committees. He served on the Board of Trustees for the Warren ISD for 15 years during which he was President for several years. He served on the Board of Directors for the Tyler County Appraisal District for several years, a member of the local Lions Club, and served as Election Judge in Tyler County for six years.

Kenneth was raised a Master Mason in Snow River Masonic Lodge No. 385 in Spurger, Texas on April 16, 1979 where he served as Worshipful Master in 1983-84. He served the Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 121 in 1985-86. He also served as District Instructor No. 121 in 1988-90. Kenneth received his Endowed Membership to Snow River Lodge on February 11, 1987. On

June 17, 2002, he became a plural member with Norton Moses No. 336 in Leander. An outstanding achievement for Brother Kenneth was that he held an “A” Certificate for 43 years of his 45 years of Masonic service.

Kenneth was also a member of the Beaumont Chapter and Council, Beaumont Commandery No. 38 and was a 32nd degree Mason in the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Galveston.

Kenneth was initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star in Spurger No. 315 on September 4, 1980. He later became a member of Wisteria No. 823 in Beaumont on July 13, 1982, Travis No. 472 in Austin on April 18, 2003, and then Leander No. 73 on October 14, 2013. He held Endowed Memberships in both Spurger No. 315 and Travis No. 472. In his four different chapters, he served as Worthy Patron nine times, and held many other offices. He also served on many committees and in 1997-1998, he was honored to serve as Worthy Grand Patron of Texas with Mrs. Yvonne S. Brownfield serving as Worthy Grand Matron.

Kenneth passed away on June 23, 2024 at the age of 95 years old. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert Bruce Gregory and Cynthia Elizabeth (Lizzie) Gregory, by his wife of 71 years Juanita Gregory, and his daughter Mary Ann Castelli.

He is survived by his three daughters Cynthia Gregory (Hal Savage), Christine Gregory Hirsch, Linda Karen Gregory (Dean Adams) and his ten grandchildren Lisa Gregory, Heather Bergerson (Spencer), Stacy Coyne (John), Franchesca O’Dell (Chad), Justin Castelli (Laura), Trini Navarra (Jessica), Willie Gregory, Daniel Hirsch, Noah Hirsh, Joycelyn Savage (Cris). He is also survived by seventeen great grandchildren and four great, great grandchildren.

Upon the request of the family, donations in honor of PGP Kenneth Gregory may be sent to the Grand Chapter of Texas, OES, Education Fund, 8101 Valcasi Drive, Suite 101, Arlington, TX 76001.

Kenneth Gregory will be remembered as one who served his country, community, and church for many years and was always polite, generous, a loving family man and a “True Southern Gentleman”. He will be missed by us all.

Submitted by PGP Nelson Campbell



PAST GRAND MATRONS OF TEXAS

Mrs. Betty Benham	Mrs. Annette Curry
Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry	Mrs. Jayne Yenger
Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane	Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht
Mrs. Betty Friend	Mrs. Jerre Lucas
Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon	Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer
Mrs. Karen Morganthaler	Mrs. Carolyn Martin
Mrs. Nancy Brown	Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson
Mrs. Joyce Nicklas	Ms. Terri Rozell
Mrs. Mary Ruth White	Mrs. Phyllis Macon
Mrs. Vi Griffin	

PAST GRAND PATRONS OF TEXAS

Mr. Richard Ochs	Mr. Bill Crews
Mr. H. Lee Stallings	Mr. Trey Smith
Mr. Buddy Baker	Mr. George Gwaltney
Mr. Ed Warner	Mr. Billy Clabaugh
Mr. Jerry Martin	Mr. Tom Murphy
Mr. Nelson Campbell	Mr. Rick Skidd
Mr. John Creel	Mr. Burley Jones
Mr. Jerry Trees	Mr. Paul Garner
Mr. Ray Hertenberger	Mr. Tom Brisko
Mr. Bill Wyatt	Mr. James R. Parker
Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.	

PAST GRANDS AT HOME IN TEXAS

Mr. Bill Rhyan ~ AZ	Mrs. Bonnie Varnell ~ NM
Mr. Carl Larson ~ CT	Mrs. Bettie Bywater ~ NV
Dr. Bill Bane ~ D. C.	Mrs. Joyce Bytheway ~ PA
Mr. George Ramsey ~ MO	Mr. David Flaxington ~ RI
Mrs. Susan Thomas ~ NH	Mrs. Brenda Jones ~ VI
Mrs. Rosemary Alsworth ~ NM	Mrs. Kelly O'Malley ~ VI
Mr. Jim Davis ~ NM	Mrs. Elizabeth Bordeaux ~ VT
Mrs. Betty Robertson ~ NM	

HONORED GUEST



Mr. Tommy F. Chapman

Most Worshipful Grand Master
of the
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, AF & AM

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS



**MRS. GLENDA R.
MURPHY**

Associate Grand Matron



**MR. TERRY E.
LITTLEPAGE**

Associate Grand Patron



DR. ELLEN PICKRELL
Grand Secretary



**MRS. GRETA B.
SPRADLING**

Grand Treasurer



MRS. GLENDA KLEMM
Grand Conductress



MRS. KATHY PASCHAL
Associate Grand
Conductress



MRS. PAT CALLAHAN
Grand Chaplain



MRS. MARY HARVEY
Grand Marshal



MRS. SUSAN SMITH
Grand Organist

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS



**MS. ELINOR
HUMPHREYS**
Grand Adah



**MRS. CHRISTINE
ARMSTRONG**
Grand Ruth



**MRS. SHERRY
DIECKMANN**
Grand Esther



MRS. LYNDA KLEIN
Grand Martha



MS. MOLLY CLIETT
Grand Electa



MS. MELANIE RAYNER
Grand Warder



MR. JESSE RAMOS
Grand Sentinel



SPECIAL APPOINTMENT



MRS. DONNA HUGHES
Fraternal Correspondent

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



MR. JOE GILMORE
Vice-Chairman



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Chairman



MRS. BRENDA MCDANIEL
Secretary



MRS. MARY MEDFORD
District 2



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District 1



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District 3



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District 3



MR. BILL HENRY
District 4



MR. OSCAR HAIRELL
District 5



MRS. KAREN WRIGHT
District 5

BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS



MRS. SHERRIE FOWLER
District 1



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District 2



MRS. DONNA HILL POPE
District 3



MRS. CHERYL ROYALL
District 4



MRS. VICKIE MATHEWS
District 5



MRS. TINA STEVENS
At-Large

Executive Committee



MRS. JUDY PARSONS
General Co-Chairman



MRS. DEBORAH LAND
General Chairman



MRS. CARLA STRINGER
Secretary



MR. PAUL KLEIN
Treasurer



MR. DANYL DORMADY
Auditor



Arrangements Committee



MR. JOSEPH SCHOLARI
General Co-Chairman



MS. LORI GOLDMAN
General Chairman



MR. TOM HANCOCK
General Co-Chairman



MRS. MELINDA HICKS
Secretary



MRS. DEBRA TARPLEY
Recorder



Arrangements - Chairmen

ATTENDEE BAGS	Rosemary Williams, Chairman Janice Kelley, Co-Chairman
DECORATIONS	Cassie Hobbins, Chairman Lindsay Shrode, Co-Chairman
DEER BLIND	David O'Docharty, Chairman Kevin O'Docharty, Co-Chairman
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS	Cindy Brisko, Chairman
ELECTIONS	Debi Fincher, Chairman
ELECTRICAL	Don Austin, Chairman
FIRST AID	Betty J. Mugg, Chairman
GIFT ROOM	Sharon Adams, Chairman
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES HOSPITALITY	Judy Harris, Chairman Kay Drescher, Co-Chairman
HOUSING	Judy Tucker, Chairman
INFORMATION	Connie L. Nurmi, Member
LABYRINTH	Michael Baker, Chairman
LOGISTICS	Sam B. Cooper, Jr., Member
LOST & FOUND	Patricia Hancock, Chairman
MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE	Debara Perry, Chairman Jeff Perry, Co-Chairman
PARAPHERNALIA	Jerri Young, Chairman
PHOTOGRAPHERS	Wendy LaGrone, Chairman
SECURITY	Mike Fincher, Chairman
SIGNS	Kay Hale, Chairman
SOCIAL	Debra Lynn Ervin-Rice, Chairman Brenda Light, Co-Chairman

Arrangements—Chairmen

SOUND	Bobby Stringer, Chairman
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS	Bob Royall, Jr., Chairman
STENO	Sandy Trimble, Chairman Deneice Marshall, Co-Chairman
TICKETS	Tanya Meadows, Chairman Amber Sperry, Co-Chairman
TRANSPORTATION	Tommy Griffin, Chairman
USHERS	Jerry Boldin, Chairman
VENDORS	Susie Rodgers, Chairman Terry Miller, Co-Chairman



PRE-OPENING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024

9:30 AM Musical Prelude

Mrs. Phyllis MacMillan
Grand Page to the Grand Organist



ESTARL PROGRAM **“GROWING THE FAMILY OF GOD”**

Welcome Mrs. Sudie Pool, General Chairman

Invocation Mrs. Gail Fuller

INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

Mrs. Carolyn Burns	District 1
Mrs. Anita Mead	District 2
Mrs. Glinda Tackett	District 3
Mrs. Sharon Willingham	District 4
Mrs. Gail Fuller	District 5

District Reports District Chairmen

Musical Selection Mrs. Susan Smith, Grand Organist
Mrs. Caron Joseph, GGC Assistants

Scripture Reading Mr. Luke Bitzkie
District 5 Scholarship Recipient

Devotional/Sermonette Ms. Rebekah Savage
District 1 Scholarship Recipient

Presentation of Certificates Mrs. Susan Dormady, WGM
and Mr. Mark Dieckmann, WGP

Benediction Mrs. Carolyn Burns

CEREMONIAL OPENING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024
10:30 AM

10:15 AM Musical Prelude Mrs. Linda Love
Music, District 4 Chairman

10:30 AM Opening of Session
Master of Ceremonies Mrs. Betty Benham
GGC Colorful Notes and PGM of Texas

Assisting Grand Marshal Mrs. Phyllis Macon, PGM

PROCESSIONAL OF DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS
BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS

District 1 Mrs. Sherrie Fowler
Escorted by Mr. Maverick Murray

District 2 Mrs. Chris Puckett
Escorted by Mr. Roy Parsons

District 3 Mrs. Donna Pope
Escorted by Mr. James Manley

District 4 Mrs. Cheryl Royall
Escorted by Mr. Bob Royall

District 5 Mrs. Vickie Mathews
Escorted by Mr. Sammy Peach

Grand Examiner at Large Mrs. Tina Stevens
Escorted by Mr. John Thomas

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM (continued)
FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT AND GRAND FLOOR OFFICERS

Fraternal Correspondent	Mrs. Donna Hughes <i>Escorted by Mr. Jerry Neuenschwander</i>
Grand Sentinel	Mr. Jesse Ramos <i>Escorted by Mrs. Melissa Ramos</i>
Grand Warder	Ms. Melanie Rayner <i>Escorted by Mrs. Mona Giles</i>
Grand Electa	Ms. Molly Cliett <i>Escorted by Mr. Dale Gordon</i>
Grand Martha	Mrs. Lynda Klein <i>Escorted by Mr. Paul Klein</i>
Grand Esther	Mrs. Sherry Dieckmann <i>Escorted by Mr. Jedidiah Dieckmann</i>
Grand Ruth	Mrs. Christine Armstrong <i>Escorted by Mr. Randy Bosley</i>
Grand Adah	Ms. Elinor Humphreys <i>Escorted by Mr. Charles Foster</i>
Grand Organist	Mrs. Susan Smith <i>Escorted by Mr. Tom Cumming</i>
Grand Marshal	Mrs. Mary Harvey <i>Escorted by Mr. Ronald Gubrud</i>
Grand Chaplain	Mrs. Pat Callahan <i>Escorted by PGP Burley Jones</i>

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM (continued)

Associate Grand Conductress

Mrs. Kathy Paschal
Escorted by Mr. Mike Biddler

Grand Conductress

Mrs. Glenda Klemm
Escorted by Mr. Keith Borst

Grand Treasurer

Mrs. Greta Spradling
Escorted by PGP Bill Bane

Grand Secretary

Dr. Ellen Pickrell
Escorted by PGP James R. Parker

Associate Grand Patron

Mr. Terry E. Littlepage
Escorted by Mrs. Monette Littlepage

Associate Grand Matron

Mrs. Glenda R. Murphy
Escorted by PGP Tom Murphy

Worthy Grand Patron

Mr. Mark Dieckmann
Escorted by Ms. Alyssa Baccus

Worthy Grand Matron

Mrs. Susan Dormady
Escorted by Mr. Bill Dormady



THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM (continued)

GRAND OFFICERS DRILL

Directed by Mrs. Mary Harvey, Grand Marshal

PRECISION DRILL

Directed by Mr. Bill Wyatt, PGP

PRESENTATIONS

STAR POINT EMBLEMS

Narrator Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahan, PGM

Adah Ms. Elinor Humphreys, Grand Adah
Glenda Chambers Grimes, Grand Page

Ruth Mrs. Christine Armstrong, Grand Ruth
Penny Bosley, Grand Page

Esther Mrs. Sherry Dieckmann, Grand Esther
Roberta Pugh, Grand Page

Martha Mrs. Lynda Klein, Grand Martha
Mary Bond, Grand Page

Electa Ms. Molly Cliett, Grand Electa
Susie Geer, Grand Page

HOLY BIBLE & MARKER Mrs. Mary Ruth White, PGM

SQUARE AND COMPASSES Mr. Jedidiah Dieckmann
Son of the Worthy Grand Patron

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM (continued)

FLAG PRESENTATIONS

Narrator	PGP Ray Hertenberger
United States Flag	PGP Rick Skidd GGC-CM Regenerative
Texas Flag	PGP Trey Smith GGC-CM International Headquarters
Christian Flag	PGP Burley Jones Ambassador Brazil, Central West
Eastern Star Flag	PGP James R. Parker
Masonic Flag	PGP Jerry Martin And Past Grand Master

GREETINGS

Welcome	Mrs. Deborah Land Executive Committee General Chairman, 2023-2024
Grand Lodge of Texas, Library and Museum	Mr. Christian Moore
General Grand Chapter	Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr. Right Worthy Grand Trustee and PGP of Texas
Grand Master of Texas	Mr. Tommy Chapman Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, AF&AM

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



RITUALISTIC OPENING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024
1:00 PM

12:30 PM Musical Prelude Mrs. Linda Hugo
Music, District 3, Chairman

Call to Order Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane
GGC Director of Deputies and PGM of Texas
Mr. H. Lee Stallings, PGP

ENTRANCE OF GRAND OFFICERS

Partial Report of the Credentials Committee
Mrs. Denise Browning
Credentials Chairman

Ritualistic Opening of Grand Chapter Grand Officers

Opening Ode "This is My Father's World"

Flag Presentation Mrs. Mary Harvey
Grand Marshal

Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Mark Dieckmann
Worthy Grand Patron

National Anthem Grand Choir and Assembly

Filling of Vacancies



THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024 ~ 1:00 PM (*continued*)

FORMAL INTRODUCTIONS

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

Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons
of Other Grand Jurisdictions
Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons
of Other Grand Jurisdictions

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

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

Grand Committee Members and Appointments of
Other Grand Jurisdictions

Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations

Presiding Officers and Distinguished Members
of All Appendant Bodies

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024 ~ 1:00 PM (continued)

Draping the Altar

Mrs. Glenda Klemm
Grand Conductress

Mrs. Kathy Paschal
Associate Grand Conductress

Mrs. Pat Callahan
Grand Chaplain

Musical Benediction

“The Lord’s Prayer”
Mr. Jerry Neuenschwander
Mrs. Susan Smith, Grand Organist

Closing of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Glenda Klemm
Grand Conductress

PLEASE RETIRE IN A REVERENT MANNER

**SESSION CALLED FROM LABOR TO REST UNTIL
8:15 AM FRIDAY**



FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2024

8:15 AM

8:00 AM Musical Prelude Mrs. Sandra Gubrud
Treasure Hunt Committee

8:15 AM Call to Order Mrs. Mary Ruth White, PGM
Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.
Right Worthy Grand Trustee and PGP of Texas

ENTRANCE OF THE GRAND OFFICERS

Opening of the Holy Bible Mrs. Glenda Klemm
Grand Conductress

**BUSINESS SESSION
REPORTS**

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

Parliamentary Procedures Mrs. Janet Travers
Chapters U.D. Mr. Bill Clabaugh
Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Susan Dormady
Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Mark Dieckmann
Grand Secretary Dr. Ellen Pickrell
Grand Treasurer Mrs. Greta B. Spradling
Grievances and Appeals Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, PGM
Board of Directors Mrs. Tamela Henington
Jurisprudence Ms. Terri Rozell, PGM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2024 ~ 8:00 AM (continued)

REPORTS (continued)

By-Laws	Mrs. Loretta Booth, Chairman
Educational Fund	Mrs. Jay Rhyan, Chairman
Financial Investments	Mrs. Carolyn Martin, PGM GGC-CM Youth
Benediction	Mrs. Pat Callahan Grand Chaplain
Closing of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Glenda Klemm Grand Conductress

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
JOINT LINE OFFICERS LUNCHEON
HELD AT THE
LEE LOCKWOOD LIBRARY AND MUSEUM**



FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2024

2:00 PM

1:45 PM Musical Prelude	Mrs. Susan Helmcamp Grand Page to the Grand Organist
2:00 PM Call to Order	Mr. Mark Dieckmann Worthy Grand Patron

ENTRANCE OF THE GRAND OFFICERS

Opening of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Glenda Klemm Grand Conductress
Invocation	Mrs. Pat Callahan Grand Chaplain

REPORTS (*continued*)

Eastern Star Charities of Texas	Mr. Paul Garner GGC-CM Membership and PGP
Grand Chaplain	Mrs. Pat Callahan Grand Chaplain
ESTARL	Mrs. Sudie Pool General Chairman
Museum	Mrs. Mickie Campbell General Chairman
OES Endowment Fund	Mrs. Cynthia Leftwich General Chairman
Titles, Deeds & Properties	Mr. Hardy Nevill General Chairman
Purposes and Policies	Mrs. Mary Ruth White, PGM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2024 ~ 2:00 PM *(continued)*

Humanitarian Presentation

Mrs. Virginia Franklin
General Chairman

District 1

Mrs. Rhonda Holland

District 2

Mrs. Shirley Flache

District 3

Mrs. Kaye Swain

District 4

Mrs. Francie Spirkoff

District 5

Mrs. Carlotta Fairchild

Benediction

Mrs. Pat Callahan
Grand Chaplain

Closing of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Glenda Klemm
Grand Conductress

**SESSION CALLED FROM LABOR TO REST TO
RECONVENE AT 8:15 AM SATURDAY**



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
“RUN FOR THE ROSES”
ROB MORRIS CELEBRATION**

**TO BE HELD AT THE
LEE LOCKWOOD
LIBRARY AND MUSEUM**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024

8:15 AM

8:00 AM Musical Prelude Mrs. Susan Helmcamp
Grand Page to the Grand Organist

8:15 AM Call to Order Mrs. Jerre Lucas, PGM

Invocation Mr. Nelson Campbell, PGP

ENTRANCE OF INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS

Opening of the Holy Bible Mrs. Glenda Klemm
Grand Conductress

NOTE: NO CREDENTIALS CAN BE PICKED UP AFTER 9AM

Presentation of Executive and Arrangements Committee

Credentials Final Report Mrs. Denise Browning
Credentials, General Chairman

Election Judge Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon
By-Laws Chairman GGC and PGM

Appointment of Table Judges and Tellers (*If necessary*)

10:00 AM **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

REPORTS (*continued*)

Registration Mrs. Heather Humphrey
Registration General Chairman

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024 ~ 8:15 AM (continued)

Fraternal Correspondent	Mrs. Donna Hughes
Deputies of Grand Chapter	
Grand Examiners	
Presentation and Recognition of Fifty Year Members	
Shining Star Chapter Awards	Mr. Jay Hicks General Chairman
Ritualistic Achievement	Mrs. Kiki Treichel General Chairman
Rob Morris Celebration	Mrs. Renae Hendrick General Chairman

INVITATION TO 2024-2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

ELECTION RESULTS

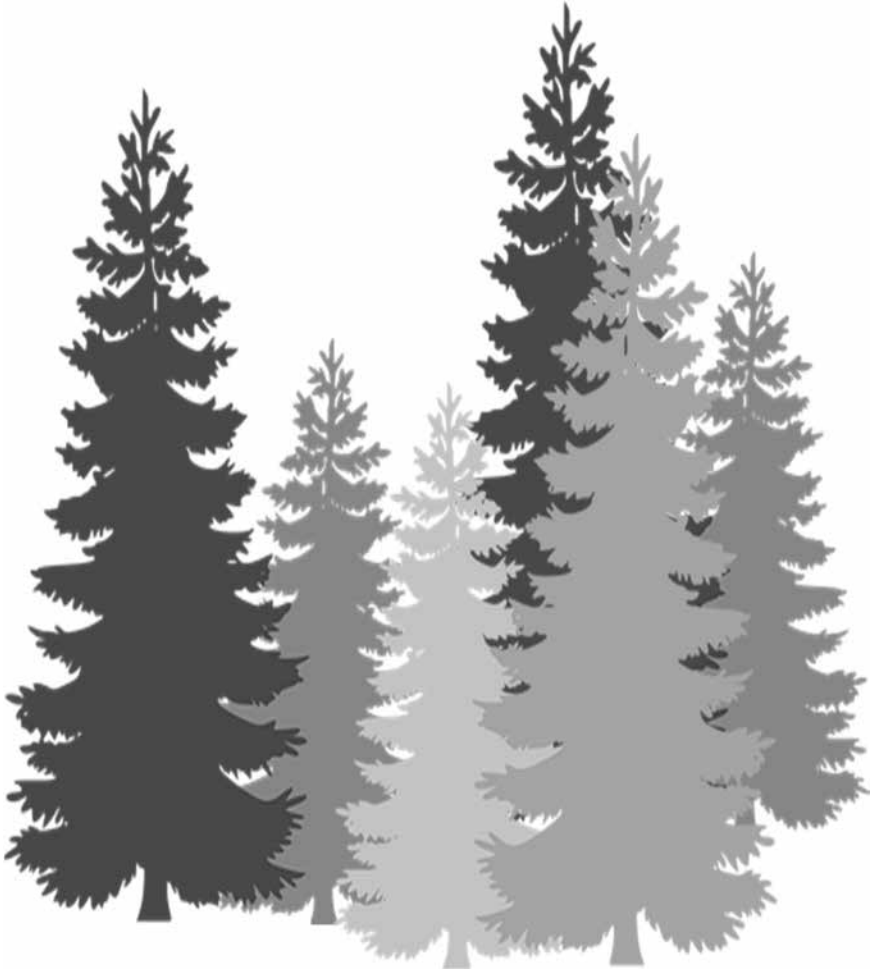
Closing Ode	“Thank You For Being A Friend”
Benediction	Mrs. Pat Callahan Grand Chaplain
Closing of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Glenda Klemm Grand Conductress
The Retiring Drill	Installed Grand Officers

**CALLED FROM LABOR TO REST UNTIL
5:00 PM SATURDAY EVENING**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
OPEN INSTALLATION
OF THE
2024-2025 GRAND OFFICERS**

**PROCESSIONAL OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
WILL BEGIN AT 5:15 PM**





**PARLIAMENTARY RULES OF PROCEDURE
FOR GRAND CHAPTER 2024
In accordance with Code of Laws, Article 157,
Pages 118-120 and the following:**

1. “Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised” shall be the adopted parliamentary authority and the rules found therein shall govern in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Texas.
2. The Credentials Committee, immediately prior to the Ritualistic Opening of Grand Chapter, shall report the number of delegates registered. The report of this Committee will determine if a quorum is present. Immediately prior to holding the election at the Saturday morning session, the Credentials Committee shall make a final report of those entitled to vote and the total number of votes.
3. In order to enter the Grand Chapter meeting room for all business sessions, delegates shall wear the official badge issued by the Registration Committee and must show a current dues card or demit. On Saturday morning, delegates also must have their signed official ballot for admission to the Grand Chapter room.
4. There shall be three (3) written copies of all motions made from the floor. These copies shall have the name, signature, and Chapter name and number of the maker of the motion, as well as that of the member seconding the motion. These copies are to be distributed as follows:
 - a. One copy to the Worthy Grand Matron;
 - b. One copy to the Grand Secretary;
 - c. One copy to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.
5. Only Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons, Past Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction are entitled to speak, make motions, debate, or vote.
6. In order to obtain the floor, the following procedure will be used:
 - a. Proceed to the nearest microphone;
 - b. Address the Presiding Officer;
 - c. Wait for recognition from the Presiding Officer before speaking;

- d. State name, title, Chapter name and number, then proceed to make a motion or participate in debate.
7. All motions must be seconded and stated by the Presiding Officer before debate can begin.
8. A motion may be amended (primary amendment) and the amendment may be amended (secondary amendment). In taking the vote, the secondary amendment is voted on first, then the primary amendment as amended, then the original motion as amended.
9. Debate shall be limited to three (3) minutes for each speaker for each question. No member may speak more than one time on a question unless permission to speak again is given by the Presiding Officer. The three-minute time limit can be extended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting, or can be extended by the Presiding Officer, if there is no objection.
10. A majority vote shall determine all questions, unless otherwise specified in these rules of procedure. If the result is not clear, a division can be called. Voting Delegates will hold up the LIGHT BLUE card; Chapter Representatives will hold up the PURPLE card.
11. After a motion has been made, seconded, and stated by the presiding Officer, it cannot be withdrawn without permission of the voting body.
12. The following motions are not debatable:

- a. Reconsider
- b. Refer to a committee
- c. Call for the orders of the day
- d. Division of the question
- e. Previous question *
- f. Lay on the table
- g. To proceed to close



*A member wishing to close debate shall proceed to a microphone; wait to be recognized; address the Presiding Officer, state your name, title, Chapter name and number; and then making the following motion: "I move the previous question." Simply calling out the word "question" from the audience will not be recognized by the Presiding Officer. A vote must be taken on the motion to "Move the Previous Question."

13. Emergency legislation may be presented at Grand Chapter if it is approved by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting. There shall be three (3) copies in writing of all emergency legislation proposals with distribution as follows:
 - a. One copy to the Worthy Grand Matron;
 - b. One copy to the Grand Secretary;
 - c. One copy to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.
14. The motion to reconsider must be made by a delegate who voted on the prevailing (winning) side either on the same day the vote was taken on the original motion, or the next succeeding day.
15. The maker of the motion shall be entitled to be the first speaker on that motion.
16. The affirmative and the negative vote will be taken on all questions and resolutions and the result announced by the Presiding Officer.
17. The Worthy Grand Matron shall make all rulings and decisions. It will take two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting to overrule a decision of the Chair.
18. Nominating speeches are not permitted. Nominations shall be made on election day by a member making the nominations as follows:
 - a. Go to a microphone and address the Presiding Officer;
 - b. Wait for recognition;
 - c. State your name, title, Chapter name and number;
 - d. Give the name and Chapter name and number of the member being nominated and the office for which this nomination is made.
19. Nominations do not require a second.
20. The election results will be announced by the Presiding Officer.
21. No tape recorders (except official recordings) are permitted in the Grand Chapter room. No media devices (cell phones, tablets, etc.) are permitted to record the proceedings in the Grand Chapter Room.
22. Only Bottled water is permitted in the Grand Chapter room.

SESSION SOCIAL EVENTS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024

- 6:00 PM "SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY OF WALTZING ACROSS TEXAS" Past Grands Informal Dinner. ***This Group Only.***
Hostess: Jimmie Lee McMahon
Location: LEE LOCKWOOD
- 5:30 PM "FRIENDS, FOOD AND FISH STORIES" Installed Grand Officers Dinner. ***By invitation only.***
Hostess: Mary Harvey

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024

- 9:00 AM Reception honoring Glenda Murphy, Associate Grand Matron, and the 2024-2025 Grand Officers. ***By invitation only.***
Hosted by: Terry Littlepage, Assoc. Grand Patron.
Location: LEE LOCKWOOD LIBRARY
- 10:30 AM Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons meeting.
Location: LEE LOCKWOOD LOWER LEVEL
- 12 Noon "STEPPING IN TIME WITH MEMORIES OF THE PAST"
Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons Luncheon.
This Group Only.
Hostess: Jimmie Lee McMahon
Location: LEE LOCKWOOD LOWER LEVEL
- 1:30 PM "FOUR SEASONS" Deputies of 2023-2024 Grand Chapter. Honoring Susan Dormady, WGM and Mark Dieckmann, WGP. Invited are: Grand Examiners, Fraternal Correspondent, and the Humanitarian Committee. Hosted by: Deputies of Grand Chapter of Texas. ***This Group Only***
Chairman: Carol Sue Knutson
Location: HILTON GARDEN INN

SESSION SOCIAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024 *(continued)*

4:00 PM ~ 6:00 PM

“STARS SHINING ACROSS THE GLOBE” General Grand Chapter Reception honoring Texas General Grand Chapter Family. Open to Membership. (Eastern Star Casual).

This is a Reception ~ NOT A DINNER.

Chairman: Jayne Yenger

Location: HILTON GARDEN INN

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024

7:00 AM “BRANCHES OF LOVE SPREAD NEAR AND FAR” Grand Representatives Breakfast, Open to Grand Representatives, Current and Former of Texas and Other Jurisdictions, and Membership. Chairman: Martha Jones. Location: LEE LOCKWOOD

7:00 PM “A STARRY SAPPHIRE NIGHT” General Banquet honoring Susan Dormady, Worthy Grand Matron, Mark Dieckmann, Worthy Grand Patron, the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of Texas, and Fraternal Correspondent. Open to Membership.
Chairman: Betty Benham
Location: LEE LOCKWOOD

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2024

11:30 AM ~ 2:00 PM

Lunch Concessions, Grand Lodge Lower Level OR on your own. ***Please remember NO Food is allowed in the Grand Chapter Room***

SESSION SOCIAL EVENTS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2024 (continued)

12:00 noon "STARS OVER TEXAS" Luncheon honoring the Grand Chapter of Texas Grand Line Officers.

Open to Membership. Chairman: Diane Davidson

Location: LEE LOCKWOOD

6:00 PM "RUN FOR THE ROSES" Rob Morris Banquet. Fun night with Silent Auction. Open to Membership.

Chairman: Renae Hendrick

Location: LEE LOCKWOOD

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024

6:30 AM "BUSY BEES TAKE FLIGHT" Breakfast honoring Glenda Murphy, Associate Grand Matron and Terry Littlepage, Associate Grand Patron. Open to Membership.

Chairman: Kay Gilmore

Location: LEE LOCKWOOD

11:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM

Ticketed Box Lunch, Grand Lodge Lower Level OR on your own. ***Please remember NO Food is allowed in the Grand Chapter Room.***

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

8:00 AM "DAWNING OF A NEW DAY" Breakfast honoring the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress.

Open to Membership.

Chairman: Kaye Swain

Location: LEE LOCKWOOD



GENERAL INFORMATION

NO CREDENTIALS CAN BE PICKED UP AFTER 9:00 AM ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024.

(Code of Laws, Article 2, page 33): The Credentials Committee shall convene not later than 8:00 o'clock on the election morning for the registration of latecomers, but registration of voting delegates shall close at 9:00 o'clock on election morning.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS: All General Grand Chapter Officers, Worthy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, are invited to be seated in the designated area as space shall permit.

*******GIFT TABLE:** A gift table will be set up on the main floor in the area with Registration. If you have a gift for a Texas Installed Grand Floor Officer or Elected Board Member, please take the gift to the table and register it with the hostess there. It will be kept secure for the duration of Grand Chapter session.*****

ASSISTING GRAND WARDERS & ASSISTING GRAND SENTINELS

Please be on duty thirty (30) minutes before each session. Please assist in proving Grand Chapter.

GRAND CHOIR MEMBERS; Please be in place thirty (30) minutes before each session.

HOSPITALITY ROOM INFORMATION; Distinguished Guests, Grand Representatives and PAGO will be in Room 1 on the Main level.

REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS:

Wednesday, August 7, 2024	10:00 AM ~ 5:00 PM
Thursday, August 8, 2024	8:00 AM ~ 5:00 PM
Friday, August 9, 2024	8:00 AM ~ 5:00 PM
Saturday, August 10, 2024	7:00 AM ~ 9:00 AM for voters 7:00 AM ~ 10:00 AM for non-voters

- ** Ballots are not transferable, and, if lost, will not be replaced.
- ** Please sign your Ballot envelope immediately upon receipt as proof of receiving your electronic voting device.
- ** A valid Receipt for Dues or a Demit and Registration badges are required for admittance to each Grand Chapter Session

FIRST AID: Arrangements First Aid Committee members will be on duty for all sessions. First Aid Room will have a sign posted on the main floor.

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS: All Members who have attained their 50th year this year will be recognized on Saturday.

GRAND EXAMINERS ROOM: Location: Room No. 9

Thursday, August 8, 2024	9:00 AM ~ 11:00 AM
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Room designations will be posted at all outside doors.

VENDORS: Located on the Lower Level

Wednesday, August 7, 2024	10:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM
Thursday, August 8, 2024	8:00 AM ~ 5:00 PM
Friday, August 9, 2024	8:00 AM ~ 5:00 PM
Saturday, August 10, 2024	8:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM

SPECIAL THANKS

2023-2024 Executive Committee Chairmen

Mrs. Deborah Land, Chairman
Mrs. Judy Parsons, Co-Chairman

Arrangements

Ms. Lori Goldman, Chairman
Mr. Tom Hancock, Co-Chairman
Mr. Joseph Scholari, Co-Chairman

Decorations

Mrs. Cassie Hobbins, Chairman
Mrs. Lindsay Shrode, Co-Chairman

AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS TEAM THAT MAKE THIS WEEK LOOK SO EASY. I KNOW IT IS NOT AND I APPRECIATE YOU ALL.

Officer's Chairs

Ms. Diane Davidson and
McLennan #639

Altar Cover and Quilt

Mrs. Donna Noe

Signet

Mrs. Lou Skidd and Adah #49

Altar Drape, Bible and Marker

Norman Read #1010

Emblems

Big Spring #67, Midland #253
Odessa #447, and Norman Read #1010

Square and Compasses

Houston Ransford #135



ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS (1st Ballot)			
Candidate	Votes	Needed to Elect	Total Votes
Cheryl Royall			
Ann Wyatt			
Lesa Smith			
Sherrie Fowler			

ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS (2nd Ballot)			
Candidate	Votes	Needed to Elect	Total Votes
Cheryl Royall			
Ann Wyatt			
Lesa Smith			
Sherrie Fowler			

ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS (3rd Ballot)			
Candidate	Votes	Needed to Elect	Total Votes
Cheryl Royall			
Ann Wyatt			
Lesa Smith			
Sherrie Fowler			

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ~ DISTRICT 1			
(1st Ballot)			
Candidate	Votes	Needed to Elect	Total Votes
Keith Nix			
Ashu Kukreja			
Chris Elliott			

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ~ DISTRICT 1			
(2nd Ballot)			
Candidate	Votes	Needed to Elect	Total Votes
Keith Nix			
Ashu Kukreja			
Chris Elliott			

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ~ DISTRICT 2	
Roy Parsons	Elected by Acclamation



BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS ~ DISTRICT 1
(1st Ballot)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Needed to Elect</i>	<i>Total Votes</i>
Mary Harvey			
Abi Foreman			
Rhonda Elliott			

BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS ~ DISTRICT 1
(2nd Ballot)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Needed to Elect</i>	<i>Total Votes</i>
Mary Harvey			
Abi Foreman			
Rhonda Elliott			

BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS ~ DISTRICT 4
(1st Ballot)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Needed to Elect</i>	<i>Total Votes</i>
Roberta Pugh			
Pat Callahan			



NATIONAL ANTHEM: THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

OPENING ODE: THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

CLOSING ODE: THANK YOU FOR BEING A FRIEND

Thank you for being a friend
Traveled down the road and back again
Your heart is true you're a pal and a confidant

I'm not ashamed to say I hope it always will stay this way
My hat is off won't you stand up and take a bow

AWESOME GOD BY MICHAEL W. SMITH

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God

ADVANCE ANNUAL REPORTS

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ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

THE REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
MRS. SUSAN DORMADY
2023-2024

I could not believe that I was installed as Worthy Grand Matron of Texas on August 19, 2023. How wonderful the membership is to support me in this position. I will forever be grateful that you have trusted me with this opportunity. I am still amazed that I was elected to represent this great state in the fraternity of Eastern Star. Having traveled all over this great state, I have been welcomed with warm greetings and wonderful hospitality. Visiting with the Membership has been exciting and fulfilling. I appreciate all the many courtesies extended on my behalf. I know that my life is far better and richer for having served you. You are always in my thoughts and prayers.

IN MEMORIAM

The Grand Chapter of Texas was saddened by the loss of our very dear Past Grand Matron, Sister Geraldine "Gerry" Dusek. Sister Gerry served as Worthy Grand Matron from 2006-2007 at the One Hundred Twenty-Fifth Session held in San Antonio. The name of her session was "Looking to the Future". She will be missed by all who knew her.

Two of our Past Grand Matrons have lost their life companions, Brother Jack Friend and Brother Victor Christenson, and one Past Grand Patron sadly lost his partner in life, Sister Betty Martin. They have all fulfilled their earthly obligations and have gone home to be with our Heavenly Father. Our hearts are with you at this time of grief.

Our Subordinate Chapters have lost many beloved members, and we grieve with them in their loss.

TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER

On October 14, 2023, the annual “Masonic Family Day” was held, and the Worthy Grand Patron and I presented a donation to the Center. Bill Dormady and I then enjoyed the day working at the Annual Car Show with Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon, Past Grand Matron.

It was such a pleasure to host a Birthday Party on November 5th for our Resident in TMRC, Sister Suzanne Walters. Many were in attendance, including two Past Grand Matrons and several Eastern Star members. Sister Suzanne enjoyed her cake and party favors.

I appreciate the efforts of Past Grand Matron, Sister Phyllis Macon, who contacted me several times to request permission to host other Sundays at Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

4 STATE EXCHANGE AND OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS

On September 22-23, 2023, Texas was excited to host the 4-state exchange in San Antonio. Many members from the surrounding states of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma were in attendance and enjoyed a fun “Murder Mystery Dinner” on Friday night. It was an honor to host the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, who announced her committee members for these states on Saturday night.

It was my pleasure to attend each of the Grand Chapters of these states:

- Oklahoma Grand Chapter held October 15-18, 2023, where I was honored to bring the response to the welcome.
- New Mexico Grand Chapter held October 25-28, 2023, where I was honored to be in the Installation ceremony bringing the benediction prayer.
- Arkansas Grand Chapter held December 6-7, 2023
- Louisiana Grand Chapter held March 24-27, 2024

It is always fun to be with the members of these states. I was honored to travel to states with the Grand Representatives of Maryland and Georgia as well. No matter where we are, if we are in an Eastern Star group, we are welcomed and made to feel at home.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

It was my happy privilege as Worthy Grand Matron to recommend dedicated and loyal members to represent other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas.

Delaware - Joe Paschal	New Jersey - Rick Delaney
Georgia - Mary Ruth White	North Carolina - Tara Berge
Idaho - Debi Fincher	Oregon - Gay Jones
Kentucky - Diann Norton	Pennsylvania - Jerri Young
Maryland - Rosemary Williams	Wisconsin - Cindy Newbury
Massachusetts - Betty Mugg	

It was my pleasure to sign the commissions of those who had been recommended by the Worthy Grand Matrons in our Sister Jurisdictions to represent Texas in their Jurisdictions as well.

GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS

What a pleasure it was to be invited to bring greetings at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas. On Thursday, January 18, 2024, I had the honor to bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. In addition, we had a display table with information available on the Order of the Eastern Star. This table was staffed by my District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Matrons. They were awesome in spreading the good news of Eastern Star. Thank you for the table displays, Sister Amanda.

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

I was happy to attend the Installation of Officers during Grand Assembly in June 2023, to bring greetings to the newly installed Grand Worthy Advisor. It will be my pleasure to attend Grand Assembly June 20-22, 2024, where I will bring greetings at the opening session and present Texas Rainbow Girls with a donation from the sale of the charms during this year.

I am planning on attending the DeMolay Conclave in July to bring greetings from The Order of the Eastern Star and to present them with a donation as well.

DECISIONS, RULINGS, IRREGULARITIES AND DISCIPLINE

I was informed of a Chapter that would not allow a service dog to attend meetings with the owner. I researched the laws of Eastern Star and of the State of Texas. The District Deputy Grand Matron and I spoke to the members of the Chapter to remind them that they could not disallow a service dog entry to the Chapter. After I was informed of other similar incidents, I decided to post a letter in the Official Bulletin to remind Texas members of the laws of the State of Texas and of our own Eastern Star laws that allow service dogs to be in attendance.

The Treasurer of a Chapter refused to attend meetings or hand over the books to the Chapter, due to lack of trust. After several discouraging email conversations, I reminded this member of the requirements of the Treasurer. I had to inform this member that it was not legal to copy the Treasurer's books or bank statements and give the copies to the Chapter. After a few more unfortunate emails the outgoing Treasurer decided to deliver the books to the Deputy Grand Matron.

A member of a Chapter did not believe the Chapter books would balance between the Treasurer and the Secretary's cash book. This member requested an audit to confirm or disprove the claim. After speaking to the Secretary of the Chapter, the

District Deputy Grand Matron was allowed to witness the audit, and the books were in balance with each other and the bank.

DISPENSATIONS

The usual and customary dispensations were provided for the Fraternal Visits at each school. Further dispensations were issued as follows:

Late Installation - 4	Late election of Assoc. Cond. - 4
Late election of all officers - 6	Move meeting place - 10
Late election of Worthy Patron - 2	Move meeting time - 2
Late election of Associate Matron - 4	Move meeting date - 8
Late election of Associate Patron - 4	Move meeting time - 2
Late election of Secretary - 4	Replace secret work - 18
Late election of Treasurer - 4	Waive disability - 2
Late election of Conductress - 4	Change location for installation - 5

Most of the meeting changes were due to damage caused by inclement weather and the damage that happened because of these storms. A complete listing will be included in the Grand Secretary's Report

FRATERNAL VISITS

The 2023-2024 year started off with the first Homecoming Visit in Midland on September 9th and then moving on for the next Homecoming Visit in Richmond on September 15th.

We had Fraternal visits on the Friday before each School of Instruction that was held on Saturday. At the end of the School schedule, 22 Fraternal visits were on the calendar. I moved one to a later date due to a death in my family and two were cancelled due to inclement weather conditions. I am truly disappointed that I could not find another date to visit these Chapters.

GIFTS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Oh My! Where would I start? The membership of Texas is generous and creative in their gifts. From flags flown over the

capital, the many, many kinds of things that have trees on them, suncatchers, wall hangings, all the way to a “thunder gourd”. How amazing and loving you are, and I appreciate you so much for everything you have done for me and for the Order of the Eastern Star. I will look around at the gifts, presentations, and honorary memberships and send blessings your way forever more. Thank you.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

As I said at each school, Thank You for being here as it takes planning and preparing to make each school work. You did it and I could not be happier!

30 schools were provided around the state for the year 2023-2024.

This year I tried to provide Thursday schools for our working members. These schools were met with gratitude and enthusiasm. I thank you, Texas members, for trying something new.

The District Deputy Grand Matrons Marty Drescher, District 1; Carol Sue Knutson, District 2; Gay Jones, District 3; Amanda Upton, District 4; and Lou Skidd, District 5 each taught in a different style, but each school was informative and well done. These District Deputy Grand Matrons each learned how to shorten their instruction with great success for those Thursday night schools.

The Deputy Grand Matrons were all unique and the schools were creative as were the decorations. It was enjoyable to see the local Worthy Matrons’ themes and decorations. I appreciate all the work you ladies have done, and I have enjoyed getting to know each of you better.

Examining Rooms were available at each School Of Instruction and supervised by the Grand Examiners who began work before and after the school was completed. At the Saturday Schools, each Grand Examiner presented a lovely and meaningful rendition of the Secret Work of the Order: Mrs.

Sherrie Fowler, District 1; Mrs. Chris Puckett, District 2; Mrs. Donna Pope, District 3; Mrs. Cheryl Royall, District 4; and Mrs. Vickie Mathews, District 5; and Mrs. Tina Stevens, Grand Examiner at Large. These ladies demonstrate a deep and abiding love of the Order.

OTHER EVENTS ATTENDED

- Faith Chapter #713 100th Anniversary - October 22, 2023
- Alamo Heights Chapter #734 100th Anniversary - November 12, 2023
- Grand Lodge of Texas - January 15, 2024
- Blanco Chapter #938 WGM & WGP tea - January 28, 2024
- District 1, Section 5 School Officer Luncheon - February 11, 2024
- AGC Roundup - April 12-13, 2024
- TX/NM Friendship Exchange - April 19-20, 2024
- Maryland Grand Chapter - April 28-30, 2024
- Grand Conductress Roundup - May 3-4, 2024
- WGM cruise - May 20-27, 2024

QUILT

This year I wanted a memory quilt. Each Deputy Grand Matron presented me with a beautiful and, unique to their own area, quilt square. Sister Donna Noe has been given all the squares and I look forward to seeing the beautiful quilt she will present to me. This quilt will remind me of a most wonderful year of my life.

ALTAR DRAPE, BIBLE, EMBLEMS

The beautiful deep green altar cover was stitched by Sister Donna Noe and the very worn and beloved Bible, emblems and ceramic star point dolls are borrowed from my section Chapters. Thank you Norman Read, Big Spring, Midland, and Odessa Chapters for allowing me the honor of using your Chapter paraphernalia to remind me of my roots. I could not imagine NOT using the same Bible that I took my obligation as

a new member in November of 1992. It is a special feeling to know that this Bible is with me during my session. As I always say- You are the best.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

How time flies when you are doing something so new and unique as preparing for a Grand Chapter of Texas. Deborah, I could not think of a better Chairman for getting things done in a timely manner. You are truly a wonderful friend and Executive Chairman. Judy Parsons, you stepped up and took your position as co-chairman with grace and I could not have asked a better person to be in the wings and ready to help. Thank you. Carla, I wouldn't have had the courage to try to accomplish great things without your encouragement. Thank you for everything. Paul, I would trust nobody else to keep us all straight. I knew you were the only one for the job. Thank you for all and everything you do.

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Lori Goldman, I told you you could do it, and you have done a fantastic job. I know you had some wonderful helpers in Joe Scholari and Tom Hancock, and much appreciation goes out to all of you. I could not have asked for a better General Chairman. We had a learning curve, but you took yours at high speed and continued to run down the highway of knowledge. There are no words bigger than THANK YOU.

Sister Jerri Young, You asked me to let you write a march for my music and I trusted you to do a great job. I have known you more years than I can remember, and you have always done a great job at anything you set your mind to. I can't thank you enough for always being there when I need a friend.

BYLAW COMMITTEE

Thank-you to Sister Loretta Booth for being such a great Chairman of this hard working committee. Keeping up with all of the Chapter changes and keeping up with where the

Worthy Grand Matron is as well. This year 19 Chapters requested changes to their by-laws. One Chapter had two requests and one Chapter request was returned because it was not in the correct format. I was pleased to approve 20 bylaw changes. The Chairman will supply a full list of the by-law changes.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Thank you to everyone that said yes. This year you had a different kind of inventory to sell. I was apprehensive that the charms would sell at all, and you have done a great job of showing me that they will sell if you find the right people.

Thanks to you, we were able to give some wonderful donations to our chosen charities. I couldn't ask for more than that.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors have done an excellent job this year. What a joy it was to work with a Chairman of the Board from my home District. Sister Tamela Henington, you have led this Board with grace and knowledge. I truly appreciate the hard work the Board of Directors does behind the scenes for the Order of the Eastern Star.

GRAND CHAPTER VAN

I would like to thank the members of Texas for the use of a "Grand Chapter Van". I have done my best to keep up the maintenance and to make sure the vehicle is in good running order for the next person who will be driving it. The van took me many miles and carried much inventory around the state to sell.

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS

The Order of the Eastern Star has so many talented members, each one unique as they work for the good of the Order. Each of you has been special to me for many years. My heart was filled with pride each time you were introduced.

It was with honor that I looked for deserving members to share this year with. It has been a wonderful year working with each of you. I am so proud of each of my appointed officers.

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS

The wonderful history of this grand jurisdiction has been formed by this group of hard-working individuals. You have been an inspiration to me and the entire membership in the Order. I cannot express to each of you how much I appreciate and respect you. My many questions of how things have been done and how things need to be done were answered without malice and explained with a depth of knowledge only a dedicated member would have. You have always been there for anything that I need, and I will always be grateful.

TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF TEXAS

The Order of the Eastern Star accomplishments do not occur by the hard work of any "one" member. As I have said all year, Every Member Matters and it takes every member to make Eastern Star the wonderful organization that it is. You are a loving and enthusiastic membership, and I can never thank you enough for the confidence you placed in me by electing me to this place of service.

SECRETARY TO THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

How do you thank those who give so much of themselves and ask for nothing in return. When Sister Shirley Scholl, my Secretary of two years, passed I was at a loss as to who could fill a position that was halfway done. Sister Ann Stuart stepped up and studied hard to catch up with the plans I had already made.

How pleased I was when you said yes. You worked long hours, always ready to go that extra mile, and you worked hand in hand with Sister Tara Berge. It feels like I got two Secretaries for the price of one. You always greeted me with a

smile and a happy thought. It always made my day. Your hard work, dedication, and winning attitude are truly heroic. Thank you both for everything you have done for me. You were most efficient, always willing, and able to perform any task. I shall miss our close association, but I know I have a friend. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

You and Sister Sherry, Grand Esther, have worked with me for 3 years to get things together just to make this year seem easy. I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for accepting the office and the effort you put forth to fill it with dedication and loyalty.

Thank you, Mark and Sherry for being the super couple you are and for always "being there" for me and for the membership as we have traveled this great state for the School Schedule and the Fraternal Visits. I shall always be proud to call you MY Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you for saying yes and for your friendship this year and in many years to come.

NORMAN READ CHAPTER AND DISTRICT 2

There is nothing I asked for that you did not say YES to. District 2 and especially Section 8 have supported me in my many endeavors throughout my Eastern Star career and I thank you. Big Spring Chapter is my other home, and they welcome me with open arms and help with everything that comes up. We may be a small District, but we are mighty in spirit, and I say, "District 2- You Rock!"

MY FAMILY

How can I thank you? There are not enough words in the English language. Everyone in my family is in the Masonic tree. We worked together in Youth Organizations and in life situations. I have been gone for a long time because of Eastern Star and I am ready to come back and be with you. I

**THE REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
MR. MARK DIECKMANN
2023-2024**

TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF TEXAS

When I was elected Worthy Grand Patron, I made a goal of listening to members who have a desire to grow the order by trying ideas that haven't been tried before. Fortunately, there were quite a number of sisters and brothers who had a real desire to make a difference in both their chapters and their communities. While we weren't able to try all the ideas, we have a foundation to promote the future prosperity of the Order. Thank you for your dedication and service to the Texas Eastern Star.

INSTALLATION

The 141st Installation of the Grand Chapter of Texas was held on August 19, 2023 in Addison, Texas. The Installing Grand Officers were:

- Installing Grand Officer - Mrs. Betty Benham, Past Grand Matron of Texas. *(Sister Betty holds a special place in my heart as my first grand chapter that I attended was Sister Betty's in Amarillo)*
- Assisting Installing Grand Officer - Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, GGC Right Worthy Grand Trustee and PGP of Texas
- Assisting Installing Grand Officer - Mrs. Mary Ruth White, Past Grand Matron of Texas. *(Brother Art and Sister Mary Ruth gave me my first real leadership position in Eastern Star as I served as Executive Chairman for their Grand Chapter Session)*
- Installing Grand Chaplain - Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, GCC Triennial Assembly, Director of Deputies And Past Grand Matron of Texas
- Installing Grand Marshal - Ms. Terri Rozell, Past Grand Matron of Texas
- Installing Grand Organist - Mrs. Beverly Plante, Board of Directors, District 3
- Installing Grand Secretary Pro-Tem - Mrs. Jayne Yenger, Past Grand Matron of Texas

Thank you to Alyssa Backhus, who was my escort at the beginning of the installation. Thank you to the members who stayed for the installation on Saturday night. You all are very special. A highlight of the installation for me was when my family and friends were presented on the Grand Chapter Floor.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Susan, I was honored to serve as Associate, then Worthy Grand Patron. We tried to shake things up a little and we were successful in some areas. It takes a true leader to accept change as a solution to issues that we face in order for others younger than us to have a future active and thriving order. While we were met with resistance from some, we were rewarded with the positive comments and attitudes from others who were willing to try something different.

GRAND ESTHER

Sherry, you have been the support and love of my life for 35 years. You were the one who brought me into the order and have helped me these last two years especially to give up a “normal” life in order to dedicate our time to the order. You spent numerous hours helping us prepare for our year and an enormous amount helping to make our charitable donations to our projects successful. Your ability to find things (at a good price) on the internet is amazing.

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS

Thank you for your continuous advice. I want to give a few shout-outs for some special friends. Brother Rick, you never started you sentences with “in my year” and you always were available to lend a hand. Thank you and Lou from the bottom of my heart for your support. Sister Phyllis, you truly are the embodiment of servant leadership. Your help with proficiency and ritualistic excellence was greatly appreciated. You were also my Google when it came to questions about the constitution and code of laws and you always were available to be called upon when I needed assistance. Sister Alma Lynn, thank you for all of the individual attention that you helped me with. You are a wealth of knowledge and your courtesy towards me and my office was really appreciated. Sister Terri, you were always available to take my calls and you took the time to research the many strange and out of left field questions that I sent your way.

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS

I hope you enjoyed our year as much as I did when we were together. Your talents and cheerful personalities were a pleasure to share. I hope we stay in touch as we are a special family to remember.

DEPUTIES OF GRAND CHAPTER

District Deputies, thank you for being the leaders that you are. Sister Marty, hopefully everyone will remember pie in their ovens for a long time. Your hard work and dedication to District 1 did not go unnoticed. Sister Carol Sue, thank you for all of the miles that you travelled, the leadership you exhibited and for keeping the van on the road when driving through the mountains of New Mexico. Sister Gay, you are incredible. Having to do the regular job of District Deputy, you also had to do the job of Deputy Grand Matron for District 3 Section 1 when our Deputy there had to resign. Your never ending smile and laugh brightened our days. Sister Amanda, you are a true leader. Leaders have to make the hard choices and everyone may not agree with them, but your ability to stick to your convictions and bring your wealth of knowledge in the education field certainly made a difference in District 4. Sister Lou, you amaze me in the way that you can read your audience and adapt to their needs so quickly. It doesn't hurt that you seem to know everyone in District 5. To the Deputy Grand Matrons, thank you for spending your time (and money) to assist your chapters, plan your schools, and deal with the issues that came up. You each were unique in your own way which made it a wonderful year to work together.

GRAND EXAMINERS

Thank you to each of the Grand Examiners for attending the Schools of Instruction. There were very few schools where there wasn't at least 2 of you present supporting each other. Your diligence in keeping records, teaching others the correct secret work and spending the time with the membership is essential to the success of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

SECRETARY AND PAGES

Sister Tara, your assistance the last two years has meant so much to me, I don't have sufficient words to express my appreciation. Travelling throughout the state, you kept me organized, wrote down the things that we needed to remember, and your sell the merchandise like no one else. It was a true honor to present you with

your Grand Representative commission to North Carolina. A big thank you to Ann Stuart for your help. You and Tara exemplified the true friendship that we desire others to have in our Order.

To my pages Brothers Joe “Hollywood” Paschal, Carl “Clownfish” Garris and Stephen “Stevie Ray” Stiles: You guys are the best. You were with me at almost all of the schools, you never said no to a request and you even reminded me to introduce Sherry at most of the Fraternal visits. Thank you is least thing that I can say. Great journey my brothers.

GRAND SECRETARY AND STAFF

Sister Ellen, this job could not be done without your assistance. You have the most cheerful disposition with me and I could always count on you for information, guidance and a gentle “nudge” of deadlines that we needed to meet. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything. Sister Betty, you are an invaluable resource to our Chapter secretaries and other members. You do more for the Grand Chapter than most people realize and I hope to keep a lasting friendship with you for many years to come.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thank you to the Board of Directors for the work you do for Grand Chapter. Sister Tamela, you have really shown your leadership this year. I am incredibly proud of your time as Chairman. You are the example of what a Board Chairman truly should be and you will be missed when you leave at the end of the year. Brother Oscar, your vast knowledge has been invaluable this year. Your advice and candid opinion is what a true brother should be. To the other board members, I have also enjoyed working with each of you this year. Thank you for having several meetings outside of the board room in Arlington. I firmly believe that our members enjoy being with you when you come to their areas and it is very important to show that you are willing to remember where you came from.

MUSIC

Thank you to Sister Beverly Plante for writing my music this year. As you quickly found out, I had a different view of the Worthy Grand Patron’s music and you were willing to work with me to accomplish that goal. When you played my music at our installation, I was floored in how good it sounded. Sister Beverly, you can make a bad piano sound good. Your musical talents are amazing.

MEMBERS OF DISTRICT 4

As you are my home District, I am overwhelmed by your support and encouragement. You have always been there for the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of District 4 and none of us would be where we are without you. I look forward to many more years of service to you.

HOUSTON RANSFORD CHAPTER NO. 135

I joined Ransford Chapter (now Houston Ransford Chapter) on September 20, 1990. I served as the 100th Worthy Patron in 1992. I have served as Worthy Patron numerous times with my last term serving with Sherry for the first time together. Ransford had a rule that husbands and wives could not serve together for many years. That last term was my favorite of course. Houston Ransford Chapter really stepped up this year to support me. Having so many appointments and growing the Chapter at the same time is certainly praiseworthy. Some people may think we do things a little bit odd, but we are a fun and growing Chapter, the way it should be. Thank you so much for everything that you do for our Order.

MIDLAND CHAPTER NO. 253

Several years ago when I got transferred to Midland, you were there to welcome us to West Texas. Sister Carla Stringer and Rosemary Williams “investigated” us and made it known that we were family out there. I will never forget their hospitality and friendship. Thank you for everything.

TO MY FAMILY

Our sons Jedidiah and Joshua have been a part of our journey for years. They were always supportive and ready to help. Whether it was feeding the animals or helping their grandmother, they are always there when we need them. A highlight of my masonic career was raising my son Jedidiah to Master Mason in Houston Lodge this year and shortly afterward initiating him and his girlfriend Alyssa into Houston Ransford Chapter

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

I attended almost all of our Schools this year except for the time after Grand Lodge that I contracted the flu. We tried night schools this year in some areas to encourage attendance by younger members who have work or family commitments during the day or weekend and to decrease the costs associated with a regular Fraternal Visit/

School. Many members really enjoyed this new format. While we could not please all, we deemed them to be a success. The membership of Texas Eastern Star is shrinking rapidly. We have to find better ways to provide education to the membership and reduce the amount of money that the Chapters have to spend to put on a school. We hope that this idea will spur others to address this situation.

FRATERNAL VISITS

I attended most of the Fraternal Visits associated with the Schools of instruction as well as several of the Fraternal Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron and Honoring the Worthy Grand Patron.

CORPORATE BOARD MEETINGS

I attended all scheduled Corporate Board meetings.

CHAPTER CELEBRATIONS

I attended the 100 year celebration of Alamo Heights Chapter No. 734 on November 12, 2023.

SPECIAL HONORS AND GIFTS

I was proud to receive special honors including state flags flown over the state capital. Many gifts were given to me and I was proud to give the fishing rods, lures and other items to Chapters who participated in the teach a child to fish days. Thank you to every one who honored me and made me feel welcome.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Thank you to all of the Chapters that presented me with Honorary Memberships. It takes a vote of your Chapter to bestow that honor upon me and is a true privilege to receive such special consideration from my Sisters and Brothers.

GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS A.F. & A.M.

I had the honor and privilege of being introduced with the Worthy Grand Matron at the 2024 Session of the Grand Lodge of Texas in Waco. Many of our Installed Grand Officers and members of the Order attended.

Idea sharing is a great way of opening to new ways. My many years of working on the Grand Lodge Credentials committee gave me the background to bring forth the electronic voting devices at our 141st Session in Waco.

OTHER OES GRAND JURISDICTIONS

I attended the following Grand Chapter sessions in Oklahoma,

Arkansas, Louisiana and New Mexico. The New Mexico session was special as we were honored to see our own Chrystal Fisher installed as Worthy Grand Matron. This makes the first time in Texas OES history that we had 2 sitting Worthy Grand Matrons who are members of Texas at the same time.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

I attended the Grand Conductress Roundup and Mr. X Banquet on May 4th where Mr. Gary Drescher was revealed as Mr. X. Congratulations and best wishes to them in the upcoming years!

TEXAS STATE PARKS FOUNDATION

The State Parks of Texas are an incredible asset to the citizens and visitors of our great state. Going to a state park can bring one closer to nature and the glorious design that God has made upon our land. We sold charms and took donations to send to the Foundation to help our state parks continue to thrive and grow outside of the limited funding that the legislature gives to them. In addition, the wine and chocolate pull sponsored by my home chapter, which occurred at my homecoming allowed us to donate \$2100 dollars from a single event to the Parks Foundation. Many thanks to all who participated in this new idea and to those who donated the chocolate and wine, thanks for embracing this fundraiser and making a difference.

CONCLUSION

Sisters and Brothers, honoring tradition while embracing change is essential for ensuring continuity and relevance in a ever changing world. Traditions embody our collective history, values, and cultural identity, providing a sense of belonging and connection. However, clinging rigidly to tradition without openness to change can lead to stagnation and missed opportunities for growth. By respectfully adapting traditions to meet contemporary needs and challenges, we not only preserve their core essence but also make them more resilient and responsive to the evolving aspirations of individuals and communities. This balanced approach fosters innovation while maintaining a deep-rooted respect for the wisdom and heritage passed down through generations, ensuring that traditions remain a source of strength and inspiration in shaping a vibrant future.

“KEEP HOOKED ON STAR”

THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY
MRS. ELLEN PICKRELL
2023-2024

The following report is given to you in advance for the purpose of providing you, the membership, information on the activities of the Grand Secretary and the staff of the Grand Chapter office. We, as members of this Order, are working hard to serve the membership for the good of our Order. Our desire is to continue to serve the membership to the best of our ability.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON

It has been such an honor to serve with Sister Susan and Brother Mark this Grand Chapter year. Together we have handled the business and shared the fun times with our Sisters and Brothers.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thank you to Sister Tamela Henington, Chairman, and all of the members of the Board of Directors. We have had a wonderful year taking care of the business of our Grand Chapter. It has been my pleasure to work with you and provide you with needed information to help make your important decisions.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE STAFF

My sincere appreciation and thanks to the office staff. Jane Pyle is our bookkeeper and balances and organizes our QuickBooks accounts and sees that all our bills are paid and our reports are filed on time. Betty Hancock continues to keep our database working well and our membership files updated. Konnie Harrell takes care of the every day needs of the office – filling supply orders, organizing the Bulletin, maintaining the copy machine, filing and anything else that comes into the office. My sincere appreciation and gratitude to Kate Cecil who makes our Bulletin so beautiful every month and helps keep all our printed materials looking so professional. A special thank you to our many volunteers who come to the Grand Chapter office to help.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SECRETARIES

It has been a pleasure working closely with our Chapter

Secretaries. Being a Chapter Secretary is no small task and we appreciate all you do for your Chapters. All reports on the IRS Form 990 for Subordinate Chapters were electronically filed by the Grand Chapter office as required for 2023 and will be filed in the same manner this year.

MY PAGES

A special thank you to Mary Ann Davis and Ande Shoults. They have been so faithful in helping this year and are sweet friends.

TMRC

We now have only one lady at TMRC. Barbara Martin continues to be our TMRC Liaison. It has been great working with Barbara this year to make sure our lady gets the very best care.

MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

It has been my pleasure to attend the following for the year: Board of Director meetings, the Budget Workshop, all Corporate Board meetings, the Purposes and Policies Committee meeting, many Schools of Instruction and Fraternal Visits, Installations and Banquets. This year, I served as a Grand Officer for the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, a position I truly cherish..

CHAPTERS REPORT FOR 2023-2024

Below are the figures reported to Grand Chapter on the Annual Reports as of May 31, 2024.

<<< AUGUST 31, 2023 - 231 CHAPTERS >>>

CHAPTER CONSOLIDATIONS FROM JUNE 1, 2023 TO MAY 31, 2024

<u>Dist. Sec.</u>	<u>Consolidating Chapter</u>	<u>Dist. Sec.</u>	<u>Receiving Chapter</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
5 5	Poteet #913	5 7	Floresville #271	6/1/2024
4 2	Kountze-Sour Lake #724	4 2	Silsbee #293	6/1/2024
TOTAL CONSOLIDATED		2		

CHAPTER DEMISED FROM JUNE 1, 2023 TO MAY 31, 2024

<u>Dist. Sec.</u>	<u>Consolidating Chapter</u>	<u>Dist. Sec.</u>	<u>Receiving Chapter</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
TOTAL DEMISED		0		

TOTAL CHAPTERS AS OF MAY 31, 2024:.....229

MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2023-2024

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP ENDING JULY 31, 2023 **16,434**

MEMBERSHIP INCREASES:

Initiated _____

Affiliated

Transfers. _____

Plurals _____

Demits..... _____

Reinstated _____

TOTAL INCREASE..... **+** _____

MEMBERSHIP DECREASES:

Demitted _____

Grand Demits _____

Plural Withdrawn _____

Expelled..... _____

Transferred Out _____

Suspended..... _____

Died..... _____

Lost in Consolidation..... _____

TOTAL DECREASE..... **-** _____

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF GRAND CHAPTER 2024 _____

Plural Membership _____

ACTUAL MEMBERS _____

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS ISSUED

LATE INSTALLATION:

Edinburg #473	Carthage #747	Buffalo #157
Midland #253		

LATE ELECTION ALL OFFICERS:

Lipan #127	Bullard #972	Crockett #509
Throckmorton #500	Vidor #914	Nash #320

LATE ELECTION WORTHY PATRON

Buffalo #157	Bellmead #980
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LATE ELECTION ASSOCIATE MATRON:

Linden #576	Mesquite #887	Canyon Lake #1103
N. Fort Worth #684		

LATE ELECTION ASSOCIATE PATRON

Rockport #479	N. Fort Worth #684	Carthage #747
Jasper #291		

LATE ELECTION SECRETARY:

Athens #177	Bryan #222	Oak Forest #1080
Aldine #1088		

LATE ELECTION TREASURER:

Marble Falls #435	Oak Forest #1080	Aldine #1088
Adah #49		

LATE ELECTION CONDUCTRESS:

Leander #73	CHDF #494	Velasco #220
Jasper #291		

LATE ELECTION ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS:

CHDF #794	Haltom City #982	S. Fort Worth #835
Hemphill #375	Jasper #291	

MOVE MEETING PLACE:

Cleveland #465	Adah #49	Saint Jo #17
Beckville #273	Ferris #508	Smithville #39
Lancaster #943	Mary Martha #981	Vashti #32
Spring #1105		

MOVE MEETING DATE:

Woodbine #738	Beckville #273	Bellmead #980
Tomball #838	Valasco #220	Rosewyn #927
Schertz #911	Carthage #747	

MOVE MEETING TIME:

Wallace Hughston #1100	Taylor #578
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SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS ISSUED, CONTINUED

REPLACE SECRET WORK:

Corsicana #118	Eastland #280	Abilene #30
Oak Forest #1080	Cypress #1102	Ruth #20
New Caney #1093	Copperas Cove #1070	Spring #1105
Houston-Ransford #135	Lonnie L. Blake #1116	Hondo #404
Waskom #812	Montgomery #228	Aldine #1088
Winnboro #967	Johnson City #376	Midlothian #234

WAIVE DISABILITY:

Austin #304	Palestine #395	Leander #73
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CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR INSTALLATION:

Waelder #1023	Gonzales #403	Travis #472
Vashti #32		

Dispensations were given for all Joint Fraternal Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron.

50 YEAR MEMBERS

CADDO MILLS #82		Barbara A. Brown	2/21/24
Joyce Whitmire	4/12/24	Mary Anderson	2/21/24
CHILDRESS #101		GILMER #355	
THAYER ANCIL RICKS	4/22/24	Janet Jordan	4/18/24
NANCY FUSTON	4/22/24	Elaine Tevebaugh	3/26/24
GAYLE SEALE	4/22/24	TEMPLAR #374	
GARLAND #156		Vicki L. Quesada	3/25/24
Norma Joice Green	9/18/23	Carol J. Mattix	3/25/24
LOCKHART #210		Murial J. Rowell	3/25/24
Janice Mecusker	3/15/24	LUFKIN #382	
GRAND PRAIRIE #219		Gary Pemberton	10/30/23
Brenda Sue Guest Reno	1/31/24	PALESTINE #395	
SOMERVILLE #245		Susan Hargrave	4/22/24
Karen Schovajsa	11/17/23	KILLEEN #490	
Melynda Giesenschlag	11/17/23	Mark K. Spangler	11/1/23
Jack B. Brannen	11/17/23	Patricia A. Spangler	11/1/23
Broadus Jack White	11/17/23	MCKINNEY #518	
SANTO #270		Patricia Whitworth	2/25/24
Sylvia D. Bandy	10/10/23	Kathyjo Kuenzle	4/25/24
Ronnie G. Patterson	2/22/24	DECATUR #543	
FLORESVILLE #271		Cynthia Fernihough	1/2/24
Vernon Brown	2/21/24	Evan Kirkpatrick	2/5/24

50 YEAR MEMBERS *(continued)*

CREEDMOOR #607

Jane T. Hudson 1/19/24

CUERO #618

Earlene Walters Murray 4/11/24

Brenda S. Thomas 4/11/24

MCLENNAN #639

Mary Kimberlin Payne 4/11/24

DUMAS #653

Victor D. Marshall 3/20/24

Debra Ford 3/20/24

PORT NECHES #677

James Dungan 10/31/23

Rebecca Dungan 10/31/23

QUITMAN #695

Bettie Bywater 4/4/24

FAITH #713

Terry Cooksey 9/7/23

Dixie Wetzel 9/7/23

Shirley Nichols 9/7/23

PARK PLACE #731

Priscilla Cohen 11/9/23

WOOBINE #738

Peggy Moreland 1/27/24

NEW BRAUNFELS #771

Jack Warren Friend 2/21/24

AMARILLO #787

Regina Jones 11/24/23

Ginny G. Albertson 10/16/23

Karen White 3/17/23

Wayne H. White 3/17/23

Marion Kinsey 3/20/24

Jessie Kinsey 3/20/24

Roy L. Henry 3/20/24

Elizabeth Evans 3/20/24

GCHDF #794

Mary C. Jones 4/25/24

Bertha Mathews 4/25/24

Olene Gray 4/25/24

MESQUITE #887

Billie Mae Miller 10/17/23

BLANCO #934

Bernice Neumann 6/5/23

LEWISVILLE #935

Alma Jo Kinsey 7/16/24

PINE TREE #1090

Carla Grisby 1/29/24

THE REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER
MRS. GRETA B. SPRADLING
2023-2024

I would like to express my gratitude to the membership of Texas for electing me to serve as Grand Treasurer. I was first elected in 2017 during Sharon Mosmeyer and Tom Murphy's Grand Chapter Session. In the last seven years, I have met so many wonderful members, traveled in every District and learned the financial and business operations of our Grand Chapter. I look forward to many more years of continued service.

To Susan Dormady, WGM, and Brother Mark Dieckmann, WGP, thank you for your leadership. You have shown us change is possible while respecting our traditions. Over the last 12-months, I have carried out the duties of the Grand Treasurer. This has included monthly financial reports for the Corporate Board and Board of Directors, attending BOD meetings and scheduled Corporate Board meetings, managing and reporting on Endowed Memberships, addressing questions, and duties as stated in the Code of Laws. The financial reports include a Budget Report for all the Grand Chapter accounts, a Profit/Loss statement reflecting the financial year, and a ledger report listing every deposit and check entry.

The Board of Directors will provide financial reports for each Grand Chapter accounts. As of May 31, 2024, the Grand Chapter accounts totaled \$25,081,226.81. Investment accounts have recovered to Pre-COVID balances.

In addition to the duties of the Grand Treasurer, I have supported and promoted our fraternal organizations with the following:

- Attended Fraternal Visits, Schools, and banquets in all five Districts
- Invited to present information on Secretary and Treasurer duties at multiple schools
- Given numerous chapter programs
- Served as Installing Officer for Chapter Installations
- Traveled to Arlington to run Zoom sessions for monthly Board of Director meetings

- Participated in quarterly Corporate Board meetings
- Worked a game booth at TMRC Masonic Family Day
- Attended the Purpose and Policy meeting
- Attended multiple Round-Ups and the Mr. X Banquet
- Active member in Greenville #189, serving as Secretary
- Created marketing trifolds and fliers to promote Greenville
- Masonic Lodge and Chapter events
- Maintain the MasonicGreenville.com website
- Traveled approximately 10,000 miles in Texas for OES
- Counted my 40th year of membership

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS REPORT

Endowed Memberships are the responsibility of the Grand Treasurer. The EM file is maintained throughout the year with requested transfers and new purchases. Certificates are processed and mailed as they are received in the Grand Chapter Office. In May of each year, interest payments on the EM investment account are distributed to the chapters for each EM in their chapter. (Please refer to the Constitution and Laws for the details of eligibility and payment).

**INTEREST PAYMENTS TO CHAPTERS FOR
ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS 2024**

- 7,504 eligible Endowed Memberships (purchased prior to May 31, 2023)
- \$19.43 Interest paid to Chapters, per eligible Endowed Membership

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP PURCHASES 2023-2024

- 90 – purchased between August 14, 2023 to May 31, 2024
- 7,628 – Total number of Endowed Memberships as of May 31, 2024

The following is a list of Endowed Memberships assigned to Grand Chapter (either requested for Grand Chapter assignment or Chapter demise with no request for transfer).

EM #	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
1305	Vera	Allbright
4102	James Brent	Allen
4849	Sylvia N.	Allen
375	Faye E.	Anderson

EM #	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
575	Sharon	Apple
4165	Lillian	Arnold
4164	Carrie Ethel	Bailey
6511	Stanley D.	Barnhill
2518	Dona B.	Baucom
2972	Samuel C.	Baucom
1932	John L.	Bean
4850	Joydean	Beauchamp
156	W.J.	Beaver
3262	Roberta	Bell
2926	Verner Lee	Bell
1590	Margaret A.	Beyer
565	Peggy	Bickley
5	Vera A. (Gardner)	Biggs
143	Barbara	Bouton
205	Ina Sue	Boyd
1900	Dollie C.	Bracewell
2841	Vernon	Bracewell
178	Anne	Brady
1351	Utah C.	Brady
789	Rita Joyce	Bragg
3589	Patricia A.	Breeden
511	Deanna B.	Brittain
510	Roy L.	Brittain
3580	Bertha D.	Brown
1022	Donald D.	Brown
6844	Kandi	Brown
4693	D'Lois M.	Bryson
4694	Jay E.	Bryson
627	Ida Helen	Cagle
788	John	Cagle
3338	Sandra K.	Carr
3016	Lois	Carver
2264	Dru Elaine	Coats
55	Marjorie Davis	Collard
65	John R.	Collard, Jr.
1023	Caneila C.	Cook
1024	Jack	Cook
6358	Misty Walden	Cox
814	Charles E.	Day
2206	Patricia Ann	Day

EM #	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
4536	In Memory of Dorotha	Deering
1006	Byrlene	Ditmore
1946	Janice	Doak
3351	Ann	Dodd
1188	Jayne	Euler
2237	Judith Coats	Ewing
2273	Winnie	Fenton
4218	Eloise H.	Ficke
122	Suella	Fortner
6118	Gary	Freedman
4723	Katherine Jean	Freedman
5773	Kealen	Fritsche
338	Inez	Gentry
339	L.C.	Gentry
974	Sandra Jean	Gilbert
1491	Lester Roy	Gober
1490	Margaret Elaine	Gober
4769	Edith Joyce	Good
233	Ruth	Gregersen
80	Ivan G.	Griner
4851	Amalia A.	Guerra
2242	Kelley	Gustafson
3075	Nina G.	Hale
5774	Joyce M.	Hall
2192	John W.	Harris
2188	Lois M	Harris
2189	Veldon W.	Harris
2263	Lyndall S.	Harvey
5199	Pauline	Haussner-Walker
2540	Joan	Hegdal
742	Helen W.	Henson
1939	Lila D.	Holt
5631	Tanys	James
79	Betty	Jenson
562	Sulema R.	Jimenez
601	Mildred	Jimison
1416	Katherine	Johnson
874	Luella V.	Johnson
3966	Tommy	Kelso
4136	Mary Jo	Kemp
508	Betty Jo	Kindred

EM #	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
208	Edna	Kissick
186	Gladys Juanita	Kissick
187	James W.	Kissick
6296	Larry Joe	Knowles
6182	Linda Sue	Knowles
3590	Lenora Jean	Krempin
987	Beatrice	Lamar
3099	Frances	Latham
1816	Faye	Lesley
2955	Melissa W.	Lewis
2164	Julianna	Lindsay
54	Carolyne	Long
2927	Heloise	Long
682	Margaret L.	Lowell
3588	Jacqueline M.	Lytle
4036	Kimberly Morlock	Martin
4101	Mary Louise	Martin
5776	Glenn C.	Mathis, Sr.
2897	Kathryn S.	McCustion
1881	Lori Ware	McCullock
5350	Helen L.	McFadden
1612	Dorothy Iris	McMahan
227	Robert B.	McMurray
226	Sydney C.	McMurray
383	Dorothy L.	Mead
1772	Norma G.	Morgan
4037	Heather	Morlock
5300	Linda	Norris
155	Hazel K.	Nunn
299	Gladys	O'Brien
1187	Betty	Offield
3860	In Honor of Yvonne	Owens
6613	Darlene	Pendleton
5780	Isela	Perez
5779	Julio (Aldo)	Perez
1621	Jacqueline	Pierce
2236	Gaye Powe	Platt
2252	Mildred Newman	Powe
2842	Jo Ann	Purcell
3085	Mary Jane	Rayner
24	Helen	Red

EM #	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
553	Lillie Ruth	Regian
466	Edna	Richardson
6538	Elaine	Rowland
2204	Vernon G.	Searcy
600	Katherine Koym	Seymour
5960	Milton M.	Skipper
5561	Carlas	Smith
2490	Henry L.	Smith
4893	Henry B.	Stanton
4233	Kaye	Stanton
1325	Carl E.	Starkey
5801	Meagan Lynn	Stovall
4709	Shirley	Strickland
336	Florence	Sullivan
1853	Dorothy	Teel
3076	Jean	Thompson
5446	Mendi	Thompson
5709	Harry	Thompson, Jr.
5664	Sandra C.	Thurman
5665	William L.	Thurman
1683	Rhonda Earl	Torres
3385	Jerome	Ulrich
1855	Shirley	Ulrich
4938	Elsie	Underwood
1627	Sandra R.	Vasquez
1682	Cheryl	Walker
3349	Loretta Jo	Walker
2253	Noma	Walls
1273	Margaret C.	Watson
3637	Ladois	West
2954	Ron L.	Whitaker
397	J.B.	Whiteley
112	Paula	Whiteley
1377	Susan Day	Whitted
4852	Evya Lou	Woolridge
5586	Charles R.	Yeates

THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MRS. TAMELA HENINGTON, CHAIRMAN
2023-2024

It has been my honor to serve with an outstanding, knowledgeable, and dedicated group of Sisters and Brothers on your Board of Directors and in the capacity of Chairman this year. I recognize Brother Joe Gilmore, Vice Chairman, District 1, Sister Brenda McDaniel, Secretary, District 4, Brother Rick Taylor District 1, Sister Mary Medford District 2, Sisters Beverly Plante District 3, Donna Noe District 3, Brothers Bill Henry District 4, Oscar Hairell District 5, and Sister Karen Wright District 5. These members will present the detail reports during our Grand Chapter session.

At Grand Chapter in August in Addison, we said good bye to Sister Cindy Echols District 2 and Brother Darrell Albrecht District 3 and welcomed Sisters Mary Medford District 2, Donna Noe District 3, and Karen Wright District 5 who will fulfill Brother Randy Martin's term. We also elected a new slate of officers. Sister Beverly Plante was appointed the Benevolent Aid Chairman for 2024-2024. The first Board meeting was held in Houston in September, with the process of zooming the Regular session discussed which was a popular method of attending the meeting by the membership.

In October, after receiving three bids, a new Grand Chapter trailer was purchased with the trade in of the two old trailers. In November, the selling of non- OES items from the Museum began by placing the ads in the Bulletin. The reviewal process for the contracts for the 2024 Grand Chapter started. Sister Janet Travers gave a Parliamentary Procedure presentation which was later printed in the Bulletin. Past Grand Patron, Bill Wyatt, reported the Top Hat accounts were closed and a check was presented to the General Fund.

The January meeting was held in Floresville. In February, the audit from Isham & Ramirez PLLC was approved, Past Grand Matron's report, Sister Phyllis Macon, was given, the Investment Committee report by Chairman, Past Grand Matron Carolyn Martin was presented, the Grand Treasurer added a monthly comparison sheet to her financial reports for the Board's use. In March, the usage of electronic voting devices at the 2024 Grand Chapter, explained by the Worthy Grand Patron, was discussed, the Associate Grand Matron, Glenda Murphy, presented her Purposes and Policies program, and Brother Rick Taylor reported on the Smith County Lawsuit and its effect on Grand Chapter and a Legislation Workshop was held.

In April, Past Grand Patron, Paul Garner and the Eastern Star Charitable Foundation Board gave an update on their policies. In May, the Associate Grand Matron, Glenda Murphy presented her 2024-2025 budget, Brother Bill Henry reported on the Grand Chapter Van, an Ad Hoc committee was appointed to draft a timeline needed from the Board for the Guidelines to the Grand Line, and a scholarship report was given. In July, long term benevolent aid applications will be reviewed.

As usual, the bankers from JP Morgan came three times to present the investment portfolio for the Grand Chapter. Sister Beverly Plante assembled and sent the Benevolent Aid requests to the Board and provided a personal touch to each applicant. Sister Donna Noe with the help of Sister Barbara Martin reported monthly on our one lady, Sister Suzanne Walters, at TMRC. She is doing alright and still loves her Dr. Pepper. Brother Rick Taylor continued to inform the Board on the oil and gas leases. Sister Brenda McDaniel reported monthly on the large amount of well appreciated cards she sent to members on behalf of the Board. Our contracts were reviewed in depth by Brother Oscar Hairell and Sister Karen Wright. Sister Mary Medford kept the Board informed on the happenings of the Museum. Brother Bill Henry stayed in

touch with the Worthy Grand Matron concerning the van. Brother Joe Gilmore was a huge support system and presided over the January meeting.

We want to take this time to thank the Worthy Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Patron for their support and interest in the happenings of the Board of Directors. We are grateful for the knowledge, help, advice from the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. They were always at our meetings to answer any questions anyone had regarding the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter. A special thank you to Sister Greta Spradling for setting up and running the Zoom this year. To the appointed Recording Secretary, Janet Travers, your precise and detailed minutes of each meeting were greatly appreciated. We also want to thank the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who continue to show their love and support to the Board of Directors and to the membership of Texas.

Finally, on behalf of Brother Joe Gilmore and myself who are retiring, I want to thank this wonderful and outstanding group of people who represent the Board of Directors for supporting us, keeping us informed, helping us accomplish and perform the duties placed upon this Board in a professional, successful, and loving manner. Your friendship and love will never be forgotten. We truly are the lucky and blessed ones to have you part of our lives.

AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT #1
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PASSED
AT THE 2023 SESSION PRESENTED
FOR SECOND READING

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

WHEREAS, the funds in the 501(c)(3) Account have been transferred to the Eastern Star Home Association and the Board of Directors no longer have oversight of that account;

We the undersigned, propose the following Amendment to Amendment #2, which now reads:

SECTION 4. DUTIES.

a. No change.

b. **FUNDS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS.** The Board of Directors shall supervise the investments of all funds of the Grand Chapter of Texas including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) No change.

(2) No change.

(3) The 501(c)(8) (Article 164 COL) (as approved in the second reading of the Constitutional Amendment)

(4) No change.

(5) No change.

c. No change.

d. **BENEVOLENCES.** The Benevolences of the Grand Chapter shall consist of the following:

(1) The Eastern Star Home of Texas

(2) No change.

(3) No Change.

(4) The Board of Directors shall have the management and control of the **501(c)(8)** and the administration of the Grand Chapter Benevolent Fund, and such other benevolent undertakings not assigned to some other administrative agency, subject to such rules, regulations and restrictions as may be provided in this Constitution or by law and shall have

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such other powers and prerogatives and perform such other duties as may be provided by law, consistent with the Constitution and Code of Laws.

e. ANNUAL REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. The Board of Directors shall make a detailed report to Grand Chapter of the Benevolences under its control, including a detailed report of the receipts and disbursements and such recommendations as it deems essential to the welfare of the work committed to its care. This Board shall submit a proposed benevolent budget for the coming year including the Benevolent Fund and the 501(c)8.

f. ANNUAL REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. The Board of Directors shall make a detailed report to Grand Chapter of the Benevolences under its control, including a detailed report of the receipts and disbursements and such recommendations as it deems essential to the work committed to its care. This Board shall submit a proposed benevolent budget for the coming year, including the Benevolent Fund, and the care of the Order of the Eastern Star residents in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

TO BE AMENDED TO READ:

SECTION 4. DUTIES.

a. No change.

b. FUNDS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS. The Board of Directors shall supervise the investments of all funds of the Grand Chapter of Texas including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) No change.

(2) No change.

(3) The 501(c)(8) (Article 164 COL) (as approved in the second reading of the Constitutional Amendment)

(4) No change.

(5) No change.

c. No change.

d. BENEVOLENCES. The Benevolences of the Grand Chapter shall consist of the following:

(1) ~~The Eastern Star Home of Texas~~ **To be Deleted**

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(2) (1) No change. **To be renumbered**

(3) (2) No Change. **To be renumbered**

(4) (3) No Change. **To be renumbered**

e. ANNUAL REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. The Board of Directors shall make a detailed report to Grand Chapter of the Benevolences under its control, including a detailed report of the receipts and disbursements and such recommendations as it deems essential to the welfare of the work committed to its care. This Board shall submit a proposed benevolent budget for the coming year including the Benevolent Fund, the 501(c)(8), and the care of the Order of the Eastern Star residents in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center..

f. **To be deleted in its entirety.**

Respectfully Submitted:

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Tamela Henington

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Rick Taylor

Darrell Albrecht

Brenda McDaniel

Beverly Plante

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AMENDMENT #2
CODE OF LAWS

WHEREAS the CREDENTIALS, JURISPRUDENCE, REGISTRATION & HUMANITARIAN committee requirements require residing in the district to be able to serve.

AND WHEREAS this article will be amended in sections c, f, j and k of Article 17 to delete the words “and residing in.” This allows members who may live in one district to still be active in another district where they are a member, as is the case with the rest of the constitutional committees. This especially helps members that are living along the lines of two districts that are a member of a chapter in one district but live in another district.

Therefore:

CODE OF LAWS, Page 37, CHAPTER 4, DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES OF GRAND OFFICERS, ARTICLE 17.

WHICH NOW READS AS:

ARTICLE 17. APPOINT COMMITTEES. Before her Installation, the Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint and/or invite continued service on Standing Committees which are structured for multiple years per our laws and appoint as necessary Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron. Standing Committees structured for multiple years of service are as follows:

- a. FINANCIAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE. Whose members still within service cycle will not be moved unless:
 - (1) Requested by Member to not be re-appointed
 - (2) Fails to perform prescribed duties and such is reported to the Corporate Board. A rotation of these Committees will be prepared by the Grand Secretary, who will provide the Grand Line with same. Further, upon being appointed to any of these committees both Standing and Special, member being appointed shall receive the information as to the balance of cycle as well as duties. The Chairman of these

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Committees shall be appointed (where applicable) annually at the time the appointments are made and/or continued.

- b. FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT. One member only, for a term of one year.
- c. CREDENTIALS. A minimum of eight members, with at least one from each District, holding membership in and residing in their respective Districts, for term of one year. One member shall be designated as General Chairman.
- d. BY-LAWS. Three members, for term of one year.
- e. CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION. Three members, for term of one year.
- f. JURISPRUDENCE. Five members, one from each District, holding membership in and residing in their respective Districts, for term of one year.
- g. GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS. Three members, for term of one year.
- h. EDUCATIONAL FUND. Five members, one from each District for a term of one year. A chairman shall be appointed annually. Members may be reappointed.
- i. PURPOSES AND POLICY. Five members, one from each of the five districts, for a term of one year. The Chairman of the Committee to be appointed annually. Members may be reappointed. This Committee is also composed of the eight elective Grand Officers, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, and the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors.
- j. REGISTRATION. A minimum of eight members, with at least one from each District, holding membership in **and residing in** their respective Districts, for a term of one year. One member shall be designated as "General Chairman."
- k. HUMANITARIAN. Six members, one from each of the five Districts, holding membership in **and residing in** their respective Districts, and one as General Chairman, for a term of one year.

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l. ESTARL. Six members to be appointed annually by the Worthy Grand Matron, one from each of the five Districts and one as General Chairman.

m. O.E.S. HOME ENDOWMENT FUND. Six members to be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron one from each of the five Districts and one as General Chairman.

n. CHOIR DIRECTOR. One member only, for a term of one year.

o. INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE. One member for term of one year.

p. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR GRAND CHAPTER SESSION. Three or more members, one of whom shall be designated "General Chairman."

q. COMMITTEE ON GRAND CHAPTER ARRANGEMENTS. Members, as required, to accomplish the duties of the Grand Chapter Session at which they are to serve.

r. EASTERN STAR MUSEUM COMMITTEE. Six Members, one from each District and a General Chairman for a term of one year. Members may be reappointed.

s. TITLES, DEEDS AND PROPERTIES. Five Members who are knowledgeable in the Law, one from each of the Five Districts, shall be appointed for a term of three years. A Chairman shall be appointed annually. Members may be re-appointed. In order to maintain a continuity of the committee, it will be necessary to initially assign members to a one, two and three year term. The first year Districts 2 and 5 will serve a three year term which will end in 2020. Districts 1 and 3 will serve a two-year term ending in 2019. District 4 will serve a one-year term which will end in 2018.

(1) The Chairman shall arrange for quarterly meetings of the committee. The Committee shall meet the first month after Grand Chapter session and quarterly for the remainder of the year or as often as deemed necessary. Conference calls may be substituted for in-person meetings.

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(2) This Committee shall provide ongoing support in the periodic review of Grand Chapter real and personal property and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for handling said properties.

- t. PARLIAMENTARIAN. One member for term of one year.
- u. WEBMASTER COMMITTEE. It shall be composed of three to five members. (Article 152-T)
- v. FINANCIAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE. Is to consist of three appointed members serving three year staggered terms. In the first year, the members should be appointed to one, two and three year terms. Continuity being an important advantage, it is recommended that only one member of the Committee be replaced each year, unless specifically required and necessary. A member may be re-appointed to the committee and there is no limit on tenure. Actively serving members of the Board of Directors are not eligible to serve or be appointed to this committee.
- w. SERVICE DOGS COMMITTEE. It shall be composed of six or more members, one from each District as a District Chairman and a General Chairman, with as many members as necessary for a term of one year.
- x. Such other Committees of Grand Chapter in such number, for such purpose and for such terms, as may have been authorized by Grand Chapter. The total number of appointees for Executive Committee for Grand Chapter Session, Committee on Grand Chapter Arrangements, such other Committees of Grand Chapter in such number, for such purpose and for such terms, as may have been authorized by Grand Chapter.
- y. Other Committees appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron shall be considered Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron. No expense shall be incurred by the Grand Chapter of Texas for Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron.

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BE AMENDED TO READ:

- a. ***no change***
- b. ***no change***
- c. **CREDENTIALS**. A minimum of eight members, with at least one from each District, holding membership in ~~and residing in~~ their respective Districts, for term of one year. One member shall be designated as General Chairman.
- d. ***no change***
- e. ***no change***
- f. **JURISPRUDENCE**. Five members, one from each District, holding membership in ~~and residing in~~ their respective Districts, for term of one year
- g. ***no change***
- h. ***no change***
- i. ***no change***
- j. **REGISTRATION**. A minimum of eight members, with at least one from each District, holding membership in ~~and residing in~~ their respective Districts, for a term of one year. One member shall be designated as “General Chairman.”
- k. **HUMANITARIAN**. Six members, one from each of the five Districts, holding membership in ~~and residing in~~ their respective Districts, and one as General Chairman, for a term of one year.

Sections l - y ***no change***

Respectfully Submitted,

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Julie Thomas
Kathy Paschal

Joyce Hagens
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Buddy Baker
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Mona Gaye Giles
Dawn Bell
Gerald G. Skipper, Jr.
Karen Wright

**AMENDMENT #3
CODE OF LAWS**

WHEREAS the Grand Chapter of Texas does not own a home anymore with museum space and have had to downsize our museum to only OES memorabilia,

And **WHEREAS** the function of this committee would be turned over to the Grand Secretary and the office staff, which will free up members to avoid traveling from across the state to the Grand Chapter office and allowing them to work in other areas.

CODE OF LAWS, Page 39, CHAPTER 4, DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES OF GRAND OFFICERS, ARTICLE 17.

WHICH NOW READS AS:

- r. EASTERN STAR MUSEUM COMMITTEE. Six Members, one from each District and a General Chairman for a term of one year. Members may be reappointed.

AND

CODE OF LAWS, Page 89, Chapter 152, MUSEUM COMMITTEE, Article 152-R

WHICH NOW READS AS:

ARTICLE 152-R. MUSEUM COMMITTEE. The Museum Committee shall consist of six members to be appointed for a term of one year each. There shall be one from each District and a Chairman will be appointed annually. Members may be reappointed.

BE AMENDED TO REMOVE THIS COMMITTEE BY DELETION OF ARTICLE 17, SECTION (r.) AND ARTICLE 152, SECTION R.

Respectfully Submitted,

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AMENDMENT #4

CODE OF LAWS

CODE OF LAWS, CHAPTER 4, DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES OF GRAND OFFICERS, E. GRAND SECRETARY, ARTICLE 70: SALARY; PAGE 51

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Code of Laws, Chapter 2, Election of Officers, Article 7, Tenure; page 34: The tenure of the Grand Secretary shall be limited to a total of ten years.

WHEREAS, Grand Secretary is a strategic organizational position critical to the long-term administrative operations and financial management of our fraternal order.

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Grand Secretary salary was \$27,400.00 (with a housing allowance). That same year Grand Chapter members approved to increase the elected position's salary by 5.84 percent to \$29,000.00.

WHEREAS, the Grand Secretary compensation for services has not had a salary increase since 2012.

WHEREAS, maintaining a strong salary structure is imperative for any organization. Necessary cost-effective and prudent procedures to review and budget for determined salary "adjustments" affixed to inflation and standard cost-of-living ratios shall be reviewed.

We the undersigned propose the following Amendment:

Article 70. Salary, WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 70. SALARY. The Grand Secretary shall receive as full compensation for her/his services, twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$29,000.00) per year salary.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 70. SALARY. The Grand Secretary shall receive as full compensation for her/his services, **thirty-three thousand two hundred eighty dollars (\$33,280.00)** per year salary. The salary will be reviewed at least every four years.

Submitted by:

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**AMENDMENT #5
CODE OF LAWS**

CODE OF LAWS, CHAPTER 4, DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES OF GRAND OFFICERS, F. GRAND TREASURER, ARTICLE 77: SALARY AND EXPENSE; PAGE 53

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Code of Laws, Chapter 2, Election of Officers, Article 7, Tenure; page 34: The tenure of the Grand Treasurer shall be limited to a total of ten years.

WHEREAS, Grand Treasurer is a strategic organizational position critical to the long-term financial and records management of our fraternal order.

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Grand Treasurer salary was \$5,000.00. That same year Grand Chapter members approved to increase the elected position's salary to \$6,000.00.

WHEREAS, the Grand Treasurer compensation for services has not had a salary increase since 2008.

WHEREAS, maintaining a strong salary structure is imperative for any organization. Necessary cost-effective and prudent procedures to review and budget for determined salary "adjustments" affixed to inflation and standard cost-of-living ratios shall be reviewed.

We the undersigned propose the following Amendment:

Article 77. Salary, which now reads:

ARTICLE 77. SALARY. The Grand Treasurer shall receive as full compensation for her/his services, six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) per year salary.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 77. SALARY. The Grand Treasurer shall receive as full compensation for her/his services, **six thousand six hundred fifty-six dollars (\$6,656.00)** per year salary. The salary will be reviewed at least every four years.

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AMENDMENT #6
CODE OF LAWS

Proposed Amendment to the Code of Laws, Page 98:

Article 163. THE GENERAL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Code of Laws Article 163. The General Fund lists the sources of funds that make up the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Worthy Grand Matron each year allows each Grand Examiner to collect donations for a charity of her own choice; and

WHEREAS, in previous years, the Grand Examiners sent their funds directly to the charity of their choice; and

WHEREAS, for the past few years, the Grand Secretary has instructed the Grand Examiners to send all the money they receive to the Grand Secretary's office so the Grand Chapter would get credit for the donation to their charities. In addition, 25% of the total amounts collected has been retained from these donations for administrative expense; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Examiners' charities do not fall under the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Funds as they are not pre-approved by the Purposes and Policy Committee prior to the Worthy Grand Matron's year; and

WHEREAS, Grand Chapter incurs no expenses in regard to these donations other than to record the funds and to forward the funds to the selected charities; and

WHEREAS, the amounts collected by the Grand Examiners are not so large to require extensive processing through the Grand Secretary's office and losing 25% to administrative costs; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Examiners charities are not specifically addressed under sub-section (6);

THEREFORE, we the undersigned propose the following revision to Section a. of Article 163, which now reads:

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Article 163. THE GENERAL FUND

- a. The General Fund shall consist of:
 - (1) Three dollars (\$3.00) annually, per capita, for each member in this Grand Jurisdiction.
 - (2) Three dollars (\$3.00) for each person initiated and for each member reinstated during the year.
 - (3) Profits on supplies sold by the Grand Secretary’s Office.
 - (4) All monies received for Special Dispensation and Grand Demits and penalties.
 - (5) All other funds of every kind and character received by Grand Chapter and not otherwise directed or designated.
 - (6) Twenty-five percent (25%) of all money raised by this Grand Chapter from the Worthy Grand Matron’s Special Funds to the General Fund for administrative expense. This twenty-five percent (25%) shall not apply GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, O.E.S. to the following funds: ESTARL Fund, Educational Funds, and the Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Sub-Account, or to a fundraising program used by the Worthy Grand Matron for the express purpose of reducing costs for members to attend Grand Chapter Session.

TO BE AMENDED TO READ:

Article 163. THE GENERAL FUND

- a. The General Fund shall consist of:
 - (1) No change
 - (2) No change
 - (3) No change
 - (4) No change
 - (5) No change
 - (6) Twenty-five percent (25%) of all money raised by this Grand Chapter from the Worthy Grand Matron’s Special Funds to the General Fund for administrative expense. This twenty-five percent (25%) shall not apply GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, O.E.S. to the following funds: ESTARL Fund,

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Education Funds, Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Sub-Account, ***the Grand Examiners' charities of choice**, or to a fundraising program used by the Worthy Grand Matron for the express purpose of reducing costs for members to attend Grand Chapter Session.

Respectively submitted,

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BUDGETS

2024-2025 General Fund Budget (Page 1 of 3)

		GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2024-2025	DORMADY BUDGET	AS OF 4/30/24	MURPHY BUDGET
INCOME ACCOUNT CODES					
	INTEREST				
1	4000.15	Interest Gen Fund Holding Investment	\$7,000.00	\$8,951.07	\$13,500
2	4000.25	Endowment Interest	\$325,000.00	\$316,281.26	\$474,500
3	4000.26	Endowment Interest Sub-Acct	\$71,000.00	\$93,363.60	\$140,100
		TOTAL INTEREST	\$403,000.00	\$418,595.93	\$628,100
DESIGNATED REVENUE					
4	4090.00	Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects	\$105,000.00	\$76,690.28	\$146,132
		TOTAL DESIGNATED REVENUE	\$105,000.00	\$76,690.28	\$146,132
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME					
5	4051.00	Oil & Gas Income	\$45,319.10	\$53,439.01	\$80,159
6	4091.86	Specialty License Plates	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,500
7	4110.00	Per Capita at \$12.00 per Member	\$199,800.00	\$147,584.00	\$192,000
8	4113.00	GGC Per Capita <i>(\$2.00/Member included in 4110)</i>			
9	4130.00	Registration Fees - Grand Chapter	\$16,500.00	\$4,335.00	\$22,500
10	4135.00	Session Income / Returned Funds	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000
11	4140.00	Grand Chapter Sales Items	\$12,000.00	\$10,242.90	\$20,000
12	4150.00	25% of WGM Special Projects	\$22,525.00		\$18,907
13	4152.00	GGC Supplies Sales Items	\$15,900.00	\$18,559.00	\$13,500
14	4155.00	Administration Fee - Endowed Memberships	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,500
15	4170.00	Misc. Fees (Spec. Disp, Transfer of Endow. Mem.)	\$400.00	\$1,329.80	\$2,000
16	4280.01	General Fund - Humanitarian	\$0.00	\$4,323.08	\$5,000
		TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$348,444.10	\$259,812.79	\$389,066
GIFTS AND DONATIONS/MEMORIAL					
17	4250.00	Donations Grand Chapter	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000
		TOTAL GIFTS AND DONATIONS/MEMORIAL	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000
BULLETIN					
18	4141.00	Bulletin Subscriptions	\$13,000.00	\$8,073.00	\$12,000
19	4142.00	Bulletin Articles - from Members	\$12,000.00	\$13,855.50	\$18,000
		TOTAL BULLETIN	\$25,000.00	\$21,928.50	\$30,000
GRAND CHAPTER DONATIONS					
20	4180.00	International Headquarters <i>(\$5.00 per new member)</i>	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000
21	4990.00	Other Misc. Receipts <i>(Example: demised chapters)</i>	\$2,500.00	\$254,671.50	\$3,500
		TOTAL GRAND CHAPTER DONATIONS	\$5,500.00	\$254,671.50	\$6,500
CARE OF OUR LADY IN THE HOME					
22	4111.01	Per Capita @\$5.00 per member	\$83,250.00	\$0.00	INC on line 7
23	4225.00	Ladies Pension, Social Security & Other Income	\$3,600.00	\$2,700.25	\$4,100
24	4250.23	Gifts and Donations	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$500
25	4260.23	Bequests, Wills & Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
26	4280.02	Humanitarian - Ladies	\$3,000.00	\$2,627.10	\$4,000
		TOTAL CARE OF OUR LADY IN THE HOME	\$90,600.00	\$5,327.35	\$8,600
		TOTAL INCOME	\$978,544.10	\$1,037,026.35	\$1,212,398

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		GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2024-2025	DORMADY BUDGET	AS OF 4/30/24	MURPHY BUDGET
EXPENSE ACCOUNT CODES					
	PAYROLL				
27	5001.00	Office Staff	\$74,466.18	\$82,095.37	\$125,000
28	5010.00	Grand Secretary	\$29,000.00	\$20,076.84	\$29,000
29	5012.00	Grand Treasurer	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$6,000
30	6551.00	Payroll Processing Fees	\$4,000.00	\$2,656.55	\$4,000
31	6560.00	Payroll Expense (Employer Liability Taxes)	\$10,000.00	\$8,500.98	\$12,750
		TOTAL PAYROLL	\$123,466.18	\$118,329.74	\$176,750
GRAND OFFICER EXPENSE					
32	5102.00	Worthy Grand Matron	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000
33	5103.00	Worthy Grand Patron	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500
34	5105.00	Associate Grand Matron	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500
35	5155.00	Past Grand Matron Jewel	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000
36	5160.00	Past Grand Patron Jewel	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500
		TOTAL GRAND OFFICER EXPENSE	\$8,500.00	\$0.00	\$8,500
GRAND CHAPTER EXPENSE					
37		WGM Special Projects to Charity	\$79,000.00	\$0.00	\$71,720
38	4090.00	Worthy Grand Matron's Projects - Outlays	\$53,455.00	\$44,148.95	\$41,036
39	5166.00	GGC Officers Hotel Expense at GC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
40	5167.00	GGC Officers Love Gifts at GC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
41	5181.00	Official Reporter - GC	\$3,900.00	\$3,900.00	\$3,900
42	5213.00	WGM Interpretations	\$1,000.00	\$10,497.19	\$1,000
43	5222.00	Grand Master Expense Session	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200
44	5228.00	Installation Programs	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500
45	5236.23	Property Tax - Oil & Gas	\$3,000.00	\$102.29	\$3,000
46	5240.00	Registration Forms / Postage / Badges	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000
47	5242.00	Session & Memorial Programs	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,500
48	5356.00	TMRC Family Day	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500
49	5389.00	142nd Grand Chapter Session	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000
50	5389.01	141st Grand Chapter Audio / Visual Expense	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000
51	5389.02	Electronic voting devices	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000
		TOTAL GRAND CHAPTER EXPENSE	\$185,055.00	\$60,648.43	\$171,356
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER					
52	5180.00	International Headquarters Expense	\$4,000.00	\$2,960.00	\$3,000
53	5323.00	Per Capita	\$35,000.00	\$32,868.00	\$32,000
54	5600.00	Supplies Purchased from GGC	\$12,100.00	\$8,086.32	\$12,000
		TOTAL GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER EXPENSE	\$51,100.00	\$43,914.32	\$47,000
PRINTING EXPENSE					
55	5410.00	Annual Proceedings	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,500
56	5511.03	Copy Machine - Office Printing	\$40,000.00	\$8,517.77	\$40,000
		TOTAL PRINTING EXPENSE	\$43,000.00	\$12,517.77	\$44,500
BULLETIN					
57	5216.00	Outside Vendors, Paper	\$9,581.44	\$9,044.75	\$13,000
58	5465.00	Postage	\$3,408.86	\$3,520.53	\$5,500
59	5511.02	Bulletin Printing	\$12,000.00	\$9,813.92	\$15,000
		TOTAL BULLETIN EXPENSE	\$24,990.30	\$22,379.20	\$33,500

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		GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2024-2025	DORMADY BUDGET	AS OF 4/30/24	MURPHY BUDGET
AUTO EXPENSE - WGM VAN & TRAILERS					
60	5248.00	Vehicle - Fuel	\$17,200.00	\$4,186.00	\$6,500
61	5250.00	Vehicle - License (van & 1 cargo trailer); Toll Tags	\$500.00	\$437.82	\$500
62	5252.00	Vehicle - All Maintenance/Repairs	\$7,000.00	\$501.00	\$2,000
63	5253.00	Auto Acquisition	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$13,000
TOTAL AUTO EXPENSE - WGM VAN & TRAILERS			\$37,700.00	\$18,124.82	\$22,000
POSTAGE					
64	5460.00	Postage - Certified Mail/Postage Shortages, etc.	\$450.00	\$870.72	\$1,400
65	5475.00	Postage Machine Meter Lease	\$1,424.62	\$1,755.00	\$2,700
66	5486.00	Postage For Meter	\$5,500.00	\$4,586.88	\$8,000
TOTAL POSTAGE			\$7,374.62	\$7,212.60	\$12,100
INVESTMENT/LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL FEES					
67	5212.00	Audit	\$25,000.00	\$23,600.00	\$25,000
68	5215.00	CPA - 990 Tax Filing	\$5,000.00	\$2,575.00	\$3,900
69	5234.00	Legal Services	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,500
70	5375.25	Trust Fees - OES GC Endowment 501c8	\$45,000.00	\$27,886.32	\$42,000
71	5375.26	Trust Fees - OES GC Endowment Sub 501c8	\$14,000.00	\$8,447.02	\$12,700
TOTAL INVESTMENT/LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL FEES			\$90,000.00	\$62,508.34	\$86,100
INSURANCE					
72	5302.00	Insurance - Commercial Umbrella	\$9,000.00	\$8,686.00	\$8,800
73	5304.00	Insurance - Director's Liability	\$1,700.00	\$1,687.00	\$1,800
74	5314.00	Insurance - Furnishings, Personal Property	\$42,000.00	\$37,148.00	\$38,000
TOTAL INSURANCE			\$52,700.00	\$47,521.00	\$48,600
OFFICE OPERATION AND UTILITIES					
75	5324.00	Credit Card Fees	\$550.00	\$263.89	\$400
76	5333.00	Benevolent Aid Chairman Expense	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0
77	5381.01	Endowed Interest - Benevolent Aid Fund	\$20,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$27,300
78		Per Capita @ \$2.00 per Member - Benevolent Aid	\$35,000.00		\$32,000
79		Per Capita @ \$5.00 per Member - Care of Lady	\$87,500.00		\$0
80	5382.00	Contingency Fund	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000
81	5480.00	Computer Contract Services Enable Labs	\$7,068.00	\$5,301.00	\$8,000
82	5482.00	Building Maintenance / Repair / Replacement	\$500.00	\$40.00	\$100
83	5526.00	Janitorial Service	\$1,500.00	\$1,155.00	\$1,750
84	5546.00	Security Services	\$700.00	\$588.03	\$900
85	5645.00	Office Supplies	\$8,600.00	\$10,713.91	\$16,500
86	5672.00	Utilities - Electric	\$5,800.00	\$4,732.25	\$7,500
87	5676.00	Utilities - Telephone / Internet	\$3,500.00	\$2,972.61	\$4,500
88	5681.00	Website	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500
89	5683.00	Computer Maintenance	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500
90	5686.00	Rent Office	\$36,000.00	\$27,433.00	\$41,196
91	5688.01	Property Taxes / Office Main. / Landscaping Fees	\$6,800.00	\$5,933.96	\$7,000
TOTAL OFFICE OPERATION AND UTILITIES			\$225,818.00	\$89,133.65	\$159,146
CARE OF OUR LADY IN THE HOME					
92	5320.23	Annual TMRC billing for audit	\$3,000.00	\$1,669.87	\$2,000
93	5504.00	Allowance to Lady	\$840.00	\$560.00	\$840
94	5506.00	Gifts and Donations to Lady	\$0.00	\$313.76	\$0.00
95	5810.00	Clinic Resident Expense	\$125,000.00	\$82,314.20	\$125,265
TOTAL CARE OF OUR LADY IN THE HOME			\$128,840.00	\$84,857.83	\$128,105
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$978,544.10	\$567,147.70	\$937,657
TOTAL INCOME			\$978,544.10	\$1,037,026.35	\$1,212,398
NET INCOME			\$0.00	\$469,878.65	\$274,741

2024-2025 Benevolent Aid Budget (Page 1 of 1)

BENEVOLENT AID BUDGET 2024-2025			DORMADY BUDGET	AS OF 4/30/24	MURPHY BUDGET
INCOME					
0	4000.25	Endowment Interest 501c(8)	\$20,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$27,300.00
1	4112.00	Benevolent Aid Per Capita	\$35,000.00	\$32,868.00	\$32,000.00
2	4280.03	Humanitarian	\$16,000.00	\$11,090.27	\$16,000.00
		Total Funds Available for Benevolent Aid	\$71,000.00	\$73,958.27	\$75,300.00
EXPENSE					
3	5330.00	Long Term Benevolent Aid	\$52,000.00	\$27,700.00	\$46,800.00
4	5331.00	Temporary Benevolent Aid	\$3,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$10,500.00
5	5332.00	Emergency Benevolent Aid	\$16,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$18,000.00
		Total Expenses	\$71,000.00	\$45,200.00	\$75,300.00

**CANDIDATES
FOR
ELECTION**

CHERYL ROYALL

PAST MATRON & ENDOWED MEMBER ~ HUFFMAN CHAPTER #1112
PLURAL MEMBER & PAST MATRON ~ CLEVELAND CHAPTER #465



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SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SERVICE

HUFFMAN #1112

2007 Initiated
2008-09 Ruth
2009-10 Conductress
2010-11 Associate Matron
2011-12 Worthy Matron
2012-13 Worthy Matron
2013-14 Associate Conductress
2014-15 Conductress
2015-16 Associate Matron
2016-17 Worthy Matron
2017-21 Secretary
2021-24 Esther

CLEVELAND #465

2011 Plural
2012-13 Associate Conductress
2014-15 Esther
2015-16 Associate Conductress
2016-17 Conductress
2017-18 Associate Matron
2018-19 Worthy Matron
2019-20 Worthy Matron
2020-21 Conductress
2021-22 Associate Matron
2022-23 Treasurer
2023-24 Worthy Matron

FRATERNAL SERVICE

Member PM & PP Association D4, S4
2015-16 President
2018-19 Treasurer
2019-20 Treasurer
2020-21 Treasurer
Member Line Officers Club D4, S4
2012-13 Secretary
2017-18 President
Member Texas PAGO Club
2022-24 Treasurer

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE

2011-12 Texas Change for Changes
2012-13 Rob Morris Celebration
2013-14 Joy for the Children, General Chair
2014-15 Deputy Grand Matron, D4, S4
2015-16 Grand Representative of Puerto Rico
2016-17 District Deputy Grand Matron, D4
2017-18 Grand Ruth
2018-19 Specialty License Plates, General Chair
2019-21 Arrangements, Stage Page
2021-22 Grand Examiner, D4
2022-23 Grand Examiner, D4
2023-24 Grand Examiner, D4

EDUCATION

M. B. Smiley High School, Graduated Magna Cum Laude
Numerous Financial and Tax Law Courses

EMPLOYMENT

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



Always do the right thing;

Not what you have the right to do.

ANN WYATT
 PAST MATRON AND ENDOWED MEMBER ~ PINE TREE CHAPTER # 1090



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 ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS

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**SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SERVICE**

PINE TREE #1090

- 1991 Initiated
- 1991-92 Member
- 1992-93 Associate Conductress
- 1993-94 Conductress
- 1994-95 Associate Matron
- 1995-96 Worthy Matron
- 1996-97 Chaplain
- 1997-06 Treasurer
- 2006-07 Associate Conductress
- 2007-08 Conductress
- 2008-10 Associate Matron
- 2010-11 Worthy Matron
- 2011-12 Associate Conductress
- 2012-13 Conductress
- 2013-14 Associate Matron
- 2014-15 Worthy Matron
- 2015-16 Associate Conductress
- 2016-17 Conductress
- 2017-18 Associate Matron
- 2018-19 Worthy Matron
- 2019-21 Marshal
- 2021-22 Conductress
- 2022-23 Associate Matron
- 2023-24 Worthy Matron

**OTHER FRATERNAL SERVICE**

- District 1 PM & PP Association, President
- District 1, Sec 8 PM & PP Association, President
- Line Officers Club, D1, S8, President
- 2015-18 Texas PAGO Club, President
- Texas Cardinals, Inc. Sustaining member
- Texas Tophats, Inc. Sustaining member, D1 Liaison
- Marianne's Circle of Friends – Sustaining member



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

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE**

- 2018-21 Special Appt. of the MCGM, Campfire Friend
- 2012-15 Escort to the GGCCM

**GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE**

- 1995-96 Peace Rose
- 1996-98 Grand Representative of Virginia
- 1998-99 Deputy Grand Matron, D1, S8
- 1999-00 Starlight Gala
- 2000-01 Sharing the Light – General Co-Chair
- 2001-02 Arrangements Committee
- 2002-03 Humanitarian – District One Chair
- 2003-04 By-Laws
- 2004-05 Humanitarian – General Chair
- 2005-06 Grand Historian, D1 Chair
- 2006-07 Spreading Good Cheer, D1 Chair
- 2007-08 District Deputy Grand Matron, D1
- 2008-09 Grand Escort to the AGP
- 2009-10 Grand Marshal
- 2010-11 Grand Escort to the PGP
- 2011-12 Distinguished Guests
- 2012-13 Grand Escort to the PGP
- 2013-15 Grand Representative of Kentucky
- 2015-16 Arrangements-Distinguished Guests
- 2016-17 Arrangements-Decorations
- 2017-18 Arrangements-Distinguished Guests
- 2018-19 Executive Comm.-Treasurer
- 2019-23 Grand Examiner, At Large
- 2023-24 GCC Assistants

**EDUCATION**

- Insurance Certification in Personal Lines, CSR
- Continuing Education - Insurance – 14 years
- Bluefield College – Business Management and Bookkeeping

**EMPLOYMENT**

- 1970-1982 Flat Top Insurance – Clerical
- 1982-1996 Hibbs-Hallmark Insurance – CSR
- 1990-Present Wyatt's Rental Properties, Bookkeeper
- 1996-2021 Annie's Attic Self Storage, Co-Owner/Office Mgr
- 2021-Present Wyatt's Rental Prop., Bookkeeper

**LESA SMITH**  
 PAST MATRON AND ENDOWED MEMBER ~ HANDLEY CHAPTER #617  
 PLURAL ~ ARLINGTON CHAPTER #249

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SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SERVICE

BOSSIER CITY #311, BOSSIER CITY, LA

1981 Initiated

INDEPENDENCE #1044

1982 Transfer from Bossier City

QUEEN ESTHER #833

1984-85 Electa

1985-86 Adah

1986-87 Associate Conductress

1987-88 Conductress

1988-89 Associate Matron

1989-90 Worthy Matron

HANDLEY #617

1992 Transfer from Queen Esther

1993-94 Chaplain

1994-95 Ruth

1995-96 Marshal

1996-97 Electa

1997-98 Electa

1998-99 Chaplain

1999-00 Esther

2000-01 Adah

2001-02 Electa

2002-03 Associate Matron

2003-04 Worthy Matron

2004-05 Conductress

2005-06 Martha

2006-08 Chaplain

2008-09 Associate Matron

2009-10 Worthy Matron

2010-11 Associate Conductress

2011-12 Conductress

2012-13 Associate Matron

2013-14 Worthy Matron

2014-17 Electa

2017-18 Associate Conductress

2018-19 Conductress

2019-20 Associate Matron

2020-21 Worthy Matron

2021-22 Secretary Pro-Tem

2022-23 Secretary

2023-24 Secretary

ARLINGTON #249

1997 Plural

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE

- 1992-93 Friend Fest
- 1993-94 Grand Pages, General Chair
- 1994-96 Grand Representative Tennessee
- 1996-97 Arrangements
- 1997-98 Founders Day
- 1998-99 Credentials
- 1999-00 Music Committee, General Chair
- 2000-01 Spring Fling
- 2001-02 Deputy Grand Matron, D3 S1
- 2002-03 Grand Escort, Grand Sentinel
- 2003-04 Humanitarian, General Chair
- 2004-05 Public Relations
- 2005-06 Grand Soloist
- 2006-07 Knowledge of Our Order
- 2007-08 Grand Chaplain
- 2008-09 Spring Fling, General Chair
- 2009-10 Grand Soloist, D3
- 2010-11 District Deputy Grand Matron, D3
- 2011-12 Grand Choir Director
- 2012-13 Grand Escort, Assoc Grand Patron
- 2013-14 Grand Esther
- 2014-16 Grand Representative to Italy
- 2016-17 Arrangements Vendors, Chair
- 2017-22 Grand Examiner, D3
- 2022-23 Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children
- 2023-24 GGC Assistants

EDUCATION

Del Mar College, Corpus Christi

EMPLOYMENT

- 1979-80 HEB, General Merchandise Purchasing
- 1980-82 Crystal Oil Company, Bossier City, LA
- 1982-84 HEB, General Merchandise Purchasing
- 1984-86 Apartment Complex Manager, Abilene
- 1986-90 Big Country Publishing Company, Abilene
- 1990-99 Radio Shack, Fort Worth
- 1999-00 Open Medical Systems, Arlington
- 2000-01 Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Arlington
- 2002-Present Lockheed Martin



SHERRIE FOWLER

PAST MATRON & ENDOWED MEMBER ~ PALESTINE CHAPTER #395
PLURAL MEMBER & PAST MATRON ~ CROCKETT CHAPTER #509

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SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SERVICE

FENTON #152, MD

1990 *Initiated*
1990-91 *Associate Conductress*
1991-92 *Conductress*
1992-93 *Associate Matron*
1993-94 *Worthy Matron*
1994-95 *Esther*

FAIRFIELD #331

1995 *Member*
1996-97 *Associate Conductress*
1997-98 *Conductress*
1998-99 *Associate Matron*
1999-00 *Worthy Matron*
2000-01 *Associate Conductress*
2001-02 *Conductress*
2002-03 *Associate Matron*
2003-04 *Worthy Matron*
2004-05 *Electa*
2005-06 *Conductress*
2006-07 *Associate Matron*
2007-08 *Worthy Matron*
2008-09 *Associate Conductress*
2009-10 *Conductress*
2010-11 *Associate Conductress*
2011-14 *Conductress*

PALESTINE #395

2009 *Plural Member*
2010-11 *Associate Conductress*
2011-12 *Conductress*
2012-13 *Associate Matron*
2013-14 *Worthy Matron*
2014-15 *Ruth*
2015-16 *Associate Conductress*
2016-17 *Conductress*
2017-18 *Associate Matron*
2018-19 *Worthy Matron*
2019-24 *Treasurer*

CROCKETT #509

2015 *Plural Member*
2017-18 *Esther*
2018-19 *Ruth*
2019-20 *Associate Conductress*
2020-21 *Conductress*
2021-22 *Associate Matron*
2022-23 *Worthy Matron*
2023-24 *Martha*

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE

2000-01 *Endowed Membership*
2001-02 *Sounds of Music*
2002-03 *Deputy Grand Matron, D1 S6*
2003-04 *Caring For Kids*
2004-05 *Grand Chapter Yearbook*
2005-06 *Wreath of Thorns - Caring For Elderly*
2006-07 *Deputy Grand Matron, D1 S6*
2007-08 *Registration, Co Chair*
2008-09 *Credit Card Committee*
2009-10 *Time And Talent*
2010-11 *Cancer Awareness*
2011-12 *Faith in Our Future*
2013-14 *Golden Link*
2014-15 *Grand Page to Grand Electa*
2015-16 *Deputy Grand Matron, D1 S6*
2016-17 *District Deputy Grand Matron, D1*
2017-18 *Grand Page to Associate Grand Matron*
2018-19 *Grand Chaplain*
2019-20 *Grand Representative - Utah*
2021-24 *Grand Examiner, D1*

FRATERNAL SERVICE

PM & PP Association D1
2009-11 *Treasurer*
2016-17 *Vice President*
2017-18 *President*
District 4, Section 3 Line Officers Club
2023-24 *President*
Texas Top Hats, Inc.
Texas Grand Representatives Assoc.
International Grand Representative Assoc
Texas PAGO Club

EDUCATION

Woodrow Wilson High School
Tyler Junior College
Texas A&M University Early Learning Classes

EMPLOYMENT

1966-70 *Secretary, Mutual of Omaha - Dallas*
1970-74 *Manager, General Nutrition Center - Arlington*
2004-20 *Lead Teacher, FMC Children's Early Learning Center, - Palestine*



"Where there
is Faith,
there is Hope"



MARY HARVEY
EDWIN J. KIEST CHAPTER #959



TO BE NOMINATED FOR
BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS, DISTRICT 1

AT THE 2024 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION IN WACO, TEXAS

SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SERVICE

MIDLAND #253

- 1974 Initiated
- 1975-76 Organist
- 1976-77 Adah
- 1977-78 Ruth
- 1978-96 Member
- 1996 Demit to Plano #703

PLANO #703

- 1997-98 Organist
- 1998-99 Associate Conductress
- 1999-00 Conductress
- 2000-01 Associate Matron
- 2001-02 Worthy Matron
- 2002-03 Esther
- 2003 Demit to Roy Stanley #1086

ROY STANLEY #1086

- 2004-09 Organist
- 2009-10 Associate Conductress
- 2010-11 Conductress
- 2011-12 Associate Matron
- 2012-13 Worthy Matron
- 2013-14 Organist
- 2014-15 Associate Conductress
- 2015-16 Conductress
- 2016-17 Associate Matron
- 2017-18 Worthy Matron
- 2018-19 Chaplain
- 2019-21 Associate Conductress
- 2021-23 Conductress
- 2023 Demit

EDWIN J. KIEST #959 (2015 PLURAL)

- 2016-18 Organist
- 2018-19 Associate Conductress
- 2019-20 Conductress
- 2020-21 Associate Matron
- 2021-22 Worthy Matron
- 2022-23 Associate Matron
- 2023-24 Worthy Matron

FRATERNAL SERVICE

- 1998-02 Line Officers Club, District 1, Section 2
- 2009 Past Grand Appointed Officers Association
- 2009-20 Elected Officers Club, District 1, Section 4
- 2015 Texas Top Hats Member

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE

- 2001-02 Spring Fling
- 2002-03 Grand Page to Grand Organist
- 2007-08 Youth of Today and Tomorrow
- 2008-09 Grand Organist
- 2009-10 Youth Organization
- 2010-11 Time and Talent
- 2011-12 Grand Page to Grand Organist
- 2012-13 Music Committee
- 2013-14 Golden Notes Music Comm, General Chair
- 2014-15 Music Committee
- 2015-16 Serenading the Herd
- 2016-17 Deputy Grand Matron
- 2017-18 Signs Committee
- 2018-19 Grand Page to Grand Ruth
- 2019-21 Grand Musician, D1
- 2021-22 Grand Soloist
- 2022-23 Paws for Celebration
- 2023-24 Grand Marshal

EDUCATION

- Robert E. Lee High School, Midland, TX
- Midland College, Midland, TX
- UTPB, Odessa, TX, Graphic Arts
- University of North Texas, Denton, TX, Graphic Arts

EMPLOYMENT

- 1974-2024 Self-Employed, Musician
- 1983-85 M&M Graphics, Graphic Artist
- 1985-95 Society of Petroleum Engineers, Graphic Artist, Print Buyer/Print Production Coordinator
- 1996-99 Johnston Printing Company, Sales/Customer Service Representative
- 1999-00 Williamson Printing Company, Customer Service Representative
- 2000-09 Love Envelopes, Receptionist, Sales/Customer Service Representative/Key Holder
- 2005-24 Crate & Barrel, Sales Associate, Sales/Design Specialist/Key Holder

"Let your heart sing."



ABI FOREMAN

PAST MATRON AND ENDOWED MEMBER ~ NEW BOSTON CHAPTER #700
PAST MATRON AND ENDOWED MEMBER ~ STEPHENVILLE CHAPTER #801
MEMBER ~ OMAHA CHAPTER #997



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SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SERVICE

NEW BOSTON #700

1976 Initiated
1976-77 Esther
1977-78 Associate Conductress
1978-79 Conductress
1979-80 Associate Matron
1980-81 Worthy Matron
1981-82 Warder
1982-83 Electa
1985-86 Esther
1990-91 Associate Conductress
1991-92 Associate Matron
1992-93 Worthy Matron
1993-94 Chaplain
1995-01 Secretary
2001-02 Associate Matron
2002-03 Worthy Matron
2003-04 Conductress
2004-05 Associate Matron
2005-06 Worthy Matron
2007 Transfer to Mineral Wells #44
2021 Returned to New Boston #700
2021-22 Associate Matron
2022-23 Worthy Matron
2023-Present Secretary

MINERAL WELLS #44

2007-08 Associate Matron
2008-09 Worthy Matron
2011 Demitted

STEPHENVILLE #801 (2007 PLURAL)

2007-09 Associate Matron
2009-11 Worthy Matron
2011-17 Secretary
2017-19 Worthy Matron

OMAHA #997 (2023 PLURAL)

2023-24 Esther

FRATERNAL SERVICE

Texas PAGO

2021-22 Vice President; 2022-Present President
Past Matrons/Past Patrons Association, D1
2023-24 Vice President; 2024-25 President
Grand Representatives Association
2021-22 Historian

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE

1980-81 Circle of Love
1983-84 Good Shepherd
1992-93 Angels on Assignment
1993-94 Deputy Grand Matron, D1, S9
1994-95 Spring Reflections of Our Home
1995-96 Founders Day
1996-97 Chapter History, D1, S9 Chair
1997-98 Registration, D1
1998-99 By-Laws Committee
1999-00 AR-OK-TX Exchange Visit
2000-01 District Deputy Grand Matron, D1
2001-02 By-Laws, Chairman
2002-03 Tri-State Exchange Visit, Chair
2005-06 Grand Page to Associate Grand Conductress
2006-07 Secretary to Grand Conductress
2007-08 Secretary to Associate Grand Matron
2008-09 Grand Marshal
2009-10 General Grand Chapter Committee
2010-11 Young American
2011-12 Forever Friends
2012-13 Proficiency
2013-14 In the Know
2014-15 Registration, D3
2015-16 Tending the Herd
2016-17 Give Us PAWS - Help Our Military
2018-19 Registration, D3
2019-20 Grand Escort to Grand Warder
2020-21 Grand Representative to Pennsylvania in TX
2021-22 Continuing Our Legacy, D1 Chair
2022-23 Wings of Friendship, General Chair
2023-24 Grand Representative Hospitality

EDUCATION

1973 Graduate of New Boston High School
1978-80 Texarkana College

EMPLOYMENT

1979-93 Red River Army Depot Packer
1998-01 New Boston Chamber of Commerce Executive Dir
2001 Lear Siegler Mobility Center Admin Clerk
2001-02 New Boston Chamber of Commerce Executive Dir
2002-06 SEE-Com Service/Office Manager
2005-06 TDCJ-Telford Unit Human Resources Clerk
2006-20 Tarleton State University, Executive Assistant to the Provost & VP of Academic Affairs
2020 Retired



RHONDA ELLIOTT
 PAST MATRON ~ NOCONA CHAPTER #62
 PAST MATRON ~ SAINT JO CHAPTER #17
 PAST MATRON ~ BOWIE CHAPTER #16



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SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SERVICE

HENRIETTA #474

1981 Initiated
 1982-83 Ruth
 1983-84 Chaplain
 1984-85 Warder

NOCONA #62

1988 Transfer
 1990-91 Conductress
 1991-92 Associate Matron
 1992-93 Worthy Matron
 1993-94 Ruth
 1994-95 Chaplain
 1995-96 Adah
 1997-98 Chaplain
 1998-99 Adah
 1999-2000 Ruth
 2000-01 Conductress
 2001-02 Worthy Matron
 2002-03 Ruth
 2003-04 Associate Matron
 2004-06 Worthy Matron
 2006-07 Chaplain
 2007-08 Associate Conductress
 2008-10 Worthy Matron
 2010-11 Associate Conductress

SAINT JO #17

2004 Plural
 2004-05 Conductress
 2005-06 Associate Matron
 2006-08 Worthy Matron
 2008-09 Conductress
 2009-Present Secretary

BOWIE #16

2013 Plural
 2014-16 Associate Matron
 2016-17 Worthy Matron
 2017-18 Martha
 2018-19 Chaplain
 2019-20 Marshal
 2020-21 Esther
 2021-22 Associate Matron
 2022-23 Worthy Matron
 2023-24 Associate Conductress

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE

1998-99 Bulletin
 1999-2000 Star Quest Membership
 2002-03 Guardians of the Heart
 2005-06 Encouraging Educators
 2008-09 Arrangements
 2009-10 Music
 2010-11 Proficiency
 2011-12 Faith in Our Future
 2013-14 Sentimental Journey
 2014-15 Rob Morris
 2015-16 Deputy Grand Matron, D1, S1
 2016-17 Save the Children
 2017-18 Rob Morris
 2018-19 Happy Caterpillar Reading Club
 2019-20 Scottish Rite Puppies
 2020-21 Paws for Celebration
 2021-22 Keep Looking Up-D1 Chair
 2022-23 Grand Representative of Delaware

FRATERNAL SERVICE

2002 D1 Round-up, Chair
 2003-12 D1 Round-up Treasurer

EDUCATION

1981 GED
 1981 Vernon Regional Junior College
 Certified Medication Aide Training Course

EMPLOYMENT

1979-81 Burmont Nursing Home ~ Nurses Aide
 1981-82 Pleasant Haven Nursing Center, CMA and Charge
 1982-85 Henrietta Care Center ~ CMA and Charge
 1985-2007 Horizon Manor Nursing Center, MA and Charge
 2005-Present Cherry Street Village Assisted Living Center, CMA and Charge

ROBERTA PUGH
 PAST MATRON & ENDOWED MEMBER ~ BRYAN CHAPTER #222
 PLURAL MEMBER ~ IOLA/NORTH ZULCH CHAPTER #458



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**SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SERVICE**

BRYAN #222

- 2007 Initiated
- 2007-08 Martha
- 2008-09 Electa
- 2009-10 Associate Conductress
- 2010-11 Conductress
- 2011-12 Associate Matron
- 2012-13 Worthy Matron
- 2014-15 Conductress
- 2015-16 Associate Matron
- 2016-17 Worthy Matron
- 2017-18 Electa
- 2018-19 Conductress
- 2019-20 Associate Matron
- 2020-21 Worthy Matron
- 2022-23 Electa
- 2023-24 Associate Conductress

KURTEN #1146

- 2013 Plural
- 2015-17 Treasurer

IOLA/NORTH ZULCH #458

- 2018 Plural
- 2019-20 Adah
- 2020-22 Conductress
- 2022-23 Associate Matron
- 2023-24 Worthy Matron

**FRATERNAL SERVICE**

Past Matron/Past Patrons Assn D4, S6

- 2017-18 President
- 2018-22 Secretary

**GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE**

- 2014-15 Bulletin
- 2015-16 Campfire Stories
- 2016-17 Deputy Grand Matron D4, S6
- 2017-18 Shriner's Hospital and Shriner's Transportation Fund
- 2018-19 Grand Page to Grand Organist
- 2019-20 Traveling Angels, General Chair
- 2020-22 Social Arrangements, General Chair
- 2022-23 District Deputy Grand Matron D4
- 2023-24 Grand Page to Grand Esther

**EDUCATION**

Texas A&M University at College Station, TX  
 Bachelor of Science - Biomedical Science  
 Master of Science - Veterinary Immunology

**EMPLOYMENT**

Texas A&M University, College of Veterinary Medicine  
 1972-1975 Department of Microbiology,  
 Student Worker  
 1975-1979 Department of Veterinary Microbiology  
 Graduate Research Assistant  
 1979-14 Department of Veterinary Pathobiology,  
 Research Associate, Infectious Disease  
 Research  
 2014-Current Department of Pathobiology,  
 Senior Research Associate, Antimicrobial  
 Resistance Research



*"Serving God, by Serving Others"*

# PATRICIA "PAT" CALLAHAN

PAST MATRON & ENDOWED MEMBER ~ ARCHIVES CHAPTER # 1095

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## SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SERVICE

### MARTHA #4, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

1971 Initiated  
1972 Electa

### ARCHIVES #1095

1997 Transferred from Martha #4  
1999-00 Electa  
2000-01 Electa  
2001-02 Associate Conductress  
2002-03 Conductress  
2003-04 Associate Matron  
2004-05 Worthy Matron  
2005-06 Worthy Matron  
2006-07 Chaplain  
2007-08 Chaplain  
2008-09 Esther  
2009-10 Conductress  
2010-11 Associate Matron  
2011-12 Worthy Matron  
2012-13 Conductress  
2013-14 Chaplain  
2014-15 Chaplain  
2015-16 Martha  
2016-17 Chaplain  
2017-18 Associate Conductress  
2020-22 Associate Conductress  
2022-23 Conductress  
2023-24 Associate Matron

## FRATERNAL SERVICE

### D4, S4 Line Officers

Past President, Vice President, Secretary and Chaplain

### D4, S4 Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association

Past President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

### Archives #1095 Past Matrons and Past Patrons Club

President and Secretary

Star Gazers Club, Treasurer

Stage Page, GGC in Ft. Worth



## GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE

2004-05 Breast Cancer Committee  
2005-06 Joy for the Journey  
2006-07 Spreading Good Cheer  
2007-08 Bringing in the Sheaves  
2008-09 Organ Donor Awareness  
2009-10 Arrangements-Distinguished Guests  
2010-11 Deputy Grand Matron, D4, S4  
2011-12 Forever Friends, Endowed Membership, D4 Chair  
2012-13 Rob Morris Celebration  
2013-14 Believe in Our Order (Endowed Membership Committee)  
2014-15 Museum, D4  
2015-16 Marking Time-Calendar, General Chair  
2016-17 Humanitarian Chairman, D4  
2017-18 Grand Page to the Grand Conductress  
2018-19 Ritualistic Excellence, General Chair  
2019-20 Traveling Angels  
2020-21 Executive Committee, Treasurer  
2021-22 District Deputy Grand Matron, D4  
2022-23 Power Up Committee - Youth D4 Chair  
2023-24 Grand Chaplain

## EDUCATION

Oxon Hill High School, Oxon Hill, MD 1969 Graduate  
George Mason University, Fairfax, VA 1973  
B.S. Elementary Education

## EMPLOYMENT

1973-74 Elementary teacher, 4th grade, Spotsylvania ISD, VA  
1974-76 Globe Realty Co., Inc., Secretary  
1975-77 Assisted husband in wholesale/retail business/real estate business  
1980-2015 Pasadena Taxi Co., Inc. - Co-owner, Bookkeeper, AP, AR, Payroll, Cashier  
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church School, Elementary teacher, 4th and 1st grades  
2015 Retired

**KEITH NIX**  
PAST PATRON AND ENDOWED MEMBER ~ MESQUITE CHAPTER #887

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SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SERVICE

MESQUITE #887

2005 Initiated
2007-08 Worthy Patron
2008-09 Warder
2009-10 Associate Patron
2010-11 Warder
2011-12 Warder
2012-13 Warder
2013-14 Warder
2014-15 Warder
2015-16 Associate Patron
2016-17 Worthy Patron
2017-18 Worthy Patron
2018-20 Member
2020-21 Associate Patron
2021-22 Associate Patron
2022-23 Worthy Patron

FRATERNAL SERVICE

MESQUITE No. 928

2005-06 Junior Steward
2006-07 Senior Steward

ROY STANLEY No. 1367

2007-08 Senior Steward
2008-09 Master of Ceremonies
2009-10 Master of Ceremonies
2010-11 Junior Deacon
2011-12 Junior Warden
2012-13 Junior Warden
2013-14 Worshipful Master
2016-17 Master of Ceremonies
2019-20 Marshal
2020-21 Marshal
2021-22 Master of Ceremonies

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE

2016-17 Conductor
2017-18 Arrangements, Sound
2018-19 Arrangements, Sound
2019-20 Arrangements, Sound
2020-21 Arrangements, Sound
2021-22 Arrangements, Sound
2022-23 Arrangements, Elections
2023-24 Arrangements, Sound

EDUCATION

Royse City High School
ITT Technical Institute
Associates of Applied Sciences
Computer Networking

EMPLOYMENT

1990-1998 Federal Service - US Army
2005-08 Perot Systems
Service Desk Agent and Lead
2008-11 Speed FC
Account and Service manager
2011-17 NTT Data Services
Service Manager
2018-19 Unisys
Service Management Manager
2019-present NTT Data
IT Senior Manager



Ensuring that you are heard.

ASHU KUKREJA

WORTHY PATRON AND ENDOWED MEMBER ~ LEWISVILLE CHAPTER #935
WORTHY PATRON ~ SANGER CHAPTER #1027



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SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SERVICE

SUGARLAND #1107

1996 Initiated
1999 Suspended
2018 Reinstated
2018 Demited

LEWISVILLE #935

2018 Affiliated
2019-20 Warder
2020-21 Chaplain
2021-22 Marshal
2022-23 Associate Patron
2023-24 Worthy Patron

SANGER #1027

2022 Plural
2023-24 Worthy Patron

FRATERNAL SERVICE

1996 Raised Master Mason Sugarland No. 1141
1996 Scottish Rite Houston Valley
1996-2023 Arabia Shrine, Houston
2004 Trinity Valley Lodge No. 1048, Plural
2007 Hella Shrine, Garland - Plural

2017 Lewisville Lodge No. 201 - Plural
2021-22 Worshipful Master

2021 York Rite Chapter and Council, Dad Pender
2023 Moslah Shrine, Fort Worth

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE

2023-24 Webmaster Committee, Chair

EDUCATION

Jersey Village High School, Jersey Village, Texas
Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas

EMPLOYMENT

1986-96 PCPros Inc., Owner
1998-2003 Sysco Foods Corp, IT Engineer
2003-06 Sysco Foods of Dallas, IT Manager
2006-08 Concord Solutions, IT Engineer
2008-09 Dr Pepper Snapple, IT Team Lead
2009-15 HP Inc, Account Executive
2015-18 Essilor of America, Sr. IT Manager
2018-20 Stomptime Productions, LLC, Owner
2018-20 Wipro Ltd, Sr. Service Delivery Manager
2018-Present A & K Travel, LLC, Owner
2020-22 Tech Quarry,
Sr. Service Delivery Supervisor
2020-Present North Texas Notary Services, LLC, Owner
2023-Present Incora, Sr. Service Delivery Manager

EDDIE "CHRIS" ELLIOTT
 PAST PATRON ~ ROYSE CITY CHAPTER #642
 PLURAL ~ GILMER CHAPTER #355



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SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SERVICE

ROYSE CITY #642

- 2009 Initiated
- 2010-11 Warder
- 2011-12 Associate Patron
- 2012-13 Worthy Patron
- 2013-14 Marshal
- 2014-15 Sentinel
- 2015-16 Associate Patron
- 2016-17 Worthy Patron
- 2017-18 Associate Patron
- 2018-20 Worthy Patron
- 2020-21 Sentinel
- 2021-22 Associate Patron
- 2022-24 Worthy Patron

GILMER #355

- 2023 Plural

FRATERNAL SERVICE

- 2012-22 Sustaining Member of Top Hat Inc.
- 2019-Present PM & PP Association D1
- 2023-Present Line Officers Association D1, S10

MASONIC AFFILIATION

ROYSE CITY LODGE #663

- 2008 Initiated
- 2009-10 Treasurer
- 2010-13 Secretary
- 2010 Endowed Member

MILLER LODGE #224

- 2014 Plural
- 2015-16 Sr. Warden
- 2016-17 Worshipful Master
- 2017-18 Jr. Deacon
- 2018-21 Secretary
- 2020 Golden Trowel Recipient
- 2021-23 Consolidated with Excelsior #505

GILMER LODGE #142

- 2023 Plural

SCOTTISH RITE 2010-present

YORK RITE 2015-present

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE

- 2012-13 Yearbook
- 2014-15 Masonic Fan
- 2016-17 Conductor
- 2017-18 Arrangements, Labyrinth
- 2018-19 Grand Page to Grand Sentinel
- 2019-21 Arrangements
- 2021-22 Grand Page Assoc. Grand Patron
- 2022-23 Grand Page to WGP
- 2023-24 Arrangements, Usher

EDUCATION

- 1970-71 Tyler Junior College
- 1989-98 Continuation Education Property Adjustor/Arbitration Insurance
- 2002-Present Continuation Education with TCEQ (Wastewater Sanitation Septic Systems)

EMPLOYMENT

- 1971-75 US Air Force
- 1975-82 Brown & Root Construction
- 1982-89 Tom Thumb Grocery Manager
- 1989-98 D.W. Story & Assoc.
(Insurance Adjustor/Arbitrator
North Texas Subrogation Association,
President
- 1998-01 Elliott & Associates (Collections/Insurance
Adjustor/Arbitrator
- 2001-18 Elliott Septic Service LLC
- 2008-15 Mayor Union Valley, Tx
- 2018-19 Total Septic Service (Advisor)
- 2020 Retired



"The **BEE** is honored,
 not because it labors,
 but because it labors for **others**"

ROY PARSONS
PAST PATRON ~ QUEEN ESTHER CHAPTER #833

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**SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SERVICE**

QUEEN ESTHER #833

2004 Initiated  
2004-08 Member  
2008-09 Associate Patron  
2009-10 Worthy Patron  
2011-12 Warder  
2018-19 Associate Patron  
2020-21 Worthy Patron  
2022-23 Marshal  
2023-24 Marshal

**FRATERNAL SERVICE**

2015-17 Temple Board Superintendent  
2017-18 Temple Board President  
2020-23 Temple Board Superintendent

**GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE**

2011-12 Patriot Paws  
2012-13 Ritualistic Competition  
2013-14 Arrangements: Usher  
2014-15 Rob Morris  
2015-16 Roping In The Masons  
2016-17 Arrangements: Photos, D2  
2017-18 Arrangements: Photos, D2  
2018-22 Titles, Deeds, And Properties, D2  
2022-23 Grand Sentinel  
2023-24 Texas State Parks, D2 Chair

**EDUCATION**

Stinnett High School  
BBA West Texas State, 1971

**EMPLOYMENT**

1971-82 District Manager TRW Replacement Division  
1980-90 Owner/Operator Boarding And Grooming  
Kennel  
1983-2023 Owner/Operator real estate properties  
1988-97 Owner/Operator Seven Day Auto Parts  
1997-07 Owner/Operator, Commercial Spring  
{Mena, AK} & Trucking Company, to 6 states  
1998 Private Pilot, Multi-Engine Commercial  
1998-02 Owner/Operator 5 Gallon Home Delivery  
Water Company  
2002-07 Owner/Operator Small Bottled Water  
Advertising Company  
2002-Present Self Storage Facility





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

**141<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter Session**

**August 8, 2024**

**ESTARL Program**



## ESTARL PROGRAM

Thursday, August 8, 2024

9:30 AM Musical Prelude

Mrs. Phyllis MacMillan  
Grand Page to the Grand Organist

**WGM Susan Dormady:** I proclaim this 141<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter Session open for the purpose of ESTARL. \* Sister Betty Benham.

**PGM Betty Benham:** Good morning. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. We are pleased that you have come to be with us. This day is the day that the Lord hath made and there is no better way than to begin our opening day of Grand Chapter than to present our ESTARL program. The membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas feels it a privilege in promoting scholarships to students furthering their education in religious service. I invite Sister Sudie Pool, General Chairman of the ESTARL Committee to present our ESTARL Program.

### ESTARL Program

#### “GROWING THE FAMILY OF GOD”

Welcome

Mrs. Sudie Pool, General Chairman

**Sister Sudie Pool:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my distinguished Sisters and Brothers, all. Good morning. Welcome to the “Growing the Family of God” ESTARL Program. We would like to start our program today with prayer. Sister Gail Fuller, District 5 ESTARL Chairman, please lead us in a concert of prayer as we join our hearts and hands.

**Sister Gail Fuller:** Let us go to the Lord in prayer. Heavenly Father, we thank you for the privilege of gathering here today together as members of this wonderful organization. We thank you Lord for the love and protection that you bestow upon us each day. Please bless our ceremony today as we recognize the Grand Chapter of Texas ESTARL scholarship recipients. I ask that you bless each one and I ask that you bless each and every Eastern Star member. We thank you that we get to share this money with some of our Eastern Star recipients. I thank you again for all the love and protection that you give us. We ask that you be with each of our recipients as they

continue to grow in their service to you. Please be with us as we begin this 141<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter Session. In Your holy name. Amen. (Amen)

**Sister Sudie Pool:** It is my pleasure to introduce our District Chairmen who have greatly assisted me this year:

District 1 Carolyn Burns

District 2 Anita Mead, Anita is not able to be with us today. She'll be here tomorrow.

District 3 Glinda Tackett, she will also be with us tomorrow

District 4 Sharon Willingham

District 5 Gail Fuller

The Chairmen will present their reports at this time. Sister Carolyn.

**Sister Carolyn Burns:** Good morning. I would like to thank our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron for giving me the honor today to be the Chairman of District 1, ESTARL Committee.

I have two applicants for the ESTARL scholarship for the 2023-2024 Grand Chapter year. The first recipient is Rebekah Savage who is pursuing a PHD of World Christian Studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Rebekah currently wants to build on her experiences having served in Central Asia as a missionary. She is also adamant about working in the Children Ministry with K-3 at her church which she considers important because she believes children are our future and should be taught about Jesus and His love. She has completed her Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministry from the Gateway Seminary. Rebekah is sponsored by Carpenters Chapter #183 where she is Associate Conductress and Bellmead #980. Rebekah is a Past Matron from Washington State. Her father and uncles are Masons, and her uncle and aunt are Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron of Idaho. She is a majority member of Rainbow and has been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star since 2010.

The second recipient is Brandon Trent who is pursuing a Master's degree in Theology while attending Dallas Theological Seminary. He plans to finish by year 2028. He has worked as a Youth Pastor for two years. He is married and has one child. He currently works as a Supervisor for the St. Jude Community Pantry. He is committed to being a preacher, counselor, and pastor in his local church. His passion is to pursue religious training and the

love of our God. Brandon is sponsored by Corsicana Chapter #118. Unfortunately, Brandon had to decline his scholarship as family matters will prevent him from enrolling in college this fall.

Due to the absence of our District 2 Chairman, Anita Mead, I will be giving her report.

I presented the ESTARL information at two Chapter meetings and asked for people to contact me for applications. I had one person express interest, but that person ended up getting a full scholarship. I do not have any applications for District 2.

I would like to say thank you to Worthy Grand Matron, Susan Dormady, for this appointment.

Anita S. Mead, District 2 ESTARL Chairman

It is also my pleasure to present the report of District 3 Chairman, Glinda Tackett, as she was unable to be with us today also.

I presented the ESTARL information to the Chapter in my District and asked for people to contact me for applications. There were no application requests received. I do not have any applications for District 3.

I would like to thank the worthy Grand Matron, Susan Dormady, for this appointment.

Glinda Tackett, District 3 ESTARL Committee

At this time, it is my pleasure to introduce Sister Sharon Willingham who will present the District 4 report.

**Sister Sharon Willingham:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the honor of serving on ESTARL this year.

District 4 has one returning recipient this year. Jaime Morales has been in college for 10 years. He has a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Houston and a master's degree in Pastoral Studies from the University of St. Thomas in Houston. He began 18 months ago and includes approximately 4 months of Clinical Pastoral Education. He will graduate in the spring of 2025 and will begin a one-year internship at Christ Lutheran Church in January 2025. He is sponsored by Velasco Chapter #220. Jaime is married and has three children. Two of whom are in college.

He is a dedicated student, proud father and husband. He has a genuine desire to serve the Lord.

Sharon Willingham, District 4 ESTARL Chairman

It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Gail Fuller who will present the District 5 report.

**Sister Gail Fuller:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you for this appointment and I appreciate learning about the ESTARL Scholarships and being able to talk to the different ones that have received a scholarship from us. I am proud to announce that District 5 has three recipients. One is a repeat and the other two are new ones.

The first recipient is Luke Bitzkie. He is a returning recipient. He graduated from Dallas Baptist University in 2023. Received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Biblical Studies and Mission studies. Graduated with a 3.6 average and received an Intercultural Studies Honor Award presented to the highest achieving student in that program. He is now enrolled in Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University pursuing a Master of Theological Study degree with a concentration on Biblical studies. He serves as a Youth Director of Volunteer and Relation Development at Youth World Dallas. Youth World Dallas works with at-risk students and teens and helps with economic burdens for people in Southern Dallas. Luke is sponsored by Bandera Chapter #643 and Worthy Matron is Marilyn Roberts. He told me too when he graduated from high school, they gave him a scholarship and he told them what his study was and they said, come back in three years when you can apply for ESTARL in which he has done. So, it is good to know that we follow through in that.

The second one is Zackery DeMeritt, a new recipient and he returns for his third year at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois. He is working toward a degree in Theological Youth Ministry with a 3.7 grade point average. He is sponsored by Aransas Pass Chapter #162. The Worthy Matron is Stacy Mills.

The third is a new one also. Charissa Fenton is a student at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. She has an Associates of Music and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from San Antonio Community College and Houston Baptist University. She is expected to graduate in December 2025 from Trinity School of Ministry with a Master of Arts, Religion with a major in

Church History and Theology. She is sponsored by Adah Chapter #49, Worthy Matron Lou Skidd.

Thank you.

**Sister Sudie Pool:** Thank you, Sisters. Brothers and Sisters join me in thanking them for their hard work. (Applause)

We are blessed to have many talented Sisters in our Order. Sister Caron Joseph accompanied by Sister Susan Smith will present a musical selection for our enjoyment.

“The Servant Song”

Caron Joseph, Soloist  
Susan Smith, Grand Organist

**(Applause)**

**Sister Sudie Pool:** Luke Bitzkie, District 5 Scholarship recipient, will share some of his favorite scriptures. Luke.

**Mr. Luke Bitzkie:** Thank you and good morning. I’m going to take just a second to just say thank you, the Grand Chapter of Texas for this wonderful scholarship, to General Chairman Pool and also for the wonderful support throughout this process. And specifically, Bandera Chapter #643 and Mr. and Mrs. Neuenschwander for their support of my entire educational journey as I pursue Religious Leadership. So, thank you.

I will begin, well, I will be reading two passages today and I will begin with a portion of the Sermon on the Mount.

Matthew 5:1-10 “When Jesus saw the crowds he went up to the mountainside and sat down, His disciples came to him. He opened his mouth, and he began to teach them saying, ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.’”

Next I’ll be reading Mark 5:25-34

“And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, ‘If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.’

Immediately her bleeding stopped, and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, ‘Who touched my clothes?’ ‘You see the people crowding against you,’ his disciples answered, ‘and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched my clothes?’ But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.’”

This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

***(Applause)***

**Sister Sudie Pool:** Thank you, Luke. Rebekah Savage, District 1 Scholarship recipient will share some words of encouragement this morning.

**Ms. Rebekah Savage:** First, thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the opportunity to share and to receive this scholarship. In the world today we are often faced with stress and anxiety. These come in so many different forms. I have been learning how to deal with my own anxiety from having PTSD. In the Bible we are told how to deal with this emotion. Philippians 4:6-7 says,

“Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Do you share all your concerns and worries with God every day? In these verses Paul was telling the believers in Philippi how to overcome their anxieties of living in a world that we are not a part of. This sentence still applies to us today. Paul also tells the believers how to further overcome anxiety in Verse 8.

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about these things.”

As we move forward let us focus on good things. And help those around us who are dealing with anxiety focus on these things as well. Thank you.

**(Applause)**

**Sister Sudie Pool:** Thank you, Rebekah and Luke. Your dedication and commitment to your faith in your community are truly inspiring. In a world that often feels divided, your unwavering devotion to your religious beliefs and your efforts to uphold and share these values are a beacon of hope. Your work touches the lives of many, and we are truly grateful to be able to help you accomplish these goals. It is wonderful to meet you today.

Your work is not only a reflection of your faith but also of a commitment to make the world a better place. Your actions speak louder than words showing that true greatness comes from serving others.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it is my pleasure to present to you Luke and Rebekah and here are the certificates. (Applause)

Sister Carolyn Burns, District 1 ESTARL Chairman, will offer our benediction. Please join your hearts and hands as we close the 2023-2024 “Growing the Family of God” ESTARL Program. Sister Carolyn.

**Sister Carolyn Burns:** Thank you. Let us pray. Our Father which art in heaven, we come to you asking for your guidance and grant to those who we have invested in their future with love and charity. May they be watchful in their words as well as their actions. May peace and harmony prevail in their hearts as each strives to lead from your teaching and bring that knowledge to the world. May we all grow in peace and knowledge of thee. And in love and kindness for one another. We pray you will bless this 141<sup>st</sup> Session of Grand Chapter and all who may attend. Thank you for our Worthy Grand Matron, Susan Dormady and our Worthy Grand Patron, Mark Dieckmann for leading our wonderful Order in another great year. We are grateful for you allowing us to be here together as we go to our respective places. Please be with those who are travelling today and keep everyone safe. All of which we ask in thy name. Amen (Amen)

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you Sister Sudie, that was beautiful. Don't forget to go get your picture made with your Chairmen. Grand Officers if

you would please retire for the Processional Drill and find your escorts.  
And we will enjoy some music by Sister Linda Love.

***(End of ESTARL Program)***

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

**141<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter Session**

**August 8, 2024**

**Thursday Morning  
Session**



## CEREMONIAL OPENING

Thursday, August 8, 2024

10:15 AM Musical Prelude

Mrs. Linda Love  
Music, District 4 Chairman

10:30 AM Opening of Session

Master of Ceremonies

Mrs. Betty Benham  
GGC Colorful Notes and PGM of Texas

Assisting Grand Marshal

Mrs. Phyllis Macon  
PGM of Texas

**PGM Betty Benham:** We wish to thank Mrs. Linda Love for the beautiful music which greeted us as we arrived. Join me in showing Sister Linda our appreciation. (Applause)

The Grand Chapter of Texas extends Fraternal Greetings and welcomes you to the Ceremonial Opening of the "Love and Service" 141<sup>st</sup> Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Each year we travel to pay tribute of love and loyalty to our beloved Order, and it is a pleasure to welcome you to Waco and a privilege to be meeting in the Grand Lodge building.

I am pleased to introduce our Assisting Grand Marshal, Mrs. Phyllis Macon, Past Grand Matron of Texas. **(Applause)** I invite you to begin our Processional of our Distinguished Members and guests.

Please escort our General Grand Chapter Officer, Mr. Karl Arthur Drescher, Jr., Right Worthy Grand Trustee. **(Applause)**

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort our General Grand Chapter Ambassador and Committee Members of General Grand. **(Applause)**

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. **(Applause)**

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. **(Applause)**

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort our own esteemed and beloved Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of our own great state of Texas. **(Applause)**

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. **(Applause)**

Thank you, Assisting Grand Marshal, for an elegant Processional. We are pleased to show our appreciation, Sister Phyllis. **(Applause)**

It is indeed my pleasure to introduce the Board of Grand Examiners.

Mrs. Sherrie Fowler, District 1, escorted by Mr. Maverick Murray  
District 2, Mrs. Chris Puckett, escorted by Mr. Roy Parsons  
District 3, Mrs. Donna Hill Pope, escorted by Mr. James D. Manley  
District 4, Mrs. Cheryl Royall, escorted by Mr. Bob Royall  
District 5, Mrs. Vickie Mathews, escorted by Mr. Rick Alonzo  
Grand Examiner at Large, Mrs. Tina Stevens, escorted by Mr. John Thomas

Let us thank the Board of Grand Examiners for their dedication to the Ritualistic work. **(Applause)**

It is my honor to present the Board of Directors.

Chairman, District 2, Mrs. Tamela Henington, escorted by Mr. Wayne Henington  
Vice-Chairman, District 1, Mr. Joe Gilmore, escorted by Mrs. Kay Gilmore  
Secretary, District 4, Mrs. Brenda McDaniel, escorted by PGP Nelson Campbell  
District 2, Mrs. Mary Medford, escorted by Mrs. Cassie Hobbins  
District 3, Mrs. Beverly Plante, escorted by Mr. Don Angell  
District 3, Mrs. Donna Noe, escorted by Mr. Jeff Perry  
District 4, Mr. William Henry, escorted by Ms. Sue Burt  
District 5, Mr. Oscar Hairell, escorted by Mrs. Malinda Hairell  
District 5, Mrs. Karen Wright, escorted by PGP Lee Stallings

Help me thank these dedicated Board Members for the challenges they meet in overseeing the financial aspects of the Grand Chapter. **(Applause)**

It is my pleasure to present the 2023-2024 Installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent.

Taking us to faraway places through her excellent reports of Other Grand Jurisdictions, our Fraternal Correspondent, Mrs. Donna Hughes, escorted by Mr. Jerry Neuenschwander. (*True Colors*)

We depend greatly on this gentleman for our protection and security from interruption, Grand Sentinel, Mr. Jesse Ramos, escorted by Mrs. Melissa Ramos. (*If You're Not In it for Love*)

Laboring always for peace and harmony is our Grand Warder, Ms. Melanie Rayner, escorted by Mrs. Mona Giles. (*If You're Not In It For Love*)

Through her fervency and zeal, this lady is a witness of truth and love. Grand Electa, Ms. Molly Cliett, escorted by Mr. Dale Gordon. (*Walking on Sunshine*)

Portraying her Christian convictions and a hope of immortal life, Grand Martha, Mrs. Lynda Klein, escorted by Mr. Paul Klein. (*High Cotton*)

Through her queenly virtues and devotion, she has found favor among the members of this Grand Chapter. Grand Esther, Mrs. Sherry Dieckmann, escorted by Mr. Joe Paschal. (*I'll Be There For You*)

Reflecting the responsibility of obedience, we have reaped the harvest of her labor. Grand Ruth, Mrs. Christine Armstrong, escorted by Mr. Randy Bosley. (*I Will Survive*)

Always faithful to the demands of right and duty, she too has displayed heroic conduct. Grand Adah, Ms. Elinor Humphreys, escorted by Mr. Charles Foster. (*Back in Black*)

This lady has left lasting impressions with melodies to remember. Grand Organist, Mrs. Susan Smith, escorted by Mr. Tom Cumming. (*I Got the Music In Me*)

Marching forth with courtesy and purpose, she brings honor to her station. Grand Marshal, Mrs. Mary Harvey, escorted by Mr. Ronald Gubrud. (*All The Right Moves*)

Through faith in the divine creator, she is the doer of his word. Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Pat Callahan, escorted by PGP Burley Jones. (*The Cross Has Made You Flourish*)

Looking happily toward a delightful journey, our Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Kathy Paschal, escorted by Mr. Mike Biddler. (*I'll Be There*)

Grand Conductress, Ms. Glenda Klemm, escorted by Mr. Keith Borst. (*The Heat is On*)

One who is always faithful to her trust in the financial interest of our Order, our Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Greta Spradling, escorted by Dr. Charles "Bill" Bane. (*Money, Money, Money*)

Much is entrusted regarding prompt and discreet action to the duties of her office. Grand Secretary, Dr. Ellen Pickrell, escorted by PGP James Parker. (*She Works Hard for the Money*)

Preparing to meet the challenges of tomorrow and make them a reality, Associate Grand Patron, Mr. Terry E. Littlepage, escorted by Mrs. Monette Littlepage. (*Putting on the Ritz*)

Planning her year, always in search of God's plan our Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Glenda R. Murphy, escorted by PGP Tom Murphy. (*Moon River*)

Serving with love and respect for the membership, our Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Mark Dieckmann, escorted by Mrs. Ann Stuart. (*Thunderstruck*)

This week of Grand Chapter brings to completion four years of service, dedication, devotion, and all your plans unfolding for this moment in time for our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Susan Dormady, escorted by Mr. Bill Dormady. (*Don't Stop Believing*) **(Applause)**

My hope for each of you is that this "Love and Service" Session will be a memory commemorating this Grand Chapter of Texas and the devotion you have given. Let's greet them again with a big Texas thank you. **(Applause)**

Assisting Grand Marshal, at this time will you please escort the DeMolay and Officers to the East. **(Applause)**

Assisting Grand Marshal if you will just have a seat a moment. And I was given instructions, that the Rainbow Girls, you know, ladies take a little

longer for them to get ready. I was asked if I could sing to kill time. Well, I think instead of doing that...now that I've gone into all of that, they're here.

Assisting Grand Marshal, will you lead our Presiding Officers of the Rainbows in please. **(Applause)**

Thank you once again, Assisting Grand Marshal. While our Grand Marshal and Installed Grand Officers prepare for their Drill, I will ask Linda Love once again to have the privilege of enjoying her music.

*Music played by Sister Linda Love*  
**(Applause)**

We always look forward to seeing the Grand Officers performing their Drill. Therefore, at this time, I invite the presentation of the "Tree of Life" Drill, under the direction of Sister Mary Harvey, Grand Marshal.

*"Tree of Life" Drill* *Grand Marshal, Mary Harvey*  
**(Applause)**

Thank you, Grand Marshal. For several years we have enjoyed and appreciated the unique style of this group of Brothers who see that our Grand Chapter room is complete. Please give your attention to the Precision Drill under the direction of Mr. William "Bill" Wyatt, Past Grand Patron.

*Precision Drill* *Directed by Bill Wyatt, PGP*

It is with pleasure that I introduce Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, By-Laws Committee Chairman, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas for the presentation of the Star Point Emblems.

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Thank you Sister Betty. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished guests, Sisters, Brothers, and friends all.

Our five distinguished heroines play an important part in the Order of the Eastern Star for their representation of the virtues incorporated in the teachings of our Order.

Taking part in this presentation this afternoon are the five lovely Star Point Officers, escorted by their Pages who will be carrying the doll symbolic of

their station. They may enter. The Altar is the center of the labyrinth. Resting upon the "Word of God". To us the light, the direction of our fraternal journey through life and part of the Grand Chapter. God, our Heavenly Father, Creator of all things has placed pages in the Bible with remarkable women. For these Rob Morris, our founder, has drawn five who represents reverence and are the heroines of our Order. They were chosen to represent the virtues which Dr. Rob Morris felt directed our path to a fuller or more beautiful life. He teaches each of the Stations and he picked a color, a flower, and an emblem. An emblem is a symbol which is for the individual of what a country or organization stands for. Within our Chapter the emblem can be many different materials. It can be wood, it can be glass, it could be stone, it could be precious metal, gold or silver. Reminding us that the beautiful lessons of the Word of God. Dr. Morris used symbolizing enriching lessons portrayed by each of the heroines that are woven into our Bible creating the beautiful lessons of our Star Points.

The first point of our Star is Adah. Its color is heavenly blue and represents the daughter. Adah was known for her fidelity, her loyalty and teaches us our faith to our conviction of right and duty. The emblem is the sword and veil united, symbolizing her willingness to give her life so that her father's word could fulfill a promise to God. The emblem was placed by Elinor Humphreys, Grand Adah.

Ruth is the second point of our Star and represents the widow. This Star Point is taken from the second chapter of Ruth, one of the most beautiful stories written. Her color is yellow, and she is known for her constancy. Ruth left home from her friends and family to follow Naomi in poverty to a land of strangers. There to provide for herself and her mother-in-law as a gleaner in the fields. The emblem of this Star Point is the sheaf of golden grain and is placed by Sister Christine Armstrong, Grand Ruth.

The third point of our Star is the white, the heroic Esther. Esther represents the wife. The white ray symbolizes light, purity, and joy and those who were guided by unselfish love for others. The crown and scepter united is a symbol of elegance and splendor of the reigning queen which compelled to offer her life to save her people from death. The emblem was placed by Sister Sherry Dieckmann, Grand Esther.

The green ray of our Star represents the sister, represented by a broken column. A symbol of the outstanding power of faith in eternal life. An

emblem expressive with truthful faith, that in the great knowledge we receive the words “Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.” The deepest sorrow is relieved by a trustful faith in God. And the emblem was placed by Lynda Klein, Grand Martha.

The fifth point of our Star is Electa. Glowing as red as a rose the red ray represents the mother, a reflection of love. The cup is an emblem of hospitality and generosity and a symbol of devotion to truth and the characteristics of the love of God and children. Electa shows love through her many acts of kindness and her participation in God’s greatest commandment to “Love One Another”. The emblem was placed by Sister Molly Cliett, Grand Electa.

As we think about the virtues of these heroines, we will recall one thing that they all have in common, and that is Unselfish Love.

Adah was motivated by the love of her father.

Ruth the love for her mother-in-law.

Esther the love of kindred and friends.

Martha the love of Jesus and her brother.

Electa the love of God and fellow man.

So may we be inspired as the heroines. Follow the pathway of unselfish love, loyalty, honesty, and truthfulness, and service to others. **(Applause)**

**PGM Betty Benham:** The Altar is the center of our Grand Chapter room and plays an important part in our Order. Upon the altar the holy Bible is placed through which we receive inspiration. We use a Bible marker to assist us to the passages of the word of God who directs that we follow His star in the East. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are proud to have special ones to assist in these presentations. Presenting our holy Bible and Bible marker is Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Ruth White, under her leadership our Worthy Grand Matron served as her District Deputy Grand Matron for District 2. The square and compasses are the tie that binds our Masonic and Eastern Star Fraternities. We are honored to be blessed using the square and compasses donated by Houston Ransford Chapter and is presented by Steven Stiles, Grand Page to the Worthy Grand Patron and Worshipful Master of Oakwood Masonic Lodge #1444.

Our flags are symbols of love, religion, family, dedication, patriotism, and freedom. All of these are the foundation on which our Fraternal Families are based. I invite Ray Hertenberger, Past Grand Patron, to bring the flag presentation.

**PGP Ray Hertenberger:** Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I appreciate this honor for allowing me to present these flags.

Throughout history, flags have been used to show allegiance to a country or to a cause. Battles have been fought as people have passionately protected the standards of their nation. We will now have the presentation of the flags.

Join me as we salute the flag of our country. \*\*\* The flag of the United States of America, the Star-Spangled Banner, our flag, the symbol of freedom around the world, the flag stands for liberty wherever it may wave. Born in conflict, she inspires a great nation. Our red, white, and blue is still giving, inspiration to a great nation with her 50 stars flying in a field of blue. There she is, Old Glory, flying free and unfurled. We rejoice with pride, and may we never take lightly the blood that continues to be shed to preserve for us the freedom to fly Old Glory. Proudly presenting the Stars and Stripes of our country is Mr. Rick Skidd, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

No other state has such a heritage of sacrifice for freedom as Texas. Having served also as the flag of the Republic of Texas, the flag of the Lone Star State is recognized around the world. As Texans, we are proud of our heritage. Our hearts swell with pride when we see the Lone Star flag displayed and hear the words: "I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas". Presenting our state's flag is Mr. Trey Smith, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

The cross on the Christian flag represents the sacrifice of our Savior and reminds us to emulate his compassion and brotherly love. It is the universal emblem of our Christian faith and keeps us ever mindful of our heavenly Father's love for us and our love for Him. Our Christian flag is presented by Mr. Burley Jones, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

An emblematic star on a background of white reminds us of the fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith, and love. Virtues that should adorn the lives of all

members of the Order of the Eastern Star. The Eastern Star flag is presented by Mr. James Parker, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

Masonic flag honors our Masonic Brothers as the foundation of the entire Fraternal Family. The Masonic flag is being presented by Mr. Jerry Martin, Past Grand Patron of Texas and Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

Post the Colors. \* Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

**PGM Betty Benham:** This day has long been awaited for and anticipated for a considerable amount of time. And I'm sure that Mrs. Deborah Land, Executive Committee General Chairman, is pleased today has finally arrived. Sister Deborah, I invite you to bring the welcome to this 141<sup>st</sup> Session.

**Sister Deborah Land:** Thank you, Sister Betty. Good morning my sweet Sisters and Brothers. As Betty says, I am Deborah Land, the Executive Chairman for 2023-2024. On behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Susan Dormady and our Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Mark Dieckmann, and the rest of the Executive and Arrangements Committees, I welcome you to the 141<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter Session. As we said last year in Addison when we extended the invitation for this year "All Roads Lead to Waco". Beautiful, bustling, Waco. Home of Chip and Joanna Gains and Silos, the Texas Rangers and Dr. Pepper Museums among other delightful shopping experiences, of course, after you visit all our vendors downstairs.

When our Worthy Grand Matron first asked me to guide this endeavor for she and Mark, I was nervous and I thought that she had probably lost all the marbles she ever had. Then it occurred to me that with her emblem being the "Tree of Life" with the colors of red, brown, green and gold, we were destined to be in Waco, where my heart is particularly fond of the Baylor Bears and the Green and Gold. Y'all know I had to get this in here somewhere. But we have worked very hard these last 3 years to bring you the best Session ever and to ensure your stay is welcoming, comfortable, and enjoyable. We hope you have found all your needs covered but should you need any assistance while you are here, please ask any of the ushers or Security and we will do all we can to help you. At this time, I do want to take a quick liberty and ask the Executive and Arrangements Committee members to please stand. They are probably all working. There is some of them. Sisters and Brothers, please help me thank them for all they have

done and will continue to do. **(Applause)** Y'all have been absolutely wonderful to work with and I appreciate all of your efforts. Thank you.

We do have a few presentations from dignitaries who were unable to be with us due to conflicting schedules. I will be reading their remarks so please bear with me as we go through them. I'm going to read them as they sent them to me and as they would have presented them to you. The first one is from the Honorable Greg Abbott who sends his regards.

"Greetings. As Governor of Texas, I am proud to welcome you to Waco for the 141<sup>st</sup> Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest Masonic related organization for men and women, and its members have dedicated themselves to their communities. The organization's charitable undertakings reflect the devotion of members past and present to truth, kindness, love, and benevolence. Your philanthropic efforts support young and old alike through donating time and treasure to entities and endeavors such as Patriot Paws, the Scottish Rite Hospital, Multiple Sclerosis Research, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation.

Throughout the Lone Star state, the men and women of the Order of the Eastern Star embrace the time-honored tradition of neighbor helping neighbor and I commend you for your unstinting service. Your commitment to charity and to your neighbors is a testament to your indomitable spirit and can-do attitude. I am proud to call you fellow Texans.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in extending best wishes for an enjoyable and informative convention.

Sincerely, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas"

Unfortunately, no one from the City of Waco could attend this morning so I will read this to you as well.

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Order of the Eastern Star was created in 1850 by Dr. Rob Morris when he was teaching at the Eureka Masonic College, also known as the Little Red Schoolhouse in Richland, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Order is based on the teachings from the Bible, is open to people of all religious beliefs, and is composed of women with Masonic affiliation with Master Masons; and

WHEREAS, today there are approximately 5,000 Chapters in fourteen (14) countries; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 500,000 members under the General Grand Chapter that share a belief of existence of a supreme being and promotion of the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star is conducting its 141<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter Session in Waco, Texas on August 7<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Holmes, Mayor of the city of Waco, do hereby proclaim August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as:

### **“ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR DAY”**

In the city of Waco and urge all citizens to join the City Council, City Staff, and me in recognizing and expressing our appreciation for the many vital charitable contributions to medical research and education provided by the Order of the Eastern Star.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and the Seal of the City of Waco this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D., 2024.

And it is signed by the Mayor, the entire City Council and City Secretary of Waco.

Last but by no means least is a special letter which reads as follows:

Sister Susan Dormady is a Midland native and graduate of Midland High School with deep roots in our community. Since becoming a local business owner in 1989, Susan has weathered the ups and downs of our economy and stood true to her belief that we treat others the way we want to be treated. Susan has dedicated her life to supporting

community, state, and national humanitarian projects. Midland is better because of Susan's love to give back. Congratulations Susan for a year well served. Thank you for the dedication and the hard work you have shown in supporting so many non-profit causes in Midland and throughout the state. Thank you for the way you serve others and the selfless way you serve our community. You are an inspiration to all of us.

With sincere appreciation.  
Lori Blong, Mayor of Midland

And I have all these original Proclamations which I will turn over to you two once we get finished. And that's all I have so Sister Betty, I believe it is back to you. **(Applause)**

**PGM Betty Benham:** Thank you. I appreciate you, Sister Deborah. **(Applause)** We are appreciative to the Grand Lodge of Texas Library and Museum for allowing us to use their facility. Mr. Christian Moore, Library and Museum Administrator, please bring us greetings.

**Mr. Christian Moore:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, good morning and welcome home to the Grand Lodge Library and Museum of Texas. On behalf of our Board of Directors, it is our distinct privilege to have you here this week as we celebrate not only your 141<sup>st</sup> Session but the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this magnificent building, dedicated on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1949, in memory of Texas Masons who fought in World Wars I and II. Beyond that, this is an even more special year for the Masonic Fraternity as it was 120 years ago that the Masons in Texas moved to Waco. So, what a special privilege it is for us as we celebrate these milestones of our Masonic family to have you taking such an important part in our work across the state and in the city of Waco this year. Congratulations on a successful year to your Officers and best wishes on behalf of our Board for a successful Session. Thank you. **(Applause)**

**PGM Betty Benham:** Texas is always proud of their Past Grands who serve the General Grand Chapter, and we are especially honored in Texas to have one who is serving in the Elected Office of Right Worthy Grand Trustee, Mr. Karl Arthur Drescher, Jr., we await your greetings.

**PGP K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers all. Howdy! I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for asking me to bring greetings from the General Grand Chapter. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Glenda and Brother Lon, are finishing up their final official visits of the Triennium and putting the final touches on their Session to be held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. For those of you who are going or still on the fence, the deadlines are fast approaching. Sister Glenda was telling the Trustees that they have had to add several hotels, so it appears we're going to have a large crowd. And it has been six years since we've actually had a Triennium due to covid. There will be a luncheon on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> honoring our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marianne Shenefelt, and our Past Most Worthy Grand Patron Henry Martin. I hope everyone going from Texas will be able to be there to celebrate their accomplishments.

On behalf of the entire General Grand Chapter family, we wish Sister Susan and Brother Mark a great Session. May it be filled with peace and harmony. You have had a great year and we know come Sunday, you both will be looking forward to some time off.

I will close with some little advice from a tree:

Stand tall and proud.

Go out on a limb.

Remember your roots.

Drink plenty of water.

Be content with your natural beauty.

And finally

Enjoy the view.

May God bless. **(Applause)**

**PGM Betty Benham:** The Grand Lodge of Texas and the Order of the Eastern Star are unified in service to mankind. It is indeed my privilege to present The Honorable Tommy Chapman, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. I invite you to bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Texas. **(Applause)**

**MWGM Tommy Chapman:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers all. I am humbled and honored to stand here today and bring greetings as the Grand Master of Texas. I hope that everything is going well for everyone so far. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the honor of allowing me to address this body this morning. It is my wish that you have a very successful Session of course, and I hope that a lot of memories are made here, fond memories that will last each and every one of you a lifetime. I look forward to being at Grand Chapter every year. It's always fun to see old friends and meet new friends. I always, I say always, I often quote Theodore Roosevelt. He's my favorite guy with quotes and I use them all the time. And one of my favorite quotes that Brother and President Roosevelt had was "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." So, Sisters and Brothers, I want to let each and every one of you know today how much I care for you and for our organization. I care very deeply, so thank you for having me. God bless the United States of America, God bless the great state of Texas, God bless Freemasonry, God bless the Order of the Eastern Star, and God bless each and every one of you. Thanks for having me out. **(Applause)**

**PGM Betty Benham:** Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to respond to those greetings?

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Thank you, Sister Betty. You know you are very special to me. My very first Grand Chapter was your Grand Chapter. So, I really appreciate you coming and opening our Chapter today.

Sister Deborah, thank you for bringing the Proclamations. From a former Executive Chair to another, I have firsthand knowledge of how hard it is to go and plan these Sessions. You have done an awesome job and I'm sure the membership will appreciate your efforts. I'm proud to call you, my friend.

Brother Christian, I don't know, he's probably running around. He's doing everything around here. I'm calling you that from the Masonic side but thank you for being part of this group this week. Your efforts to make this stupendous edifice available to outside interested groups is a testament to the work of the Masons of Texas to keep our home here viable for years to come.

Brother Art, we have known each other for many years. Thank you for your service to the members of Texas as Worthy Grand Patron with a certain mother-in-law of mine. Bless your heart. Thank you also for your service to General Grand Chapter in making changes to ensure the future of the Perry Belmont house for years to come and for your work with Eastern Star worldwide.

And finally Grand Master Chapman, thank you for welcoming us to the Grand Lodge building. As Grand Master and also Executive Officer of Texas DeMolay, I know your time is very, very limited, but your dedication to come here today and speak to us along with handling all of your other duties does not go unnoticed. Please tell me that no one here took your parking spot outside. Thank you very much to all the speakers that were here today and Sister Betty, it's all yours. **(Applause)**

**PGM Betty Benham:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. Worthy Grand Matron, I am sure you would like to respond to these remarks also.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you, Sister Betty. And again, they are all gone. Maybe it echoes outside, and they can hear me.

Sister Deborah, thank you for your welcome and for reading the Proclamations. You are a Star in my book.

Christian you have been a joy to work with, no question was too simple or too unusual for you. I think we did find a couple of questions that you had to think about and get back to us. But you always had a solution to whatever problem we could come up with. You are a treasure to this Library and Museum, and I thank you for your efforts this week.

Brother Art, you did a great job as Worthy Grand Patron. I enjoyed being one of your "Drescher's Divas" and you have moved onward and upward as a General Grand Trustee. Texas is so proud of you and the work you do at the General Grand Chapter level. Thank you so much.

Brother, I mean, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Tommy Chapman. This year didn't quite start out as you thought it would, I am sure. But you have overcome the troubles that have come your way and have done so with kindness and thoughtfulness. We appreciate the hard work you have done this year, and I appreciate you taking the time out of your schedule to attend this Grand Chapter and bring us greetings.

I will take this opportunity to thank you, Sister Betty Benham. You are someone everyone looks up to. Your poise, gracefulness, and your gratefulness for Eastern Star, is above and beyond. You have always been there for anything I might need to know or even just want to know how it was back then. I love you and I thank you for opening this portion of my Grand Chapter. **(Applause)**

**PGM Betty Benham:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters, Brothers, friends, please know that we appreciate your presence, and we thank you for sharing your time with us for our Informal Opening. As we prepare for the business of this Grand Chapter, we would request that those who are not members of the Order of the Eastern Star to retire.

We would like to say that the luncheon concessions will be available from 11:00 until 1:00 on the Grand Lodge level downstairs. There should be no food or drinks, with the exception of bottled water, in the Grand Chapter room and no trash on the floors. But thank you for your patience, your attendance, and your devotion. Thank you. See you at 1:00.

***(Closing of the Ceremonial Opening)***

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

**141<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter Session**

**August 8, 2024**

**Thursday Afternoon  
Session**



**FORMAL OPENING**  
Thursday, August 8, 2024

Call to Order  
Master of Ceremonies

Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane  
GGC Director of Deputies and  
Past Grand Matron of Texas

H. Lee Stallings  
Past Grand Patron of Texas

**PGM Alma Lynn Bane:** Sisters and Brothers. Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers. Thank you for your attendance for this Formal Opening for the 141<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter Session for the Grand Chapter of Texas. Thank you, Sister Linda Hugo, Music Committee, District 3 Chairman for the lovely music for the enjoyment of our Sisters and Brothers. Let's show her our appreciation. **(Applause)** At this time, I ask each of you to place your communication devices in the silent mode or turn them off. The Presiding Officers or those seated near you will appreciate this greatly. I am Past Matron of Waco Chapter #7. It was 25 years ago that Brother Henry Martin and I presided over the "Tapestry of Love and Service" 117<sup>th</sup> Session. Here in Waco at the Baylor Ferrell Event Center. Many of you were there and shared the joy of completion of the year of service to our Order and the love surrounding us by each of you. Henry and I did not know the opportunities of service that the future would present to both of us. Thank you for your love and support as we served our Order here in Texas and around the world. The sun never sets on our Eastern Star. From the Philippines, to Romania, to Canada, to South America, to Hawaii, to Guam, with a lot in the lower 48 including us. The US of A. I invite the Grand Officers for 2023-2024 to enter the Grand Chapter room.

Entrance of Grand Officers

Thank you for that memory of our music, thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, you were one of our "Cameo Ladies". And I have watched you as you served your Chapter, your Section, your District, and now the Grand Chapter. Each of us brings a special facet to the jewel that is our Order. My prayer is for you to preside with the grace and calm, it is

your demeanor. Each moment will be etched in your heart in the memories of those in attendance. Please take a deep breath. Exhale slowly and smile. We are here to come together and report the progress of the plans and projects you established for 2023-2024. We are here to prepare for the future of our Order in Texas and to elect our leaders for the future. I am the past, they are the future. You are a gift. You are our present.

Worthy Grand Patron, I met you as your mother-in-law, Sister Mary Ruth White, Past Grand Matron, served as my District Deputy Grand Matron for District 4. And you were her daughter's husband and one of our very best honey-do, tote and fetcher's. I have observed your dedication to not only our Order but also to all aspects to our Fraternal family. Your knowledge and professional experience complements your Fraternal leadership and service. Twenty-five years ago, Henry and I introduced pre-printed ballots and electronic tabulation of election results. You have taken the next step to go where no one has gone before. I tip my hat to you, and I say thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I commend you both for your love and service for our Order. I'm pleased to be sharing the opening of this Formal Opening Session with Brother Lee Stallings, Past Grand Patron, who was installed as Worthy Grand Patron at the 1999 Saturday night Session. Brother Lee, I invite you to greet our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

**PGP Lee Stallings:** Thank you, Sister Alma, General Grand Chapter Committee Member and my long-time friend. It seems almost impossible that 25 years ago, Sister Betty Friend and I sat in the Grand West as Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron, while and during Alma's and Brother Henry's Session in Waco. During those 25 years that have passed, so much has happened in our Order. And so much was done by Sister Alma and by Brother Henry. At every level, your Chapter, the Grand Chapter, and the General Grand Chapter. Over the years, you have provided support to so many people, including me. There is no doubt in my mind that you are one of the most informed and knowledgeable OES persons to reminisce about the fond memories you have I know. It is indeed a pleasure to share the Grand East with you this Thursday afternoon for the Ritualistic Opening of the 141<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter Session. Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for asking me to be a part of this Thursday afternoon

Ritualistic Opening. This is a very special privilege for me as you heard, Sister Betty and I were installed as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron right here in Waco some 25 years ago. I'm excited to be back in Texas and I look forward to watching you and the Worthy Grand Patron preside over the business of this Grand Chapter the next few days. I know this Session will be representative of your emblem, the "Tree of Life". As we remember the past year, celebrate our successes in the present and look forward to what the future holds for this Grand Chapter. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, as you come to the end of your time of service in the Grand East, it is time for you to reflect upon your accomplishments. To count your many blessings, to reminiscence about the fond memories you have, and to be thankful for the new friendships that you have cultivated. You worked hard to ensure that every member knew that they mattered. Mattered to you, to their Chapter, and to this Grand Chapter. Your commitment to achieve that goal and you've gotten us all "Hooked on Star" will long be remembered by this membership. I wish you and this Grand Chapter Session to be all you hoped it to be and more. Thank you for letting me speak. **(Applause)**

**PGM Alma Lynn Bane:** Thank you, Brother Lee. It's always a pleasure to hear your greetings. Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the honor for me to call this Formal Opening of the 141<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter Session to Order. \* The gavel I am using is one of the gavels used by another Past Matron of Waco Chapter #7. Sister Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you, Sister Judy Baker, for the loan of this gavel.

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

(WGM and WGP escorted to the East)

\*\*\* Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to introduce Sister Susan Dormady, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Mark Dieckmann, Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given)

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the honor of opening the 141<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter Session. I present to you the gavel, a symbol of your authority that you may preside over our Formal Opening Session with kindness, with love, and with fairness.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of the Grand Chapter. \*

Sister Alma, thank you for opening this Grand Chapter Session. When you told me that it was 25 years ago when you and Brother Henry Martin, with Brother Lee in the West, hosted your Grand Chapter here in Waco, it seemed fitting that you should open this Session as well. Your work in Eastern Star and also in General Grand Chapter shows your dedication and knowledge of our work. How proud we are to call you one of our own. Brother Lee, thank you for your gracious words this morning. Your attendance at every Texas Grand Chapter shows your dedication to Eastern Star. And as the second senior Past Grand Patron and travelling from Missouri every year for our Session shows how loyal you are to this great Order. Thank you both. **(Applause)**

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Sister Alma Lynn, thank you for opening our Session. It's great to be back in Waco, isn't it? I remember your Session down the road at the old Baylor Arena. We had a bit more attending back then, didn't we? Your leadership in Texas and in General Grand Chapter is what helps us to keep the aims of the Order in the right direction. Thank you for your personal assistance when I called over the last year.

Brother Lee, thank you for travelling all the way from my home state of Missouri to be with us. It is always a pleasure to see you and Sister Pat at these annual Sessions. Thank you for your participation in our Session this morning. Well done my Brother. **(Applause)**

**WGM Susan Dormady:** I invite Denise Browning, Chairman of the Credential Committee, to bring a partial report.

**Sister Denise Browning:** Worthy Grand Matron, the Credentials Committee is pleased to report that we have present 174 Chapter Representatives of the Subordinate Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction. This constitutes more than 25% of the Chapters and a quorum to open this Grand Chapter Session and to transact its business.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you, Sister Denise, for that report. Get back to work. Just as a reminder, Sisters and Brothers, in your registration packet you should have received a green card and a yellow card. The green card is for voting members and the yellow card is for Chapter Representatives.

I now recognize the Grand Secretary. She has something to say maybe. Oh, she does not. That means everybody has filed their reports on time and life is good in the Grand Chapter Office. Hallelujah!

Sister Grand Warder, you will see that the doors to our Grand Chapter are secure and inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of opening this Grand Chapter and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

(Ritualistic Opening of Grand Chapter)  
(Proving the Grand Chapter) \*\*  
(Grand Conductress attends at Altar)  
(Opening Ode "This is My Father's World")  
(Grand Marshal presents the US flag)  
(WGP leads the Pledge of Allegiance)  
(Singing of the National Anthem)  
(Session opened for the transaction of business) \*

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Time for our favorite thing. Do we have anybody in the West? General Grand Chapter family? Please begin to line up. You'll be next.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Sisters and Brothers, if you are going to be presented, please follow up the sides and then go down the hall behind the East to avoid the stairs at all costs. Thank you.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** It's kind of neat to come to Grand Chapter because you get to meet everybody that came to Texas to visit. I always thought they were fun at Grand Chapter until you have to do the introductions and it's just a long day. If I could play music, I'd play you something.

I invite the Elected General Grand Chapter Officer to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Elected General Grand Officer at the Altar.

**GC Glenda Klemm:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure to introduce Brother Karl Arthur Drescher, Jr., Right Worthy Grand Trustee and Past Grand Patron of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Brother Art, what an honor it is for me to welcome you here. Your work in General Grand Chapter is commendable. You are a

wonderful person with a wonderful view of life. And I am so very glad to call you my friend.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** It is certainly an honor to welcome you. Your continued commitment to our Order is an example of the qualities of those who dedicate their time and effort to helping others. By the way, let's go fishing again sometime soon.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our General Grand Chapter Elected Officer to the East. \*\*\*

Sisters and Brothers, please join me in saluting this General Grand Elected Officer with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given). Okay, Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, he is, per Arthur, he will not stay in the East. \*

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

**GC Glenda Klemm:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing the General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members.

Brother Burley Jones, Ambassador of Brazil, Central West and a Past Grand Patron of Texas

Sisters Margaret Nathurst, Benevolence Committee, Member and a Past Grand Matron of Florida and Grand Treasurer

Jimmie Lee McMahon, By-laws Committee, Chairman, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

Charlene Williams, By-laws Committee, and a Past Grand Matron of Florida.

Vi Griffin, Community Service Committee, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas

Brothers, Charles "Bill" Bane, Education Committee and a Past Grand Patron of the District of Columbia, and Grand Representative of Arizona in the District of Columbia

Trey Smith, International Headquarters Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Texas

Paul Garner, Membership Committee, and a Past Grand Patron of Texas

Sister Karen Monteith, Regenerative Medicine Committee, and a Past Grand Matron of Kansas

Brothers Rick Skidd, Regenerative Medicine Committee, and a Past Grand Patron of Texas

Billy Williams, Regenerative Medicine Committee, Co-Chairman, and a Past Grand Patron of Florida

James Chancey, Service Dogs Committee, and a Past Grand Patron of Vermont and Grand Organist

George Gwaltney, Service Dogs Committee, and a Past Grand Patron of Texas

Sister Carolyn Martin, Youth Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Texas

Brother Pierre Schexneider, Youth Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Louisiana

Sisters Alma Lynn Bane, Triennial Assembly Director of Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, Grand Representative of Texas in the District of Columbia

Betty Benham, Triennial Other Assembly, Colorful Notes and Personal Page to the Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Bobbie White and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Look at this line up. This year in my tree of life symbol, the roots represent the General Grand Chapter. Your work keeps us grounded and stable, and you keep us strong. Your work within your state and around the world is commendable and we thank you for taking such a huge position to continue your support of our Order. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Sisters and Brothers, your service to the current Most Worthy Grand Matron is soon coming to an end. Thank you for working on the projects and positions assigned to you to help our Order achieve its goals.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these General Grand Chapter Ambassador and Committee Members to the Grand East. **(Applause) \*\*\***

The things you do when you have a very small Grand East. Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in saluting these General Grand Chapter Ambassador and Committee Members with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given)

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, these General Grand Chapter Members will go get their picture made and then they will go to wherever they want to sit. Thank you. \*

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

**GC Glenda Klemm:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of presenting Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Mary Reicks, Iowa

Donna Nelke-Baker, Louisiana

Christal Fisher, New Mexico

Carrie Brown, Oklahoma

Melissa Chancey, Vermont

Don Booth, Arkansas

James Duncan, Louisiana

Glendon Birdwell, Oklahoma, Order of the Eastern Star

**WGM Susan Dormady:** The tree of life teaches us the art of patience, even the mightiest oak begins as a fragile seed. Four years ago, you started as a small seed of plans and ideas. You are now like the mighty oak, stronger than before and watching your plans bloom as your year proceeds. Welcome my co-workers to our Session. **(Applause)**

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** I too am pleased to have our counterparts with us today. We are happy that you took time out of your busy schedules to travel here and participate in our Session. I hope that the remainder of your terms are successful, and your goals are achieved as you lead the Order in your state.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions to the Grand East. \*\*\* Sisters and Brothers, you join me in saluting the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, these Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions will go have their picture made and then they can sit with their tribe. Thank you all. \*

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

**GC Glenda Klemm:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Sisters Wendy Cunningham, Kansas

Betty Robertson, New Mexico and Grand Representative of Australia in New Mexico

Joyce Bytheway, Pennsylvania

Brenda Jones, Virginia

These Brothers:

Bill Rhyan, Arizona

Ron Kammerer, Kansas

Bret Shifflett, Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star

**WGM Susan Dormady:** In a forest of a hundred trees, no two trees are alike, but when they all come together their beauty is unmatched. You come from all different parts of the world but together you are the beauty of Eastern Star. Thank you for attending our Session.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Thank you for participating in the Eastern Star spirit of kindness and friendship at our Session this week. You are certainly always welcome in Texas, even though some of you do live here. We hope to see you again in the future. Thank you.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you escort these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions to the Grand East. \*\*\* Sisters and Brothers,

please join me in saluting these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will go have their picture made before they go seat themselves in the Grand Chapter room. Thank you.

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

**GC Glenda Klemm:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is indeed my honor and privilege to introduce these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas.

Sisters:

Karen Morganthaler

Joyce Nicklas

Mary Ruth White, who is also Grand Representative of Georgia in Texas

Cheryl Albrecht

Jerre Lucas

Sharon Mosmeyer

Terri Rozell

Phyllis Macon

Brothers:

Richard Ochs

Lee Stallings

Duane "Buddy" Baker

Ed Warner

Jerry Martin, who is also Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Nelson Campbell

Ray Hertenberger

Bill Wyatt

Billy Clabaugh

Tom Murphy

Tom Brisko

James Parker

And Jerry Harrell, Arkansas. I have you under somewhere else.

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**WGM Susan Dormady:** To this wonderful group of people. There is a saying, it says "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the people you can." You are those people who do those things. Mostly that other one down there, but you all symbolize the best of Eastern Star, and I am so glad to call you ours.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** A hearty welcome to our Texas Past Grands. Each of you have had the pleasure of serving in these positions during your Eastern Star career and you know the effort it takes to lead a Session like this. Thank you for your continued service to our Order. Thank you very much.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to the East. \*\*\* Sisters and Brothers, these are you Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. Please join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress they will be seated in the Chapter room wherever they want to go after they get their picture made. \*

Sisters Grand Conductress and Association Grand Conductress, you will present the Texas Grand Master, that one...at the Altar.

**GC Glenda Klemm:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is indeed my honor and pleasure to introduce Brother Tommy Chapman, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Brother Tommy we are so glad that you take the time out of your schedule to come and visit us today. This is a beautiful building, and we are so thankful that you have allowed us to meet here.  
**(Applause)**

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Grand Master, thank you for allowing us to meet in your house today. We hope you enjoy your time with us, and I look forward to your Communication in January.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas to the Grand East. **(Applause)**

Sisters and Brothers, Brother Tommy Chapman is a hard worker for our Fraternity and please join me in giving him a very, very warm welcome. **(Applause)** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, he snuck around the corner and he's out. \* It's like he knows the building, right? **(Laughter)**

I'd like the Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions to gather around the corner.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions in back of Esther's Station. In back of Esther's Station please ma'am.

**GC Glenda Klemm:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is indeed my honor and pleasure to introduce these Installed Grand Officer of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Carol Davis, Associate Grand Matron, Indiana  
Barb Pefley, Grand Conductress, Indiana  
Doris Kammerer, Grand Electa, Kansas  
Martha Schexneider, Associate Grand Matron, Louisiana  
Kristina Donovan, Grand Marshal, Louisiana  
Cheryl Cannon, Grand Esther, Louisiana  
Tanya DeMichele, Grand Treasurer, Nevada  
Diana Youngren, Grand Secretary, New Mexico  
Patty Zoellner, Grand Conductress, Oklahoma  
Carlinda Thornton, Grand Esther, Oklahoma  
Louisa Smith, Grand Martha, Oklahoma  
Abby Beavers, Grand Esther, Virginia  
Brothers Jack Randall, Associate Grand Patron, Oklahoma  
Gene Spillman, Grand Sentinel, Oklahoma  
Order of the Eastern Star

**WGM Susan Dormady:** I'm glad you finally got here. It is a joy to see all of you and I've enjoyed visiting most of your Grand Chapters as well. Lesson from a tree: Remember your roots, go out on a limb, shelter others, reach for the sky, stay grounded. I hope your year as an Installed Grand Officer will give you lots of happy memories. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** We're thrilled to have you here. Enjoy your time and feel free to ask if you need any recommendations or tips about the

area. I'll find someone from Waco to answer them. Have a fantastic visit. Thank you for coming.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, these Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions will be escorted to the East. **(Applause)**

Sisters and Brothers, please join me in giving the Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions a warm Texas welcome. **(Applause)**

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, these Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions will sneak around the side and go get their picture made. Thank you.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron in back of Esther's Station.

**GC Glenda Klemm:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing these Deputies and Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Special Appointments to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron:

Gia Sloniker, Assistant to the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and  
Special Appointment, Colorful Notes

Sisters Marty Drescher

Doris Jones

Lesa Smith

Lou Skidd

Nannette Gwaltney,

Order of the Eastern Star

**WGM Susan Dormady:** What a special honor it is to be appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. That tells us that you have been very active in your area and are recognized as a hard worker for Eastern Star. Your service is winding down, but we thank you for attending this Grand Chapter Session. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** It is an honor to have you here today. Thank you for your service to General Grand Chapter. We hope to see you in Myrtle Beach in a couple of months.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sisters and Brothers, please join me in giving these Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron a hearty welcome. **(Applause)** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, these Special Appointments of the long line will be returned to their place in the Chapter room right after they take their picture. Thank you.

I invite the Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions to please stand.

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

**GC Glenda Klemm:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce the Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions.

Sisters Margie Brakefield, Texas in Arizona  
Shari Madison, Texas in California  
Brother Luke Reicks, Texas in Iowa  
Sisters Clarie Grogan, Texas in Kansas  
Anne Birkhead, Texas in Louisiana  
Beverly Geysler, Texas in Maryland  
Susan Nielsen, Texas in Nebraska  
Gennie Hudson, Texas in Nevada  
Linda Nielsen, Texas in New Hampshire  
Cheryl Butler, Texas in New Jersey  
Catherine Ferguson, Texas in Ontario  
Vickie Shifflett, Texas in Virginia  
Order of the Eastern Star

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Trees are known by the fruit it bears. Let your kindness be the fruit you are known for. Thank you for representing Texas in your Jurisdiction. Please enjoy your time here.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** It is always a pleasure to meet Sisters and Brothers from other states. Your counterparts are thrilled that you're here this week and we hope you have a wonderful experience with us here in Waco. Welcome.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions to the Grand East. **(Applause)** \*\*\* Sisters and Brothers, please join me in saluting these Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) \* Thank you so much for coming. Please go around the corner for your picture.

I invite the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present these Grand Representative of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.

**GC Glenda Klemm:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions.

Debbi Booth, California in Arkansas

Jackie Fioretti, Italy in New Mexico

Julie Dunn, New Mexico in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Nancy Boevers, Arkansas in Oklahoma

Sadie Shaffer, Minnesota in Virginia

Griselle Stevens, Missouri in Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Eastern Star members are surely the most travelling group around. Thank you so much for attending Texas Grand Chapter. And I hope you have safe travels to all the other jurisdictions you will get to see. When you plant a seed, you plant hope. Likewise, when you speak a kind word you are also planting hope.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** While you may not have a direct tie to Texas in your commission, you are always welcome here. Thank you for traveling to our jurisdiction to enjoy the friendship and love that only Eastern Stars can give. Welcome.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Grand Representatives to the Grand East. \*\*\*

Sisters and Brothers, please join me in saluting the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given)

Thank you so much for coming. \*

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

**GC Glenda Klemm:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is with great pleasure that I present these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas.

Sisters Debra Ford, Arizona in Texas  
Liz Cherry, Arkansas  
Susan Neuenschwander, Colorado  
Martha Heffington, Connecticut  
Brother Joe Paschal, Delaware  
Sisters Kay Hale, District of Columbia  
Glenda Smitheart, Florida  
Debi Fincher, Idaho  
Lou Anne Elliott, Illinois  
Lilma Godsey-Werner, Indiana  
Cindy Echols, Iowa  
Molly Willey, Kansas  
Diann Norton, Kentucky  
Tamara Martin, Manitoba  
Rosemary Williams, Maryland  
Betty Mugg, Massachusetts  
Brother Billy Ray Bell, Missouri  
Sisters Lillie Williams, Nebraska  
Debbie Hicks, Nevada  
Doris Blackmon, New Hampshire  
Brother Rick Delaney, New Jersey  
Sisters Michelle Stegman, New York  
Tara Berge, North Carolina  
Xanthe Parker, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island  
Cindy Pearce, Ohio  
Phyllis Wilson, Oklahoma  
Joyce Hagens, Ontario  
Gay Jones, Oregon  
Jerri Young, Pennsylvania  
Linda Turner, Rhode Island  
Mary Hunt, Saskatchewan

Audri Rowell, Utah  
Kathy Meadows, Vermont  
Barbara Nunley, Virginia  
Donna Damon-Hughes, Washington  
Cindy Lucas, West Virginia  
Cindy Newberry, Wisconsin  
Nickie Bilski, Wyoming, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** What a beautiful group of representatives. You have traveled, you have met other Eastern Stars, and you have traveled some more. You are the best because you represent Texas anywhere that you go. I hope you have enjoyed your travels, and I hope you continue to enjoy traveling and meeting other Eastern Star members and representing Texas well.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Sisters and Brothers, you are the face of Texas Eastern Star in other states and countries and the commitment you make brings a favorable light of what we do here. It is very commendable. Welcome all.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, I would say bring them to the East but maybe around. Bunch them up. Come on up. Let us see how many we can get on up in here. Some can come up and some can stay. That's fine with me. Except for him, he's got to go the other way. \*\*\* I knew that was going to take a while. I thought I would let you rest. Sisters and Brothers, please join me in giving these beautiful Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Thank you. **(Applause)** Beautiful group. \* Please go and have your picture made.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Grand Committee Members and Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions behind Eshter's Station.

**GC Glenda Klemm:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Grand Chapter Committee Members and Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Dawnita Cole, Assistant Lecturer, District 3, Virginia  
Lois Vercel, Endowed Fund, Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you so much for making the trip to Texas. We appreciate your dedication to Eastern Star and are very glad to greet you here.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** It is good to see those who give their time and talent to make the other Grand Jurisdictions tick to be a successful part of the Order. Welcome my Sisters.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Let's welcome these members with a hearty Texas Howdy! (Howdy, Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will return these Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions to get a picture made.

I invite the Adult Leaders of the Fraternal Youth Organizations to stand, to come forward. The Fraternal Youth Organizations are next. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations in back of Esther's Station.

**GC Glenda Klemm:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing these Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations.

Sister Annabella Jorstad, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of Texas

Marlene Dibrell, Past Supreme Inspector and member of the House of Gold

Gennie Hudson, Grand Deputy and Director of Grand Assembly of Music in Nevada, International Order of Rainbow for Girls

And Brother Tommy Chapman, Executive Officer of Texas DeMolay.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** The phrase "Today only happens once, make it amazing" that reminds me of the youth workers. You work hard constantly to make sure the youth of today have a mentor to look up to and to emulate. Thank you for what you do for our tomorrow.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Your leadership in molding the character of our younger generation is to be applauded. Thank you for all you do for the youth of Texas.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Youth and Adult Leaders to the East. **(Applause)** Told you I'd see you again.

**MWGM Tommy Chapman:** Yes ma'am, you did.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** He works all over the place. Sisters and Brothers, please join me in welcoming them, these leaders of tomorrow. **(Applause)** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will return to their places after their picture.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, we have one more. The Head of the Masonic Appendant Body. Will you please introduce him in back of Esther's Station. While we are waiting to welcome him in back of Esther's Station, if there is anyone in the Cavalcade of Flags Representatives, please go out the West side where the flags are out there. Any Grand Representative.

**GC Glenda Klemm:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is with my pleasure to introduce the Presiding Officer of an Appendant Body.

Don Nesbitt, Jr., Honorable Grand Commander in Chief of the Grand Order of the Sword of Bunker Hill and Most Honorable Grand Secretary for the Order.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** That's a mouth full. Thank you for taking your time out to attend here today. Masonry encompasses many different groups, and we are proud of every one of them. Thank you.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** The appendant bodies of Texas Freemasonry also allow the Masons of Texas to expand their knowledge and fraternal bonds outside of the Blue Lodge. Thank you for your time and service to ensure the success of these bodies.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Let's give him a warm welcome. **(Applause)** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, he will be returned to his station after his picture time.

Thank you Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you can rest for a little bit. **(Applause)** For all of those who were introduced we appreciate your attendance here and Sister Christel Fisher, the Worthy Grand Matron of New Mexico is going to give the Response for you all.

**WGM of New Mexico, Christel Fisher:** Hi! Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers. On behalf of all visiting members of our beautiful Order, we want to say thank you for all your courtesies, love, and kindness you've extended to us. We are honored to be here and share this wonderful time with our Lone Star Sisters and Brothers. As you know, I'm a member of Texas and New Mexico. As Worthy Grand Matron of New Mexico, I bring you love and greetings from our state of New Mexico and congratulate you on a wonderful and successful Grand Chapter. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Susan, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Mark, thank you for the honor of giving me the honor to give this Response to the warm and loving welcome you've shown us.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you Cristel. You are very special to me, and I so appreciate you coming over to give the Response. We have many years of friendship, and I am so looking forward to attending New Mexico Grand Chapter to see you preside. You are going to be great. I'm so proud of you. Thank you. **(Applause)**

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Sisters and Brothers, this is the first time in history that two members of Texas are serving as Worthy Grand Matrons at the same time. Let's give them a hearty welcome. **(Applause)**

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Now would be a good time to stretch because we're waiting on the Cavalcade of Flags for the Grand Representatives to get all together. Sometimes they need their ABC's. So, if anybody wants to stand up and stretch, go ahead. We're just not going to do "Baby Shark" or the "YMCA" because my C's are always backwards. It's a hug cam. **(Laughter)**

Okay, now we are ready for our Cavalcade of Flags. Our Fraternal Correspondent, Donna Damon-Hughes is being escorted to the East by the Grand Marshal, Sister Mary Harvey, maybe, maybe not...

**Sister Donna Damon-Hughes:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all. I would like to begin by thanking our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the honor of serving this Grand Chapter this year as Fraternal Correspondent.

It has been my privilege to get to know the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions through their reports and pictures. I was able to enjoy

their travels and learn about other Grand Jurisdictions through their commentaries and descriptions.

I would like to welcome all the Grand Representatives, many of whom have traveled great distances to grace us with their presence and we are grateful and honored by your attendance. At this time, we will begin our Flag Ceremony.

The state of Alabama, The Yellowhammer State, brought by Alice Mead  
and escorted by Charlotte Morency

Alaska, The Last Frontier, Diane Wilson, Debbie Clark Caraway

Alberta

Arizona, The Grand Canyon State, presented by Debra Ford and escorted  
by Margie Brakefield

Arkansas, The Natural State, presented by Elizabeth Cherry

Australia, presented by Bob Royall

Bolivia, presented by Marlene Scholari, escorted by Joe Scholari

Brazil, presented by Vicky Gordon escorted by Lou Skidd

British Columbia and the Yukon, presented by Toni Crawford and Valerie  
Knight

California, The Golden State, presented by Shari Madison, escorted by  
Don Angell

Colorado, The Centennial State, presented by Susan Neuenschwander  
escorted by Barbara Ochs

Connecticut, The Constitution State, presented on behalf of Martha  
Heffington by Vickie Watts and Amelia Young

Delaware, The First State, presented by Joe Paschal escorted by Kathy  
Paschal

District of Columbia, The Center of our Government, presented by Kay  
Hale and escorted by Alma Lynn Bane

Florida, The Sunshine State, presented by Glenda Smitheart escorted by  
Peggy Saxon

Georgia, The Peach State, presented by Mary Ruth White, escorted by  
Arthur Drescher

Idaho, The Gem State, presented by Debra Fincher

Illinois, The Prairie State, presented by Lou Anne Elliott

Indiana, The Hoosier State, presented by Lilma Godsey Warner escorted  
by Mary Bond

Iowa, The Hawkeye State, presented by Cheryl Stelzer escorted by Ruth Reicks

Italy, presented by Annette Gardner and escorted by Donna Addy

Kansas, The Sunflower State, presented by Jennifer McClary escorted by Molly Willey

Kentucky, The Bluegrass State, presented by Diann Norton

Louisiana, The Pelican State, presented by Melinda Hicks

Maine, The Pine Tree State

Manitoba, presented by Tami Martin

Maryland, The Old Line State, presented by Rosemary Williams escorted by her counterpart from Maryland

Massachusetts, the Bay State, presented by Betty J. Mugg

Michigan, The Great Lakes State

Minnesota, The North Star State

Mississippi, The Magnolia State

Missouri, The Show Me State, presented by Billy Ray Bell

Montana, The Treasure State, presented by Jackie Parsonage

Nebraska, The Cornhusker State, presented by Lillie Williams escorted by Susie Neilson

Nevada, The Silver State, presented by Debra Hicks

New Brunswick, presented by Gail Karwoski

New Hampshire, The Granite State, presented by Doris Blackmon escorted by Linda Neilson

New Jersey, The Garden State, presented by Rick Delaney

New Mexico, The Land of Enchantment, presented by Jean Vestal

New York, The Empire State, presented by Michelle Stegman

North Carolina, The Tar Heel State, presented by Tara Berge escorted by Ann Stuart

North Dakota, The Peace Garden State, presented by Suzanne DeVine

Nova Scotia/Prince Edward Island, presented by Xanthe Parker

Ohio, The Buckeye State, presented by Cindy Pearce

Oklahoma, The Sooner State, presented by Carrie Brown, WGM of Oklahoma, escorted by Phyllis Wilson and Glendon Birdwell, WGP of Oklahoma

Ontario, presented by Kathryn Ferguson escorted by Joyce Hagens

Oregon, The Beaver State, presented by Gay Jones escorted by Carol Knutson

Pennsylvania, The Keystone State, presented by Jerri Young

Puerto Rico, which became a Commonwealth of US in 1952, presented  
by Judith Caldwell

Rhode Island, The Ocean State, presented by Linda Turner

Sao Paulo, Brazil, presented by Lavelle Ford

Saskatchewan, presented by Mary Hunt escorted by Cheryl Cartwright

Scotland, presented by Judy Parsons escorted by Roy Parsons

South Carolina, The Palmetto State, presented by Brook Bennett

South Dakota, The Mount Rushmore State, presented by Scottie Beth  
Baker

Tennessee, The Volunteer State, presented by Evelyn Huddleston

Texas, The Lone Star State, presented by Brenda Fagen Bush escorted by  
Peggy Curlis

Utah, The Beehive State, presented by Audri Rowell

Vermont, The Green Mountain State, presented by Kathy Meadows  
escorted by Melissa Chaney

Virginia, The Old Dominion State, presented by Barbara Nunley escorted  
by Vickie Shifflett, her Counterpart

Washington, The Evergreen State, this one is presented by Brenda Fagen  
Bush escorted by Peggy Curlis

West Virginia, The Mountain State, presented by presented by Cindy  
Lucas escorted by Tom Brisko

Wisconsin, The Badger State, presented by Cindy Newbury

Wyoming, The Cowboy State, presented by Jim Leftwich escorted by  
Nickie Bilski

I see one more flag back there. Who did we miss?

British Columbia and the Yukon, presented by Toni Crawford escorted by  
Valerie Knight

This concludes our flag ceremony. Thank you for your attention.  
**(Applause)**

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you Donna. I appreciate that. That's a lot of  
work. Sisters and Brothers let's celebrate Eastern Star around the world.  
**(Applause)** Thank you flag bearers. **(Applause)**

**Grand Chaplain Pat Callahan:** Worthy Grand Matron, I move that we move  
the time schedule from the scheduled time to going ahead and proceed  
with the Memorial Program.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** I second the motion.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Everybody dig your cards out. I have a motion and a second to move the scheduled time of Memorial up to now instead of waiting until 5:00. All in favor raise your green card. All opposed. I think the motion has carried. \* Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, if we can prepare our minds and our hearts for our Memorial Service this afternoon. Sister Cheryl Ann Meek, my Deputy Grand Matron of District 4, Section 8. I love Section 8 people. She has a special song that she's going to do sign language to.

Signing to "I Can Only Imagine" by Mercy Me  
Cheryl Ann Meek, Deputy Grand Matron, D4, S8  
***(Applause)***

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Pat Callahan, are you ready?

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

**141<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter Session**

**August 8, 2024**

**Memorial Program**



**MEMORIAL PROGRAM**  
**“ONE LIFE”**

Grand Chaplain

Pat Callahan

**GC Pat Callahan:** Good afternoon everyone. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Elected and Appointed Officers, General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, Distinguished Members, all. My Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to welcome you this afternoon to the Memorial Program for this Grand Chapter and it is entitled “One Life”. To lead us in prayer is Brother Tom Brisko, Past Grand Patron.

**PGP Tom Brisko:** Sisters and Brothers, please join hands as we go to the Lord in prayer. Our Heavenly Father, We are gathered in this place to remember those you have summoned to be in your presence in that house not built with hands. Today we mourn the loss of these Golden Links within our Fraternal Chain. We have faith they have become links in your Heavenly Chain of faithful servants. As we honor these departed loved ones this evening, grant those who mourn them comfort and that gift of peace that passes all understanding. All of these things we ask in thy holy name. Amen (Amen)

**GC Pat Callahan:** Sister Grand Conductress, if you will place the candelabra please.

Sisters and Brothers, it is our custom to pause in our labors, and in love, to honor and pay sweet tribute to the memory of those who have touched our lives and enriched our Order. Each one has left behind a life filled with service to God, family and community. Through age or infirmity, our dear ones have preceded us to a land of rest. They have been given a new life: a life free from the hindrances of this earthly existence; free from the pain and sorrow of illness or affliction. Each life should be celebrated, each life was a gift, each life left indelible memories on those that their lives touched.

At this time, we will have a musical presentation by Mr. Jerry Neuenschwander accompanied by Sister Susan Smith, Grand Organist, “He Grew the Tree.”

“He Grew the Tree”

Mr. Jerry Neuenschwander, Soloist  
Accompanied by Sister Susan Smith, Grand Organist  
**(Applause)**

**GC Pat Callahan:** That was beautiful, Brother Jerry.

*A Tribute to the General Grand Chapter.* Sister Marlene Wilds, a Past Grand Matron of South Carolina, was serving the General Grand Chapter as Worthy Grand Electa. The memorium from General Grand Chapter spoke of Sister Marlene’s wit and spice and her devotion to family and service. She lived her life by exemplifying her Obligation to our beautiful Order.

“A good life is a life well-lived, a life filled with joy, happiness and fulfillment. It is a life where you can look back and feel a sense of accomplishment knowing that you have lived with purpose and meaning”.

From John 8:12 “Then Jesus again spoke to them saying, I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life.”

There are those whose lives remind us  
Of the sunset’s warming glow  
They leave a touch of glory  
Lingering after when they go.

Sister Adah, please light a candle of remembrance in honor of this General Grand Chapter Appointed Officer and a Past Grand Matron.

*A Tribute to the Grand Chapter of other Grand Jurisdictions.* There have been 52 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, including Saskatchewan, Scotland, Puerto Rico, British Columbia and Yukon, and Manitoba who have passed into their celestial lives.

Their lives were filled with dedication and love for our Order. We commemorate their contributions. We know that as God created each of

us to make a difference, these distinguished members did just so in their lives.

We remember these words of comfort from Matthew 5:13-16 “You are the salt of the earth...you are the light of the world...Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven”.

Life is a journey of sweetness and sorrow,  
Of yesterday’s memories and hopes of tomorrow  
Of pathways we choose, the detours we face  
With patience and humor, courage and grace.

Sister Grand Ruth, please light the candle of remembrance in honor of these departed, devoted members.

*A Tribute for the Grand Chapter of Texas.* The Grand Chapter of Texas lost one Past Grand Matron, Sister Geraldine “Gerry” Dusek and one Past Grand Patron, Brother Kenneth Gregory.

Sister Gerry served as Worthy Grand Matron from 2006-2007 and passed on August 20, 2023. She was an educator for over 30 years. Sister Gerry was involved in community affairs and was an active member of her church. Her theme was “Touching the Future” and appropriately, the little red schoolhouse was her emblem.

“Be thou faithful until the end and I will give thee a crown of Life”.  
Revelations 2:7

Brother Kenneth Gregory, who served as Worthy Grand Patron with Sister Yvonne Brownfield in 1997-1998, passed on June 26, 2024. Brother Kenneth had a distinguished career in the U. S. Navy and afterwards continued a life of service in his community on the Board of Trustees in the Independent School District, County Appraisal District, his church and other civic clubs.

God’s expectations of a life well-lived are found in one of Brother Kenneth’s favorite scriptures. Micah 6:8, “He has shown you, O man, what is good. Or what does the Lord seek from you, but to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God”.

How can my life make a difference, you may ask? Well, someone said this “The truth is because you are here, I am here, we are all here. We have a purpose in life and if it wasn’t for that purpose, why would we be here? We make a difference in our lives, the lives around us, in the whole of humanity and the world at large.”

There are those whose lives remind us  
Of joys that we’ve shared  
And of people we’ve met  
Who have touched us in ways  
We can never forget.

Sister Grand Esther, please light a candle of remembrance and to honor our Past Grand Matron Sister Geraldine Dusek and our Past Grand Patron, Brother Kenneth Gregory.

*A Tribute to Subordinate Chapters of Texas.* Our Grand Chapter has been heartbroken by the loss of 731 members during this Grand Chapter year. Mothers, fathers, spouses, sons, daughters, sisters, brothers and friends. Our deepest sympathies are extended to all Sisters and Brothers who are coping with these losses. We offer our hearts and hands for comfort, and prayers for peace.

Remember me,  
As solid as an oak.  
Remember me  
Sweet as a new blossom.  
Remember me  
Each day protecting you.  
Remember me  
Keeping you securely in my branches  
Remember me  
When the wind rustles my leaves.  
Remember me  
Because I am always with you.

Let us also pay homage to the spouses of two Past Grand Matrons and one Past Grand Patron. Each of these special members devoted many years of

service as individuals to our Order, but as a spouse of a Grand Officer they spent untold hours and energy in support of their wife or husband.

Sister Betty Martin, wife of Past Grand Patron Brother Jerry Martin. Brother Victor Christenson, husband of Past Grand Matron Sister Linda Winn Christenson, and Brother Jack Friend, husband of Past Grand Matron Sister Betty Friend.

In remembering all of our members of our Grand Chapter of Texas:

“A Poem of Life”

Author Unknown

Life is but a stopping place,  
A pause in what's to be,  
A resting place along the road to sweet eternity.  
We all have different journeys,  
Different paths along the way  
We all were meant to learn some things  
But never meant to stay.  
Our destination is a place far greater than we know,  
For some the journey's quicker  
For some the journey's slow.  
And when the journey finally ends  
We'll claim a great reward  
And find an everlasting peace  
Together with the Lord.

Sister Grand Martha, please light a candle of sweet remembrance for all our departed Grand Chapter of Texas members.

*A Tribute to the Military and First Responders.* Those who perhaps exemplify the ultimate “life well-lived” and leave behind a gift of devotion to duty and willingness to “lay down one’s life for a friend” are the members of our beloved Military and First Responders.

John 15:12-13 tell us “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.”

I do not know your name,  
Nor for which battle you died.  
I do not know your home,  
Nor the tears that were cried.  
I do not know where you rest,  
Nor the promises broken.  
I do not know your uniform  
And your fears lie unspoken.  
But I know your spirit exists,  
That your courage is admired,  
And your sacrifice is honored  
By each soul that's inspired.  
And I offer you from my heart  
Thank you to these guardians unknown  
For offering yourselves for us all  
That we may keep freedom our home.

Sister Grand Electa, please light a candle of remembrance and gratitude for our Military and First Responders who have fallen.

We will have the rendering of "Taps" so if you would like to stand at this time, you may.

(*"Taps"* played)

You may be seated. I would ask the Grand Star Points to please stand and extinguish the candles.

In closing I would like to share with you the poem which inspired this Memorial Service. It is entitled "One Life"

"One Life"  
Author Unknown

One tree can give life to a forest,  
One smile can start a friendship,  
One hand can uplift a soul,  
One idea can shape the future,  
One candle can wipe out darkness,  
One laugh can conquer gloom,  
One ray of hope can lift your spirits,

One touch can show that you care,  
One life can make a difference,  
Be that One Life today.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sisters Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, and Grand Chaplain, you will assume your positions for draping the Altar. \*\*\*

(Draping of the Altar) \*

Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this 141<sup>st</sup> “Love and Service” Grand Chapter Session from Labor to Rest and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged. \*\*\* Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar.

*(Grand Conductress closes the Bible)*

**WGM Susan Dormady:** I now call this 141<sup>st</sup> “Love and Service” Grand Chapter from Labor to Rest until 8:00 a.m., Friday morning. We will have a musical Benediction. Following the Benediction please retire in a quiet and reverent manner.

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Mr. Jerry Neuenschwander, Soloist  
Mrs. Susan Smith, Grand Organist



**Grand Chapter of Texas  
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**141<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter Session**

**August 9, 2024**

**Friday Morning  
Session**



**Friday, August 9, 2024**

8:00 a.m. Musical Prelude

Mrs. Sandra Gubrud  
Treasure Hunt Committee

8:15 a.m. Call to Order

Mrs. Mary Ruth White  
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.  
GGC Right Worthy Grand Trustee and  
Past Grand Patron of Texas

**PGM Mary Ruth White:** Good Morning. If everybody would please take your seats, we are about to open this morning's Session. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Appointed and Elected Officers, General Grand Chapter Committees and Ambassadors, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, my Distinguished members, my loving Sisters and Brothers all.

We are ready to open this Friday Morning Session, and it is my pleasure to call this Session to Order. \* I invite the Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room. \*\*\*

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.  
**(Applause)**

Sisters and Brothers, I have the pleasure to introduce Sister Susan Dormady, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Mark Dieckmann, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will salute them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) \*

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Susan and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Mark there are not sufficient words for me to express the honor and gratitude that I and my WGP, Brother Arthur Drescher wish to express to each of you for allowing us to open this Friday Morning Session.

You both and your Grand family have served this year with dignity and pride. This membership was given many tasks to complete, and they all

have been very successfully completed. Worthy Grand Matron you are one of my dearest friends and Worthy Grand Patron you are my only and my favorite son-in-law, and I am so proud of the accomplishments you both have achieved this year.

Your year started like a blank slate, your Tree of Life was bare, but your multitude of accomplishments this year has produced a magnificent and beautiful Tree at year end.

I hope that this year we show our love and perform service to our membership and our communities. Your goals have been achieved because of your dedication and your fine leadership.

The legacy that you will leave this year will not be just any one thing you have done but it will be measured by every life that you have touched.

I invite Brother Arthur Drescher to bring a prayer and his thoughts.

**PGP Art Drescher:** I would like to start with this thought of the day which I found in a book given to me by our District 1 Humanitarian Chairman 2010-2011, Sister Kenlyn Lawrence. "How far you go in life depends on you being tender with the young, passionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have all of this." George Washington Carver. Let us go to prayer. Heavenly Father, bless us, we pray as we gather together for this special time of Fraternal fellowship. With Brotherly love and kindness may we be attendant to the efforts put forth by all who are a part of the proceedings. May our Order continue to prosper and grow, and may you help us value the liberties and freedoms we enjoy. All this we ask in thy Son's name. Amen (Amen)

**PGM Mary Ruth White:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure and supreme honor to give you your gavel.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** The Grand Officers will take their respective Stations and prepare for the active duties of this Grand Chapter. \*

Sister Mary Ruth White and Brother Arthur Drescher, MY Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I could not have done this without your having confidence in me all those years ago. I thank you for those times together during your year of service and I look forward to many more times together. Thank you for this morning. **(Applause)**

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Sister Mary Ruth and Brother Art. Sister Mary Ruth my only and favorite mother-in-law. Thank you for opening this Session. We've come a long way since your Grand Chapter Session in Houston. The leadership opportunity you gave me inspired personal growth by challenging myself to expand my skills and embrace new perspectives. Thank you for opening this Session this morning. **(Applause)**

**Ritualistic Opening**  
**Proving the Chapter**  
**Grand Conductress, attended at the Altar \*\*\***

**WGM Susan Dormady:** I now declare this Friday Session of the 141<sup>st</sup> "Love and Service" Grand Chapter Session from Rest to Labor. \* I invite the Worthy Grand Patron to preside.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** \*\*\* Sister Kay Drescher, will you present the Canadian Flag. Sisters and Brothers, we did not do this yesterday though we do have Canadian visitors here. I see them right there. And we want to honor their presence with us today. **(Applause)** Sisters and Brothers, please join us in singing the original Canadian anthem.

(Singing of O Canada)

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Thank you very much. Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** We will now begin our reports. I invite those who will be presenting reports this morning to be seated in the East on either side. As a reminder, please be sure the Grand Secretary has three copies of your report before leaving the Grand East. The green card is for voting members and the yellow cards are for Chapter Representatives. We cannot conduct our business unless we have 25% of the Chapter Representatives present. So please stay with us, pay attention, and vote for the good of the Order. Reports should be limited to three (3) minutes. Where is Lou Skidd? She's my timekeeper. I would then appreciate your group getting their picture taken down the hall here in the library. There should be no food in the Grand Chapter room, no trash on the floors, and only capped bottles of water are allowed. Now, our Worthy Grand Patron is going to talk about the clickers. Yea! That means people came. They're interested. We will start his lengthy explanation.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Sisters and Brothers, I do know there are a few of you out there who do not have your clickers yet. UPS says they are on the way to the building right now. We will have them for you this morning. Until then, we'll vote by card.

Please take out your clicker. It's on your nametag and press any key on the keypad and see if a red or orange light flashes. If it does not flash, try again. And still if no light comes on, you need to go out to Credentials, and we'll issue a new one. Press any key and you'll see a light flash on top. That means your battery is good. If a light comes on the battery is good. If it doesn't come on, we need to get you another clicker.

Alright. We are going to test two different types of voting this morning. One yes or no question which is like the votes on the Amendments and one with 4 candidates running for an office.

For the first vote, everything prior to the vote will be as per parliamentary procedure which you will receive later on. After discussion on the Amendment is complete, the Worthy Grand Matron will say something like "Sisters and Brothers we are about to vote on Amendment number X", I'll call it. If you are in favor of the Amendment you will press one (1). If you are against the Amendment, you will press two (2). It will be on the screen that way. We will have the Amendment number, and it will have a one (1) with a yes and the two (2) with a no. Okay? She will then announce, "I now declare the ballot open." Once that ballot is open, you will press the number on your clicker. Sorry I'm calling it clicker for time's sake this morning. Once she sees that everybody has voted, she will of course close the ballot. The amount of time she has the ballot open depends on how fast y'all click. So, take your time, but don't take too much time. After she declares the ballot closed, she will have the video operator put the results on the screen. You'll see it here and in the West. Okay? Anybody have any questions on that part? Alright, we are going to try one. Is the booth ready? Okay, we have Amendment number X on the floor that would declare that a hotdog is a sandwich. Right now, you will press one (1) on your keyboard if you agree and two (2) if you disagree. The ballot is now open. And I have no idea if it is or not. Craig, I'm not getting. Okay, hold on just a second. This is why we do a test. Let's try again. Press one (1) if it's a yes and two (2) if it's a no. Okay, I'm sorry, the ballot is closed. We are working this out. Okay, so according to this, a hotdog is not a sandwich. If you make a

mistake and press the wrong button, as long as the ballot is open you can press the correct button. So, you will know that your vote has been tallied when your voting device turns green. Now some of you didn't get that on that. They're working that one out. Keith can we try this one more time. I want everybody to see green. That's what I want to make sure. Go back to the hotdog sandwich please. It means it has not recorded your ballot. We are going to reset it and try it again. Because that was not enough votes there. Give us just a minute. We're resetting. I recognize Brother Craig Enderli who has been doing this longer than any of us. And he is a Brother, by the way.

**Brother Craig Enderli:** Worthy Grand Patron, my name is Allen Craig Enderli, Jr. I'm Past Master of Cedar Bayou #321 in Baytown, Texas. I'm the Chairman for the Internet Committee for the Grand Lodge of Texas. We'll walk through this ballot a little bit differently if you don't mind. I'm going to walk through a little bit of procedural on what you are going to do and what is happening back and forth in the office so that way everybody is open, transparent to what the process is going on. The presiding officer will ask for a ballot to be called upon at that point, it will be placed upon the screen. Please press play, nope, sorry, in the booth. This will be displayed. Then the presiding officer will then say, "Please open the ballot". When he says, "open the ballot", that allows for you to begin to send a signal in there, by pressing your keyboard. So, go ahead and press one (1) or two (2). It's okay, the color doesn't mean anything. Credential wise, do we know what the numbers are? Okay, I'm going to walk to the booth to see what the count is and make sure everything is working properly. I'll be right back.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** If you are still getting a red, they are still working on it. There're a couple people still getting red, but they are working on it. We want to make sure this is right before we start. That's why we are doing this now. If you got a green light it did record your vote. Everybody should get a green light and that's what we are working on. Once again, if you get a blinking red light, it did not record your vote. They are working on that, and we will try again.

**Brother Craig Enderli:** Once again I am Allen Craig Enderli, Past Master of Cedar Bayou Lodge #321. I have seen that there is a channel band issue. This is a manufacturer issue. We are going to have to hold off for a minute

and let me go talk to the manufacturer so we can fix that. On the color issue that we were talking about earlier, if you get a red light, it's just indicating what's on your screen, it means your ballot was not received. That's what is important. The colors can mean lots of different things. But really just pay attention to that screen with that X. Likewise, like we talked about, we are watching the count to ensure that the count is in a line with what Credentials Report says. So, I'll be back after I fix that.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Okay, we'll move on to another part of business and let you come back when you are ready.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Okey, dokey, then... At this point I need to fill vacancies on the Credentials, By-Laws, Chapters UD, Jurisprudence, and Grievances and Appeals. And good fortune this year, we have no vacancies to fill. Lou Skidd is our timekeeper on reports. Three (3) minutes set on the clock and it will tell you when to stop talking. I recognize Sister Janet Travers, our Parliamentarian. Everybody recognizes Janet Travers.

**Sister Janet Travers:** Good morning. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers all. I am going to be referring to the Parliamentary Rules that need to be followed for our business meeting and the election of our Officers. This can be found in your program on pages 43-45. I am not going to read all of these to you, but I do want to point out several of them. Our Constitution and By-Laws, and the Grand Chapter of Texas, we use Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised. And this is our adopted parliamentary authority.

When you are making a motion from the floor on an Amendment to a motion on the floor, we require three copies of that motion to be made. The copies must have a name, a signature, Chapter name and number of the maker of the motion. As well as the person that is going to second the motion. These copies will be distributed as follows:

One copy to the Worthy Grand Matron

One copy to the Grand Secretary

One copy to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee

Only Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons, Past Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction of Texas are entitled to speak, make motions, debate, or vote.

In order to obtain the floor, this is very important, so if you are speaking for or against an Amendment or trying to make a motion that you are heard,

Proceed to the nearest microphone

Address the Presiding Officer

Wait for recognition from the Presiding Officer before speaking

State your name, your title, Chapter name and then proceed to make your motion or Amendment or to give your information for the debate.

After a motion has been made and stated by the Presiding Officer, it cannot be withdrawn without permission from the voting body. So, if a motion is made and it has been announced by the Worthy Grand Matron or the Worthy Grand Patron, and presented to everyone in this room, the only way that motion can be withdrawn is a motion has to be made to withdraw the motion and the Assembly has to vote yes or no that that motion be withdrawn.

Motions that are not debatable:

Reconsider

Refer to a Committee

Call for the orders of the day

Division of the question

Previous question

Lay on the table

To proceed to close.

Okay, we are going to talk about one of these. Previous question. A lot of times, people are tired of debate and are ready for this Amendment to either be passed or fail. So, that is when the motion for the Previous Question is used. If you call out "Question", you will not be recognized. You have to be recognized the same way as you are making a motion or Amendment. You'll stand, address the Chair, and say "I move the Previous Question". Now that doesn't automatically mean we go to voting on that Amendment or Motion. Once that is said, you have to actually vote on Previous Question. The Previous Question has to be voted for, if the vote is in the affirmative, then all debate is stopped then you can vote on the Motion or the Amendment that is on the floor at that time.

Sometimes we need to have emergency legislation. Emergency Legislation can be presented at Grand Chapter if the majority votes of the delegates present and voting. So, that means, if you wish to bring Emergency Legislation before this Assembly, it has to be voted on, moved and seconded and voted on, that Emergency Legislation will be accepted at this Grand Chapter Session. Again, just like a motion or Amendment you have to have three (3) copies.

One to the Worthy Grand Matron

One to the Grand Secretary

One to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee

For every vote, there will be an affirmative and negative vote, and all Resolutions and results will be announced by the Presiding Officer.

Please remember for our Amendments and for Motions to be made it takes a 2/3 majority for that vote to be adopted.

And last, when you decide to make a motion say, "I move". That is the correct way to make a motion. "I move"

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard...oh, did you motion? All in favor of accepting the report of the Parliamentarian raise your green card. All opposed same sign. \* Motion carries.

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** I recognize the Worthy Grand Matron to give her Supplemental Report.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** My advance report which has an ending date of May 31, 2024, is printed in the Advance Annual Report which is included in your registration packet. I will not read that report at this time, but I hope you will make time to read the report. This is my supplemental report from June 1 through yesterday.

This Grand Chapter was saddened by the loss of a much beloved Past Grand Patron, Brother Kenneth Gregory on June 23, 2024. Kenneth Gregory will be remembered as one who served his country, community, and church for many years and was always polite, generous, a loving family man and a "True Southern Gentleman". He will be missed by us all.

I shortened my installation availability this year. I was pleased to install the Chapters in my section: District 2, Section 8, Odessa #447, Midland #253, Norman Read #1010 and Abilene #30 and was installed in Big Spring #67.

I was very pleased to attend the Georgia Grand Chapter June 13-15 in Columbus, where Sister Mary Ruth White carried in the Texas flag during the Grand Representative drill.

I was honored to attend the Grand Assembly of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls June 20-22, where I brought the opening evening greetings and presented them with their donation. I was unable to attend the DeMolay Conclave, but I thank you Worthy Grand Patron for attending for both us.

I appreciated the number of people that joined us for the WGM roundup held in Midland. I think they had a good time at Summer Mummies. I know they had some good food. Thank you again for attending.

I attended the funeral of Mr. Jim Callahan, husband of our own Grand Chaplain. I was very pleased with the number of members that were able to attend, especially with the rainy weather that was happening.

I then stopped in at Kerrville Chapter where I presented two Grand Representatives. I do have quite a few to left to present so y'all stay in the room. It might be you.

The District Banquet held in Amarillo had good food and wonderful fellowship and we enjoyed seeing the play in Palo Duro Canyon. It's always beautiful down there.

I so enjoyed the retirement dinner held for our Board members who will be leaving the Board of Directors. Somehow, I don't think there will be lazy days ahead for these two. Attending the Board meeting the next morning made me proud of how our Board of Directors are working for the good of our Order.

Decisions, Rulings and Irregularities. I received a call about a petition. A couple that wanted to join Eastern Star presented a petition to a Chapter, it was accepted, and an investigation committee was appointed. Due to circumstances that nobody could control, the next meeting of that Chapter did not happen. During this time frame the same couple presented a

petition to another Chapter which accepted the petition, appointed an investigation committee and were about to vote on the petition. By this time, the first Chapter was also going to vote on their petition in the same week. When they each found out about the second petition I was called. Both petitions stated that they had never petitioned a Chapter for membership. My ruling was that the first Chapter had the correct petition, the second petition was invalid because they had, in fact, already petitioned for membership.

There were several calls mostly dealing with personality conflicts. The Order of the Eastern Star is supposed to be a loving fraternity. There are many ways to resolve conflicts without threatening the other member with a trial. We should all remember the obligation and abide by it.

Grievances and Appeals. There is a grievance that we have been working on for a few months. It has not been resolved as of yet. We hope that this grievance will be resolved during the upcoming year.

The Grand Chapter Van. To the membership of Texas, I thank you for the allowance of using the big grand van to carry all of our paraphernalia. It has been kept in good working order. I had to replace one windshield at the beginning of the year because of highway debris making a large crack and West Texas had a hailstorm. We were lucky and just received a few dings. These have been repaired as well as the usual and customary maintenance has been performed.

To the membership of Texas, how grateful I am for the opportunity of serving in this place- side by side with each of you. Please know that without each of you there would be no need for those of us who serve Grand Chapter. Indeed, YOU are Grand Chapter, and I thank you.

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of this Supplemental Report.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** A motion has been made and seconded to accept the Worthy Grand Matron's Supplemental Report. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor raise your green card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. \* Worthy Grand Matron, I return the gavel to you.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** I now recognize the Worthy Grand Patron for his Supplemental Report.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. The following is a report of the activities that I participated in since the conclusion of my last report.

In the early morning hours of July 8, 2024, Hurricane Beryl came ashore and passed directly over our house. Our damage was limited to some broken limbs and no power for 36 hours. Other members of our Order were not so fortunate. It was very heartening to see our members come together to help each other and their communities after the storm.

On Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup>, Sherry and I attended the opening session of the Texas DeMolay Conclave at the Fort Worth Scottish Rite building. I was honored to be introduced and made welcoming remarks on behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron and myself. Sister Susan could not attend as she was attending the funeral of James Callahan, husband of our Grand Chaplain, Pat Callahan. I also presented a check to Tommy Chapman, Executive Officer of Texas DeMolay with funds that were raised during our year for Texas DeMolay.

July 13<sup>th</sup> was the District 4 Banquet where our Grand Officers, Elected Boards and Past Grands of District 4 were honored. We were pleased to see so many good friends get together after the storm and enjoy fellowship and fun, and for some, electricity and air conditioning that they did not have yet in their homes.

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, Sherry and I, along with the Worthy Grand Matron Susan Dormady and her husband Bill attended the Board of Directors retirement banquet. Sister Tamala Henington and Brother Joe Gilmore were honored by the membership and the Board. I was pleased to see so many people come to see them as they leave the Board at the end of our Grand Chapter session. In my first report, I expressed my appreciation for their work. They will be missed, but I'm sure they will remain active members in our Order. Sister Susan and I attended the Board Meeting the next morning where several items that needed closure for our year were discussed and resolved.

On Tuesday July 30<sup>th</sup>, Sherry and I, along with Becky Dunn (Friendswood Chapter #1131) and Rich Klemme (Houston Ransford Chapter #135) met with Donald Reed, National Supervisor, Area 7 of the Disabled American Veterans at the VA Administrative Office in Houston to present a check on behalf of the membership of Texas Eastern Star. Funds raised by selling

pins and charms for this project of the Worthy Grand Matron made it possible to make this donation. Sister Becky and Brother Rich are both veterans and were very pleased to be part of this meeting. A picture from our meeting will be in their next magazine.

I'm going to have to wing the next part because it's not in the book.

A couple of days ago, I'm not sure of the exact date, Sister Sherry and I along with Sister Kiki, they're from Valasco Chapter #220. Yeah, that's right. I don't know why this is not in the book. We were pleased to go to Sea Center in Lake Jackson, Texas, where we presented a check to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation. We presented the check and were invited to a luncheon to celebrate the...I gotta make this right...one billionth fish stocked by Texas Parks. **(Applause)** And does anybody know what that fish was named? You gotta know what it was named. It was named Billy. Billy was a red drum fingerling, and he was released into Christmas Bay near Freeport. Anyway, it was a great celebration, we got a tour of the Center, and that picture will be in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation Newsletter.

Is there anything else Sherry because it's not in here. I think that's it. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this Supplemental Report.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** A motion has been made and seconded to accept the Supplemental Report of the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion? Hearing none we will all vote. All in favor raise your green card. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \*

I recognize Dr. Ellen Pickrell, Grand Secretary for her annual report.

**GS Dr. Ellen Pickrell:** Good morning. First of all, I want to make somebody's day. We have a sweet Sister here from Missouri who lost her Grand Representative pin. Gigi Stevens, I have your pin. I have it at my desk. A couple of other announcements. My Pages are here for you to pre-order your Constitutions. We have a new Constitution coming up sometime in October that will have all of last year's changes and this year's changes. You may pre-order and we will mail it to you. Also, if you bought a new calendar, you will see that there was a Board Meeting listed on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Please do not come to my office. The Board of Directors meet here in August so they will not be meeting next week. Okay, if you will get out



Worthy Grand Matron, I move the report of the Grand Secretary as printed in the Advance Report and this Supplemental Report as submitted, be adopted.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** A motion has been made to accept the Supplemental Report and the Advance Report of the Grand Secretary. Is there any discussion? Any questions she didn't answer? All those in favor, please raise your green card. All those opposed, same sign. Motion carried.  
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Now we will have a report from Chapters U.D. I recognize Brother Billy Clabaugh. That's bad. We don't have any Chapters. Did you make a motion? Chapters U.D. Report has been moved and seconded. Is there any discussion? We have no new Chapters in Texas. All those in favor raise your right hand, green card, not the right hand. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries. \* Thank you, Brother Billy for that report. Next is our Grand Treasurer, Sister Greta Spradling, for her report.

**GT Greta Spradling:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron. First of all, good morning. I would like to express my gratitude to the membership of Texas for electing me to serve as Grand Treasurer. This is my seventh year, having been first elected in 2017. Thank you for the love and kindness you have shown me. I look forward to continuing to serve as Grand Treasurer for one more year and Grand Chapter of Texas for as many years as you will allow me. The good Lord willing.

Please refer to the Advance Report of the Grand Treasurer and the Board of Directors for detailed account information.

Over the last twelve months, I have carried out the duties of the Grand Treasurer. This has included monthly financial reports for the Corporate Board and Board of Directors, attending meetings with Bankers from JP Morgan regarding financial investments, managing and reporting on Endowed Memberships, addressing questions, and duties as stated in the Code of Laws. The financial reports include a Budget Report for all the Grand Chapter accounts, a Profit/Loss statement reflecting the financial year, and a ledger report listing every deposit and check entry for the last 30 days. I have also provided the technology and support for Zoom during Board meetings.

The Board of Directors will provide financial reports, as of May 31, 2024, for each Grand Chapter account. As of August 1, 2024, the Grand Chapter accounts total \$23,849,571.21.

#### Endowed Memberships Report 2023-2024

This includes the figures for the payments to the Chapters on May 1, 2024:

- 7,504 eligible Endowed Memberships (purchased prior to May 31, 2023)
- \$19.43 Interest paid to Chapters, per eligible Endowed Membership
- 106 Endowed Membership were sold this Grand Chapter term
- 7,653 – Total number of Endowed Memberships as of July 31, 2024

The Advance Report includes a List of 106 Endowed Memberships assigned to Grand Chapter. This list is made available according to the Code of Laws. Please contact me directly if your name is listed and needs to be assigned to a Chapter. I will be happy to assist you.

This is a list of my activities since submitting the Advance Report:

- Assisted Board Members with their Grand Chapter Reports
- Attended Grand Assembly of Texas in Waco. At Grand Assembly, I was appointed to serve on a Special Project for the web page.
- Participated in Board of Director Meetings by providing financial reports
- Served as the Installing Grand Officer for three Chapter Installations
- Given programs in District 1, 3, and 4
- Attended the Grand Conductress Roundups and the Mr. X Banquet and the Associate Grand Matron Round-up.
- Assisted the Greenville Lodge during the Corner Stone laying
- Served meals for our Masons
- Finance and maintain the [MasonicGreenville.com](http://MasonicGreenville.com) website for Greenville Fraternal Organizations
- Serve as Secretary of my own Chapter
- Organized a profitable fundraiser for my Chapter at our local Attwood's
- When I am not participating in Eastern Star, I am involved in my local community

I have now traveled more than 10,000 miles in Texas this term. In July, I traded in my Buick with 100,000 miles so that I can continue my Star journey. WGM and WGP, it has been a TreeMendous year. Sister Glenda and Brother Terry, I will Bee-Seeing you around as you serve our Grand Chapter.

May God Bless the Grand Chapter of Texas.  
Respectfully Submitted,

Greta Bane Spradling, Grand Treasurer

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

**WGM Susan Dormady:** A motion has been made and seconded by Brother Stephen Stiles to adopt the report of the Grand Treasurer. Any discussion or any questions? Alright, we will vote with the green card. All those in favor raise your green card. All those opposed, same sign. Motion carries.  
\* Thank you Sister Greta. We've had a good year. I appreciate your dedication. **(Applause)**

Are the Board of Directors ready? You're next.

**Sister Tamela Henington:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers all.

It is my honor to serve on your Board of Directors from District 2 and to have served as Chairman this year. It is my pleasure to introduce the other 9 members of the Board, and they will wave, or just give them a warm welcome after I introduce them.

Brother Joe Gilmore – Vice Chairman, District 1

Our sweet Sister Brenda McDaniel is under the weather and cannot be here this week. She is Secretary, District 4

Brother Rick Taylor, District 1

Sisters Mary Medford, District 2

Beverly Plante, District 3

Donna Noe, District 3

Brothers Bill Henry, District 4

Oscar Hairell, District 5

Sister Karen Wright, District 5

Please give them a very warm welcome and thank you for their service for you. **(Applause)**

The Chairman's Report is published in its entirety on page 35 of the Advance Annual Reports Please read it as it gives you a little idea as to what your Board does for Grand Chapter. This is a supplement to that report and is Report #1.

First, I invite the membership to attend the Regular Session of the Board of Directors on the third Saturday of the month at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. There are a few exceptions, No meetings are held in June and December and the August meeting is at Grand Chapter. If there is a change to this schedule, it will be printed in the Bulletin ahead of time. Zoom will continue to be offered to anyone requesting the link.

We appreciate the support and confidence of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron this year. We are grateful for the help and guidance of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer as they continue to perform an incredible job for Grand Chapter and its members. Grateful, Sister Ellen has been available almost 24/7 to happily answer any question a Board member may have. A special thank you is extended to the Grand Treasurer for assisting in making the Zoom process successful for all. We are also lucky to have Sister Janet Travers appointed as our Recording Secretary and serve as an advisor to parliamentary procedure as well. I want to add this to my report. I failed to thank Brother Oscar Hairell for drafting the proposed Amendments of the Board of Directors. Much time and effort went into the preliminary work for us and we sure appreciate it.

I personally want to express the enjoyment I have had these 6 years (5 plus the Covid year) serving on your Board of Directors and especially as Chairman this year. I was once told the Board of Directors is a closeknit family. I am here to tell you that is the truth. The knowledge I have learned regarding the workings of Grand Chapter is immeasurable. The memories I have, the friendships I have made, and the Eastern Star family I have grown to love will last a lifetime. I want to thank my mother, Pat Wicker, and my husband, Wayne, who have been with me every step of the way as my biggest advisors and supporters. Again, my deepest appreciation for allowing me this great honor of serving on your Board of Directors.

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

**WGM Susan Dormady:** A motion has been made and seconded by Brother Stephen Stiles to adopt the Board of Directors Chairman report. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your green card. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \* Thank you.

**Sister Tamela Henington:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. It is now my honor to introduce Brother Joe Gilmore who will present Report #2.

**Brother Joe Gilmore:** Thank you Sister Tamela. It is my pleasure to give this Report #2 for your consideration and approval of the proposed budget for 2024-2025. The budget can be found in the Advance Annual Report on pages 56, 57, and 58. The Benevolent Aid Budget can be found on page 59. Total expense \$937,657. And total income of \$1,212,398 giving us a net income of \$274,741. Giving us a balanced budget of \$937,657.

I would like to thank the Associate Grand Matron, the Associate Grand Patron, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer for their assistance in preparing this budget.

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

I'm going to repeat what I said about the numbers because they said they can't hear me out there. Now you can hear me. The budget can be found in the Advance Annual Report on pages 56, 57, and 58. The Benevolent Aid Budget can be found on page 59. Total expense \$937,657. And total income of \$1,212,398 giving us a net income of \$274,741. Giving us a balanced budget of \$937,657.

I would like to thank the Associate Grand Matron, the Associate Grand Patron, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer for their assistance in preparing this budget.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this Report #2.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Motion has been made and seconded by Brother Stephen Stiles to adopt this portion of the Board of Directors report. Are there any discussion or questions? I recognize the Sister Vi Griffin. She has a question. Excuse us Joe.

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, I am Vi Griffin, Worthy Matron of Caldwell Chapter #976. Worthy Grand Matron, the budget that is printed in the Advance proceedings on pages 56-59 is different from the budget that was printed in the Bulletin and so I move that we postpone

any action on the budget report until Friday (should be Saturday) morning so that the membership will have an opportunity to review the budget that is printed. Worthy Grand Matron, I move we postpone the action until Saturday morning for the same reason.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you. Motion has been made to postpone the discussion on this Amendment until it can be reviewed. Is there a second to this motion to postpone? Sister Alma Bane seconded the motion. I don't think there is any more discussion on that so if you are in favor of postponing so you can research the budget, raise your green card. All those opposed same sign. Motion still carries. \*

**Brother Joe Gilmore:** It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Donna Noe who will give Report #3.

**Sister Donna Noe:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers. Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little; but together we can do so much."

The Board of Directors presents to you Report #3. The care of our Lady at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. The four main sources of income are:

1. A portion of the per capita you pay (\$5.00 per member)
2. Interest from the OES Grand Chapter Endowment Fund
3. Interest from the 501(c)8
4. The Ladies Pensions and Social Security

The care of our Lady continues to be the main objective of the Board of Directors as we have been entrusted to care for her for the remainder of her life. We currently have one lady, Suzanne Walters, that we are caring for. A breakdown of the actual revenues and disbursements from September 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024, can be found in the Advance Annual Report along with the projected revenue for the Murphy Budget 2024-2025.

I would like to thank Barbara Martin for always checking on our Suzanne for all her needs and medical issues. We are truly blessed to have you Barbara Martin.

Thank you again for the Opportunity to serve our Order. Will Rogers said, "Never miss a good chance to shut up." So, I move the adoption of the Board of Directors Report #3.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** I have a motion to accept the Report #3 of the Board of Directors. It was seconded by Stephen Stiles. Is there any discussion on this portion of this report? Hearing none, we will vote with our green card. All in favor raise your green card. All opposed same sign.

**Sister Donna Noe:** I'd like to introduce Beverly Plante who will give our next report. Thank you.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Motion carried, by the way. \* Thank you Barbara Martin for always checking on Suzanne. I know that is a special bond and we really appreciate your service.

**Sister Beverly Plante:** In compliance with our Constitution and Code of Laws, I am pleased to present this report on the Benevolent Aid Program for September 2023 to August 31<sup>st</sup>. First I would like to thank our Chairman, Tamela Henington, for allowing me to serve the Benevolent Aid Program this year. I have learned so very much. It's taught me humility. It taught me to look at everybody and listen to every word and it taught me what service and humility really is.

During the past year, we have paid out the following:

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| Long Term Aid        | \$36,900.00      |
| Temporary Aid        | 7,500.00         |
| <u>Emergency Aid</u> | <u>11,500.00</u> |
| Grand Total          | \$55,900.00      |

July and August will be available, by request, at the end of August if you are interested. Call me.

This past year, the Benevolent Aid Program has extended Long Term Aid to seven (7) members of our Order representing seven (7) Chapters. With great sorrow, I have to report that in March one of our Long-Term recipients passed away. This now leaves us with a total of six (6).

I would be really remiss if I did not express my heartfelt thanks to my fellow Board members for their commitment to Grand Chapter in working together and providing help and balancing our budget. I also would like to thank Ellen Pickrell, our Grand Secretary and her dedicated staff for their

help and direction for the Benevolent Aid Program. Without their participation this year would have been very difficult for me. It is a learning experience. I would be out there in a little bitty boat all by myself and I wouldn't be able to see the land. So, I would truly like to thank you Ellen, Jane and Konnie. They are a very important part of our team and are truly professionals.

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

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Motion has been made to adopt the report of Benevolent Aid and seconded by Stephen Stiles. Is there any discussion on Benevolent Aid? We'll vote with your green card. All those in favor raise your green card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \* Thank you, Beverly.

**Sister Beverly Plante:** Now I have the privilege to introduce Oscar Hairell, Board of Directors District 5, who will present Report #5.

**Brother Oscar Hairell:** The independent account firm of Isham & Ramirez, PLLC, have completed their audit of our consolidated financial statements of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home (a Texas not-for-profit organization), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as of August 31, 2023, and 2022, as prescribed by our Constitution and Laws, page 72 Chapter 5, A. Board of Directors, Article 82.b.

The report delineates management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. Accordingly, no new account policies were adopted, and the application of existing policies were not changed during the year. It was noted that no transactions entered into by the Organization during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There were no sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements. They did not encounter any difficulties in dealing with management in performing or completing their audit. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period and in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted within the United States of America.

The audit report will be printed in its entirety in the proceedings of the August 2024, 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Respectfully submitted, Oscar Hairell, Board of Directors, District 5

Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of Report #5.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Motion has been made to adopt the Audit Report of the Board of Directors and seconded by Stephen Stiles. Is there any discussion on the Audit Report? All those in favor raise your green cards. All those opposed, same sign. I see no opposition. Motion carries. \* Thank you, Oscar.

**Brother Oscar Hairell:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. It is now my honor to introduce Sister Mary Medford, District 2, who will present Report #6. Thank you my Sisters and Brothers.

**Sister Mary Medford:** Good morning. I am Mary Medford, District 2, Board of Directors. It is my pleasure to submit the following Report #6 for the activities of the 2023 – 2024 of the three Endowment Trust Funds.

***OES Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund 501(c)8***

|                                              |                  |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Income from Dividends/Distributions/Interest | \$ 1,534,370.17  |
| Gains and Losses                             | 806,155.87       |
| <u>Management Fees/Commissions</u>           | <u>27,886.32</u> |
| Balance as of May 31, 2024                   | \$24,983,533.53  |

***OES Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund Sub-Account***

|                                              |                   |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Income from Dividends/Distributions/Interest | \$172,581.69      |
| Gains and Losses                             | 232,066.57        |
| Management Fees/Commissions                  | 8,447.02          |
| <u>Interest transfer to General Fund</u>     | <u>101,783.76</u> |
| Balance as of May 31, 2024                   | \$4,163,806.68    |

***Endowed Membership Report 2024***

|                                              |                              |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Income from Dividends/Distributions/Interest | \$223,595.63                 |
| Gains/Losses                                 | 67,023.93                    |
| Management Fees/Commissions                  | 9,669.72                     |
| 121 Endowed Memberships Purchased            | 61,000.00                    |
| <u>Annual Distribution to Chapters</u>       | <u>\$19.43 per Endowment</u> |
| Balance as of May 31, 2024                   | \$4,828,986.67               |

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

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Motion has been made and seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt the report of the Endowment Fund from the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your green card. All opposed, same sign. Looks like it carries. \* Thank you, Sister Mary.

**Sister Mary Medford:** It is my pleasure to introduce Tamela Henington who will present Report #7.

**Sister Tamela Henington:** Thank you Sister Mary. On behalf of Sister Brenda McDaniel, I am pleased to report this Report #7 for the Education Funds.

This year there were 26 scholarship applications received which met the required criteria. At our May Board Meeting it was reported that the Education Committee met and approved these scholarships, making it possible to provide a \$1,000 scholarship for each of them. Money for the scholarships comes from Humanitarian donations, Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects, and our Education Fund.

This year we had a new Music Scholarship honoring Henry S. Martin and Rennie Oton, but unfortunately, we did not receive any applications for this scholarship. The committee revised the scholarship application, and it was added to the Educational Fund link on our OES website. We hope for next year the membership will help promote this scholarship.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank our Education Fund General Chairman, Sister Jay Rhyon, and her committee for their hard work and dedication to our Order. Awarding these scholarships can make a great difference to these 26 students in pursuing their educational career. I'm glad our Eastern Star members were able to help these students.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report #7.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** We have a motion and a second by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt the Education Report from the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? Any questions? Hearing none, we will vote with our green card. Everybody in favor raise your green card. Cards down. Those opposed, same sign. Looks like the motion carries. \* Sister Tamela, thank you so much.

**Sister Tamela Henington:** It is my pleasure to introduce Brother Bill Henry from District 4. He will present Report #8.

**Brother Bill Henry:** Good morning everyone. I am Bill Henry, Board of Directors, District 4. We, the Board of Directors, are pleased to present this Report #8 for the Contingency Fund for 2023-2024.

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Contingency Fund (5382)    |             |
| Beginning balance 9/1/2023 | \$10,000.00 |
| <u>Expenditures</u>        | <u>0.00</u> |
| Ending balance             | \$10,000.00 |

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

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Motion has been made and seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron that we adopt the Contingency Fund of the Board of Directors. Do you have any questions or discussion? All those in favor of adopting this report raise your green card. Cards down. All those opposed same sign. Looks like the motion carries, Brother Bill. \* Thank you.

Brother Bill Henry: I now present Karen Wright, Board of Directors, District 5. She will present Report #9.

Sister Karen Wright: Thank you.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT #9 - WGM SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Report No. 9 concerns the success of the Special Projects of the Worthy Grand Matron. It is your generous financial support of these projects that make them successful and this support is sincerely appreciated.

Please note all figures are as of April 17, 2024. Profits from the sale of the following projects were deposited into the General Fund.

|                                                   |                    |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Calendar                                          | \$2,607.00         |
| Music/Charm/Flash Drive                           | \$1,823.15         |
| Shawls                                            | \$3,827.00         |
| Travel Book                                       | \$2,159.09         |
| Treasure Hunt                                     | \$1,409.35         |
| When & Where Book                                 | \$446.00           |
| <u>Who's Who Book</u>                             | <u>\$5,510.28</u>  |
| <i>Total Funds Designated To The General Fund</i> | <i>\$17,781.87</i> |

There are six (6) charities designated to receive funds from the sale of various charms, spacers, patriot paw pins, bones, bears, etc., which are listed but I will not read each entry.

| COST        | INCOME      | PROFITS     | CHARITY     | GENERAL FUND | CHARITY                |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------|
| \$ 4,196.50 | \$ 7,416.00 | \$ 3,219.50 | \$ 2,414.62 | \$ 804.88    | Multiple Sclerosis     |
| \$ 2,761.20 | \$ 5,977.00 | \$ 3,215.80 | \$ 2,411.85 | \$ 803.95    | Texas State Parks      |
| \$ 4,458.04 | \$ 5,180.00 | \$ 721.96   | \$ 541.47   | \$ 180.49    | Rainbow/De Molay       |
| \$ 1,605.10 | \$ 3,384.00 | \$ 1,778.90 | \$ 1,334.17 | \$ 444.73    | DAV Transportation TX  |
| \$ 4,901.10 | \$ 8,938.76 | \$ 4,037.66 | \$ 3,028.24 | \$ 1,009.42  | Shrine Hospital        |
| \$ 1,040.00 | \$ 4,775.00 | \$ 3,735.00 | \$ 2,801.25 | \$ 933.75    | Patriot Paws, Rockwall |

|                                           |                    |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Cost                                      | \$18,961.94        |
| <u>Income</u>                             | <u>\$35,670.76</u> |
| Profits                                   | \$16,708.82        |
| 75% Designated To Charity                 | \$12,531.60        |
| <u>25% Designated To The General Fund</u> | <u>\$ 4,177.22</u> |
| Total Amount                              | \$ 16,708.82       |

Proceeds from the sale of bracelets, necklaces, various charms, spacers, dress pins, etc., were Undesignated Funds. Those figures are as follows:

| COST        | INCOME      | PROFITS     | CHARITY     | GENERAL FUND |                   |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| \$ 530.29   | \$ 2,035.00 | \$ 1,504.71 | \$ 1,128.53 | \$ 376.18    | Undesignated Fund |
| \$ 2,864.33 | \$ 3,250.00 | \$ 385.67   | \$ 289.25   | \$ 96.41     | Undesignated Fund |
| \$ 137.63   | \$ 562.00   | \$ 424.37   | \$ 318.27   | \$ 106.09    | Undesignated Fund |
| \$ 1,619.98 | \$ 1,720.00 | \$ 100.02   | \$ 75.01    | \$ 25.01     | Undesignated Fund |
| \$ 1,051.75 | \$ 7,888.50 | \$ 6,836.75 | \$ 5,127.56 | \$ 1,709.09  | Undesignated Fund |
| \$ 1,492.49 | \$ 1,710.00 | \$ 217.51   | \$ 163.13   | \$ 54.37     | Undesignated Fund |
| \$ 352.25   | \$ 2,640.00 | \$ 2,287.75 | \$ 1,715.81 | \$ 571.93    | Undesignated Fund |

|                                           |                    |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Cost                                      | \$8,048.72         |
| <u>Income</u>                             | <u>\$19,805.50</u> |
| Profits                                   | \$11,756.78        |
| 75% Designated To Charity                 | \$8,817.56         |
| <u>25% Designated To The General Fund</u> | <u>\$2,939.08</u>  |
| Total Amount                              | \$11,756.64        |

As of April 17, 2024, \$19,155.09 was collected from the Silent Auctions held at the Schools of Instruction. This money was used to fund the Rob Morris event at Grand Chapter. Any funds not used will be added to the Worthy Grand Matron's Undesignated Funds.

Also, \$141.22 was raised for the Education Fund as of April 17, 2024.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report #9. Thank you.

It is now my honor to introduce Brother Rick Taylor who will present Report #10.

Karen Wright  
Board of Directors, District 5

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Motion has been made and seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron that we adopt the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects report from the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor please raise your green card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries Karen. \*

**Sister Karen Wright:** It is now my honor to introduce Brother Rick Taylor, Board of Directors from District 1 who will present Report #10.

**Brother Rick Taylor:** Good morning. I'm Rick Taylor from Board of Directors, District 1. It is my pleasure to present Report #10, our Titles, Deeds, and Properties Report.

The oil and gas revenues have stabilized at about \$5,000 per month. Leasing efforts will continue. The assignments of the oil and gas properties per recorded documents and past directives have been signed and returned to the Eastern Star Charitable Foundation. This completes the transaction.

The Grand Chapter of Texas was named in a multiple party lawsuit in Smith County. The lawsuit has been brought against the Grand Chapter of Texas and 20 other owners of a piece of undeveloped surface only property in Smith County. The property consists of 49.9 acres of which we own 1/29<sup>th</sup>. There are no minerals involved. The plaintiff's expressed objective of the lawsuit was to allow the court to force the consolidation of the undivided ownership interest and obtain a court ordered sale of the consolidated ownership. The net funds would be divided per ownership.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the acceptance of this Board of Directors Report #10.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Sisters and Brothers, we've had a motion and a second (Per WGM, Ann Stuart seconded the motion) to adopt this portion of the report. Any discussion. Vote in favor by your green card. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \* Thank you Brother Rick.

**Brother Rick Taylor:** It is my honor to present our Chairman, Tamela Henington, who has some parting words.

**Sister Tamela Henington:** Sisters and Brothers, I know there was a little question about Report #1. What I would like for you to do is to review the budget that is in your Advance Annual Proceedings instead of the one that is in the Bulletin. So, some of you have just arrived and have not had time to look at it. And we want you to have plenty of time to review that before you vote. So, if you will be sure and look at the one that is in your Advance Proceedings and then we'll vote like the motion was made tomorrow morning.

So, my closing remarks, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of the Board of Directors we have a little love gift to give you for your support and love and everything that you've done for the Board of Directors and for Grand Chapter this year. Thank you.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you Board of Directors for working for Eastern Star. You will get a raise in your paycheck from Glenda Murphy. Alright, except for the one that was postponed until tomorrow, the Board of Directors reports are done. \* **(Applause)**

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Okay, Sisters and Brothers, we have found the problem with the clickers and as you saw, we had folks running around doing it. If for some reason or another you decided you didn't want your clicker anymore and threw it in a bin, please go see Credentials. If you traded your clicker with someone else, well, I'm sorry. That's just like giving your ballot to someone else. So, please take care of that immediately. For those who did not get a clicker in their packet because we ran out from yesterday, they are now available so please go to Credentials and pick it up. Patricia and the last name starts with H, that's all she knows, please see our Deputy, Stormie Reed immediately. Sister Patsy Moran please see the Grand Secretary.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Cheryl, are you ready? I recognize Sister Cheryl Albrecht for the Grievance and Appeals for their report.

**PGM Cheryl Albrecht:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers. Let me first say this report is for information only.

I would like to introduce the members of the Grievances and Appeals Committee. Sister Vi Griffin and Brother Tom Brisko

The duties of this committee can be found in Article 152 (F) of the Code of Laws.

On May 22, 2024, I received, via Certified Mail, a Grievance concerning the School of Instruction for District 4, Sections 1 & 3 held in Lufkin on September 29-30, and the actions of the District Deputy Grand Matron.

Following numerous conversations and emails among the Grievances and Appeals committee, a letter was forwarded to the Worthy Grand Matron with the following recommendations on June 7, 2024.

1. Letters of apology and clarification of no wrongdoing mailed to the Chapters of District 4, Section 1 by District Deputy Grand Matron. These letters should include a statement “That at no time were there any acts of wrongdoing by the signers of the grievance in their roles pertaining to the finances of the District 4 Section 1 and Section 3 Fraternal Visit and School of Instruction and that the Financial Recap originally submitted at the close of the Fraternal Visit and School of Instruction was correct as submitted.
2. Letters of apology and clarification of no wrongdoing mailed to the signers of the Grievance by District Deputy Grand Matron. These letters should also include the same statement as in the letters to the Chapters.
3. Reimbursement to the Chapters for the unapproved expense of \$772.64 for the reprinting of the programs.
4. Removal from office of District Deputy Grand Matron.

On July 27, 2024, the following letter was hand delivered to me.

(Attached Letter on next page)

Mrs. Dianne Akin, Co-Chair  
District 4 S1 Fraternal Visit & School of Instruction  
245 CR 152  
Carthage, Texas 75633

July 25, 2024  
REGISTERED/CERTIFIED MAIL #

Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht  
Chairman, Grievances and Appeals  
701 Denair  
Ft. Worth, TX 76111

Re: D4 S1 and S3 Grievance

Dear Sister Cheryl,

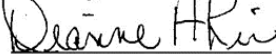
On May 21, 2024, I sent a certified letter to the Chairman of the Grievances and Appeals Committee in an effort to seek resolution of a grievance filed against the District 4 District Deputy Grand Matron, Amanda Upton (copy attached). Enclosed with the letter was information substantiating our claims. (copy of detailed information is in possession of Chairman of Grievances and Appeals Committee)

Cheryl Albrecht, Chairman of Grievances and Appeals Committee, has been in frequent communication with me regarding the status of the Committee's review and recommendation(s) concerning this grievance. On May 29, 2024, I sent a letter to the Chairman of Grievances and Appeals Committee with our expectations of what would be done to resolve the grievance. Sister Cheryl Albrecht has communicated to me that she and the members of said committee were in 100% agreement with our expectations and forwarded them to the Worthy Grand Matron. However, to date, there has been no resolution and a complete failure on the part of Amanda Upton to comply with the recommendation(s) of the Grievances and Appeals Committee.

It is disappointing and disconcerting that a committee, appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron, who performed the tasks assigned to them and have been 100% in agreement with their decision for actions to be taken to obtain some resolution to this grievance; has been ignored and their actions for naught.

Therefore, I am asking on behalf of those named with me in this original grievance (see below) and the Chapters of District 4 Section 1 and Section 3, that this matter be brought before the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas at our Grand Chapter Session to be held August 5-11, 2024. In this same position of representation, I am requesting suspension or expulsion of Amanda Upton due to her abuse and misuse of her office.

Fraternally,



Dianne Akin, Co-Chair



Sylvia Barr, Ticket Chairman



Deneice Marshall

D4 S1 Fraternal Visit and School of Instruction

Attachment(s)

Grievance Letter

On August 2, 2024, letters were received via email to the filers of the grievance and a copy to the Grievances and Appeals Committee. As Chairman, I requested a copy of the letter sent to the Chapters of District 4, Section 1, and I received it that same day. However, these letters did not contain the statement of no wrongdoing pertaining to the finances of the Fraternal Visit or School of Instruction on the part of the signers of the Grievance. Although we certainly appreciate the receipt of these letters, they do not satisfy the recommendations presented by this committee.

I move the adoption of this report.

Cheryl Albrecht, Chairman

Vi Griffin

Tom Brisko

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Motion has been made by Cheryl Albrecht to adopt the report of the Grievances and Appeals Committee. Seconded by Ann Stuart. Is there any discussion? All those in favor please raise your green card. All opposed, same sign. Looks like the motion has carried. Thank you, Sister Cheryl. \* Sister Terri, you're next with Jurisprudence. But hold on. I've been handed a piece of paper that says, "A member has gone home with Covid." Please, please. She didn't come yesterday. Hopefully chances are very slim that anybody else picked it up. But if you are feeling bad, there are many clinics around us so get yourself tested. We don't want this to turn into Grand Lodge. Sound booth, can we get the microphones set up in the aisles please. Donna Hughes, if you are in the building can you come up to the East and speak to the Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Sister Carlotta Fairchild. Are you in the audience? Sister Beverly Gray, are you in the audience? And our Deputy, Sister Linda Suggs, where are you? Are you at one of the doors?

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Okay, we are now ready for the Jurisprudence Report. Sister Terri Rozell.

**PGM Terri Rozell:** Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers. Good morning. It is a beautiful day here in Waco. Isn't it wonderful to be back in the Grand Lodge of Texas. (**Applause**) To see so many of you here today warms my heart. It shows that you care about the business of our Grand Chapter. I hope that you have studied the Amendments published in the Bulletin and in the Advance Report so you will be prepared to cast an informed vote. It

is you, the membership of this Grand Chapter that determines the laws that make up our Constitution and Code of Laws. If you have questions or wish to speak to any of the Amendments, we hope you will do so. We encourage you to listen to what each member brings to the floor during discussion. It is through sharing of thoughts, experiences, and concerns that we may determine how to best vote for the good of our Order.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Richard Hancock, please go to First Aid. Please go to First Aid. If anybody knows where Richard Hancock is, just go grab him and take him to First Aid.

**PGM Terri Rozell:** As Chairman of Jurisprudence representing District 4, it is now my distinct pleasure to introduce the hardworking members of your Jurisprudence Committee.

Sister Jerre Lucas, District 1

Sister Betty Benham, District 2

Brother Jerry Martin, District 3 and

Brother Rick Skidd, District 5

Please help me thank this hardworking committee for all they have done this year. **(Applause)**

The Jurisprudence Committee now submits the Preliminary Report. Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee in compliance with the Code of Laws, Article 152e as it relates to the Duties of the Committee recommend the distribution of the matters contained in the Advance Report including the Supplemental Reports of Grand Chapter to the following Committees for consideration.

*To the Board of Directors:* the report of the report of the Grand Secretary and the report of the Grand Treasurer.

*To the By-Laws Committee:* the Amendments to the By-Laws contained in reports of the Worthy Grand Matron, and the By-Laws submitted by any Chapter Under Dispensation.

*To the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:* all matters of controversy or grievance coming before Grand Chapter by appeal or contained in the Worthy Grand Matron's report or the Worthy Grand Patron's report including their Supplemental Reports or referred to it by any Grand Chapter including matters of suspended officers and arrested Charters and Dispensation.

*To the Committee Under Dispensation:* That portion of the Worthy Grand Patron's report on new Chapters instituted.

*To the Jurisprudence Committee:* all matters contained in reports specifically assigned to the Jurisprudence Committee by Chapter 10, Article 152e of the Code of Laws.

There is no unfinished business for this Committee to present at this time. Worthy Grand Matron, this completes the preliminary report of the Jurisprudence Committee. I move for adoption of this report.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Motion has been made and seconded by Jimmie Lee McMahan to adopt this portion of the preliminary portion of the Jurisprudence Report. Any questions? All those in favor raise your green cards. All opposed same sign. Looks like the motion carries. \* Thank you Sister Terri.

**PGM Terri Rozell:** The Jurisprudence Committee reports that there were six Amendments referred to by the Grand Chapter. The Amendments were published in the July Bulletin to allow the membership time to read and study each one. All of the Amendments are included in the Advance Report. Should a member of this Grand Chapter wish to amend one of the Amendments, the following process should be followed. The Amendment to the Amendment should be signed by at least two members and three copies presented to the Grand Secretary for the Jurisprudence Committee's review. Currently we have received one proposed Amendment to Amendment #1. Amendment #1 is an Amendment to the Constitution being presented for the second reading. Per the Constitution, Article 14, Section 1c, Second Hearing. At the next Session, it shall be read in full and if so ordered, amended or added thereto and then voted on by the members and Chapters taken separately. And, if a majority of the members present a majority of the Chapters represented vote in its favor, the Amendment shall be recorded as part of the Constitution and shall become effective from and after the adjournment of that Session of Grand Chapter. We will present the Amendments in the order that they are printed in the Advance Report. As the membership has had the opportunity to read and study the Amendments, published in both the July Bulletin and in the Advance Report and in an effort to use our time wisely, the Committee asks permission to present a brief synopsis of each Amendment versus reading it in its entirety.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that we be allowed to present a synopsis of each Amendment instead of reading the entire proposed Amendment.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Motion has been made and seconded by Stephen Stiles that we allow the Jurisprudence Committee to summarize the changes in each Amendment. Is there any discussion on that one? Yea, summaries are so much better. All those in favor raise your green card. All those opposed, same sign. Looks like your summaries are approved. \* If you can hold up just one minute. We're trying to get the Amendment on the screen.

**PGM Terri Rozell:** As stated before six Amendments were submitted by the Grand Chapter to the Jurisprudence Committee for consideration at this Grand Chapter Session. We now submit this report.

Amendment #1 and the proposed Amendment to the Amendment are in proper form.

Amendment #2 is in proper form and will be presented by Jerre Lucas.

Amendment #3 has been withdrawn.

Amendment #4 is in proper form and will be presented by Sister Betty Benham.

Amendment #5 is in proper form and will be presented by Brother Rick Skidd.

Amendment #6 is in proper form and will be presented by Brother Jerry Martin.

I am sure you are all ready to get started with the business of considering these Amendments to our Constitution and Code of Laws. Therefore, I will now begin to present Amendment #1.

We will begin first with the Amendment to Amendment #1. I will refer you to the screen as this was not printed in our Advance Report. This is an Amendment to Amendment #1 which is a Constitution Amendment presented for its second reading. It is in proper form. I am going to give you a synopsis. There is only two things that are being amended. If you will open to page 40 and look at your Amendment #1 and if you will go to where it says Amended to Read, this will help you. This is the synopsis. Article 7, Boards of Grand Chapter Composition, Duties, and Prerogatives:

b. Board of Directors, Section 4. Duties. The purpose of the original Amendment was to remove wording from the Constitution that references the 501(c)3. This Amendment is addressing two changes. The first change, it deletes Section 4b.(3), which reads: The 501(c)8, (Article 164 COL). The reason for this deletion is that Article 164 of the Code of Laws was deleted in its entirety by an Amendment that passed at the 2023 Grand Chapter Session. So that is one of the changes for this Amendment. It is to delete number (3). Then numbers (4) and (5) will be renumbered to (3) and (4). Here is the second change. The Amendment changes the wording of the last sentence in Section 4e. Annual Reports and Recommendations. It removes the requirement of the Board of Directors to submit a budget with the care of the Order of the Eastern Star residents at TMRC. Up until this year, there was always a separate budget for the care of the ladies. The revenue and expense for the care of our resident is now included in the General Fund Budget. Worthy Grand Matron, the Amendment to Amendment #1 is ready for consideration. And please, if you do have any questions, come to the microphone. But those are the only two changes that are being made to Amendment #1.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** The Amendment to the Amendment of Amendment #1. Has been seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion? Please come to the microphone, raise your card if you are trying to get here. I don't see anybody moving. Okay, we will vote on this Amendment to the Amendment #1 with your green card. All those in favor of the Amendment to the Amendment raise your card. The Amendment to the Amendment passes. \* Thank you.

**PGM Terri Rozell:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. We are now ready to consider Amendment #1 as amended. Amendment #1 is a Constitution Amendment presented for its second reading. It is in proper form and the synopsis is to delete Article 7b., Section 4b.(3) and renumber (4) and (5) to (3) and (4). It then deletes Article 7b., Section 4d.(1) and renumbers (2), (3), (4) to (1), (2), (3). And last, changes the last sentence of Article 7b., Section 4e. to remove the requirement of the Board of Directors to prepare a separate budget for a resident at TMRC. And it deletes in its entirety Article 7b., Section 4f. as it is a duplicate of 4e.

Worthy Grand Matron, Amendment #1 as Amended is ready for consideration.

AMENDMENT #1  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT  
PASSED AT THE 2023 SESSION  
PRESENTED FOR SECOND READING  
*IF PASSED, WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE AT THE CLOSE OF THIS GRAND  
CHAPTER SESSION*

WHEREAS, the funds in the 501(c)3 Account have been transferred to the Eastern Star Home Association and the Board of Directors no longer have oversight of that account;

We the undersigned, propose the following Amendment to Amendment #2, which now reads:

SECTION 4. DUTIES.

a. No change.

b. FUNDS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS. The Board of Directors shall supervise the investments of all funds of the Grand Chapter of Texas including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) No change.

(2) No change.

(3) The 501(C)(8) (Article 164 COL) (as approved in the second reading of the Constitutional Amendment)

(4) No change.

(5) No change.

c. No change.

d. BENEVOLENCES. The Benevolences of the Grand Chapter shall consist of the following:

(1) The Eastern Star Home of Texas

(2) No change.

(3) No Change.

(4) The Board of Directors shall have the management and control of the 501(C)(8) and the administration of the Grand Chapter Benevolent Fund, and such other benevolent undertakings not assigned to some other

administrative agency, subject to such rules, regulations and restrictions as may be provided in this Constitution or by law and shall have such other powers and prerogatives and perform such other duties as may be provided by law, consistent with the Constitution and Code of Laws.

e. ANNUAL REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. The Board of Directors shall make a detailed report to Grand Chapter of the Benevolences under its control, including a detailed report of the receipts and disbursements and such recommendations as it deems essential to the welfare of the work committed to its care. This Board shall submit a proposed benevolent budget for the coming year including the Benevolent Fund and the 501(c)8.

f. ANNUAL REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. The Board of Directors shall make a detailed report to Grand Chapter of the Benevolences under its control, including a detailed report of the receipts and disbursements and such recommendations as it deems essential to the work committed to its care. This Board shall submit a proposed benevolent budget for the coming year, including the Benevolent Fund, and the care of the Order of the Eastern Star residents in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

To be amended to read:

SECTION 4. DUTIES.

a. No change.

b. FUNDS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS. The Board of Directors shall supervise the investments of all funds of the Grand Chapter of Texas including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) No change.
- (2) No change.
- (3) The 501(C)(8) (Article 164 COL) (as approved in the second reading of the Constitutional Amendment)
- (4) No change.
- (5) No change.

c. No change.

d. BENEVOLENCES. The Benevolences of the Grand Chapter shall consist of the following:

- (1) ~~The Eastern Star Home of Texas~~ To be Deleted

- (2) (1) No change. To be renumbered
- (3) (2) No Change. To be renumbered
- (4) (3) No Change. To be renumbered

e. ANNUAL REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. The Board of Directors shall make a detailed report to Grand Chapter of the Benevolences under its control, including a detailed report of the receipts and disbursements and such recommendations as it deems essential to the welfare of the work committed to its care. This Board shall submit a proposed benevolent budget for the coming year including the Benevolent Fund, the 501(C)(8), and the care of the Order of the Eastern Star residents in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center..

f. To be deleted in its entirety.

Respectfully Submitted:

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| Cindy Echols | Oscar Hairell    | Tamela Henington | Joe Gilmore    |
| Rick Taylor  | Darrell Albrecht | Brenda McDaniel  | Beverly Plante |
| Karen Wright |                  |                  |                |

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Amendment #1 as Amended has been seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion on the entire Amendment as Amended? I don't see anybody moving so we are going to vote on this with your green card. All those in favor of Amendment #1 as Amended. Thank you. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. Sister Terri, that one has passed. \*

**PGM Terri Rozell:** It is now my pleasure to introduce Sister Jerre Lucas who will present Amendment #2.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Hold on. This was the second reading of a Constitutional change, so we now need the vote of Chapter Representatives votes as well. These are the yellow cards. So, if you are a Chapter Representative in favor of Amendment #1 as amended, please raise your yellow card. Cards down. Anybody opposed to the Amendment as amended? Okay, Chapters have agreed. \* Thank you. Okay, Sister Jerre, hold on one minute. We have clickers. They are all spread out. And you think they are all on the right channel, so we are going to have one vote in case we have discussion. If you can hold on just a minute please.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Brother Craig, would you come to the speaker's podium. By the way, Brother Craig has been introducing himself as Past Master, but he is also a member of Cedar Bayou #11. So, he is a member of the Eastern Star.

**Brother Craig Enderli:** Again, I am Allen Craig Enderli, Jr. I am a member of Cedar Bayou Chapter #11. I am sorry, I'm not used to introducing myself like that right here. I'm ready to go. So, again, we'll go through this. What we'll do is in a minute if you have issues or you think there's something wrong, what I'll get you to do is I'll say to raise your hands and some of the representatives will come out and we'll take a look. We'll make sure we get everything resolved. That way we'll try to go through the whole process. So, the process will begin in which the ballot will be taken. They'll display the ballot. Go ahead and display the ballot in the control room. At this time, the Presiding Officer will read what it is and then we will say, "You will press one or two". The Presiding Officer will say, "I now declare the ballot open." At that moment, that is when you can begin voting. Because we react off of that verbal command in the control room.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Sisters and Brothers, we are voting on whether a hotdog is a sandwich. You will press 1 on your clicker for yes or 2 for no. I now declare the ballot open. \*

Brother Craig Enderli: The ballot is now open so you should now be able to vote and shouldn't have any of those little issues you were having earlier.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** You should have gotten a green light with the responses you did.

**Brother Craig Enderli:** If for whatever reason it didn't work, try it again. We've got one antenna, there's a thousand people in here. Probably should have two antennas but click it again.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** There are a couple up there that are raising their hands.

**Brother Craig Enderli:** Okay, we'll get to you in just one second. Go ahead and close the ballot.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** I now declare the ballot closed.

**Brother Craig Enderli:** Okay, now we are going to fade off in the control room. And now, the Presiding Officer will see the results of the election on

the screen only the Election Officer can see that. Nobody else. And then at the verbal command of Display the Ballot,

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Please display the ballot.

**Brother Craig Enderli:** At that point then it will be placed upon the screen.  
(Laughter, Applause)

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Sisters and Brothers, you have declared a hotdog is not a sandwich. And I recognize Sister Jimmie Lee.

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Sisters and Brothers, let me explain to you that that clicker, that voting device was checked out to you. It has your ID number attached to it. You cannot exchange it with someone else, you cannot leave it with someone else, and we have already found three in the trash can. So that means, had they not been picked up, you would have gotten a bill for \$65.00 in the mail for your clicker. And I am very serious. This is a very important piece of plastic because we had to buy these, rent these, purchase these...We've got them for the weekend. Which means they're your responsibility. Unless you want to pay \$65.00, you turn it in properly. And that is with Registration and Credentials or there will be a box for them to be deposited in. So, if you decide you need to go home, don't throw it away. Because that baby is your responsibility. And I was told it was \$65.00 and it won't be Grand Chapter's bill, it will be yours. Thank you. *(Applause)*

**Brother Craig Enderli:** Okay, now with everybody watching would you please raise your hand if you are having some issues and then somebody is going to come to you. Keep it up.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Sisters and Brothers, this is why we are doing this test. Just to make sure that everything works. Do you have a question? I recognize the Sister in the Northwest. Brother Richard, could you turn on the Northwest microphone.

**Sister Colleen Asaro:** My name is Colleen Asaro. I'm from Canyon Lake #1103 and Seguin #555. My question is to our Past Grand who just brought up how we are going to give these back and you know why I gave it back? I thought at the end, since they gave it to us altogether with our nametag, that the nametag would come off and the whole thing would go in that barrel so that you would know I gave mine back. I'm confused because those barrels are perfect. How do you know I gave it back?

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Sister Colleen, that is fine to do that but please, please remember to take your dues card out of the back.

**Sister Colleen Asaro:** Yes, I will. My dues card will be removed.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** The lanyards are not as important as the plastic thing. You can throw the whole thing in there, just make sure your dues card is not in there. Sisters and Brothers, if you need to leave before Saturday, please take your clicker back to Credentials and they will check it in immediately and you'll know you are not on the hook. But starting Saturday, we will have lavender, purple, whatever they are called trash cans out there. They are for the clickers only. No trash. And they say, "Clickers Only". But between now and then, take it back to Credentials. Sisters and Brothers, if you still have an issue or if you are not sure, please see Brother Craig. He's back up in that corner up there in the Sound booth.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Okey Dokey, we are ready for Amendment #2.

**PGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and thank you Sister Terri Rozell. Amendment #2 addresses Code of Laws, Chapter 4: Duties and Prerogatives of Grand Officers. Worthy Grand Matron, Article 17. Appoint Committees. The Amendment is in proper form. It is located on page 43 of your Advance Annual Report. The synopsis is to change the requirements for members to live in the District to which they are appointed when serving on the following Grand Chapter Committees.

- Credentials
- Registration
- Jurisprudence
- Humanitarian

The rationale for the Amendment is that we often have members that live on the lines between two Districts. They live in one District but are active members in a Chapter located in an adjoining District.

Worthy Grand Matron, Amendment #2 is ready for consideration.

AMENDMENT #2  
CODE OF LAWS

WHEREAS; the CREDENTIALS, JURISPRUDENCE, REGISTRATION & HUMANITARIAN committee requirements require residing in the district to be able to serve.

AND WHEREAS this article will be amended in sections c, f, j and k of Article 17 to delete the words “and residing in.” This allows members who may live in one district to still be active in another district where they are a member, as is the case with the rest of the constitutional committees. This especially helps members that are living along the lines of two districts that are a member of a chapter in one district but live in another district.

Therefore:

**Code of Laws, Page 37, CHAPTER 4, DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES OF GRAND OFFICERS, ARTICLE 17.**

WHICH NOW READS AS:

ARTICLE 17. APPOINT COMMITTEES. Before her Installation, the Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint and/or invite continued service on Standing Committees which are structured for multiple years per our laws and appoint as necessary Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron. Standing Committees structured for multiple years of service are as follows:

a. FINANCIAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE. Whose members still within service cycle will not be moved unless:

- (1) Requested by Member to not be re-appointed
- (2) Fails to perform prescribed duties and such is reported to the Corporate Board. A rotation of these Committees will be prepared by the Grand Secretary, who will provide the Grand Line with same. Further, upon being appointed to any of these committees both Standing and Special, member being appointed shall receive the information as to the balance of cycle as well as duties. The Chairman of these Committees shall be appointed (where applicable) annually at the time the appointments are made and/or continued.

- b. FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT. One member only, for a term of one year.
- c. CREDENTIALS. A minimum of eight members, with at least one from each District, holding membership in **and residing in** their respective Districts, for term of one year. One member shall be designated as General Chairman.
- d. BY-LAWS. Three members, for term of one year.
- e. CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION. Three members, for term of one year.
- f. JURISPRUDENCE. Five members, one from each District, holding membership in **and residing in** their respective Districts, for term of one year.
- g. GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS. Three members, for term of one year.
- h. EDUCATIONAL FUND. Five members, one from each District for a term of one year. A chairman shall be appointed annually. Members may be reappointed.
- i. PURPOSES AND POLICY. Five members, one from each of the five districts, for a term of one year. The Chairman of the Committee to be appointed annually. Members may be re-appointed. This Committee is also composed of the eight elective Grand Officers, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, and the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors.
- j. REGISTRATION. A minimum of eight members, with at least one from each District, holding membership in **and residing in** their respective Districts, for a term of one year. One member shall be designated as "General Chairman."
- k. HUMANITARIAN. Six members, one from each of the five Districts, holding membership in **and residing in** their respective Districts, and one as General Chairman, for a term of one year.
- l. ESTARL. Six members to be appointed annually by the Worthy Grand Matron, one from each of the five Districts and one as General Chairman.
- m. O.E.S. HOME ENDOWMENT FUND. Six members to be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron one from each of the five Districts and one as General Chairman.
- n. CHOIR DIRECTOR. One member only, for a term of one year.
- o. INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE. One member for term of one year.

- p. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR GRAND CHAPTER SESSION. Three or more members, one of whom shall be designated "General Chairman."
- q. COMMITTEE ON GRAND CHAPTER ARRANGEMENTS. Members, as required, to accomplish the duties of the Grand Chapter Session at which they are to serve.
- r. EASTERN STAR MUSEUM COMMITTEE. Six Members, one from each District and a General Chairman for a term of one year. Members may be reappointed.
- s. TITLES, DEEDS AND PROPERTIES. Five Members who are knowledgeable in the Law, one from each of the Five Districts, shall be appointed for a term of three years. A Chairman shall be appointed annually. Members may be re-appointed. In order to maintain a continuity of the committee, it will be necessary to initially assign members to a one, two and three year term. The first year Districts 2 and 5 will serve a three year term which will end in 2020. Districts 1 and 3 will serve a two-year term ending in 2019. District 4 will serve a one-year term which will end in 2018.
- (1) The Chairman shall arrange for quarterly meetings of the committee. The Committee shall meet the first month after Grand Chapter session and quarterly for the remainder of the year or as often as deemed necessary. Conference calls may be substituted for in-person meetings.
  - (2) This Committee shall provide ongoing support in the periodic review of Grand Chapter real and personal property and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for handling said properties.
- t. PARLIAMENTARIAN. One member for term of one year.
- u. WEBMASTER COMMITTEE. It shall be composed of three to five members. (Article 152-T).
- v. FINANCIAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE. Is to consist of three appointed members serving three year staggered terms. In the first year, the members should be appointed to one, two and three year terms. Continuity being an important advantage, it is recommended that only one member of the Committee be replaced each year, unless specifically required and necessary. A member may be re-appointed to the committee and there is no limit on tenure. Actively serving members of the Board of Directors are not eligible to serve or be appointed to this committee.

w. SERVICE DOGS COMMITTEE. It shall be composed of six or more members, one from each District as a District Chairman and a General Chairman, with as many members as necessary for a term of one year.

x. Such other Committees of Grand Chapter in such number, for such purpose and for such terms, as may have been authorized by Grand Chapter. The total number of appointees for Executive Committee for Grand Chapter Session, Committee on Grand Chapter Arrangements, such other Committees of Grand Chapter in such number, for such purpose and for such terms, as may have been authorized by Grand Chapter.

y. Other Committees appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron shall be considered Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron. No expense shall be incurred by the Grand Chapter of Texas for Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

a. *no change*

b. *no change*

c. CREDENTIALS. A minimum of eight members, with at least one from each District, holding membership in ~~and residing in~~ their respective Districts, for term of one year. One member shall be designated as General Chairman.

d. *no change*

e. *no change*

f. JURISPRUDENCE. Five members, one from each District, holding membership in ~~and residing in~~ their respective Districts, for term of one year

g. *no change*

h. *no change*

i. *no change*

j. REGISTRATION. A minimum of eight members, with at least one from each District, holding membership in ~~and residing in~~ their respective Districts, for a term of one year. One member shall be designated as "General Chairman."

k. HUMANITARIAN. Six members, one from each of the five Districts, holding membership in ~~and residing in~~ their respective Districts, and one as General Chairman, for a term of one year.

Sections I-y *no change*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Melinda Hicks  
Diane Griffin  
Debbie Skipper  
Julie Thomas  
Kathy Paschal

Joyce Hagens  
Melanie Rayner  
Buddy Baker  
Debra Ervin Rice  
Oscar Hairell

Antoinette "Toni" Crawford  
Mona Gaye Giles  
Dawn Bell  
Gerald G. Skipper, Jr.  
Karen Wright

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Amendment #2 has been moved and seconded by Ann Stuart. Discussion is open on anybody. Any questions or discussion on Amendment #2? I'm sorry, the microphones are in the West on either side of the Organist Station on the ground floor. The Northwest is "For" the Amendment. The Southwest is "Against" the Amendment. Discussion is now open. I recognize Sister Sherry Dieckmann.

**Sister Sherry Dieckmann:** My name is Sherry Dieckmann and I'm a Past Matron of Houston Ransford Chapter #135. I was the original writer of this Amendment. I did this because every year for the past several years we have been using people that do not meet these requirements. They are members of say District 2, but they have moved to be closer to their friends and living in a different area. I'm not taking away; they have to be a member in that District in order to serve on one of these four Committees. This involves seven people only. This is not about Committees that typically are used, this is working Committees. It's not typically used for reaching the South in our line. These are working Committees, and we need as many people eligible to work on these Committees, because every year we fall short. A good example is today we have only seven people on Registration and six on Credentials because we could not find people to fill these positions, or they did not choose to attend and do their duty. We need as many people to put on Grand Chapter and work on these Committees as possible. I hope you consider this. Just to remove the residency and allow people that go to a Chapter in another District to be able to service in the District in which they are active.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you Sister Sherry. Is Lara Nix in the room? Lara Nix. If anyone can tell us where Lara Nix is? Please tell her to come over to this door over here. The Northwest door. Lara Nix. Somebody please go find her immediately. You got her? Thank you. I recognize Sister Chris Puckett.

**Sister Chris Puckett:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Chris Puckett. Worthy Matron of Midland Chapter #253. I speak in opposition to this Amendment because I think our predecessors put that in there for a reason. These particular Committees need representation from people who live in the Districts. And I realize that in 3 and 4 and 1 and 3, you may live 20 miles from the other District. But in District 2 and probably District 5, we would really like to have our representative, people who are out there close to us. And I don't...nothing against anybody who lives in another District, but I don't feel comfortable with people in Houston representing West Texas. Our Humanitarian Chairman needs to be where we are. And our Jurisprudence needs a person from our part of the state. So, I would like you to consider that but, we don't all live in the cities that are close to each other's Districts.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** I recognize Sister Kathy in the Southwest.

**Sister Kathy Paschal:** My name is Kathy Paschal. I'm a Past Matron of Corsicana Chapter #118 in District 1. I am in favor of this Amendment. I'm a proud member of District 1, and I have been ever since 1998 when I joined with my Sister and Brother-in-law, Bonnie and Lewis Mathison. I currently live in Mexia, Texas, which is in District 3. As it stands, this Amendment, I am not eligible to serve on those Committees in District 1. Thank you.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** I recognize Sister Mary Harvey in the Southwest.

**Sister Mary Harvey:** My name is Mary Harvey. I'm a Past Matron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959. I am opposed to the Amendment because I feel...(microphone problems) I think it is important that maybe even if you live in another District, you should be an active member in that District. Like you are attending the meetings. You're close enough to that District that you are an active member in that District. And you are going to be representing that District. I think that's important for these particular Committees. Especially the Humanitarian, Jurisprudence, thank you.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** I recognize Sister Rhonda Holland in the Northwest.

**Sister Rhonda Elliott:** My name is Rhonda Holland. I am a Past Matron of Farmers Branch Chapter #687 and a Past Matron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959. That's District 1, Section 4 and District 1, Section 5. I am currently the Humanitarian Chairman, District 1 and unfortunately I live in District 3, not by choice, but by choice I keep my membership in District 1, Section 4 and Section 5 and proud to be a 50-year member this year at Farmers Branch Chapter. So, I am voting for this Amendment. Thank you.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Is there any other discussion? I recognize Sister Vi Griffin in the Southwest.

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Vi Griffin. Worthy Matron of Caldwell Chapter #976. I speak in opposition to this Amendment. I believe that in the membership of Texas there are plenty of members in each District to fill these positions. They just would like to be asked to serve. Thank you. *(Applause)*

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Okay, I see nobody else coming to the microphone. We will now vote on this Amendment #2 which is to remove the residency requirements for Credentials, Jurisprudence, Registration, and Humanitarian. Sound booth are you ready? Put Amendment #2 on the screen please. Okay, there you go. Remove residency requirements. I declare the ballot open. \* Everybody voted? I declare the ballot closed. \* Please display the ballot. Amendment #2 has failed. Thank you. \* Oh, the results were 254 yes, 295 were in the no vote.

**PGM Jerre Lucas:** It is with pleasure that I introduce Sister Betty Benham who will present Amendment #4.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Amendment #3 has been withdrawn so we will move to #4. Hold on just a minute. Brother Trey.

**PGP Trey Smith:** I'm Trey Smith, Past Patron of Arlington Chapter #249 and Handley Chapter #617. I have a question about the reports. Did I miss the Credentials Report this morning to even know what numbers we are working from?

**WGM Susan Dormady:** We did a Credentials report yesterday to make sure we had enough membership to open Grand Chapter.

**PGP Trey Smith:** That was for a quorum. But we don't have a members report. I think we should have one.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** To see how many people voted? So, the explanation is the ballot only counts for the people in the room. Even if we have a Credentials Report to know how many people have registered who vote, we don't know that that is how many people are in this room at the time.

**PGP Trey Smith:** So, the number of ballots that are used on the clickers, or given by the clickers, we don't know what percentage or anything of who's here, who's not here.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** On the simple yes and no's...for tomorrow, we will have exact numbers. But I was told for the yes and no's a simple majority will rule.

**PGP Trey Smith:** Okay.

**PGM Betty Benham:** Alright. Thank you, Sister Jerre. I am presenting Amendment #4. It addresses the Code of Laws, Chapter 4, Duties and Prerogatives of Grand Officers, E. Grand Secretary, Article 70: Salary, Page 51

This Amendment is in proper form, and it is located in your Advance Report on Page 49.

The synopsis is to consider an increase in the salary for the Grand Secretary from \$29,000.00 to \$33,280.00. The last increase passed by this Grand Chapter was in 2012.

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| <b>AMENDMENT #4</b><br><b>CODE OF LAWS</b> |
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**CODE OF LAWS, CHAPTER 4, DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES OF GRAND OFFICERS, E. GRAND SECRETARY, ARTICLE 70: SALARY; PAGE 51**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Code of Laws, Chapter 2, Election of Officers, Article 7, Tenure; page 34: The tenure of the Grand Secretary shall be limited to a total of ten years.

WHEREAS, Grand Secretary is a strategic organizational position critical to the long-term administrative operations and financial management of our fraternal order.

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Grand Secretary salary was \$27,400.00 (with a housing allowance). That same year Grand Chapter members approved to increase the elected position's salary by 5.84 percent to \$29,000.00.

WHEREAS, the Grand Secretary compensation for services has not had a salary increase since 2012.

WHEREAS, maintaining a strong salary structure is imperative for any organization. Necessary cost-effective and prudent procedures to review and budget for determined salary "adjustments" affixed to inflation and standard cost-of-living ratios shall be reviewed.

We the undersigned propose the following Amendment:

Article 70. Salary, which now reads:

ARTICLE 70. SALARY. The Grand Secretary shall receive as full compensation for her/his services, twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$29,000.00) per year salary.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 70. SALARY. The Grand Secretary shall receive as full compensation for her/his services, thirty-three thousand two hundred eighty dollars (\$33,280.00) per year salary. The salary will be reviewed at least every four years.

Submitted by:

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Rick Taylor  
Donna Noe  
Karen Wright

Joe Gilmore  
Mary Medford  
William "Bill" Henry

Brenda McDaniel  
Beverly Ann Plante  
Oscar Hairell

Worthy Grand Matron, Amendment #4 is ready for your consideration.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Amendment #4 to increase the Grand Secretary's salary from \$29,000.00 to \$33,280.00 has been moved and seconded by Sister Lou Skidd. Is there any discussion? Hearing none we will vote by clicker. All those in favor will press #1, all those against will press #2. I declare the ballot open. \* Have all voted who are entitled to do so? I now declare the ballot closed. \* Please display the results on the screen. Sisters and Brothers, it is fairly obvious, Amendment #4 has passed. \* (Did not give out numbers)

**PGM Betty Benham:** Thank you Sisters and Brothers. I now have the pleasure of introducing Brother Rick Skidd to present Amendment #5.

**PGP Rick Skidd:** Thank you Sister Betty. Sisters and Brothers, Amendment #5 addresses the Code of Laws, Chapter 4, Duties and Prerogatives of Grand Officers, F. Grand Treasurer, let's hope you are just as willing to give the Grand Treasurer a raise as you were to give the Grand Secretary. So, we are going to look at Article 77: Salary and Expenses; Page 53. The Amendment is in proper form. If you can't read it on the screen, it is located on page 50 in your Advance Reports.

The synopsis is to consider an increase in the Salary of the Grand Treasurer from \$6,000.00 to \$6,656.00. The last increase passed by the Grand Chapter was in 2008.

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| <p>AMENDMENT #5<br/>CODE OF LAWS</p> |
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CODE OF LAWS, CHAPTER 4, DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES OF GRAND OFFICERS, F. GRAND TREASURER, ARTICLE 77: SALARY AND EXPENSE; PAGE 53

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Code of Laws, Chapter 2, Election of Officers, Article 7, Tenure; page 34: The tenure of the Grand Treasurer shall be limited to a total of ten years.

WHEREAS, Grand Treasurer is a strategic organizational position critical to the long-term financial and records management of our fraternal order.

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Grand Treasurer salary was \$5,000.00. That same year Grand Chapter members approved to increase the elected position's salary to \$6,000.00.

WHEREAS, the Grand Treasurer compensation for services has not had a salary increase since 2008.

WHEREAS, maintaining a strong salary structure is imperative for any organization. Necessary cost-effective and prudent procedures to review and budget for determined salary "adjustments" affixed to inflation and standard cost-of-living ratios shall be reviewed.

We the undersigned propose the following Amendment:

Article 77. Salary, which now reads:

ARTICLE 77. SALARY. The Grand Treasurer shall receive as full compensation for her/his services, six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) per year salary.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 77. SALARY. The Grand Treasurer shall receive as full compensation for her/his services, six thousand six hundred fifty-six dollars (\$6,656.00) per year salary. The salary will be reviewed at least every four years.

Submitted by:

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Rick Taylor  
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Karen Wright

Joe Gilmore  
Mary Medford  
William "Bill" Henry

Brenda McDaniel  
Beverly Ann Plante  
Oscar Hairell

Worthy Grand Patron, Amendment #5 is ready for consideration.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Amendment #5 has been seconded. Is there any discussion? Once again, Amendment #5 is to increase the Grand Treasurer's salary from \$6,000.00 to \$6,656.00 per year. We will vote by green card. Oh, I'm sorry, is there any discussion? Okay, the Worthy Grand Matron says we will vote by clicker. Hold on, we have discussion. You know, garage doors are going up and down all-around Waco right now. I recognize the Sister in the Southwest.

**Sister Leah West:** My name is Leah West. I'm a Past Matron of Linden Chapter #576. I vote against this salary increase because I do not think it is sufficient. It needs to be a lot more. *(Applause)*

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Is there any other discussion? Sister Tamela, I see you rushing over there.

**Sister Tamela Henington:** Tamela Henington, Past Matron, Queen Esther Chapter #833. Representing the Board of Directors. I just want to let you know how we came up with these numbers. The last salary, of course you already know, \$6,000.00, the increase occurred in 2008. Based on the current minimum wage, this is how we figured the other one, based on an 8-hour work week, \$15.00 per hour plus \$1.00 versus the \$14.42 per hour previously. \$16 times 8 equals \$128 per week. \$128 times 52 work weeks equals this new salary number. That's an increase of \$656.00. So, I felt like I just needed to come and let you know how we came up with that number. I'm really good with whatever but I just thought I needed to let you know why we came up with that number.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Thank you Sister Tamela. Are there any other...is there any other discussion? Hearing none, we will vote by clicker. The Worthy Grand Matron said we will vote by clicker, so we'll practice. All those in favor will press #1, all those opposed will press #2. I now declare the ballot open. \* Have all who are entitled to vote done so? I now declare the ballot closed. \* Please display the ballot. Sisters and Brothers, Amendment #5 has passed. \* *(Applause)*

**PGP Rick Skidd:** Worthy Grand Patron, it is my pleasure to introduce Brother Jerry Martin who will present Amendment #6.

**PGP Jerry Martin:** Amendment #6 addresses Code of Laws, Article 153, Section a., (6), page 98. The Amendment is in proper form. It is located on page 51 of your Advance Reports. The synopsis is for the Grand Examiners

charities of choice to the funds to be excluded from the 25% retained by the Grand Chapter for our Administrative expenses. Worthy Grand Matron, Amendment #6 is ready for consideration.

AMENDMENT #6  
CODE OF LAWS

Proposed Amendment to the Code of Laws, Page 98:

Article 163. The General Fund.

WHEREAS, the Code of Laws Article 163. The General Fund lists the sources of funds that make up the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Worthy Grand Matron each year allows each Grand Examiner to collect donations for a charity of her own choice; and

WHEREAS, in previous years, the Grand Examiners sent their funds directly to the charity of their choice; and

WHEREAS, for the past few years, the Grand Secretary has instructed the Grand Examiners to send all the money they receive to the Grand Secretary's office so the Grand Chapter would get credit for the donation to their charities. In addition, 25% of the total amounts collected has been retained from these donations for administrative expense; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Examiners' charities do not fall under the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Funds as they are not pre-approved by the Purposes and Policy Committee prior to the Worthy Grand Matron's year; and

WHEREAS, Grand Chapter incurs no expenses in regard to these donations other than to record the funds and to forward the funds to the selected charities; and

WHEREAS, the amounts collected by the Grand Examiners are not so large to require extensive processing through the Grand Secretary's office and losing 25% to administrative costs; and

Whereas the Grand Examiners charities are not specifically addressed under sub-section (6);

THEREFORE, we the undersigned propose the following revision to Section a. of Article 163, which now reads:

Article 163. THE GENERAL FUND

- a. The General Fund shall consist of:
  - (1) Three dollars (\$3.00) annually, per capita, for each member in this Grand Jurisdiction.
  - (2) Three dollars (\$3.00) for each person initiated and for each member reinstated during the year.
  - (3) Profits on supplies sold by the Grand Secretary’s Office.
  - (4) All monies received for Special Dispensation and Grand Demits and penalties.
  - (5) All other funds of every kind and character received by Grand Chapter and not otherwise directed or designated.
  - (6) Twenty-five percent (25%) of all money raised by this Grand Chapter from the Worthy Grand Matron’s Special Funds to the General Fund for administrative expense. This twenty-five percent (25%) shall not apply GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, O.E.S. to the following funds: ESTARL Fund, Educational Funds, and the Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Sub-Account, or to a fundraising program used by the Worthy Grand Matron for the express purpose of reducing costs for members to attend Grand Chapter Session.

To Be Amended to read:

Article 163. THE GENERAL FUND

- a. The General Fund shall consist of:
  - (1) No change
  - (2) No change
  - (3) No change
  - (4) No change
  - (5) No change
  - (6) Twenty-five percent (25%) of all money raised by this Grand Chapter from the Worthy Grand Matron’s Special Funds to the General Fund for administrative expense. This twenty-five percent (25%) shall not apply to the following funds: ESTARL Fund, Education Funds, Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Sub-Account, \* the Grand Examiners’ charities of

choice, or to a fundraising program used by the Worthy Grand Matron for the express purpose of reducing costs for members to attend Grand Chapter Session.

Respectively submitted,

Tina Stevens

Vickie Mathews

Carolyn Martin

Nancy Brown

Sherry Dieckmann

Vi Griffin

Glenda Klemm

Kathy Paschal

**WGM Susan Dormady:** The motion has been made and seconded by Ann Stuart to adopt Amendment #6. Is there any discussion? Okay, are we ready? Display the Amendment. Exempt the Grand Examiners charity of choice from the General Fund 25% withholding for Administrative expenses. On your clicker #1 is yes, #2 is no. I now declare the ballot open. \* Has everybody balloted? I now declare the ballot closed. \* Please display the ballot. Amendment #6 to exempt the Grand Examiners charity of choice to the annual 25% withholding for the Administrative expenses has passed. \* Thank you, Brother Jerry.

**PGM Terri Rozell:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Jurisprudence has completed its business for this Grand Chapter Session. **(Applause)** Serving on the Jurisprudence Committee is a learning experience regardless of one's years of experience. We did our best to serve you and the membership of Texas by performing our duties with due diligence and integrity. It has been our honor to be part of this committee, and we thank you for entrusting us with this responsibility.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you Sister Terri. I knew when I appointed you to Jurisprudence Chairman that you would dig to the very bottom to make sure that everything was done as correctly as you could do. I appreciate the work that you have done with your committee. Thank you so much. **(Applause)**

It is very close to time to dismiss for lunch because of our travel schedule. Y'all don't forget to come back after lunch where we will vote on the Grand Poobah of Grand Order of the Water Buffalo. All the practice we do on these clickers will make tomorrow so much easier. There is lunch concessions downstairs if you did not buy a ticket to the Line Officer

Luncheon. Please do not eat in the Grand Chapter room. There are tables downstairs. Everybody's leaving.

Sister Grand Warder, will you please close these doors so we can call this Session from Labor to Rest. Assisting Grand Warders and Assisting Grand Sentinels, close these doors. We're good? We're good here, we're good there. Sister Grand Chaplain, will you bring us our lunchtime prayer please ma'am.

**GC Pat Callahan:** Let us go to the Lord in prayer. Thank you Lord for your presence here this morning as the business of this Grand Chapter has begun. Go with us as we attend our luncheon. Bring us safely back with nourished bodies, hearts, and minds to continue in Your service through the beneficent work of our beautiful Order. Amen (Amen)

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Conductress you will attend at the Altar. \*\*\*  
(Conductress closes the Holy Bible)

I now call this 141<sup>st</sup> "Love and Service" Grand Chapter Session from Labor to Rest until 2:00 P.M. \*

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

**141<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter Session**

**August 9, 2024**

**Friday Afternoon  
Session**

*Friday Afternoon Session*



## Friday, August 9, 2024

Musical Prelude

Mrs. Susan Helmcamp

2:00 Call to Order

Mark Dieckmann  
Worthy Grand Patron

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** \* I call this meeting to order.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** He always gives it back to me. Sister Grand Warder...

(Opening of Afternoon Session)  
(Proving of the Grand Chapter)  
(Conductress opens our Holy Bible)

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Loretta Booth? Did you get back? I was jumping around so much this morning, I jumped over the By-Laws Committee report, so this time, we'll have our By-Laws Committee.

**Sister Loretta Booth:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sister and Brothers all.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter as the chairman of the By-Laws Committee this year. It has been a great experience working with the Subordinate Chapters throughout the state. I would like to thank the Chapter Secretaries for their help and dedication to our Order.

First, let me introduce the ladies who served on this committee with me. Sister Cindy Echols, who is also the Grand Representative of Iowa in Texas and Sister Vickie Smith. Thank you for your hard work this year. This is almost a one-person job but knowing that I have backup is always a wonderful feeling.

There were nineteen (19) requests for Amendments to Chapter By-Laws prior to the June 1<sup>st</sup> report deadline. Two (2) Chapters submitted requests after the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. For a total of twenty-one (21) requests. There was one (1) request for an amendment that was rejected because it was in conflict with our Constitution and Code of Laws. Therefore, a total of nineteen (19) Chapters submitting By-Laws requests with one (1) Chapter

submitting two (2) for a total of twenty (20) approved By-Laws changes for the 2023-2024 Chapter year.

I would like to commend the Secretaries and By-Laws Committees from the Chapters for conforming to the requirements for submitting their requests with the correct form and number of copies.

Most of the requests were for a change in meeting times, days, or locations. Others were for changes in dues/fees, allowed love gifts, and other administrative items. One request was for a Chapter name change. My complete report lists the changes and the complete list of Chapters submitting approved Amendments.

Respectfully submitted, Loretta Booth, Chairman, By-Laws Committee.

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

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Do I have a second? The Worthy Grand Patron has seconded the adoption of the By-Laws Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we will vote. All in favor raise your green cards. Down cards. All opposed same sign. Looks like you got it. \* Sister Loretta, thank you so much for working with me this year and trying to keep up with me. Where the heck I was and where those were and where the mail went. I appreciate you. You have done a tremendous job. And hopefully, you kept me straight. Loretta, go back this way and get a picture. \*

Okay, Brother Paul Garner. He was back there. Did he disappear on me? Here he is. Thank you Brother Paul. This is the report on the 501(c)3 Committee.

**PGP Paul Garner:** Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for allowing me to read off my laptop with big letters. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter family, Distinguished East, my beautiful Sisters and Brothers all.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Star Charitable Foundation – Brother Tommy Chapman, Sister Ruby Lee, Sister Charlotte Morency, Sister Dorothy Nevill, Brother James Parker, Sister Terri Rozell, Brother Trey Smith and Brother Lee Stallings, I am pleased to bring a brief report on our progress this year.

This past year has continued to be a building year for The Eastern Star Charitable Foundation. We have been working many fronts including:

- Establishing bank accounts, legal address and PO Box for the Foundation
- Filing all the appropriate returns and corporate documents with the State of Texas and the IRS
- Setting up the Foundation to receive “in-kind” charitable donations from employees of companies in alignment with their matching donation programs
- Identifying all the assets belonging to the prior Eastern Star Home Association including real property, leases, mineral rights, stocks, etc. and ensuring proper title is secured

The Board met on a regular basis throughout the year to conduct the business of the foundation in accordance with Federal and State laws and the by-laws of the corporation.

Although, primarily a building year, we did have over \$20,000 in receipts including individual donations from members of our OES family. Donations also came from corporate matching funds, investments, and royalties.

One important milestone was the Board annual retreat held earlier this year. During the multi-day session, we:

- Reviewed and adopted financial procedures and approved investment strategies
- We met with a Grant writer who led us through a workshop on how to develop a grant writing program and create relationships with outside foundations for partnering
- We spent the majority of our time developing our Vision Statement, Mission and Core Values.

Eastern Star Charitable Foundation Vision:

We are committed to transforming the lives of individuals and families who encounter life challenges. We strive to foster independence, resilience, and well-being, ensuring that every person can lead a fulfilling life of hope and stability.

Eastern Star Charitable Foundation Mission:

ESCF will accomplish its vision by creating strategic partnerships with organizations and entities that support:

- Aging population
- Raise, train, and place service dogs.

- Provide goods & services to individuals with disabilities and special needs.
- Food insecurity
- Medication support
- Economic mobility
- Economic stability
- Educational advancement

We look beyond the present to deliver ongoing future value to our partners and those we serve.

Remember, Sisters and Brothers, all donations to the Eastern Star Charitable Foundation are tax-deductible and although we are cultivating relationships with other foundations, most of the work we will accomplish will come from individual donations from supporters like you.

If you have any questions about how to support the work of the Eastern Star Charitable Foundation, whether through monetary donations or donations of your time, please reach out to one of the Board members here.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you Brother Paul and your Committee. **(Applause)** Don't forget to go get your picture taken. **(Applause)** I now recognize Sister Jay Rhyan for the Educational Fund Report.

**Mrs. Jay Rhyan:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers. Thank you for this opportunity to serve on the Educational Fund Committee.

Debbie Burks, District 1

Nona Flanders, District 2

Myself, Chair, Jay Rhyan, District 3

Michelle Grimmett, District 4

Terri Reynolds, District 5, were appointed to this committee.

By March 1<sup>st</sup>, 27 applications had arrived at the OES Office. On April 26<sup>th</sup>, Nona Flanders and myself met at the OES Office to open and read the applications. There were 14 first time applicants and 13 returning applicants.

After discussion, it was agreed that 26 applicants would each be awarded a one-thousand-dollar scholarship. There was one applicant that had turned in incomplete paperwork for the committee. A spreadsheet with updated data, letters of acceptance, and letter of regret were stored on a flash drive for future reference, if needed.

Music Scholarships honoring Henry S. Martin and Rennie Ofton, a revised scholarship application was added to the Education Fund Link. As of March 1<sup>st</sup> there were no applicants for this scholarship.

I'm going to stop right there to make a point here. If you know of someone who is going off to college and they may not have considered what their major is yet, eventually, they may get to Music. Have them apply for that scholarship. The money is there. And you know how our students love to receive money so they can further their degree. So, please, see if you can find someone that is going to be majoring in Music.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for allowing us to serve on the Education Fund Committee. It's fun to give away money.

Respectfully submitted, Jay Rhyan. I move the adoption of this report.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** There has been a motion and a second by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt the report of the Educational Fund. Is there any discussion? All in favor of this motion please raise your green card. Cards down. Opposed, same sign. Well, Mrs. Jay Rhyan, I think everybody said, "good for you". \* I appreciate you so much and you are looking so good. Thank you, thank you. **(Applause)** Ms. Pat, are you ready for yours? We will now have the report of the Grand Chaplain.

**GC Pat Callahan:** Report of the Grand Chaplain. It has been a tremendous honor to serve this Grand Chapter as Grand Chaplain this year. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this privilege and opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter. Worthy Grand Patron, I thank you for the support that you have also given me. You have both traveled many miles and faced many challenges with wisdom and grace. Please know that you have always been in thought and prayer.

An integral part of a Grand Chaplain's position and success is the Grand Secretary. She provides the Memorial Notices from the other Grand Jurisdictions, not only in the United States but all around the world. She

also gives guidance in various other avenues. Thank you, Sister Ellen Pickrell, Grand Secretary.

I attended both Homecoming Fraternal Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron (2), 18 Schools of Instruction and Fraternal Visits, 8 other Fraternal Visits, the Four State Exchange held in San Antonio, 6 Installations, and numerous chapter meetings across the state. Total mileage logged was 16,140.5 miles. Each meeting provided the joy of seeing old friends and making new ones. I wish to thank the membership for not only the courtesies you have shown me as Grand Chaplain but for your love and encouragement. You have shared not only your sorrows and concerns but your joys and celebrations. My life has been blessed so many times over. Thank you.

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| Monies received from the Grand Marshal      | \$600.00 |
| Disbursements:                              |          |
| Postage                                     | \$ 29.99 |
| Foreign Postage stamps                      | \$ 9.30  |
| Various cards purchased                     | \$101.26 |
| Envelopes                                   | \$ 30.29 |
| Misc. (I had to replace one of the Binders) | \$ 21.20 |
| Donations made in Memorials                 | \$ 80.00 |

Monies that were returned to the Grand Marshal earlier in the year \$250.00. And at the end of the year, monies returned to the Grand Marshal \$ 77.96. There are additional cards and postage that I have left over that will be turned over to the newly Installed Grand Chaplain.

Sympathy Cards sent:

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| Other Grand Jurisdictions in the United States,<br>including Puerto Rico                                         | 48         |
| Other Grand Jurisdictions in Canada                                                                              | 4          |
| Other Grand Jurisdictions, and that was in Scotland.                                                             | 1          |
| Get Well, Thinking of you, Sympathy, Birthday and<br><u>Holiday Cards sent to Texas Grand Chapter Membership</u> | <u>239</u> |
| For a grand total of cards sent                                                                                  | 292        |

Respectfully submitted, Patricia Callahan, Grand Chaplain.  
Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** We need a second for the adoption of the Grand Chaplain report. The Worthy Grand Patron has seconded the motion to accept the report of the Grand Chaplain. Is there any discussion? All those in favor please raise your green card. Blue card, green card, purple card...whatever kind of card it is. It's a leafy color. All opposed. Sister Pat, we appreciate everything that you've done this year. I know it's been extremely hard, and you've dealt with all of it with grace. We really appreciate you. I couldn't have picked a better person. Thank you so much. Motion carries. \* **(Applause)**

Do we have the ESTARL Chairman? Sudie Pool. There she is.

**Sister Sudie Pool:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers all. I want to make an announcement before I start my report. The offering will be taken up by the Deputies while I give my report. So, don't let my talking keep you from digging deep in your pockets to support this scholarship.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron thank you for the opportunity to serve our Order in this very special appointment. Thank you also for the wonderful ladies who have served as District Chairmen. I would like to introduce them at this time: District 1, Carolyn Burns, and she didn't make it up here. District 2, Anita Mead, District 3, Glinda Tackett, District 4, Sharon Willingham, and District 5 Gail Fuller. While we are disappointed that we did not have more applicants, we are very excited about the women and men who have applied. Scholarships have been awarded to all applicants. They have excellent qualifications and have obviously answered God's call to grow and nurture the Family of God.

ESTARL Scholarships have been awarded to six applicants this year. They are:

Rebekah Savage, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary –  
Sponsored by Carpenters Chapter #183.

Brandon Lee Trent, Dallas Theological Seminary –  
Sponsored by Corsicana Chapter #118

Jaime Paul Morales, Wartburg Seminary –  
Sponsored by Velasco Chapter #973

Luke Bitzkie, Brite Divinity School TCU –  
Sponsored by Bandera Chapter #643

Zachary DeMeritt, Moody Bible Institute –  
Sponsored by Aransas Pass Chapter #162  
Charissa Fenton, Trinity School of Ministry –  
Sponsored by Adah Chapter #49

Jaime and Luke also received the ESTARL Scholarship last year. I regret to report that Brandon Lee Trent had to refuse his scholarship as family matters will prevent him from attending college this fall. I assured him that we would welcome an application from him when he is able to resume his studies. All appropriate reports have been made to the Grand Secretary's office. Attached to this report is a report from each of the District Chairmen, as well as the statical report provided to Jane Pyle in the Grand Secretary's office for check distribution. (Not attached here. Did not receive)

To the membership, thank you for your generous support of the ESTARL Scholarship. I urge each Chapter member to be vigilant in seeking those who would benefit from this scholarship. This is an under-utilized scholarship available to those seeking to further their education in Christian Service. They must be recommended by an Eastern Star Chapter but an affiliation with Eastern Star is not a requirement.

I want to share with you on a personal note, when we had the ESTARL Program yesterday morning, I spoke with Luke Bitzkie. I congratulated him and wished him good in his studies and he said, "You will never know how much this scholarship means to me." Sisters and Brothers, there are many men and women out there who need this thousand-dollar scholarship. So, I ask you to be vigilant in seeking them out.

Again, thank you for the honor of serving our beloved Order. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** There is a motion and a second by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt the report of the ESTARL Chairman. Is there any discussion? Hearing none we will vote by raising your green card. All in favor. I think everybody likes ESTARL. All opposed. Sister Sudie, we thank you so much. I know you were a little shocked and didn't think you could do this, but you did a great, great job. And I appreciate your dedication to Eastern Star and in all that you do. Motion carries. \* **(Applause)**

Okay, is everybody awake and ready? Let's see who y'all like for the Grand Poobah. Worthy Grand Patron, I hand this over to you.

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Worthy Grand Patron, membership, we have a partial report of the Credentials Committee as of 1:45 p.m. There were 978 paid. There is 149 Not picked up. We have 829 votes that can be cast upon the next election.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Sisters and Brothers, we are now going to practice a candidate vote now that we all have clickers. And would the booth put the ballot up on the screen? Normally we would have these people sit up front and announce them but obviously one of them does not exist. Okay, so, we are going to vote on the Grand Poobah of the Royal Order of the Water Buffalo. And all of you who are Flintstones, have seen the Flintstones, know what that is. Anyway, the candidates are Hollywood Joe, Stevie Ray, Clownfish Karl, who by the way is working in Virginia, and Bam Bam, which is Barney's boy. Anyway, what you are going to do is when I open the ballot you are going to press the number for the person that you want to vote for. So, if you want to vote for Clownfish Karl, you press three, Hollywood Joe one, etc. Does everybody understand? Pretty simple. Okay. Is the booth ready? Okay, I declare the ballot open. Please vote one of the numbers. \* And if you make a mistake, you can press another button until I close the ballot. It takes the last vote you click in. Has everyone voted? You may need to step closer into the room. Sisters and Brothers, you must be in this room to vote. It works on a radio frequency that is inside this room and the receiver is sitting behind in the West. I declare the ballot closed. \* Okay, Sisters and Brothers, we will display the ballot...make sure it's the right one please. Okay, for practice we are going to say we have a run-off, and that Brother Karl is automatically dropped. And being the good man he is, Brother Stevie Ray is going to withdraw. So, we are going to have our second vote with just Hollywood Joe and Bam Bam. So, let me know when the booth is ready for the second vote and we're going to get it up on the screen. And Sisters and Brothers if you press number two or number three on this, it's just like writing the wrong name on the piece of paper. It will be discarded. I declare the ballot open. \* And vote for number one or number four. Has everyone voted? I declare the ballot closed. \* So once again tomorrow Sisters and Brothers, you must be in this room. The Worthy Grand Matron will seal the doors when we start the elections. So, you must be in this room to vote. Okay, it is still the Worthy Grand

Matron's prerogative when she shows the final ballot, we'll go ahead and do it right here so we can show you how quick we can do it. And please display the ballot. I declare Bam Bam the next Poobah of the Royal Order of Water Buffalo. Is there any questions? Tomorrow morning when you come in, while you are outside or anywhere, make sure you press a button on your clicker and make sure a light come on. Because if it doesn't, that means your battery's dead. Take it to Credentials and they will exchange it for one that does light up. Alright. We're going to have fun tomorrow. This will be great. We'll have to run down Bam Bam and tell him he won. Thank you very much.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you. I recognize somewhere over there on this beautiful wall Mrs. Carolyn Martin for our Financial Investments Report.

**PGM Carolyn Martin:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers. We are delighted to be here to today to bring our Financial Investment Report.

Worthy Grand Matron, the Financial Investment Committee thanks you for your vote of confidence in appointing us to this committee. We are a three-year committee. I have performed three years and as such I am the Chairman for this year and there will be a new person to go with Sister Jayne Yenger, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Bob Royall. They will be the committee for next year.

The committee was represented in person at each Board meeting when representatives of J. P. Morgan met with the Board and presented an updated financial report. When the bankers stated two years ago and they stated that they expected the yield on our investments to improve, they were correct in their predictions. They continue to work very hard within the guidelines of the Grand Chapter for the best return on our money and are to be commended for their service to our Order and their efforts to protect the investments of Grand Chapter.

We particularly want to thank the Board of Directors for inviting this committee to be introduced at their February 17, 2024, Board meeting and to present information on the functioning of our particular committee. It has been a pleasure to work with the Board and with J. P. Morgan bankers. This year completes my term of office on this committee, and it has been

my honor to serve as Chairman of the Grand Chapter Financial Investment Committee for the past year.

Respectively submitted, Carolyn A. Martin, Financial Investment Committee, supported by the two other members, Sister Jayne Yenger and Brother Bob Royall.

I move the adoption of this report.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Motion to accept the report of the Financial Investment Committee. Is there a second? We accept Skip Skipper to be the second since he was first. Is there any discussion? Any questions on the Financial Investments? All in favor please raise your green cards. Cards down. Is there any opposition. Motion carried. \* Thank you Sister Carolyn. I know you get to go to the Board meeting all the time and make sure things are happening correctly. We appreciate that dedication and we appreciate you. Thank you so much. **(Applause)**

How about Titles, Deeds, and Properties? Mr. Hardy Nevill.

**Brother Hardy Nevill:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers all. On behalf of the Titles, Deeds, and Properties Committee, I would like to thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the opportunity to serve you and this Grand Chapter.

The members of our committee are:

- Tonya Foster, District 1
- Terry Stogner, District 2
- Martha Hackney, District 3
- Myself, Hardy Nevill, District 4
- And Kimi Shaw, District 5

We would like to express our thanks to the Grand Secretary, Dr. Ellen Pickrell, Board of Directors member, Rick Taylor and office Financial Assistant Jane Pyle for their diligent work in compiling lists of Grand Chapter's Oil and Gas Properties and other assets and organizing the files at the Grand Chapter office.

No requests for assistance were made to these committee members regarding oil and gas affairs in their respective Districts. Therefore, we have nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted, Hardy Nevill, Chairman, Titles, Deeds, and Properties.

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

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Motion has been made. Is there a second? Brother Skip Skipper has seconded the motion of the Titles, Deeds, and Properties. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of accepting this report please raise your green card. Cards down. All those opposed same sign. I believe you've done a great job. Thank you for your service. \* **(Applause)**

Sister Mary Ruth White, are you over there? Sister Mary Ruth White will now give her report on Purposes and Policies.

**PGM Mary Ruth White:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. It is my pleasure to introduce one of my five members, I'm not sure where the other two that I saw earlier are that have served on this committee this year.

Brother Bill Wyatt for District 1

Brother Trey Smith for District 2

Sister Nancy Brown for District 3

Myself, Mary Ruth White, Chairman for District 4

And Brother George Gwaltney, District 5

The Committee also included members of the Corporate Board, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Susan Dormady, Worthy Grand Patron, Mark Dieckmann, Associate Grand Matron, Glenda Murphy, Associate Grand Patron, Terry Littlepage, Grand Secretary, Ellen Pickrell, Grand Treasurer Greta Spradling, Grand Conductress, Glenda Klemm. Our Chairman of the Board, Tamela Henington was out of town and unable to attend.

The Committee met on January 13, 2024, at the Lauro DeLeon Floresville Event Center building in Floresville, Texas, during the morning Session of the District 5, Sections 5 and 7 School of Instruction. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Brother Trey Smith and was immediately turned over to Associate Grand Matron Glenda Murphy for the presentation of the 2024-2025.

Sister Glenda Murphy and Brother Terry Littlepage passed out a beautiful and well-organized Purposes and Policies book which detailed their projects and Humanitarian Program for 2024-2025. The book detailed the

Committee's purposes, items to be sold and a spreadsheet detailing the funding for each committee. There are twelve committees requiring funding and sixteen committees requiring no funding. We were able to see and handle the items that would be sold by the committees. They were all of good quality and we all believed them to be items that would sell well. The committee approved her purposed plans.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the acceptance of this report

**WGM Susan Dormady:** A motion has been made to accept the Purposes and Policies Report. Is there a second? Brother Skip Skipper has seconded the motion. Is there any discussion? Hearing none we will vote. All in favor raise your green cards. Thank you. Cards down. All opposed. Sister Mary Ruth White, your report has been accepted. Thank you so much for working on this. \* **(Applause)** It was very interesting to sit in that Purposes and Policies from this side and you have some very pretty stuff. So, good luck next year, Sister Glenda.

Humanitarian, Sister Virginia Franklin. She was right there. I think they can't hear me behind the wall here for some reason. Here she comes.

**Sister Virginia Franklin:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you so much for trusting me to serve as your Humanitarian General Chairman for 2023-2024. This is a most rewarding experience. And I thank you for these very special five ladies to make our team. They planted their roots many, many times and I thank them for their hard work and dedication they have for our beloved Order.

We are continuing our tradition of not having a drill again this year, but we are asking you to please stand when your District Chairman gives her report. We would like for all members of the District to stand. Recognizing all members is a special way to say thank you.

A supplemental report will be made to the Grand Secretary for any additional donations that are received until August 31, 2024

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Humanitarian Chairman who planted "their roots" in reporting your generous donations for this Humanitarian Program this year. Sister Rhonda Holland, District 1.

**Sister Rhonda Holland:** First, I would like to thank Our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Susan Dormady, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Mark Dieckmann, for giving me the opportunity to represent them as the District One Humanitarian Chairman. It has been such an honor to serve our Grand Chapter in this appointment.

In Deuteronomy 15:10 the Lord says, “You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake.”

The Sisters and Brothers of District 1 gave freely...as I look around, there’s not very many District 1 people stand up please...and planted roots of Charity along the way benefitting our Roots Humanitarian Program this year.

There were:

- 28 Chapters at 100%.
- 16 Chapters at 200%.
- 3 Chapters at 300%.
- 2 Chapters at 400%.
- 7 Chapters at 500%: Garland #156, Nash #320, Richardson #921, Lancaster #943, Beckville #273, Henderson #597 and Quitman #695.
- 1 Chapter at 800%: Sanger #1027
- 1 Chapter at 1000%: Pittsburgh #381
- And Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959 at 1250%

I am so proud of Every Chapter in District One. The Worthy Grand Matron’s Roots of Charity for District One were:

R: Remembering Our Sister in TMRC: \$548.30

O: Opportunity of giving to Benevolent Aid: \$3748.45

O: Observing our Faith through ESTARL: \$1483.12

T: Tending to our General Fund: \$1407.83

S: Securing our future in Education Scholarships: \$2614.30 of which \$149.00 was designated to the Music Scholarships honoring our Past Most Worthy Grand Patron Henry Martin and Past Most Worthy Grand Matron Rennie Ofton.

For a Grand Total from District One: \$9802.00

Respectfully submitted, Rhonda J. Holland, Humanitarian Chairman, District 1. Thank you District 1 (**Applause**)

District 2, please stand. District 2 Chairman, Shirley Flache, is unable to be with us this morning. I do not have her totals, but I do have a letter from her.

Hello Esteemed Members of the Eastern Star,

It is with immense gratitude and a deep sense of honor that I stand before you today as the Humanitarian Chairman. This role is a testament to the trust and confidence you have placed in me, and I am profoundly thankful for this unforgettable opportunity.

First and foremost, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to each one of you for your unwavering support and dedication to our humanitarian efforts. Our organization is built on the pillars of charity, truth, and loving-kindness, and it is your collective spirit and commitment that bring these values to life in our community. I would like to extend a special thank you to our Worthy Grand Matron, Susan Dormady, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Mark Dieckmann. Your exemplary leadership and unwavering dedication have been a source of inspiration for all of us. Your guidance has been instrumental in shaping the vision and direction of our organization, and I am deeply grateful for your support and encouragement as I took on this role.

Thank you to the office of the Grand Chapter of Texas for all their help! I do have them on speed dial!

This wouldn't have been possible without my daughter's help. Thank you, Tammy Forsberg & Kathy Puryear who helped me considerably! Believe ME! Thank you to my good friend Cindy Echols for her advice. Special thanks to Virginia Franklin Humanitarian General Chairman. Also, thanks to the District 2 District Deputy Grand Matron Carol Sue Knutson

Deputy Grand Matrons:

Michelle Glaze District 2 Section 2 & 5

Mickey Norwood District 2 Section 3 & 4

Kellian Wolfe District 2 Section 7

Rosemary Foreman District 2 Section 8

Willie Smith District 2 Section 10

All of District 2 schools were outstanding! Thank you, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, for your work and generosity.

I would like to recognize the chapters of the District 2 for the Humanitarian Program. God Bless Each One!!

This is my final report. Worthy Grand Matron. Respectfully submitted, Shirley Flache. We will have the totals in the Supplemental Report.

It is now my pleasure to introduce District 3 Chairman, Kaye Swain.

**Sister Kaye Swain:** Thank you very much. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron thank you for allowing me to serve in this rewarding position this year. To my co-workers, it has been a pleasure working with each of you. I am honored to call each of you a friend. Thank you Chapters, for your hard work and dedication in District 3. The Chapters in District 3 have given me the pleasure of giving this Humanitarian Report.

Number of Chapters in District 3 - 48

|      |    |                                                                                               |
|------|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 100% | 26 |                                                                                               |
| 200% | 7  | Crescent #820, Haltom City #982, N. Ft. Worth #684, Santo #270, Killeen #490, Round Rock #316 |
| 300% | 2  | Handley #617, Stephenville #801                                                               |
| 400% | 3  | Richland Hills #1040, Granbury #530, Copperas Cove #1070                                      |
| 500% | 6  | Lipan #127, Springtown #498, Coleman #360, San Saba #191, Belton #589, Hadassah #188          |
| 600% |    | Grapevine #326                                                                                |
| 900% |    | Brownwood #115                                                                                |

Number of Members in District 3    3327

|                                  |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Amount given to educational fund | \$3,443.66    |
| Amount given to the general fund | 851.00        |
| Amount given to ESTARL fund      | 799.00        |
| Amount given to benevolent aid   | 1,517.67      |
| <u>Amount given to TMRC</u>      | <u>623.67</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT given in DISTRICT 3 | \$7,235.00    |

Thank you District 3, all you Chapters for all your hard work.

Submitted by Kaye Swain, District 3 Chairman

It is now my pleasure to introduce my co-worker and friend, Sister Frances Spirkoff from District 4.

**Sister Francie Spirkoff:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Distinguished East, the following is the Humanitarian report of District 4. First, I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this appointment.

I would like to thank the Deputy Grand Matrons in District 4 for all the courtesies they extended to me at the School of Instructions. I would like to thank the Chapters of District 4 for their generosity this year in supporting the Humanitarian project.

I would like to submit the following report:

District 4 for the 2023-2024 Grand Chapter year had 70 Chapters with a total membership of 5,386 members.

The percentages for the District are:

|                                                                 |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| 100% Chapters                                                   | 30 |
| 200%-300% Chapters                                              | 15 |
| 400%-500% Chapters                                              | 12 |
| 600%-900% Chapters                                              | 4  |
| 1000%+3 – Smithville 1543%, Somerville and Bryan are both 1000% |    |

The following amounts were lovingly donated by the Chapters in District 4:

|                                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Remembering our Sister-TMRC          | \$1,159.60        |
| Opportunity to Give-Benevolent Aid   | \$4,567.87        |
| Observing our Faith-ESTARL           | \$3,270.65        |
| Tending our Treasury-General Fund    | \$1,681.83        |
| <u>Securing our Future-Education</u> | <u>\$4,906.41</u> |
| For total donations of               | \$15,586.36       |

BUT, I received additional funds at the last minute:

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Benevolent Aid another | \$160.00        |
| Education              | \$60.35         |
| <u>ESTARL</u>          | <u>\$196.29</u> |

For a total additional funds of \$416.64

Worthy Grand Patron, our total for District 4 is \$16,003.00.

**(Applause)** I told you they were generous.

Respectfully submitted, Francie Spirkoff, Humanitarian Chairman, District 4. And last but not least, I'd like to introduce Sister Carlotta Fairchild, Chairman of District 5.

**Sister Carlotta Fairchild:** Okay District 5, you know the drill. Let's stand up. Thank you, Sister Francie. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers all. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this very special appointment. It has been my honor to present your Humanitarian Program so appropriately entitled "Roots" this year. The membership of District 5 generously responded to each of the categories. I also wish to thank the membership of District 5 for their kindness at each of the Fraternal Visits and Schools of Instruction. I am pleased to present the District 5 Humanitarian Report.

Number of Chapters in District – 37; All Chapters participated.

|                  |                                                                                      |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Total Membership | 2,560                                                                                |
| 100% Chapters    | 11                                                                                   |
| 200% Chapters    | 12                                                                                   |
| 300% Chapters    | 3                                                                                    |
| 400% Chapters    | 0                                                                                    |
| 500% Chapters    | 2 – Kerrville No. 24; Gonzales No. 403                                               |
| 600% Chapter     | 1 – Amistad No. 1115                                                                 |
| 700% Chapters    | 5 – Bandera No. 634; Boerne No. 200; Del Rio No. 204; Cuero No. 618; Zapata No. 1106 |
| 800% Chapters    | 0                                                                                    |
| 900% Chapters    | 2 – Floresville No. 271; Waelder No. 1023                                            |
| 1000% Chapter    | 1 - Leahey No. 18                                                                    |

Contributions per category:

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| TMRC             | \$282.33          |
| Benevolent Aid   | \$1,373.00        |
| ESTARL           | \$2,020.59        |
| General Fund     | \$984.00          |
| <u>Education</u> | <u>\$3,621.33</u> |

For a total contribution for the 2023-2024 "ROOTS" Humanitarian Program for District 5 of \$8,281.25.

Respectfully submitted, Carlotta Fairchild, Humanitarian Chairman District 5. And I turn the mic back to our General Chairman, Sister Virginia.

**Sister Virginia Franklin:** Sisters and Brothers, we had outlined the needs of our Humanitarian Program, yes the needs were great. You faced those challenges, and you responded generously to those commitments and responsibilities.

Our totals for the "ROOTS" Humanitarian Program for 2023-2024 is:

|          |                  |                    |
|----------|------------------|--------------------|
| R        | TMRC             | \$2,764.10         |
| O        | BENEVOLANT AID   | \$11,487.57        |
| O        | ESTARL           | \$8,142.38         |
| T        | GENERAL FUND     | \$5,098.61         |
| <u>S</u> | <u>EDUCATION</u> | <u>\$15,122.84</u> |
|          | GRAND TOTAL:     | \$42,615.50        |

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for your confidence in giving me this most rewarding honor.

I owe a very big thank you to our Grand Secretary's office and Sister Jane Pyle for her hard work and dedication in receiving the deposits. Sister Kate Cecil for your help each month with the bulletin. My thanks to each and all of you. My Sisters and Brothers, thank you for your generous love and support.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of the Humanitarian Report of 2023-2024.

Respectfully submitted, Virginia Franklin, General Chairman

**WGM Susan Dormady:** A motion has been made and seconded? The Worthy Grand Patron has seconded the motion to accept the Humanitarian Report. Is there any discussion? Hearing none we will all vote by raising your green card. Cards down. Yea, it looks like a big old tree out there. Any opposition? Motion carries. \* **(Applause)** Thank you ladies and thank you membership. Your generosity just blows me away.

We have one more report. Do y'all mind if we get out early for Rob Morris tonight? Cool. Ms. Cynthia Leftwich has the OES Endowment Fund Report this year.

**Sister Cynthia Leftwich:** This is on the OES Endowment Fund. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guest, Sisters and Brothers all. During the Grand Chapter this year 2023-2024, no funds or inquiries were received by this committee regarding the OES Endowment Fund.

The members of this committee were Sandra Jean Power, District 1, Betty Thomas, District 3, Jo Ann Storie, District 5 and Cynthia Leftwich, OES Endowment Fund General Chairman. On behalf of the members of this committee, I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for allowing us to do this. We had a great year in honor of serving on your committees for this Grand Chapter year.

Worthy Grand Matron I move for the adoption of this report.  
Cynthia Leftwich, General Chairman

**WGM Susan Dormady:** A motion has been made and seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron to accept the report of the OES Endowment Fund. Is there any discussion? Hearing none we will all vote. All in favor raise your green cards. It's like a tree again. All opposed same sign. Ms. Cynthia Leftwich, your report has been adopted. \* Thank you so much for trying your hardest this year. Thank you, ma'am.

We still have a cell phone that's lost. Did somebody leave their cell phone downstairs? In the vendor area, ladies bathroom, gray cover, very large. I would call you, but you wouldn't answer. (Laughter) That's all we can do for now.

Okay, let's do this. Sister Grand Warder. You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this 141<sup>st</sup> "Love and Service" Grand Chapter Session from Labor to Rest and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

*(Grand Conductress attends at Altar \*\*\*)*

Sisters and Brothers, please join us this evening for our "Kentucky Derby Running for the Roses" in your derby dress and your derby hat. Come to have fun and I'm still looking for a six-foot jockey. We will see you at Lee Lockwood.

*(Grand Chapter called from Labor to Rest until 8:00 a.m. Saturday)*

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

**141<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter Session**

**August 10, 2024**

**Saturday Morning  
Session**



## Saturday, August 10, 2024

8:00 a.m. Musical Prelude

Sister Susan Macmillan

Call to Order

Jerre Lucas  
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Nelson Campbell  
Past Grand Patron

**PGM Jerre Lucas:** Good morning Sisters and Brothers. This is the time you say Good Morning. Okay, let's try this again. Good morning. (Good Morning) Thank you Sister Susan Macmillan for the lovely music. We appreciate you sharing your talents with us.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for inviting Brother Nelson and me to open this Session today. Nelson and I became special friends serving on the Board of Grand Trustees which later became the Board of Directors. We have remained special friends since that time. He is an outstanding Christian gentleman of the very finest caliber.

Brother Nelson, I know you want to greet this body. Brother Nelson, the Worthy Grand Matron has requested that you present our prayer for today. There is no one more fitting.

**PGP Nelson Campbell:** This is the day the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Would you please join hands as we go to the Lord in prayer.

Heavenly Father, we come before you today asking your forgiveness for our failings and seeking Your direction and guidance in all that we do and say at this Saturday morning Session. Please guide and direct us as we select our leaders of tomorrow and may our choices continue the good work for others that we strive to do. Watch over the ones assembled here and help us to be worthy of the many blessings we have received. All these things we ask in Jesus name. Amen (Amen)

**PGP Jerre Lucas:** It is with great pleasure that I call to order this Saturday morning Session of the 141<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter of Texas Session. \*

An important day in the history of this Grand Chapter. History will be made today. The anxiety in this room is quite thick. However, at the end of the day, we are all still Sisters and Brothers who each took the same obligation. I now invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and the other Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to the East. \*\*\*

Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in saluting the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Worthy Grand Matron, I present you with your gavel. Enjoy this, your last day of service to the Grand Chapter of Texas. And we thank you for your service. I know how happy your family will be to know you are home in your beloved District 2.

**WGM: Susan Dormady:** \* The officers will assume their stations. I thank you Sister Jerre for opening this final Session of my Grand Chapter. You have always supported me and talked me into some things and talked me through some other things. I thank you for your friendship and kindness for all of these years. Thank you, ma'am.

Brother Nelson, what a treasure you are to Eastern Star in Texas. Your faith has carried all of us many times and your happy countenance inspires us all. Thank you. **(Applause)**

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Thank you Sister Jerre for opening this Session. Thank you for all the advice this year. You are certainly a wealth of knowledge. Brother Nelson, thank you for your continued dedication to our Order. We can always count on you for a smile, a warm greeting, a song here and there and sometimes a good joke. Thank you.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Grand Warder...

(Ritualistic Opening)

(Proving the Chapter)

(\*\*\*Grand Conductress attends at the Altar)

I now declare the Session open. \*

If we have any more Chairmen that are giving reports, I would ask you to come to the East back here later so we can get right to you. And in a little while all those who will be nominated for an office and the person who will

nominate them, please come over here to the East, to the Southeast, Northeast, whatever this is over here and take a seat over here so that you will be here in time. Elections will start at 10:00 a.m. as sharp as I can get there, and the doors will be locked during voting.

If you know of anybody that needs to pick up their registration packet before then, tell them they need to hurry up because Registration will close at 9:00 a.m. And we usually have a few extra people on Saturday, for those of you who have not been here I invite the Worthy Grand Patron to bring a little bit more instruction on the clickers.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Sisters and Brothers, to avoid any issues like we had yesterday morning, we're going to open a ballot, and have you press a number and make sure you get a green light. Will the booth open a ballot. Doesn't matter which one. Well, our test files are fine. Richard, is the ballot open? Okay, will everyone press a button on their clicker, 1, 2, 3, or 4 and make sure that you get a green light. If you do not get a green light, raise your hand and we will come take care of it. I have one over here in the Southwest. And then one in the North, Northwest. One of the two. Any others who did not get a green after pressing a button? Okay, we have two in the West. Raise your green card. That will make it easier for the staff to see you. Anyone else? Okay, I declare the ballot closed so if you were going to press a button it's going to turn orange. Okay, Sisters and Brothers, if you were not here yesterday when the ballot is open for a candidate, as you saw on the screen there will be the name of the candidate and a number next to them. You vote for the person who you would like to vote for by pressing the number on your keypad that is assigned to the person that you see. By the way, Hollywood Joe did win that ballot. Thank you.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** We have a little bit of business to take care of. Display the ballot if you please. Oop, you missed. Okay, we have a little bit of business left over from yesterday. Where we postponed the Budget part of the Board of Directors. Is the Board of Directors ready to present? Okay, I recognize Sister Tamela, Chairman of the Board. Does the sound booth have these new figures? Hold on. Wait just a minute Tamela, we're trying to get...make sure they have the corrected budget.

Well, dang the world! I now declare this Session open. \* Steno Chairman, please put that in the right order. (Done!) (Laughter)

Okay, you good to go?

**Sister Tamela Henington:** Good morning. I hope you had time to look over your Advance Annual Report to see that that is the correct budget that you need to review. Not the one that was printed in the Bulletin. However, since we voted on Amendment #4 and #5, that budget has changed. So, on the screen are the changes. So, we have a change on line item #28, it says, "Grand Secretary", \$33,280. Some of you need to write that down probably. #29, "Grand Treasurer", \$6,656. The payroll processing fees don't change because fees are fees. #31 "Payroll Expense", which is your employer liability taxes, that is now \$14,340. So, our new total expenses \$944,183. And your net income is now \$268,215. So, that's your revised budget that you need to put in your Advance Annual Report. So, now I invite Brother Joe Gilmore to bring Report #2.

**Brother Joe Gilmore:** Thank you, Sister Tamela. It is my pleasure to give this Revised Report #2 for your consideration and approval of the proposed budgets for 2024-2025. The General Fund Budget can be found on the Advance Annual Report on pages 56, 57, and 58. The Benevolent Aid Budget can be found on page 59. For the General Fund Expense, you'll find \$944,183. And total income will be \$1,212,398. Less net income of \$268,215. Giving us a balanced budget of \$944,183. Once again I would like to thank the Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer for their assistance in the preparing of this budget.

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

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Motion has been made and seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt this portion of the report of the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? Are the microphones on in the West? I recognize the Sister in the Southwest.

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Vi Griffin, Worthy Matron of Caldwell Chapter #976 and I have questions about this budget. To the Board of Directors, the heading between line 36 and 37 says "Grand Chapter Expense". Well, it seems like there are apples and oranges comingled in there because they're Session expenses within that heading and I would just like that heading to be clarified. On line 49, it allows \$20,000 which is allowed for a Grand Chapter Session by Article 152 of the Code of Laws on page 111. Line 50 is \$10,000 for Audio/Visual expense which is clearly a Session expense. And the Audio/Visual is included in the rate that

we pay for the Grand Lodge Library and Museum in their daily rate. So, I don't think we need \$10,000. For Audio/Visual. On line 51 there is Electronic Voting Devices which is also clearly Session Expense. We love the clickers, and we love to use them, but you know, go find a grant. There are grants out there that would help us with that. The membership, I think I speak for the membership, we don't mind to pay for what we need. But we'd like to see the Code of Laws changed to fit our needs instead of reaching into the cookie jar for more. I'd like to see the budget revised once more and these two line items deleted. Thank you.

**Sister Tamela Henington:** Thank you Sister Vi for that, your wonderful advice on that. It may need to be changed in the future but today the Grand Chapter Expense is printed, and we may need to change that at some point. But to address the Audio/Visual, line item #50 if you need to refer to that in your Advance Report. It does say the 141<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter Audio/Visual Expense but bear in mind that if it is not spent, it remains there. It is easier to leave a line item than to take it out and possibly have to use it in future Grand Chapters. I realize that several are using this wonderful building but not every Worthy Grand Matron may want to use this, and they may have to have that Audio/Visual line in there. It's easier to keep it. They're not going to be able to use it for an expense because it says Audio/Visual. They can't use it for backdrops or decorations. So, bear in mind that it's easier to leave it there. The second item is the Electronic Voting Devices. That was put in there, remember this is a pioneer year, no one knew if the clickers were going to work or if you liked them, and maybe you wanted to scrap them. But if you liked them, our Associate Grand Matron needed to put that in there because this is something that you are using. This is treated like the paper ballots. So, it should remain in there and then if it is not used in the future, then the money remains where it is. So, you don't have to delete those two line items because you're not going to use it if it's not used for those particular... how it is specified. I hope I answered that question.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Does that clarify Sister Vi, or would you like...

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'd just like to make the comment that, don't stand there and tell us that you can't change it today. You just revised the budget. Don't tell us that you can't change it again.

**Sister Tamela Henington:** I was referring to the title where it says, “Grand Chapter Expenses”. Just that little bold title there or if it needed to be moved into some other category.

**PGM Vi Griffin:** That’s for future reference. But these two line items, they can be revised. You just revised the budget so it can be revised again. Don’t tell us you can’t.

**Sister Tamela Henington:** The membership can make an Amendment if they want to.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** I recognize the Sister in the Southwest.

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Worthy Grand Matron, I’m Vi Griffin, Worthy Matron of Caldwell Chapter #976. I move that the budget be revised to remove line item #50 and #51.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Vi Griffin has moved to remove line items #50 and #51 from the budget. It has been seconded by Marlene Dibrell. Is there any discussion on that Amendment to the budget? I recognize the Brother in the Northwest.

**Brother Paul Klein:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Paul Klein. I am the Treasurer for the Executive Committee. And I can clarify these items. Number 49 for \$20,000, excuse me, that’s for the 142<sup>nd</sup>. #50 has been paid by the Executive Committee Fund and it is under \$10,000 and as you can see #51 in our budget is -0-. That has been paid out of this budget as well. Not this budget but the Executive Committee’s budget. Thank you.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** I recognize the Sister in the Southwest.

**Sister Sherry Dieckmann:** My name is Sherry Dieckmann. I’m a Past Matron of Houston Ransford Chapter #135. I do not think...I agree that we could possibly get rid of the Audio/Visual but ladies and gentlemen, I think you are all enjoying the clickers and sometimes it’s hard to get grants to pay for it. We did this year get a grant to pay for it. So, that did not come out of the budget. But I do think that should be a Grand Chapter expense.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** At which point does it need to be written up with copies? Sister Vi, I’ve been told that that Amendment needs to be written. I’ve been told that that Amendment that you requested needs to be in written form. I need the Steno Chairman back to the room. She has work to do. I recognize the Brother in the Southwest.

**PGP James Parker:** My name is James Parker. I'm Past Patron of Gilmer Chapter #355. And I want to point out two items that I think need to be considered. Grand Chapter presently pays for the printing of the ballots. They are in the Grand Secretary's budget. I don't see any difference in paying for the clickers versus paying for the printed ballots. The Session has not paid for the printed ballots so why would the Session pay for the clickers? The second thing on the A/V, is you have A/V cost associated with Lee Lockwood is the other issue involved. That's not part of this building. So that A/V cost is still needed. Thank you.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** We're trying to get this all in the correct order. And we're still looking for the Steno Chairman.

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahan:** Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Yes, the Sister in the Southwest.

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahan:** Jimmie Lee McMahan, Past Matron of Duncanville #1014. On James Parker's last statement. We had ballots printed in the effect that the clickers did not work. They were not printed on colored paper to cut down the cost. They were printed on white paper. Your Grand Lodge of Texas prints ballots and issues those when they issue the clickers in case they do not work. You do not want to come to Grand Chapter without a plan B if you have a plan A. **(Applause)**

**WGM Susan Dormady:** I recognize the Brother in the Southwest.

**Brother Bill Henry:** Worthy Grand Matron. My name is Bill Henry. I'm a member of the Board of Directors, District 4. And I rise in support of devising the program that we have before Grand Chapter. It's pretty difficult trying to explain or trying to purpose tripling the cost of the Grand Chapter when you've lost the equal amount of members So what we should be doing now is to find out how we can best move forward without increasing our cost. And not trying to jerry rig our way around just to keep an Amendment in the budget.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** We have one more Sister in the Southwest.

**Sister Brenda Aliant:** Brenda Light, Lorena #1124. In reference to James Parker previous comment about the Audio/Visual, for Lee Lockwood, there is no charge for Audio/Visual at Lee Lockwood. I just wanted to clarify. Thank you.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** I recognize the Sister in the Southwest. One more time.

**Sister Sheryl Lebman:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. My name is Sheryl Lebman and I am the Worthy Matron of Sugarland #1107. And I would like to respond to comments about increasing our budget. I am very blessed in my Chapter. We have had a 20% increase in membership this year. And in times of bringing in new members, and I work with a lot of young people, I'm a teacher. They are not going to sit through paper ballots. They believe their time is more valuable than that. It is something that makes us look more archaic. And they are going to look for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. I'm a public school teacher. I have had clickers in my classroom for 15 years. And you all know what public school budgets are like. But we have had these for a really long time. It is just something that we need to do to bring in those young people so they don't think we are an archaic and out of date organization. Thank you. **(Applause)**

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Okay, here we go again. We do not need an Amendment because the budget has not been voted on. It is a revision. It's what I've been told. And we vote on the revision because the budget has yet to be approved. So, this is just a revision to the budget before approval. Okay? And Sister Vi, you wanted #50 and #51?

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'd just like to clarify that I'm not against using the clickers. I think the clickers are a wonderful thing. I just want the Board to take them out of the right pocket.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** I agree. I mean I can't agree with anything. **(Laughter)** So #50 and #51? Or just #51? Okay, now we get to try our clickers. I recognize the Sister in the Northwest. Sound booth, Northwest.

**Sister Greta Bane Spradling:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Greta Bane Spradling. Past Matron of Greenville Chapter #189 and Past Matron of Waco #7. And I respect all the comments that have been given but this is a lengthy list of budget items that remain on the report because the money is there if needed and we keep the list consistent from year to year. And so, the line item needs to remain in the event that it's needed in the future. But to move an item off and on the list causes confusion. It doesn't help with the accounting. And while we may use it or we may not use it, it needs to remain on the list.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Agreed. I can't agree with any of it. Okay. Are we ready? I'm waiting to see if we have any other speakers. Glenda's going to have a great year in here because she will have it all worked out.

Okay, does everybody have their clickers? We are going to vote on this with your clicker so we can have exact numbers. Please display the revision on the screen. And everybody has the budget and they've looked at it so they know what they are looking at. Right? Everybody's clear? To remove. This revision is to revise the General Fund Budget to remove line item #50 and #51 from the revised Budget. I now declare the ballot open. \* I hope everybody has decided. I declare the ballot closed. \* Please display the results. That says, "No" 523, "Yes" for 189. The revision has been defeated. So now we will vote on the budget as previously revised. As firstly revised. Okay, we're ready to go. All in favor of the revised budget for the Board of Directors. Put it up on the screen. I declare the ballot open. \* Ballot is closed. \* Just to clarify, the "Yes" votes 610 and the "No" votes are 80. So, the revised budget has been approved. \*

**Sister Tamela Henington:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I want to thank the membership for all of your input. We want you to come to us with your concerns. We want to have our doors open and we appreciate your patience in this and your expertise in all of your questions. We appreciate the ones that go against us too. We love you and we want you to do that. Thank you. **(Applause)**

**WGM Susan Dormady:** I got a note that someone left their phone at the breakfast. Everybody check your bags, and pockets, and wherever. See if you've lost your phone. Oh goody. I love it when a plan comes together. Okay, have we got Credentials and Registration?

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Sisters and Brothers, the pictures you see on the screen right now. That one is us presenting the DAV check to the DAV Office. And these are all from the funds that you all raised this year. This is to the Texas DeMolay at their Conclave in Fort Worth recently. This is the check to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation at the Sea Center in Lake Jackson, Texas. And this is presenting the Grand Worthy Advisor the check for the youth for Rainbow at their Session here in Waco just recently. Thank you. **(Applause)** Oh, and by the way, these pictures will be in their respective magazines, their next magazine. I recognize Sister Denise Browning, Chairman of Credentials.

**Sister Denise Browning:** Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters, Brothers and all. We have 1,002 Registered Voters. We have 86 Registered Voters who have not picked up their Credentials as of 9:00 a.m. So, that leaves 916 votes for elections. We have 193 Worthy Matron Chapter Representatives. On behalf of the Committee on Credentials I would like to express our appreciation to you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for allowing us to serve on this Committee. At this time, I would like to introduce those that served on the Committee with me and thank them for all their hard work.

Jimmy Ruth, District 2...ah, they didn't follow me.

Sister Georgia Jennings, District 3

Sister Nancy Pitts, District 3

Sister Elizabeth Hopkins, District 4

Steve Koehn, District 5

Sister Betty Rector, District 5. **(Applause)**

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the privilege of being Credentials Chairman. I would also like to thank the Grand Secretary and her office staff for the help and our Worthy Grand Patron, Mark Dieckmann, for all your hard work with the electronic voting devices. Also, to Heather Humphrey and her Registration Committee for all their hard work. I learned a lot. I got to meet a lot of wonderful Sisters and Brothers in Eastern Star. I move the adoption of this report.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sisters and Brothers we have a motion to adopt the Registration Report and we have a second by the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion or questions? Credentials...I'm reading ahead I'm sorry. We are going to adopt the Credentials Report. Let's just do this with the green cards. It's a lot quicker...well, it's not a lot quicker but it's easier. Cards down. Thank you so much. Any opposed? \* The report is adopted. Sister Denise, thank you so much for all you do here and in Section 8. I'm so glad you said yes. I told you, you could do it. Thank you guys. **(Applause)**

We haven't had a song all weekend. Can the choir sing? Sing something happy.

(Choir sings YMCA)

Thank you. **(Applause)**

**AGM Glenda Murphy:** Worthy Grand Matron, we all appreciate the year you have spent, the year you've worked hard. We were pleased to be able to work and serve under you. And we want you to know how grateful this Grand Chapter is to have you. (Floor Officers Presented the WGM with flowers)

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you so much. And they smell good. Thank you so much Floor Officers. Y'all are the best. I picked a good crew and go me! Have we got Heather yet? We have a special person to come and talk to us for just a minute. Sister Christel Fisher, the Worthy Grand Matron of New Mexico has asked if she could say a few words. **(Applause)**

**WGM of N. Mexico Cristel Fisher:** Worthy Grand Matron, thank you so much. I am here because I want to...As Worthy Grand Matron of New Mexico, I picked my special project as Foster Care in honor of my Grandchildren. And the state of New Mexico, the Chapters were asked to either maybe do a small suitcase or a backpack or something because when they come to you, they come with a plastic bag from Albertson's or whatever and my grandson came with three diapers, a pair of socks, a blanket, and an elephant. What I didn't know was my Sisters and Brothers in Texas were going to be so wonderful and help in my project. Carlotta Fairchild are you here? I'm a real crybaby. Will the members of Waelder Chapter please stand? Carlotta sent me a text and asked me how she could help me, yet so far away, they didn't know how they could get things to us. So, the Chapter sent a check to go into our budget for the Foster Care Program and I also received some things from Midland Chapter. But I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping me and our Foster Care program. We raised I think over \$1,100. And with that money we are going to purchase supplies for the pantries and also gift cards because we don't have just children, we have teenagers and we don't know what to get a teenager so we just give them a gift card. We also sold elephants and bears and with the Texas members that came to the Installation, we sold out that night. **(Applause)** Thank you. We ordered a second time and we're sold out. So that money too will be going to the Foster Care Pantries and whatever else they need. We are fortunate that the offices do not want money. They told us just to bring merchandise. So that makes me feel even better. So, thank you so much Sisters and Brothers from Texas for helping New Mexico with their Foster Care Program. Thank you. **(Applause)**

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. *(Applause)* Helping across the borders, that's what we do. Registration Report, Sister Heather Humphrey. The new Grandmother. Y'all she barely made it back in time. She had to go see her new baby, but she came back just for y'all so that she could do Registration.

**Sister Heather Humphrey:** Good morning, everyone. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, protocol having been established. I want to thank you for this fun and challenging appointment. I would also like to thank the Grand Secretary, Ellen Pickrell, who was available 24/7, the Worthy Grand Patron Mark Dieckmann, Kate Cecil, Denise Browning and the Credentials Committee, Betty Hancock, Betty Fuller, Shirley Bailey, Mary Ellen Bell, Melinda Hicks, Paula Welch, and Jerry Boldin for their help. It is my honor to introduce the fabulous and hardworking members of the Registration Committee.

District 2 – Barbar Ochs

District 3 – Konnie Harrell and Ginny Lamb

District 4 – Lesley Buentello and Candace Hicks-Harper

District 5 – Cladette Allen and Judy Alonso *(Applause)*

The final Registration report:

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| Total Pre-Registered Members                   | 1,064 |
| Total Registered at Grand Chapter              | 118   |
| For a total of 1,172 corrected to              | 1,182 |
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| Total Chapters represented in Pre-Registration | 205   |
| Out of State members                           | 65    |
| And Grand Jurisdictions represented            | 24    |

Respectfully submitted, Heather Humphrey

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

**WGM Susan Dormady:** We have a motion and a second by the Worthy Grand Patron, he's going to get it down before the day is over...to adopt the Registration Committee Report. Is there any discussion or questions? Hearing none we will vote with the green card. Please raise your green card, all approve. All opposed same sign. Sister Heather, thank you so much and your committee for the job that you have done. The membership of Texas appreciates all the work that it takes for our members and our out-of-state guests to be welcomed and registered. We

know that's a huge job and we do appreciate all your hard work. And running back home from the baby. **(Applause)** Sister Candace Harper, thank you for offering to step in in case our brand new grandma didn't make it back to Texas.

Checking the time. Let's do a song really quick. Hold on.

**Sister Heather Humphrey:** It should be 1,182. For the final. I forgot to carry a 1.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** She is not a school teacher. But the numbers are correct, just the addition was wrong.

**Sister Heather Humphrey:** Yes, ma'am. I just forgot to carry a 1.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Okay. Thank you ma'am. Okay, sing a song.

(Choir sings "Country Road")

**(Applause)**

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Just a second Sister Tiffany. Sisters and Brothers, my two Pages here are holding up a quilt. This quilt was made to raise money for the Texas Parks and Wildlife. We'll still take a little more if you'd like to take a chance at it. This raffle is sponsored by Houston Ransford Chapter and all money will go to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation. So, if you would like to buy a chance, see one of these Pages here or my Secretary, Tara. We'll draw this afternoon after the elections.

Will the Arrangements Security folks walk the halls and tell the people out there that once we start voting, they have to be inside this room.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Brother George are you ready for your quilt drawing? Okay, Brother George Gwaltney has been selling quilt tickets for Service Dogs. And he's been selling these all year long. So, if anybody have their ticket, good for you. Pull it out, Brother George. We have the art work donated by Jesse Ramos entitled "In Search of Freedom". Jennifer Pickle has won that one. I haven't seen her. There's a lap quilt donated by Catrina Christopher called "Patriot Paws". Dawn Brown won that one. I think I saw her the other day. Hope she's still here. And another work of art donated by Jahnette Brant, titled "Every day is a gift". And Terri Heineman has won that one. If you will come over here and see Mr. George Gwaltney. He would like to talk to you, congratulate you, and tell you where to go. (Laughter)

Let me slip this one past you. We are going to start with the Board of Grand Examiners because most of them are uncontested. So that will be our first elections. Do make sure you are writing your numbers in the correct boxes when we get to that point. Not now, a bit later. I'm just letting everybody know. Like my desk, my podium is not big enough for everything I want. Grand Examiners, can you do your reports in five minutes or less? Alright. Let's go. I recognize the Grand Examiners to give their summaries of their reports. Their full reports will be in the proceedings of course but at Grand Chapter, we just need the summary. Y'all get in order.

**Sister Vickie Mathews:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers. I am pleased to present your Board of Grand Examiners: Sherrie Fowler, District 1; Chris Puckett, District 2; Donna Hill Pope, District 3; Cheryl Royall, District 4; I am Vickie Mathews, District 5; and Tina Stevens, Grand Examiner at Large. We have had a great year. We are pleased to report that there were 231 "A" Certificates earned in District 1, 82 in District 2, 280 in District 3, 360 in District 4, 150 in District 5, and 3 at Grand Chapter for a total of 1,106 "A" Certificates earned. **(Applause)** 93 of those were to members taking their exam for the first time. Our congratulations to all for your hard work in studying and learning the work of our beautiful Order. Also, our thanks to those who gave their time to assist us in the Examining Room. Without your help, we could not possibly issue the number of certificates that we do.

As our Worthy Grand Matron allowed us to take donations for our own charities, we are also pleased to report that a total of \$3,767 was generously donated by the membership to our charities: Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Lilah Smith Safe House for Women in Fort Stockton, Patriot Paws, The Jack Fanning Memorial Foundation "Angels for Autism," and Shriners' Children's – Texas. Our sincere gratitude to all for helping us help others through these donations.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for your leadership this year. It has been our pleasure to work with you both.

We commend the District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Matrons on the excellent schools this year. We greatly appreciated all the courtesies extended to us and look forward to another great year of being with the wonderful membership of the state of Texas. Keep up the good work and let's increase the number of A Certificates next year.

Thank you! And Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we have a love gift for y'all. Thank you.

Vickie Mathews, Chairman, Board of Grand Examiners 2023 – 2024

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

*(Full Reports for both the Grand Examiners and the District Deputies are in the "Reports Not Given At Grand Chapter" Section of these Proceedings.)*

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you. There has been a motion made and seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt the report of the Grand Examiners. All in favor please raise your green card. All opposed same sign. Thank you Grand Examiners and thank you for letting me summarize all of your reports into one. \* We appreciate that. We're sure the audience appreciates the time and we would love to get to know you better outside the room. Thank you all. **(Applause)**

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Sisters and Brothers, from our Transportation Chairman, Brother Tommy Griffin, the vans will run for one hour after we finish up today. They will not run tonight and the parking lot will not be restricted tonight. So, if you need to get back to Lee Lockwood after we close, or call off this afternoon, you'll have one hour to get back there. Booth, do you have a list of those who have not picked up their Bag of Books?

**WGM Susan Dormady:** In case I miss seeing the screen up here, cause I don't want to look up there, there will be a list of names, it doesn't say what for but these names are for the people that purchased but have not yet picked up their Bag of Books. So, at some point between elections, between the voting, with the doors unlocked, you can go get those today. Oh, yea, we have a Rob Morris report from somebody. There you are. Did everybody have fun at Rob Morris last night. **(Applause)** I'm glad. It was very tight squeezed though wasn't it? Okay, I'm ready.

**Sister Renae Hendrick:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Brothers and Sisters all. Protocol having been established, I would like to enter my supplemental report for the Rob Morris Committee Report.

Previously reported to the Grand Secretary as of June 1, 2024, a total of \$20,246.91 had been received by the Grand Secretary's office from the school auctions.

District 1 - \$4,146 and our Chairperson is Lorna Goin

District 2 - \$1,562

District 3 - \$3,368 and Amelia Young is our Chairperson there.

District 4 - \$6,382, Karen DeVillier

District 5 - \$4,197, Susan Martin

A total of \$19,655

A difference of \$591.91. This difference is attributed to donations and the vintage treasures collected during the schools.

As of this accounting, last evening's proceeds from the silent auction is \$1,590. And then we got a check this morning to pick up a couple of things so,

For a grand total of \$22,101.91

We had a horse race last night. Did y'all have fun? **(Applause)** I have in my hands the proceeds from that but I'll let y'all know that the winner was Oscar. But the overall winner is the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. Susan's charity. Worthy Grand Matron, everybody has been asking me how much this was and I said, "You'll find out later". During our program for the Kentucky Derby our membership raised an additional \$3,038.72 to be disbursed to our Worthy Grand Matron's charity, the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I have truly been honored to serve you and our Grand Chapter for this year as the General Chairman of this committee. Thank you so very much for the confidence you placed in me to put together a party for 600. This support of our membership has surpassed anything that I could have imagined. I have learned many things and developed new friends along the way. Thank you so very much.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this Supplemental Report.

Rena Hendrick, General Chairman

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you, thank you, thank you. I have a motion to adopt the Rob Morris Report and a second by the Worthy Grand Patron.

All in favor raise your green card. Opposed. That motion carries. \* Yeehaw, thank you. Generosity, that is what Eastern Star is.

Six minutes of time. I know what we can do. Donna Hughes for our Fraternal Correspondent Report.

**Sister Donna Hughes:** Good morning. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it has been a great honor and privilege to serve this Grand Chapter as Fraternal Correspondent this year. Thank you for your confidence and support.

Attending this 141<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter we have:

- 11 Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions
- 4 Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions
- 44 Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas

I received nine reports of visits to other Grand Chapters. These were posted in the Official Bulletin. I think each of the Grand Representatives who took the time to report their journeys to other states, the fun times they had with their counterparts, and all they learned.

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

**WGM Susan Dormady:** There is a motion on the floor to approve the Fraternal Correspondent Report. Do I hear a second. Thank you. The second by the Worthy Grand Patron. All those in favor please raise your green card. All those opposed. \* Thank you Sister Donna. I know you had fun this year. I've heard about some of those reports you got. Read all of them. And we've enjoyed it. I appreciate you very much. **(Applause)**

Is anybody receiving your 50-year award? Or recognition of 50-years of Service this year. We're going to do that today too. So, if that is you, you can make your way, somewhere, behind the East. But we have 5 minutes to do that. See that's why it takes so long at Grand Chapter. How about another song? Let's sing them all today.

*(Choir sings)*

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, we do have some 50-year members, in the West.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** My, what a group we have out here and I know a lot of you. Congratulations on 50 years, hang on just a second. We're still getting lined up. As service to the Order of the Eastern Star. This is impressive to see this many people here. We are thankful for everything you do and the fact that you've made it here this year. Did you know that 50 years ago Richard Nixon resigned? (Laughter) Just saying...I know that all of your Chapters are very proud of you and what you've done for them over the years and here's to lots more years. And Sister Opal, it's so good to see you up there today. Sisters and Brothers, throughout the years you have contributed to your Chapter plus you've also inspired those around your wisdom and experience. The milestones you've reached together would not have been possible without your efforts. Thank you very much. **(Applause)** We don't want to forget there are two down here who are not able to make it up onto the stage. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our esteemed members back through the doors here so they don't walk the steps. Hang on just a second. We forgot one thing. \*\*\* Sisters and Brothers let's honor these 50-year members by according them the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Thank you. **(Applause)** \*

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Today is an important day of our Grand Chapter Session. We will be electing Officers who will preside over our Texas Grand Chapter. The Associate Grand Conductress you elect today will be your Worthy Grand Matron in three short years and the members elected to the Board of Directors will serve five years.

During and after elections we will have other business so please stay with us until the close of the Session. I would remind you that we must have a quorum in order to finish our business. I recognize Sister Jimmie Lee McMahan who will be our Election Judge for the day.

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahan:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this honor and this privilege of being your Election Judge for this year. As some of you said when I came in, it's election day, she has her garb on. (Laughter) This is my election outfit. Sisters and Brothers I would like to ask a question and I know the Worthy Grand Matron is also curious, how many are here voting for the first time? Please hold up your green cards. Please stand where you are. If you are voting for the first time. **(Applause)** We welcome you. I believe that's a wonderful turnout. Sisters

and Brothers my instructions are for you and for all voting delegates. Sisters and Brothers, the Code of Laws consist of certain and specific instructions concerning elections. Let me briefly review those. In making a nomination, only the name of the candidate, the name, number and location of the Chapter to which the candidate belongs, and the office to which they are to be nominated given. Sisters and Brothers, on the nominating personnel, please only give the name of one Chapter as the information is printed in the Advance Report of Grand Chapter with their information. No member of this Grand Chapter shall be nominated for more than one office at any one Grand Chapter Session. If only one candidate is nominated, the election may be by acclamation which is a voice vote. If two or more candidates are nominated it will be by a ballot or electronic voting device. Upon the Official forms or device that you were furnished when registering for this Session. A majority of all votes cast must be necessary for a choice. If on any ballot no candidate receives a majority vote, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped. In the case of two or more candidates receiving the lowest number of votes and there are at least two other candidates receiving a higher number of votes, then both candidates tied for the lowest number shall be dropped. Subject to this regulation the election will proceed until some candidate receives the majority of all votes. The results will be declared by the Presiding Officer. Additionally, the Assisting Grand Warders and Assisting Grand Sentinels have been instructed according to our law that no one be allowed to enter or leave the Grand Chapter room while a ballot is being taken unless it is deemed an emergency. Please be cooperative and understanding in this regard. And know that if you are caught outside and you are deemed no admission, only our faithful members are performing their duties which they were assigned. Do not leave your seat without your Credentials. This includes your signed envelope, your ballot, your badge, your current dues card, and your electronic voting device. You will need all of these to re-enter the Grand Chapter room. I would like to remind you that all votes must be cast or deposited inside the Grand Chapter room. Members caught outside after the ballot has been declared will not be allowed to re-enter unless the ballot is closed. The Assisting Grand Sentinels must step inside the room to cast their ballots. The Assisting Grand Warders will allow them to enter the Grand Chapter room to deposit their ballot or cast it on their device. Sisters and Brothers, we are asking that all members of the Credentials,

Registration, First Aid, Lost and Found, and Sales be in the Chapter room as these Committees have finished their responsible duties and have recorded the numbers. Please be in this room. The First Aid Department has been asked to be seated in the right corner, you see them waving, that's your First Aid team. So, if they are needed, this is where you will go and they will take you out. (Laughter) Let me tell you. If the ballot is on the floor and they don't want to leave, they may take you out. (Laughter) You may get your hypodermic needle. The Arrangements Committee has already gone downstairs and notified them that we will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. and that they should be in this room and ready to vote. Your committee of your Elections and your electronics are ready to proceed with this election. Worthy Grand Matron, they have been instructed. It is now your time to declare.

Worthy Grand Matron, we have been given information that our 50-year members are having their pictures made. I have given you your instructions.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Do we have the Grand Examiners lined up and ready to go? District 1? District 1 Grand Examiner. I'm just making sure y'all are here and ready to go. I recognize Janet Travers.

**Sister Janet Travers:** I am Janet Travers, Past Matron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959. I place in nomination Sister Mary Harvey, Edwin J. Kiest #959 for the position of Grand Examiner, District 1 for the ensuing year.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Mary Harvey has been nominated for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 1. Are there other nominations? I recognize the Sister in the East.

**Sister Beverly Sikes:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Beverly Sikes, Worthy Matron of New Boston Chapter #700. I place in nomination the name of Abby Foreman, a Past Matron of New Boston Chapter #700, for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 1 for the ensuing year.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Abigail Foreman has been nominated for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 1. Are there other nominations. I recognize the Sister in the East.

**Sister Susan Baker:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Susan Baker, Worthy Matron of St. Jo Chapter #17. I place in nomination the name of Rhonda

Elliott, a Past Matron of St. Jo Chapter #17 for the office of Grand Examiners, District 1.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Rhonda Elliott has been nominated for the office Board of Grand Examiners, District 1. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations are closed. Thank you. Will the District 1 candidates please come forward. Sisters and Brothers, before you are the candidates for the Board of Grand Examiners for District 1. They are Sister Mary Harvey, Sister Abigail Foreman, and Sister Rhonda Elliott. Thank you, ladies. **(Applause)**

Sisters and Brothers, we will now be voting by your electronic voting device. On the screen are the names and the corresponding number. After I declare the ballot open, you will press the number of the candidate of your choice on your device. The ballot is now open. \* The guards have all voted, correct? Okey dokey. I now declare the ballot closed. \* Okay, we do not have an election. Display the ballot please. Display the numbers. 823 votes were cast. To elect requires 412.

We will drop the name of Rhonda Elliott. And are you ready to re-vote in the booth?

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| Mary Harvey     | 410 |
| Abigail Foreman | 312 |
| Rhonda Elliott  | 101 |

It requires 412 to elect. So, we will drop the name of Rhonda Elliott and when they get it redone, we'll cast that ballot one more time. Okay, you can display that. Okay, we will now re-vote. Mary Harvey will be number 1, Abigail Foreman will be number 2 on your voting device. The ballot is open. \* Okay, we are good to go. The ballot is now closed. \* Okay, we had 831 votes cast. Please display the results of the ballot. Need to elect is 416. I declare Mary Harvey to Board of Directors, District 1. \* Grand Examiner! Dang. She's not on the Board she's a Grand Examiner. **(Applause)**

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| Mary Harvey     | 476 |
| Abigail Foreman | 355 |

Sister Mary Harvey, do you accept?

**Sister Mary Harvey:** To the membership of Grand Chapter, thank you. I am honored to accept this position. **(Applause)**

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you. Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2. I recognize the Brother in the East.

**Brother Paul Klein:** Worthy Grand Matron, I place the name of Chris Puckett...

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Wait, who are you and where are you from? There's a piece of paper down there. Read it. (Laughter)

**Brother Paul Klein:** I am Paul Klein, Worthy Patron of Midland Chapter #253. I place in nomination the name of Chris Puckett, Worthy Matron of Midland Chapter #253 for the office of Grand Examiner, District 2.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Chris Puckett has been nominated for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 2. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Chris Puckett for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 2 say "Aye". (Aye) Those opposed, No.

Sister Chris Puckett, you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2 of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**Sister Chris Puckett:** Worthy Grand Matron, I do accept and with a great deal of pleasure I will enjoy serving as Grand Examiner. Thank you. *(Applause)*

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 3. I recognize the Brother in the East.

**Brother James Manley:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am James Manley, a Past Patron of N. Fort Worth Chapter #684 and I have the honor and pleasure of nominating Donna Hill Pope, Past Matron of N. Fort Worth Chapter #684, for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 3 for the ensuing year.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Donna Hill Pope has been nominated for office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 3. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Donna Hill Pope for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 3, say "Aye". (Aye) Those opposed, No.

Sister Donna Hill Pope, you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, District 3 of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**Sister Donna Hill Pope:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and thanks to the membership of Texas. I do accept. *(Applause)*

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you. Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 4. I recognize the Sister in the East.

**Sister Dorothy Nevill:** I am Dorothy Nevill, Past Matron of Bryan Chapter #222. I place in nomination the name of Roberta Pugh, a Past Matron of Bryan Chapter #222 for the office of Grand Examiner, District 4 for the ensuing year.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Roberta Pugh has been nominated for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 4. Are there other nominations? I recognize the Sister in the East.

**Sister Sylvia Chafin:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Sylvia Chafin, a Past Matron of Archives Chapter #1095. I place in nomination the name of Patricia "Pat" Callahan, current Worthy Matron of Archives Chapter #1095 for the office of Grand Examiner, District 4 for the ensuing year.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Pat Callahan has been nominated for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 4. Are there other nominations? Hearing none I declare the ballot closed. Candidates, please come to the front. Sisters and Brothers, before you are the candidates for Board of Grand Examiners, District 4. Sister Roberta Pugh. Wave your hand so everybody knows who you are. And Sister Pat Callahan.

Sisters and Brothers, we will now vote by the voting device. On the screen are the candidates and the corresponding number for each candidate. When I declare the ballot open, you will press the number of the candidate of your choice on your device. Ready? I declare the ballot open. \* I declare the ballot closed. \* Display the numbers on the board please. Ballots cast were 828. Number to elect 415.

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| Roberta Pugh | 389 |
| Pat Callahan | 439 |

Sister Pat Callahan, you have been elected Board of Grand Examiners, District 4 of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**Sister Pat Callahan:** Worthy Grand Matron, I do accept and I thank you. *(Applause)*

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you. Congratulations. Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 5. I recognize the Sister in the East.

**Sister Cladette Allen:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Cladette Allen. I'm Past Matron of Creedmoor Chapter #607. It is my honor to nominate Sister Vickie Mathews, Past Matron of Creedmoor Chapter #607 for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5 for the ensuing year.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Vickie Mathews has been nominated for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 5. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Vickie Mathews for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5 say "Aye". (Aye) Those opposed, No.

Sister Vickie Mathews, you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5, of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**Sister Vickie Mathews:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. It is my honor and privilege and I thank the membership for allowing me to continue in this position for the year. Thank you. *(Applause)*

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you. Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner at Large. I recognize the Sister in the East.

**Sister Yolanda Midby:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Yolanda Midby, Worthy Matron of Arlington Chapter #249. I place in nomination the name of Tina Stevens, Past Matron of Arlington Chapter #249 for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner at Large, for the ensuing year.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Tina Stevens has been nominated for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner at Large. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Tina Stevens for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner at Large say "Aye". (Aye) Those opposed, No.

Sister Tina Stevens, you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner at Large of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**Sister Tina Stevens:** Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. With a humble heart I appreciate it. Thank you. *(Applause)*

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you. Nominations are now open for the Board of Directors, District 1. I recognize the Sister in the East.

**Sister Julie Thomas:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Julie Thomas, current Worthy Matron of Duncanville #1014 and a Past Matron of Garland #156. I place in nomination the name of Keith Nix, a Past Patron of Mesquite #887 for the office of the Board of Directors, District 1 for the ensuing year.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Brother Keith Nix has been nominated for the office of Board of Directors, District 1. Are there other nominations? I recognize the Sister in the East.

**Sister Kelley Kukreja:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Kelley Kukreja, Past Matron of Lewisville Chapter #935. I put the name of Ashu Kukreja, Past Patron of Lewisville Chapter #935 in nomination for the office of the Board of Directors, District 1.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Brother Ashu Kukreja has been nominated for the office of Board of Directors, District 1. Are there other nominations? I recognize the Brother in the East.

**Brother Ben Day:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Ben Day. A Past Patron of Royse City Chapter #642. I take pleasure in placing the name of Chris Elliott, a Past Patron of Royse City Chapter #642, for the office of Board of Directors, District 1 for the ensuing year.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Brother Chris Elliott has been nominated for the office of Board of Directors, District 1. Are there other nominations. Hearing none I declare the nominations closed. \* Candidates if you would come forward please. Sisters and Brothers, before you are the candidates for the Board of Directors, District 1. They are in order Brother Keith Nix, Brother Ashu Kukreja and Brother Chris Elliott. Thank you Brothers.

Sisters and Brothers, we will now vote. Do you have the thingy on the board? Put the do-dad on the whatchacallit. There you go. Board of Directors, District 1.

Number 1 is Keith Nix  
Number 2 Ashu Kukreja  
Number 3 Chris Elliott

I now declare the ballot open. \* Everybody good? I declare the ballot closed. \* Ballots cast was 820, needed to elect 411. Can you display the numbers please.

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| Keith Nix     | 194 |
| Ashu Kukreja  | 175 |
| Chris Elliott | 451 |

Chris Elliott has been elected Board of Directors. Do you accept?  
**(Applause)**

**Brother Chris Elliott:** Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, I do. And thank you the membership for your trust in me. Thank you.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Nominations are now open for the Board of Directors, District 2. I recognize the Sister in the East.

**Sister Judy Parsons:** My name is Judy Parsons, Past Matron of Queen Esther Chapter #833. I'd like to place in nominations Roy Parsons, a Past Patron of Queen Esther Chapter #833 in nomination for Board of Directors, District 2 for the ensuing year.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Brother Roy Parsons has been nominated for the office of Board of Directors, District 2. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Brother Roy Parsons for the Board of Directors say "Aye". (Aye) Those opposed, No.

Roy Parsons, you have been elected to the Board of Directors, District 2 of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**Brother Roy Parsons:** Worthy Grand Matron, I accept this position. Thank you. **(Applause)**

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you, sir. Let's see. Who do I want to do next? Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. I recognize the Sister in the East.

**Sister Janet Chalfant:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Janet Chalfant. Present Worthy Matron of Huffman Chapter #1112. I place the name of Cheryl

Royall, a former Worthy Matron of Huffman Chapter #1112 for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Cheryl Royall has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations? I recognize the Sister in the East.

**Sister Linda Jackson:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Linda Jackson, a Past Matron of Pine Tree Chapter #1090. I place in nomination the name of Ann Wyatt, a Past Matron of Pine Tree Chapter #1090 for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Ann Wyatt has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations? I recognize the Sister in the East.

**Sister Jay Rhyan:** I am Jay Rhyan, Worthy Matron of Handley Chapter #617. I place in nomination the name of Lesa Smith, Past Matron of Handley Chapter for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Lesa Smith has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations? I recognize the Sister in the East

**Sister Kimberly Dees:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Kimberly Dees, current Worthy Matron of Palestine Chapter #395. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Sherrie Fowler, Past Matron of Palestine Chapter #395 for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Sherrie Fowler has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed. Sisters if you will please come forward. Sisters and Brothers, before you are the candidates for Associate Grand Conductress. They are:

Sister Cheryl Royall – wave to the people, bow, something, everybody needs to know you

Sister Ann Wyatt

Sister Lesa Smith

Sister Sherrie Fowler

Thank you ladies. **(Applause)**

Sisters and Brothers, we will now be voting by electronic device. On the screen are the ballots and the corresponding number for each candidate. After I declare the ballot open, you will press the number of the candidate of your choice. The ballot is now open. \* The guards have balloted? The ballot is now closed. \* While we are waiting on them to tally that we will continue with the election of the Grand Conductress. Nominations are now open for the office of the Grand Conductress. I recognize the Sister in the South.

**Sister Glenda Klemm:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is indeed my pleasure and honor to nominate the name...oh, I'm sorry, I am Glenda Klemm, Past Matron of Waller Chapter #1047. It is indeed my pleasure and honor to nominate the name of Kathy Paschal, a Past Matron of Corsicana Chapter #118 for the office of Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Kathy Paschal has been nominated for the office of Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. There better not be any. All in favor of Kathy Paschal for Grand Conductress say "Aye". (Aye) All opposed, No. Sister Kathy you have been elected as Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter. Do you accept?

**Sister Kathy Paschal:** Worthy Grand Matron, with a humble heart and a "you can count on me" attitude, I whole heartily accept the office of Grand Conductress. Thank you membership. **(Applause)**

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Treasurer. I recognize the Sister in the East.

**PGM Alma Lynn Bane:** Worthy Grand Matron, my Sisters and Brothers, I am Alma Lynn Bane, Past Matron of Waco Chapter #7. It is with much pride and joy that I place in nomination the name of Greta Bane Spradling, a Past Matron of Greenville Chapter #189 for the office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the 2024-2025 year.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Greta Spradling has been nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Greta Spradling for the office of Grand Treasurer say "Aye". (Aye) All those opposed say "No". Sister Greta Spradling, you have been elected Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**Sister Greta Spradling:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to serve as your Grand Treasurer. Thank you. **(Applause)**

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you Greta. This is different Glenda, good luck next year. Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Secretary. I recognize somebody. There you are. Well you're not a Brother. Thank you Sister Marlene.

**Sister Marlene Dibrell:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Marlene Dibrell. I am a Past Matron of Richarson Chapter #921. And I am very pleased to place in nomination for the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Jurisdiction for the ensuing year, the name of Dr. Ellen Pickrell, a Past Matron of Richardson Chapter #921.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you. Sister Ellen Pickrell has been nominated for the office of Grand Secretary. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of Ellen Pickrell for the office of Grand Secretary please say "Aye". All opposed, No. Sister Ellen Pickrell you have been nominated...nominated and elected Grand Secretary for this Grand Chapter for another year. Would you like to accept? She said, "Yes, thank you." **(Applause)** She doesn't talk too much over there.

Okay, we do not have an election for Associate Grand Conductress. Booth, can you display the numbers please. Okay, ballots cast were 840. Needed to elect is 421.

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| Cheryl Royall  | 188 |
| Ann Wyatt      | 339 |
| Lesa Smith     | 181 |
| Sherrie Fowler | 132 |

We do not have an election. We will drop the name of Sherrie Fowler. When the board gets it marked through. And display that please. Okay.

**Sister Lesa Smith:** Worthy Grand Matron and the membership of Texas. Thank you so much for your confidence but I am going to remove my name from the nomination for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. **(Applause)**

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Okay, on the screen please. Associate Grand Conductress, vote #2. Number 1 is Cheryl Royall. Number 2 is Ann Wyatt. The ballot is now open. \* I declare the ballot closed. \*

We will proceed with the election of the Associate Grand Patron. I recognize the Sister in the East. Oh, I do recognize you. Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you. It is Sudie's birthday. Everybody say Happy Birthday. (Happy Birthday)

**Sister Sudie Pool:** Thank you very much. It feels good being 76. Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Sudie Pool. I am Past Matron of Gonzales Chapter #403. It is my honor to place in nomination, Gary L. Drescher, Past Patron of Gonzales Chapter #403 for the office of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Brother Gary L. Drescher, when these Dreschers get nominated they put that middle initial in there, has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Patron. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Gary Drescher for the office of Associate Grand Patron say "Aye". (Aye) All opposed, No. Brother Gary, you have been elected Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**Brother Gary L. Drescher:** I'd like to thank the membership for this honor and yes I will accept. (*Applause*)

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Matron. I recognize the Sister in the West.

**Sister Glenda Murphy:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Glenda Murphy, Past Matron of Crockett Chapter #509. I would love to place in nomination the name of Glenda Klemm, Past Matron of Waller Chapter #1047 for the office of Associate Grand Matron for the ensuing year.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Glenda Klemm has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Matron. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Glenda Klemm for the office of Associate Grand Matron say "Aye". (Aye) Those opposed, No. Sister Glenda Klemm, you have been elected Associate Grand Matron. Do you accept? She said there are not enough words to say thank you for your support. (*Applause*)

Nominations are now open for the office of Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Mark Dieckmann, Past Patron of Houston Ransford Chapter #135 and it is my honor to put in place for nomination the name of Brother Terry Littlepage, a Past Patron of Floresville Chapter #271 for the office of Worthy Grand Patron for the ensuing year.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Brother Terry Littlepage has been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Patron. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Brother Terry Littlepage for the office of Worthy Grand Patron say “Aye”. (Aye) Those opposed, No. Brother Terry Littlepage, you have been elected Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**Brother Terry Littlepage:** I am deeply honored and I appreciate it and I will do it. **(Applause)**

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Nominations are now open for the office of Worthy Grand Matron. I recognize Sister Susan Dormady.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** He finally recognizes me! I am Susan Dormady, a Past Matron of Norman Read...I’m sorry, I’m Worthy Matron of Big Spring Chapter #67 and I place in name the nomination of Sister Glenda Murphy, a Past Matron of Crockett Chapter #509 for the office of Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Sister Glenda Murphy has been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Matron. Are there any other nominations? (Gave no time for anyone to say anything) Hearing none (Laughter) we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Glenda Murphy for the office of Worthy Grand Matron stand up and say “Aye”. **(Applause)** Oh, by the way, those opposed say no, Sister Glenda Murphy you have been elected Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**Sister Glenda Murphy:** Yes, Worthy Grand Patron. I accept. Thank you very much membership. **(Applause)**

**WGM Susan Dormady:** What else can we do? I know what we can do. Sing a song for a second, would you?

*(Choir sings “O, Suzanna”)*

Okay, I'm going to do something fun. Sisters used to be Grand Conductress and used to be Associate Grand Conductress, will you present the following members in back of Esther's Station. As long as I don't drop all the paper work I'll tell you the names.

Sister Peggy Curlis are you in the room? Come on down.

Sister Carol Sue Knutson

Sister Denise Browning, somebody go get her. Sister Melanie Rayner can you get one of your helpers to go find Denise Browning in Registration. I can't see behind me. I'm too dense.

Sister Tamela Henington, are you in the room?

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these Sisters in back of Esther's Station.

Hi Ladies. You ready?

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Texas, and the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the other one, seeking to promote Fraternal relations between their Grand Jurisdictions and believing that the ties of affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of our Order promoted, its unity, integrity and strength be protected and its utility and honor confirmed by the appointment and reception of Grand Representatives for each of the aforesaid Grand Chapters to the other;

THEREFORE, Be it Known, that as evidenced of our trust and confidence, we by these presence do constitute and appoint

Peggy Curlis, Grand Representative of Louisiana **(Applause)**

Carol Knutson, Grand Representative of South Carolina **(Applause)**

Denise Browning, Grand Representative of Minnesota **(Applause)**

And yours has all different words but I can't read them, but it says Italy somewhere, Sister Tamela, Italy. **(Applause)**

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be presented in the East. **(Applause)**

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Wayne Henington, are you in the house? Betty Rector, please come to the East.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** And they all get pinned. Thank you for standing. We will salute them with Grand Honors but let's get them pinned first. **(Applause)** Sisters and Brothers, please join in in saluting these new Grand Representatives with the Grand Honors. \*\*\* (Grand Honors given) \*

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Sisters and Brothers, while this is going on, those who have tickets to the box lunches, you'll need to take the stairs or elevator down to the lower level. The elevators are over by where Registration was. And go down the hallway near the vendors area. There will be one table for turkey and one for ham. Present your ticket there to receive your meal. Remember, no eating in this room. Thank you, Tanya Meadows, Ticket Chairman. And they will open at 11:00 a.m. One more announcement, Grand Officers, don't forget to turn your badges in to the Grand Secretary when we are finished today. Unless you want to stay in that position.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, I think they floated away. We'll try this again later, okay? And Grand Officers, you are going to meet me around the Altar after we are closed.

Okay, do we have Shining Star Chapter Awards and Ritualistic Achievement? I invite Brother Jay Hicks to present the Shining Star Chapter Awards. Listen for your Chapter. We will have one representative from that Chapter to receive their award. And you can pick them up at any time after this report.

**Brother Jay Hicks:** Good morning.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Good morning. Let's give our attention to the Shining Star Chapter Awards. We want to know who's Chapters are shining today. You know you lose control every once in a while. \*\*\*\*\* Hi everybody. We're still in Grand Chapter and we have another report to do so if you will please give your attention to Mr. Jay Hicks. He would love to read his report so we can continue. Thank you. Sir.

**Brother Jay Hicks:** Good morning. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers all. Protocol having been established. My name is Jay Hicks. I'm a Past Patron of La Marque #979 in beautiful downtown Santa Fe, Texas. Thank you to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the honor of serving as Chairman for the Shining Star Chapter Award for 2023-2024. We had 46 chapters submit applications and all but two were approved. The District Chapters were as follows: District 1 had five Chapters, District 2 had one chapter, District 3 had nine chapters, District 4 had twenty-three chapters, and District 5 had six chapters. I would like to extend my thanks to each Chapter that did the

work, it was pretty difficult to achieve this award. So, without further ado, we'll get on this.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Listen for your Chapter name. The awards are at the Grand Secretary's desk. One person from that Chapter may go pick up the award.

**Brother Jay Hicks:**

|     | <u>Chapter</u>        | <u>District</u> | <u>Section</u> |
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| 1)  | Garland #156          | 1               | 5              |
| 2)  | Palestine #395        | 1               | 6              |
| 3)  | Pine Tree #1090       | 1               | 8              |
| 4)  | Quitman #695          | 1               | 10             |
| 5)  | Troupe #421           | 1               | 7              |
| 6)  | Queen Esther #833     | 2               | 7              |
| 7)  | Arlington #249        | 3               | 1              |
| 8)  | Belton #589           | 3               | 8              |
| 9)  | Copperas Cove #1070   | 3               | 7              |
| 10) | Groesbeck #810        | 3               | 9              |
| 11) | Hadassah #188         | 3               | 8              |
| 12) | Lorena #1124          | 3               | 9              |
| 13) | Mart #109             | 3               | 9              |
| 14) | Springtown #498       | 3               | 2              |
| 15) | Vashti #32            | 3               | 8              |
| 16) | Alvin #15             | 4               | 10             |
| 17) | Archives #1095        | 4               | 4              |
| 18) | Beaumont #71          | 4               | 2              |
| 19) | Bryan #222            | 4               | 6              |
| 20) | Buna #968             | 4               | 2              |
| 21) | Caldwell #976         | 4               | 8              |
| 22) | Crockett #509         | 4               | 3              |
| 23) | Cypress #1102         | 4               | 7              |
| 24) | Frank W. Lynn #1015   | 4               | 5              |
| 25) | Friendswood #1131     | 4               | 10             |
| 26) | Groveton #1035        | 4               | 3              |
| 27) | Houston Ransford #135 | 4               | 5              |
| 28) | Huffman #1112         | 4               | 4              |
| 29) | Katy #1121            | 4               | 9              |
| 30) | LaMarque #979         | 4               | 10             |
| 31) | Livingston #1139      | 4               | 3              |
| 32) | Pearland #1065        | 4               | 10             |

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| 33) | Port Neches #677 | 4        | 2       |
| 34) | Silsbee #298     | 4        | 2       |
| 35) | Smithville #39   | 4        | 8       |
| 36) | Spring #1105     | 4        | 7       |
| 37) | Sugar Land #1107 | 4        | 9       |
| 38) | Texas City #626  | 4        | 10      |
| 39) | Adah #59         | 5        | 7       |
| 40) | Bandera #643     | 5        | 3       |
| 41) | Cuero #618       | 5        | 8       |
| 42) | Floresville #271 | 5        | 7       |
| 43) | Kerrville #24    | 5        | 3       |
| 44) | Waelder #1023    | 5        | 8       |

Cedar Bayou\* #11

Velasco\*\* #220

\* Chapter did not submit documentation required

\*\* Chapter did not meet the deadline for submitting documentation

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it has been my honor to have served the Grand Chapter for this year and I want to thank you very much for all you've done. And I would ask you to accept this report.

Fraternally Jay Hicks Shining Star Chapter Award General Chairman

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you Brother Hicks. I know that's not an easy job to do. And to those Chapters who spent the effort and time to become stronger Chapters by completing the achievements necessary to earn this reward. You did a great job. Your dedication to the goals of our Order are commendable. **(Applause)**

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Sisters and Brothers, if you leave and you are leaving the building for the day, make sure you put your clicker in the purple trash cans. Don't throw them in the regular trash. We've found a couple already. And if you do not return your clicker you will be sent a bill for \$65.00. So, please don't forget to throw them in the purple trash can.

Also, if you picked up your Shining Star Chapter Award, please go out this door to the library to get your picture taken. Sister Connie Miller, did you get your picture taken?

\*Sisters and Brothers, we're going to continue with some reports and try to get everyone through here. I invite the General Chairman of the Ritualistic Achievement Committee, Mrs. Kiki Treichel to bring her report.

**Sister Kiki Treichel:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers and all. It was such an honor for me to be asked to serve as the General Chairman for Ritualistic Achievement. I think we did a great, great job this year. I'm very proud to give the results of the report. I do want to let you know I do appreciate so very much all of the five District Chairmen who helped with their hard work in making this the success that it was. We have:

- District 1, Mary Bell
- District 2, Audri Rowell
- District 3, Darrell Albrecht
- District 4, Patricia Faltesek
- District 5, Tammy Andricak

I also want to thank our members. We had a committee, I think we had about a total of 50 along with any of those who attended a school. There were some that we were very sparse in having what we need. So, I thank all of those who took their time to listen to the work that was given and to award the charms and the certificates. Without further ado, I will read the report.

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| Total Chapters participating | 197   |
| Total Members participating  | 398   |
| Total Charms awarded         | 1,592 |
| Total Certificates awarded   | 217   |

I do have three individuals, number one I want to give honorable mention to Toni Crawford. If you will please stand and come. Please come. She earned 32 Charms and 4 Certificates. **(Applause)** I have two other members who have earned recognition for achieving the maximum number of Charms and Certificates that being 33 and 5. That will be Sisters Eileen Lewis. Eileen Lewis are you here? **(Applause)** and Julie Thomas. **(Applause)** So congrats to you both. It's hard work.

I have a huge thank you again to the members that I said who took the time from their busy schedules. I mean a couple of times I just had to go out and ask people to have a minute to listen to work. Thank you all so very

much. And again, thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Such an honor to be able to serve you. **(Applause)**

I guess I have to move to adopt this report.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** We have a motion to adopt this report of the Ritualistic Achievement. Seconded by Sister Gay Jones. All in favor please raise your green card. All opposed same sign. Thank you very much Sister Kiki and thank you very much for the many hours you do in organizing, conducting these Sessions. And to the school members who went above and beyond in the Ritualistic work. And y'all had some interesting accommodations every once in a while, including a broom closet. You did a great job. Thank you very much. Let's give them a hand. **(Applause)**

Sister Grand Warder, apparently there is some confusion. Please unseal the doors.

**GW Melanie Rayner:** Worthy Grand Patron, we unsealed them when you said to go get sandwiches.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Apparently there are some door that are not letting people out, so, we're going ahead and doing that.

**GW Melanie Rayner:** Please unseal the doors and let these people go eat.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Sisters and Brothers, there was a request for the numbers from the voting yesterday on the Amendments.

Amendment #1 was passed by a show of cards. But we do not have a count on that.

Amendment #2, yes 254, no 295

Amendment #3, was withdrawn

Amendment #4, yes 501, no 58

Amendment #5, yes 485, no 57

Amendment #6, yes 485, no 71

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister and Brothers, somebody has lost a bracelet, by the organ. Nevermind. Thanks! When Glenda gets back let me know.

**Speaker Unknown:** Sisters and Brothers, if you will please look around. Somebody has lost a ring and turn it in to the Grand Secretary. It's a diamond ring. Please look around for it. It's in the room. Sisters and Brothers, when you are going outside, you just need to put the clicker with

the case or you can take your cards out of the little slip in case and turn in the whole thing. But they really need the case with the clicker in it. That's what you need to put in that purple box.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Okay, let's start this up again. We are going to get our Conductresses to work one more time. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, will you please find and escort to the West, Brother Bill Dormady, Sister Deborah Land, Sister Lynda Klein, Sister Sherry Dieckmann, Sister Mary Harvey, and then Glenda your invitation is next. Please escort these members to the West. I had to break them up a little bit so there wouldn't be such a long line. Cause these are different special people than those special people to me. So, I'll read this one.

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Texas, and the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the other one, seeking to promote Fraternal relations between their Grand Jurisdictions and believing that the ties of affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of our Order promoted, its unity, integrity and strength be protected and its utility and honor confirmed by the appointment and reception of Grand Representatives for each of the aforesaid Grand Chapters to the other;

THEREFORE, Be it Known, that as evidenced of our trust and confidence, we by these presence do constitute and appoint

Bill Dormady, to the Grand Chapter of Alberta **(Applause)**

Deborah Land, to the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon **(Applause)**

Lynda Klein, to the Grand Chapter of South Dakota **(Applause)**

Sherry Dieckmann, you don't have a folder. You just have paper. Sister Sherry to the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Australia. **(Applause)**

Sister Mary Harvey, Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of California **(Applause)**

If you want to pin this person, please come to the East. Please Conductresses present these in the East. Bill you go the other way. **(Applause)**

You will join me in saluting these new Grand Representatives with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given). **(Applause)** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you can put them in their places. Did I rap y'all down? \* Thank you for sitting.

We are going to do this out of order so other people can get busy. I invite Sister Glenda Murphy, Brother Terry Littlepage and their group to please bring an invitation to wherever we might be going next. We don't know. We have to wait and see. But I bet I know how to get there.

**PGM Carolyn Martin:** \* Well, did you enjoy lunch? Come on, give me a good answer guys. (Yes!) It's been a great Grand Chapter Session. Let's thank this Worthy Grand Matron and this Worthy Grand Patron. **(Applause)** And your newly elected Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have now entered the staging area. We're about to take flight. **(Applause)** But, before I introduce the Pilot and Co-Pilot, I want to introduce a committee known as the Executive Committee. And I am Carolyn Martin and I am the Chairman, Becky Cole is the Vice-Chairman, Joanne Barrett is the Secretary, Mary Gilbert Hunt is the Treasurer, and we are here to support the Pilot. Here's the Pilot. **(Applause)** Now every Pilot needs a Co-Pilot, right? This is Eastern Star so the Pilot is a woman. You know there are a lot of flyers that are women. Glenda Murphy. But our Co-Pilot is a wonderful man. Brother Terry Littlepage. **(Applause)** He's going to help fly this plane. Bees are buzzing. We're taking flight, and we're going to be in Waco, Texas, next year. Right here. That's why we needed to let this Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron tell them how much we appreciated having it in this facility. We are going to be here as well. I think we are supposed to have...oh, the bees are buzzing. Gotta have a little music. Alright, let's all make a bee line back next year. Right here. Second week in August. Okay. Alright. We have some Arrangements people with us. Mary Spell is our General Chairman for Arrangements. Randy Spell is our Co-Chairman. And we have some lovely Arrangements people up here with us. They're the hardest working bunch of people you'll ever meet. **(Applause)**

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** I recognize the Arrangements and Executive Committee of the 141<sup>st</sup> Session. Please come in. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort the Executive and

Arrangements Committee to the West. Sister Jimmie Lee could you come to the East.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Yep, those are all the workers. They have background helpers but these are the major workers. There are no words to express my gratitude for everything you have done in the preparation for this Grand Chapter. Every detail that has ever been hoped for, these two committees did their best to accomplish and I don't think that there is anything that we asked them for that we did not receive tenfold over. I have enjoyed meeting with each of you and have enjoyed you and the love and fellowship and the excitement that you have shown at every meeting of these two different groups. And I would ask the Grand Chapter Assembly to show...oh, no hold on. Don't clap, hold on. **(Applause)** Don't clap yet. I pre-...that, the Worthy Grand Patron wants to say thank you and then we will all clap. Worthy Grand Patron, please thank these wonderful workers that we could not have done this without.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Here's to our Executive and Arrangements Committees. If you haven't served on one of these committees, you might not know the time and effort that these folks take to give you a memorable Session. You know, we are going to be here in Waco for at least the next 3 years and what these people have laid for groundwork will be shared with those that come after them and hopefully give us a great 3 more years after this. Congratulations on a job well done. Your hard work, dedication, and talent have truly paid off. You've tackled every challenge with grace and skill and it shows in the outstanding results. Celebrate this achievement, you've earned it. Thank you very much. **(Applause)**

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Let's show them what we really think about them, y'all. Yea! **(Applause)** And it's not over yet. Thank you Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress. You can let them get back to work. Sister Glenda Murphy. I have been notified that there has not been a motion to have Grand Chapter at Waco next year.

**AGM Glenda Murphy:** Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to move that the 142<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Texas Grand Chapter be held in Waco, Texas. August 10...no this is the 10<sup>th</sup>. Oh, dear. What date, somebody tell me. 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> of 2025.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you. Motion has been made by Glenda Murphy to hold Grand Chapter in Waco in 2025. It has been seconded by

the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion? All those in favor say "Aye". All those opposed. Sister Glenda we'll meet you here next year. **(Applause)**

**AGM Glenda Murphy:** Thank you.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Don't push that button yet. Everybody is getting out their pens to write down these numbers. And these two ladies, Sister Cheryl and Sister Ann, both of these ladies love Eastern Star and that's why they want to continue working for you. Let's be kind and love them both tomorrow as well. Can you display the numbers please sir. Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Ann Wyatt, 518. Sister Cheryl Royall, 313. **(Applause)** Sister Ann Wyatt, you have been elected Associate Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**Sister Ann Wyatt:** Worthy Grand Matron, with a humble heart and a thank you to all of this membership, yes I do accept. I will do my very best with you. Thank you. **(Applause)**

Congratulations to the new Grand Line Officers of Eastern Star. **(Applause)**

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Is Sister Julie Thomas in the room? Sister Julie, would you come to the East please. Sister Julie, we did not properly recognize you earlier, so, I want everyone to give Sister Julie a large, large, welcome and hand for getting a perfect score on the Ritualistic Achievement on all the achievements. Let's give her a great hand. **(Applause)** Oh, yes, where's my quilt thing. We're going to...what? Two quilts? Sister Sherry, please come to the East.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** One can't hear and the other can't talk that loud. While they are talking about drawing for the quilt that they had for the Texas State Parks, which actually includes West Texas, thank you very much. I want to take this opportunity to thank these Installed Grand Officers. You have been a joy this year. I am so very proud of you and thank you for taking this walk with me. **(Applause)**

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** It's just one. Is Sister Eileen Lewis in the audience?

**WGM Susan Dormady:** You know when I leave, they just fall down on their job. That'll teach me. I'm never going to do this again. Y'all have seen this Grand Chapter room for a couple of days now and I want to tell you where all these things came from. The emblems on the chairs were provided by

Big Spring #67, Midland #253, Odessa #447, and Norman Read #1010. **(Applause)** The pedestals are from Fort Stockton Chapter and Fort Stockton consolidated with Midland #253. They are a beautiful reminder of the Fort Stockton Chapter. The porcelain dolls are very old. They were provided by Big Spring #67. And all the beautiful decorations, Cassie, that my decoration chairman put together with some borrowed labor to set them out when we arrived as I understand it. All of these furnishings have transformed this wonderful lodge room into the beauty of this Grand Chapter and for all of that, I am so very grateful. And thank you to the membership because I love you all.

He's drawing for a quilt. Go ahead.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** Oh my gosh. The winner of the quilt is Paul Klein. **(Applause)** Sister Lynda do you want to accept this for him?

**WGM Susan Dormady:** And he didn't even know he bought a ticket.

**WGP Mark Dieckmann:** First off I want to recognize Sister Mona Gaye Giles. Are you in here Mona? You can't miss her if she's there. There she is way back there. I don't know if y'all noticed the quilt hanging up by the front door but that's my quilt that Sister Mona Gaye put together. Thank you. **(Applause)** I want to thank everyone who participated in the school this year. The Schools of Instruction are for you the membership and we tried some things different this year and I'm glad that you were able to come and be with us throughout the school schedule. I want to thank the Installed Grand Officers for all the work y'all have done all year. And a lot of you have really been coming with us. I appreciate every one of you. And Sister Kathy you are now done with your tours. I want to thank our District Deputy Grand Matrons and our Deputy Grand Matrons for all the work they did. They are the busy bees, I call them my "Greenies" but they are really Sister Susan's and I thank you all. I want to thank all first timers. How many people came to Grand Chapter for the first time? Not just voters, but voters and non-voters. All you for the first time. Thank you very much. Let's welcome these folks for their first time. **(Applause)** Come back and see Sister Glenda and Brother Terry next year. I'm sure they will appreciate you being here. Speaking of which, I want to congratulate the new Officers. Brother Terry, I am so glad you got elected. Thank you for taking that position. Look forward to tonight. And Craig are you ready for the picture? You know, throughout the school if I forgot to...Craig are you ready with

the cat picture? Throughout the schools, there is a tradition and custom among the Worthy Grand Patrons that they have to recognize their wife at the schools and fraternal visits. Well, I messed up in Dumas and I can't remember which other one. I had to...instead of getting her jewelry. (Craig put picture on the screen of a cat). That is Queen Esther. **(Applause)** And in true Eastern Star fashion, she came from the home of the daughter of Sister Heidi. Heidi, are you still here? Anyway, that's where she came from. Thank you Heidi for finding a cat for us. No, seriously, thank you Sherry for all this year. We put a lot of miles on the van and I love you very much. Thank you. **(Applause)** Sisters and Brothers, our year of service is at an end. I've really enjoyed traveling the state, meeting members and making new friends. You know there's a saying that "insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results". Sister Susan and I tried some different ideas this year. Some worked, some not so much. We both believe for there to be a thriving Order for our children and grandchildren, we need to bring new ideas, we need to be visible in the public, and we need to be open to change while keeping the traditions that do not interfere with our ability to adapt in our ever changing world. Sisters and Brothers, thank you for your support. I believe...sorry...**(Applause)**

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Glenda Murphy, is there a time you want somebody here tonight?

**AGM Glenda Murphy:** I would like the Installed Grand Officers and elected Boards here to start arriving at 3:30 to have their picture taken in the Library. We also have a place for our families and our Chapter members who will be attending roped off. The rest of you who were here last night know where you are supposed to sit. We will get everything taken care of. We appreciate you coming tonight to share this evening with us. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for letting me share that. **(Applause)**

**WGM Susan Dormady:** When I close this down, all the Officers including Melanie and Jesse back there will come to the Altar please. After we shut it down. Thank you.

Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this 141<sup>st</sup> "Love and Service" Grand Chapter Session from Labor to Rest and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

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(Closing Ode "Thank you For Being a Friend")

Our Benediction for this Grand Chapter Session will be by Sister Pat Callahan. \*\*\*

**Sister Pat Callahan:** Let us go to the Lord in Prayer. O Lord as we go forth into the world, let us go in peace. With renewed dedication to our beautiful Order and in service to You. Let us be steadfast in that which is good. Shrink from that which is evil. May we strengthen our faith, be loyal to our belief in supporting the weak and afflicted. Love, honor, and serve You, our God. May God's blessing be upon us and remain with us always. Amen (Amen)

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Bible.

*(Grand Conductress closes the holy Bible.)*

I now call this 141<sup>st</sup> "Love and Service" Grand Chapter Session from Labor to Rest until 5:00 p.m. for the Installation of the 2024-2025 Grand Officers.

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(The 141<sup>st</sup> Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas closed)  
(Officers gather around the Altar)

*The One Hundred Forty-Second  
Installation of Grand Officers*

*2024 - 2025*

*Grand Chapter of Texas  
Order of the Eastern Star*



*Grand Lodge of Texas  
Waco, Texas  
Saturday, August 10, 2024  
5:00 P.M.*

*Mrs. Glenda R. Murphy  
Worthy Grand Matron-Elect*

*Mr. Terry E. Littlepage  
Worthy Grand Patron-Elect*

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## *Honored Guests*

Mrs. Susan Dormady  
Worthy Grand Matron  
2023 - 2024

Mr. Mark Dieckmann  
Worthy Grand Patron  
2023 - 2024

## General Grand Chapter

Mr. Arthur Drescher  
Right Worthy Grand Trustee  
and Past Grand Patron of Texas



*General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and  
Committee Members in Texas 2021 - 2024*

Mr. Burley Jones  
Ambassador/Brazil, Central West

Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon  
Bylaws Committee, Chairman

Mrs. Vi Griffin  
Community Service Committee

Dr. Bill Bane  
Educational Committee  
Grand Representative of Arizona in D.C.

Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson  
ESTARL Committee

Mr. Trey Smith  
International Headquarters Committee

Mr. Paul Garner  
Membership Committee

Ms. Kelly O'Malley  
Parliamentarian Committee

Mr. Rick Skidd  
Regenerative Medicine Committee

Mr. George Gwaltney  
Service Dogs Committee

Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane  
Triennial Assembly Director of Deputies of MWGM & MWGP  
Grand Representative of Texas in D.C.

Mrs. Carolyn Martin  
Youth Committee

Mrs. Betty Benham  
Triennial Other Assembly Colorful Notes  
(Personal Page to PMWGM Bobbi White)

Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry  
Triennial Special Assembly - Faithful Notes

*Past Grand Matrons of Texas*

|                         |                             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mrs. Betty Benham       | Mrs. Annette Curry          |
| Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry  | Mrs. Jayne Yenger           |
| Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane     | Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht        |
| Mrs. Betty Friend       | Mrs. Jerre Lucas            |
| Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon | Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer        |
| Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler | Mrs. Carolyn Martin         |
| Mrs. Nancy Brown        | Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson |
| Mrs. Joyce Nicklas      | Ms. Terri Rozell            |
| Mrs. Mary Ruth White    | Mrs. Phyllis Macon          |
| Mrs. Vi Griffin         |                             |

*Past Grand Patrons of Texas*

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Mr. Richard Ochs     | Mr. Bill Crews      |
| Mr. H. Lee Stallings | Mr. Trey Smith      |
| Mr. Buddy Baker      | Mr. George Gwaltney |
| Mr. Ed Warner        | Mr. Billy Clabaugh  |
| Mr. Jerry Martin     | Mr. Tom Murphy      |
| Mr. Nelson Campbell  | Mr. Rick Skidd      |
| Mr. John Creel       | Mr. Burley Jones    |
| Mr. Jerry Trees      | Mr. Paul Garner     |
| Mr. Ray Hertenberger | Mr. Tom Brisko      |
| Mr. Bill Wyatt       | Mr. James R. Parker |
| Mr. Arthur Drescher  |                     |



*Past Grand s of Other Jurisdictions*

|                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Arizona              | Bill Rhyan, PGP         |
| Connecticut          | Carl P. Larson, PGP     |
| District of Columbia | Dr. Bill Bane, PGP      |
| Nevada               | Bettie Bywater, PGM     |
| New Hampshire        | Susan L. Thomas, PGM    |
| New Mexico           | Rosemary Alsworth, PGM  |
| New Mexico           | Jim Davis, PGP          |
| New Mexico           | Betty Robertson, PGM    |
| New Mexico           | Bonnie Varnell, PGM     |
| Pennsylvania         | Joyce Bytheway, PGM     |
| Rhode Island         | David Flaxington, PGP   |
| Vermont              | Elizabeth Bordeaux, PGM |
| Virginia             | Brenda Jones, PGM       |
| Virginia             | Kelly O'Malley, PGM     |

*Special Appointments of the  
Most Worthy Grand Matron  
in Texas*

Mrs. Delia Whitfield  
Deputy to the MWGM for Mexico

Mrs. Joan Miller  
Triennial Other Assembly - Colorful Notes  
(Personal Page to MWGM)

Mr. Terry Miller  
Triennial Other Assembly - Colorful Notes  
(Personal Aide to MWGM)

## *Distinguished Guests*

General Grand Chapter Officers, Ambassadors, and Committees

Present and Past Grand Matrons and Present and Past Grand  
Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Visiting Grand Officers

Special Appointments of General Grand Chapter

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

Most Worshipful Tommy Chapman

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

Mrs. Angela Seymour, Supreme Deputy in Texas  
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Miss Annabella Jorstad, Grand Worthy Advisor  
Grand Assembly of Texas  
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Mr. Tommy Chapman  
Executive Officer, Texas DeMolay Association

Mr. Peter Luke  
State Master Councilor, Texas DeMolay Association

*Note to all Honored and Distinguished Guests  
please be in the West at 4:30 P.M.  
You will be presented in the  
Processional to your place of Honor.*

*Installation Program*

*5:00 P.M.*

Musical Prelude

Mrs. Susan Smith  
Grand Organist

*Processional*

*5:15 P.M.*

Master of Ceremonies

Mrs. Carolyn Martin  
General Grand Chapter Youth Committee  
and Past Grand Matron

Processional Grand Marshal

Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon  
General Grand Chapter Bylaws  
Committee Chairman and Past Grand Matron

Call to Order

Mrs. Susan Dormady  
Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Mark Dieckmann  
Worthy Grand Patron

General Grand Chapter Officers and Committees

Present and Past Grand Matrons and  
Present and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron  
and the Most Worthy Grand Patron

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas and  
Other Masonic Dignitaries

Distinguished Guests of other Fraternal Organizations



**Presentation of the 2024 - 2025 Board Members  
Board of Grand Examiners**

Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
Escorted by \_\_\_\_\_

District 1

Mrs. Christine Puckett  
Escorted by Mr. Paul Klein

District 2

Mrs. Donna Hill Pope  
Escorted by Mr. Floyd Hall

District 3

Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
Escorted by Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

District 4

Mrs. Vickie Mathews  
Escorted by Mr. Sammy Peach

District 5

Mrs. Tina Stevens  
Escorted by Mr. John Thomas

Grand Examiner at Large



# Presentation of the 2024 - 2025 Board Members Board of Directors

|                                                              |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Mr. Rick Taylor<br>Escorted by Mrs. Addie Taylor             | District 1 |
| Mr. _____<br>Escorted by Mrs. _____                          | District 1 |
| Mrs. Mary Medford<br>Escorted by Mr. Ray Topp                | District 2 |
| Mr. _____<br>Escorted by Mrs. _____                          | District 2 |
| Mrs. Beverly Plante<br>Escorted by Mr. Don Angell            | District 3 |
| Mrs. Donna Noe<br>Escorted by Mr. Jeff Perry                 | District 3 |
| Mr. Bill Henry<br>Escorted by Mrs. Sue Burt                  | District 4 |
| Mrs. Brenda McDaniel<br>Escorted by Mr. Nelson Campbell, PGP | District 4 |
| Mr. Oscar C. Hairell<br>Escorted by Mrs. Malinda Hairell     | District 5 |
| Mrs. Karen Wright<br>Escorted by Mr. H. Lee Stallings, PGP   | District 5 |

## Presentation of 2024 - 2025 Grand Officers

Mrs. Annette Clark  
Escorted by Mr. Burley Jones, PGP

GC Sweetheart

Mr. Pete & Mrs. Cynthia Araiza

Grand Chapter Mom & Dad

Ms. Diane Davidson  
Escorted by Mr. Rick Davidson

Fraternal Correspondent

Mr. Joe Melton  
Escorted by Mrs. Jeanette Melton

Grand Sentinel

Mr. Gerald Skipper  
Escorted by Mrs. Debbie Skipper

Grand Warder

Mrs. Donna Caddenhead  
Escorted by Mr. Tommy Dean

Grand Electa

Mrs. Lou Anne Elliott  
Escorted by Mr. Chris Elliott

Grand Martha

Mrs. Monette Littlepage  
Escorted by Mr. Robert Littlepage

Grand Esther

Mrs. Judy Parsons  
Escorted by Mr. Roy Parsons

Grand Ruth

Mrs. Deneice Marshall  
Escorted by Mr. Daniel Ward

Grand Adah

Mrs. Linda Love  
Escorted by Mrs. Charisse Miller

Grand Organist

Mrs. Sherry Thompson  
Escorted by Mr. Hobie Henderson

Grand Marshal

## Presentation of 2024 - 2025 Grand Officers *(cont'd)*

Mrs. Susan Neuenschwander Grand Chaplain  
Escorted by Mr. Jerry Neuenschwander

Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Associate Grand Conductress  
Escorted by Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. Kathy Paschal Grand Conductress  
Escorted by Mr. Joe Paschal

Mrs. Greta Spradling Grand Treasurer  
Escorted by Dr. Bill Bane, PGP

Mrs. Ellen Pickrell Grand Secretary  
Escorted by Mr. James R. Parker, PGP

Mr. Gary Drescher Associate Grand Patron  
Escorted by Mrs. Kay Drescher

Mrs. Glenda Klemm Associate Grand Matron  
Escorted by Mr. Herman Flanagan

Mr. Terry E. Littlepage Worthy Grand Patron  
Escorted by Mrs. Monette Littlepage

Mrs. Glenda R. Murphy Worthy Grand Matron  
Escorted by Mr. Tom Murphy, PGP



# Star Point Presentation

**Narrator** Mrs. Carolyn Martin  
Past Grand Matron

**Adah** Mrs. Betty Benham  
Past Grand Matron  
Escorted by Mr. Bill Wyatt, Past Grand Patron

**Ruth** Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht  
Past Grand Matron  
Escorted by Mr. George Gwaltney, Past Grand Patron

**Esther** Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler  
Past Grand Matron  
Escorted by Mr. Jerry Martin  
Past Grand Patron, Past Grand Master

**Martha** Mrs. Joyce Nicklas  
Past Grand Matron  
Escorted by Mr. Ray Hertenberger, Past Grand Patron

**Electa** Mrs. Jayne Yenger  
Past Grand Matron  
Escorted by Mr. Trey Smith, Past Grand Patron

## **Presentation of the Holy Bible**

Mr. Scott Sory

*Son of Mrs. Glenda R. Murphy, Worthy Grand Matron-Elect*

## **Presentation of the Bible Marker**

Malana James

*Daughter of Mrs. Glenda R. Murphy, Worthy Grand Matron-Elect*

## **Presentation of the Square & Compasses**

*Mr. Robert Phelps Littlepage, Mrs. Tiffany Littlepage Baxter,*

*Mr. Tipton Edward Baxter, and Miss Tegan Bree Baxter*

*Children and Grandchildren of Mr. Terry E. Littlepage,*

*Worthy Grand Patron-Elect*

## Flag Presentation

|                                  |                                                                                                      |
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| <b>Narrator</b>                  | Mr. Tommy Griffin<br>Past Grand Master<br>of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge<br>of Texas A.F. & A.M. |
| <b>United States</b>             | Mr. James R. Parker<br>Past Grand Patron                                                             |
| <b>Texas</b>                     | Mr. Tom Murphy<br>Past Grand Patron                                                                  |
| <b>Eastern Star</b>              | Mr. Tom Brisko<br>Past Grand Patron                                                                  |
| <b>Masonic</b>                   | Mr. Jerry Martin<br>Past Grand Patron and Past Grand Master                                          |
| <b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>      | In Unison                                                                                            |
| <b>National Anthem</b>           | In Unison<br>Signed by Mrs. Cheryl Meek                                                              |
| <b>Opening of the Holy Bible</b> | Mrs. Glenda Klemm<br>Grand Conductress                                                               |
| <b>Invocation</b>                | Mr. Nelson Campbell<br>Past Grand Patron                                                             |

## *Presentation of Installing Grand Officers*

*Installing Grand Officer*

*Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer  
Past Grand Matron*

*Assisting Installing Grand Officer*

*Mr. Tom Murphy  
Past Grand Patron*

*Installing Grand Chaplain*

*Mr. Paul Garner  
Past Grand Patron*

*Installing Grand Marshal*

*Ms. Terri Rozell  
Past Grand Matron*

*Installing Grand Organist*

*Mrs. Susan Smith  
Grand Organist*

*Installing Grand Secretary Pro-Tem*

*Mrs. Phyllis Macon  
Past Grand Matron*



## ***Installation of Grand Officers***

***Closing of the Holy Bible***

***Mrs. Kathy Paschal  
Grand Conductress***

***Greetings***

***Mr. Arthur Drescher  
Right Worthy Grand Trustee  
and Past Grand Patron***

***Greetings***

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

***Greetings***

***Mr. Tommy Chapman  
Executive Officer, Texas DeMolay Association***

***Greetings***

***Mr. Peter Luke  
State Master Councilor, Texas DeMolay Association***

***Greetings***

***Mrs. Angela Seymour  
Supreme Deputy in Texas  
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls***

## ***Bible Presentation***

***Miss Annabella Jorstad  
Grand Worthy Advisor  
and  
Rainbow Girls  
of the  
Grand Assembly of Texas  
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls***

## ***Presentations***

|                                                                                                         |                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Master of Ceremonies</b>                                                                             | Mrs. Carolyn Martin<br>Past Grand Matron          |
| <b>Worthy Grand Matron's Jewel</b>                                                                      | Mrs. Susan Dormady<br>Immediate Past Grand Matron |
| <b>Worthy Grand Patron's Jewel</b>                                                                      | Mr. Mark Dieckmann<br>Immediate Past Grand Patron |
| <b>Past Grand Matron's Jewel</b>                                                                        | Mr. Bill Dormady                                  |
| <b>Past Grand Patron's Jewel</b>                                                                        | Mrs. Sherry Dieckmann                             |
| <b>Dedication of the WGM's Year</b>                                                                     | Mrs. Vi Griffin<br>Past Grand Matron              |
| <b>Message of the Worthy Grand Matron</b>                                                               | Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane<br>Past Grand Matron,         |
| <b>Dedication of the WGP's Year</b>                                                                     | Mrs. Jerre Lucas<br>Past Grand Matron             |
| <b>Message of the Worthy Grand Patron</b>                                                               | Mr. Burley Jones<br>Past Grand Patron             |
| <b>Presentation of the Worthy Grand Matron's Music</b><br>"Busy Bee Serenade"                           | Mrs. Linda Love<br>Grand Organist                 |
| <b>Presentation of the Worthy Grand Patron's Music</b><br>"The Southern Gentleman's March Across Texas" | Mrs. Susan Smith                                  |

## ***Presentations***

**Presentation of 2024-25 Humanitarian Program**

Mrs. Betty Benham  
Past Grand Matron

**Greetings of the Worthy Grand Patron** Mr. Terry E. Littlepage  
Worthy Grand Patron

**Greetings of the Worthy Grand Matron** Mrs. Glenda R. Murphy  
Worthy Grand Matron

**Benediction** Mr. Rick Skidd  
Past Grand Patron

## **RECESS**

**Thank you for sharing this special evening with us.**

**Those who are not members of the  
Order of the Eastern Star  
will please retire at this time.**



**RITUALISTIC CLOSING OF THE  
141ST SESSION OF GRAND CHAPTER**

**Call from Rest to Labor** Mrs. Glenda R. Murphy  
Worthy Grand Matron

**Proving of the Grand Chapter** Mrs. Glenda Klemm  
Associate Grand Matron

**Opening of the Holy Bible** Mrs. Kathy Paschal  
Grand Conductress

**Presentation** Board of Directors

**Retiring of the Flag** Mrs. Sherry Thompson  
Grand Marshal

**Closing Ode** “An Evening Prayer”

**Closing Prayer** Mrs. Susan Neuenschwander  
Grand Chaplain

**Closing of the Holy Bible** Mrs. Kathy Paschal  
Grand Conductress

**Retiring Drill** 2024-2025 Installed Grand Officers

**Altar Ceremony** Mr. Robert “Bob” Royall  
Financial Committee, Chairman



## SPECIAL THANKS

A very special thank you to Mrs. Jane Wert for the lovely altar cloth and Bible cover, and to Mrs. Janet Kramer for the beautiful Bible marker. Your time, dedication and love for these very special projects are greatly appreciated and will be remembered well beyond our year together.

To the many friends who have worked so hard to make this evening a success, THANK YOU! You are valued beyond measure and life is a lovely thing with you on this journey.

To the Membership of the Order of the Eastern Star in the Great State of Texas, we look forward to spending this year getting to know you! This will be a year of many miles, many smiles, of love, laughter, hard work and memories galore!!!



## *Honoring Our Past and Preserving Our Future*



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024**

All 2024 - 2025 Candidates will meet with the Worthy Grand Matron at 7:00 A.M. at the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum in the Library (Main floor) before the Breakfast for a review of candidate rules.

The Breakfast honoring the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress will begin at 8:00 A.M. at the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum in the Banquet Hall.

The Deputy Grand Matron Conference will begin at 10:30 A.M., Sunday, August 11, 2024, at the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum, in the Library (Main floor). Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers, and Elected Board Members are invited to attend.

You Are Cordially Invited  
To Attend A

***“CELEBRATION BANQUET”***  
and Fraternal Visit of

**MRS. GLENDA R. MURPHY**  
*Worthy Grand Matron*

And Honoring

**MR. TERRY E. LITTLEPAGE**  
*Worthy Grand Patron*

Saturday, August, 31, 2024



**LEE LOCKWOOD LIBRARY**  
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**Banquet Donation: \$45.00**

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King \$96.99+tax, Double Queen \$109.99+tax,  
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### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024**

Ritualistic Excellence and Examining Room ..... 3:00 - 4:00 PM

**MAGNOLIAS AND MOONLIGHT, BANQUET** ..... 5:00 PM

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

**141<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter Session**

**August 10, 2024**

**Installation of  
Grand Officers**



The Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star  
The One Hundred Forty-Second Installation of Grand Officers  
2024-2025

Saturday, August 10, 2024, 5:00 p.m.  
Grand Lodge of Texas Library and Museum, Waco, Texas  
“Honoring Our Past and Preserving Our Future”

Musical Prelude: Susan Smith  
Grand Organist

Master of Ceremonies: Carolyn Martin  
GGC Youth Committee and  
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Processional Grand Marshal: Jimmie Lee McMahon  
GGC By-Laws Chairman and  
A Past Grand Matron of Texas

**MC Carolyn Martin:** Good evening. Welcome to the 142nd “Honoring Our Past and Preserving Our Future” Installation of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. It is indeed Magnolia Time in Texas and on behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron- elect, Sister Glenda R. Murphy and our Worthy Grand Patron-elect, Brother Terry E. Littlepage I extend their sincere appreciation to each of you for your presence here this evening. What wonderful music we have enjoyed this evening presented for us by Sister Susan Smith, Grand Organist. **(Applause)** Thank you, Sister Susan for sharing your outstanding talent with us this evening.

As we begin the proceedings for a new year of service, we extend Congratulations and sincere thanks to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the wonderful year that has just concluded. Sister Processional Marshal, it is my privilege to invite you to present our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Susan Dormady and our Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Mark Dieckmann. **(Applause)**

\*\*\* It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Susan Dormady, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Mark Dieckmann, Worthy Grand Patron. Please join

me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sister Susan, I present to you the gavel that you may call this Session to Order.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** I now call this 141<sup>st</sup> “Love and Service” Session of Grand Chapter open for the ceremony of Installation. \*

**MC Carolyn Martin:** We will proceed with the presentation of our honored and distinguished guests.

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the Elected Officer of General Grand Chapter. It is our pleasure to introduce Brother K. Arthur Drescher, Jr. Right Worthy Grand Trustee, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. **(Applause)**

Processional Grand Marshal you will present the General Grand Chapter Ambassador and Committees. **(Applause)**

Grand Processional Marshal you will present the Past and Present Worthy Grand Matrons/Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. **(Applause)**

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. **(Applause)** The Grand Chapter of Texas has been fortunate to have your continued love, encouragement and support. The Membership would like to Thank You for all you do for our beautiful Order. **(Applause)** If you are in the Installation, you may retire to the back.

Processional Grand Marshal, we have a Past Grand Patron of another Grand Jurisdiction that needs to be presented. We are honored to do so. **(Applause)**

Processional Grand Marshal you will present the Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions. **(Applause)**

Processional Grand Marshal you will present The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas and other Masonic Dignitaries. **(Applause)**

Processional Grand Marshal you will Present Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron **(Applause)**

Processional Grand Marshal you will present Fraternal Youth Leaders...which are the Present and future of our Order **(Applause)**

Let's give every one of our Distinguished Guests and members a very, very warm welcome. **(Applause)**

The Board of Grand Examiners is composed of six members, elected annually, who are responsible for the Proficiency Examinations of our members. I am pleased to present them: Please hold your applause until after all have been presented.

Mrs. Mary Harvey District 1

Escorted by Mr. Ron Gubrud

Mrs. Christine Puckett District 2

Escorted by Mr. Paul Klein

Mrs. Donna Hill Pope District 3

Escorted by Mr. Floyd Hall

Mrs. Patricia "Pat" Callahan District 4

Escorted by Mr. Burley Jones

Mrs. Vicki Mathews District 5

Escorted by Mr. Sammy Peach

Mrs. Tina Stevens Grand Examiner At Large

Escorted by Mr. John Thomas

Grand Examiners, please stand. Sisters and Brothers, please greet your 2024-2025 Board of Grand Examiners. **(Applause)**

The Board of Grand Directors is composed of Ten (10) members – two from each district, each elected for a term, of five (5) years. Along the many responsibilities of this Board is caring for the finances of Grand Chapter. And please hold your applause until the entire Board has been presented.

(Identify New Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary when names are called in their district)

Serving on the Board of Directors are:

Board of Directors

Mr. Rick Taylor District 1

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Mrs. Donna Noe District 3  
Escorted by Mr. Jeff Perry, And the Secretary for the ensuing year.

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Escorted by Mrs. Sue Burt

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Escorted by Mrs. Malinda Hairell, And Vice-Chairman

Mrs. Karen Wright District 5  
Escorted by Mr. Joe Gilmore

Mrs. Brenda McDaniel, representing District 4 is home ill but she is the Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

Please join me in acknowledging your 2024-2025 Board of Directors.  
***(Applause)***

In addition to the eight Installed Grand Officers who are elected by the members of Grand Chapter and compose the Corporate Board, the Worthy Grand Matron-elect has the privilege to select those to serve in the Appointed Offices and to serve as Fraternal Correspondent. It is my honor to present the Installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent and Grand Chapter Sweetheart Mom and Dad.

It is my pleasure to present:

Mrs. Annette Clark GC Sweetheart  
Escorted by Mr. Burley Jones ***(Applause)***

Mr. Pete and Mrs. Cindy Araiza GC Mom and Dad  
***(Applause)***

Mrs. Diane Davidson Fraternal Correspondent  
Escorted By Mr. Rick Davidson ***(Applause)***

|                                                          |                             |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mr. Joe Melton                                           | Grand Sentinel              |
| Escorted by Mrs. Jeannette Melton <b>(Applause)</b>      |                             |
| Mr. Gerald Skipper                                       | Grand Warder                |
| Escorted by Mrs. Debbie Skipper <b>(Applause)</b>        |                             |
| Mrs. Donna Caddenhead                                    | Grand Electa                |
| Escorted by Mr. Tommy Dean <b>(Applause)</b>             |                             |
| Mrs. Lou Anne Elliott                                    | Grand Martha                |
| Escorted by Mr. Chris Elliott <b>(Applause)</b>          |                             |
| Mrs. Monette Littlepage                                  | Grand Esther                |
| Escorted by Mr. Robert Littlepage <b>(Applause)</b>      |                             |
| Mrs. Judy Parsons                                        | Grand Ruth                  |
| Escorted by Mr. Wayne Henington <b>(Applause)</b>        |                             |
| Mrs. Deniece Marshall                                    | Grand Adah                  |
| Escorted by Mr. Daniel Warren <b>(Applause)</b>          |                             |
| Mrs. Linda Love                                          | Grand Organist              |
| Escorted by Mrs. Charisse Miller <b>(Applause)</b>       |                             |
| Mrs. Sherry Thompson                                     | Grand Marshal               |
| Escorted by Mr. Rick Trimble <b>(Applause)</b>           |                             |
| Mrs. Susan Neuenschwander                                | Grand Chaplain              |
| Escorted by Mr. Jerry Neuenschwander <b>(Applause)</b>   |                             |
| Mrs. Ann Wyatt                                           | Associate Grand Conductress |
| Escorted by Mr. Bill Wyatt <b>(Applause)</b>             |                             |
| Mrs. Kathy Paschal                                       | Grand Conductress           |
| Escorted by Mr. Joe Paschal <b>(Applause)</b>            |                             |
| Mrs. Greta Spradling                                     | Grand Treasurer             |
| Escorted by Dr. Charles W. "Bill" Bane <b>(Applause)</b> |                             |
| Mrs. Ellen Pickrell                                      | Grand Secretary             |
| Escorted by Mr. James Parker <b>(Applause)</b>           |                             |
| Mr. Gary Drescher                                        | Associate Grand Patron      |
| Escorted by Mrs. Kay Drescher <b>(Applause)</b>          |                             |
| Mrs. Glenda Klemm                                        | Associate Grand Matron      |



The third Star Point is White, will be presented by Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, PGM of Texas escorted by Mr. Jerry Martin, PGP and Past Grand Master of the Most worshipful Lodge of Texas AF and AM

The degree is exemplified by Esther, the honored wife and queen reflecting purity and joy to her people. The history of Esther may be found in the Book of Esther and tells of her loyalty and devotion to her people at risk of royal favor and life itself. The emblem is the Crown and Scepter united representing Royalty and Power

The fourth Star Point is GREEN the color of Nature's Life and Beauty, and will be presented by Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, PGM of Texas escorted by Mr. Ray Hertenberger, PGP of Texas

This degree is exemplified by Martha the sister of Lazarus. Martha had a living faith that envisioned Immortal Life instead of death as told in the book of John in the Bible. The emblem is the broken column and represents the death of a person cut off in vigor of Life.

The fifth Star Point is Electa the mother figure and the color is red. And will be presented by Mrs. Jayne Yenger, PGM of Texas escorted by Mr. Trey Smith, International Headquarters Committee, GGC and PGP of Texas.

Electa is a fictitious name and represents the fervency and zeal with which she gave deeply of her love and devotions to beneficent aid, and her Christian Faith. Though you will not find her name in the Bible, the "Elect Lady" and her Children were mentioned briefly in the Second Epistle of St. John. Her symbol is the Cup that overflows with blessings, rich abounding and eternal.

Thank you very much my Sisters and Brothers. ***(Applause)***

As our heroines depart, let us please remember that the "The winding road of life is a Labyrinth, and the Crown of Life is in the Faith we Live." Thank you.

(Presentation of the Bible)

As the Word of God is ideally the center of our lives, the Holy Bible is placed upon the Altar in a position of honor in every chapter room. The stories of the heroines of our Order and the lessons they teach are found within the pages of this Book.

... I am the Bible...I am the work of the Almighty God. I am always. I am above all truths. Those who stoop beneath the heavy burdens, I am rest. To him who lost his way, I am a sure guide. To the discouraged, I whisper glad messages of assurance. To those distressed by the storms of life, I am an anchor. To those who mourn, I am comfort and hope. As our Holy Bible is placed upon our sacred altar, may we all resolve to walk in that light.”

Presenting the Bible...or presented the Bible this evening Is Mr. Scott Sory, Son of Mrs. Glenda Murphy, Worthy Matron-Elect

***(Presentation of the Bible Marker)***

During our deliberations, our Bible is always opened to the Second Chapter of St. Mathew, where we read, in part, “...we have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship him.” To mark this place in our Bible, we lay a Bible Marker for significance. Presenting the Bible Marker is Mrs. Malana James, Daughter of Mrs. Glenda Murphy, Worthy Grand Matron-elect.

***(Presentation of the Square & Compasses)***

Upon the pages of our open Bible, we reverently place the time honored implements of our Masonic Brothers, the Square and Compasses. This is a cherished privilege granted to us by the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Presenting the square and compasses on a Masonic ring is Mr. Robert Phelps Littlepage, Mrs. Tiffany Littlepage Baxter, Mr. Tipton Edward Baxter and Miss Tegan Bree Baxter. Son and Grandchildren of Mr. Terry E. Littlepage, Worthy Grand Patron-elect.

***(Applause)***

Mr. Tommy Griffin, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, will present our Flag Program this evening.

***(Presentation of the Flags)***

**Past Grand Master Tommy Griffin:** Thank you Sister Carolyn. The presentation of our flags always brings us to our feet with hearts beating proudly and heads held high with love and respect. We as Americans are proud of our freedoms that we enjoy and we swell with pride at the sight of Old Glory. I would ask you to now please rise and place your hand over your heart with me as the Stars and Stripes enter our Grand Chapter room. We proudly honor the flag of our beloved country, the Stars and Stripes of

our great land. Presenting the flag of the United States of America is Brother James Parker.

The national flag of Canada, though simple, with its red and white colors and a single maple leaf symbolizes pride and strength throughout Canadian history. It is with pride tonight that we honor their flag and it is presented by Brother Rick Delaney.

Of course, our predecessors were courageous Texas heroes who fought for our rights and died that we might have those rights as an independent state. Those of us who were born here and studied Texas history know exactly what it means to be a Texan. And I know there are a few of you out there that got here as soon as you could. We love you too. The Lone Star of Texas is being presented by Brother Tom Murphy.

We as members of the Eastern Star treasure the virtues of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, and faith. Values preeminent in our teachings. And we proudly display the Eastern Star flag presented tonight by Brother Tom Brisko.

Lastly this evening we present the flag of our Masonic heritage and the representative of the greatest fraternity, organization on earth of which we Masons are so very proud. And, to present this flag is Brother Jerry Martin.

My Sisters and Brothers, all these flags symbolize our great freedom. They represent patriotism in our Stars and Stripes, pride in the freedom purchased by the Lone Star and a fellowship and brotherhood of the Eastern Star and Masonic symbol. Flag presenters, you will now post the colors.

Sisters and Brothers, would you join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our great country.

***(Pledge of Allegiance)***

Would you join me in singing our National Anthem

*(National Anthem)*

Signed by Mrs. Cheryl Meek

**MC Carolyn Martin:** Worthy Grand Matron, I invite you to have our Holy Bible opened.

**WGM Susan Dormady:** Sister Grand Conductress, you will open our Holy Bible.

**MC Carolyn Martin:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Our invocation will be voiced by Mr. Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron.

**PGP Nelson Campbell:** Let us pray. Dear God and our Heavenly Father, we pause, thanking you for your love and many blessings. We ask thy blessings upon those who are relinquishing their stations and assuming new duties and responsibilities. We thank them for their service. Our Father, as we stand at the beginning of a new Chapter year we pray for thy continued presence, protection, and blessings. We commend to thy special care and guidance the Officers who are about to assume the leadership of our Order for this new year. We pray Lord that you would give them health and strength to preform their duties and the wisdom which can only come from our Heavenly Father. We pray for continued blessing on our Grand Chapter. All these things we ask in Jesus name. Amen. (Amen)

**MC Carolyn Martin:** \* It is the privilege of the Worthy Grand Matron-elect to select the Installing Officers for her installation. Our Worthy Grand Matron-elect has selected Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, Past Grand Matron of Texas to serve as Installing Grand Officer for this evening. Sister Sharon, it is my pleasure to welcome you and to invite you to introduce those who will be assisting in the Installation Ceremony this evening.

**PGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** Thank you Sister Carolyn, Past Grand Matron of Texas and our Master of Ceremonies today. You know, a new Installation of Grand Officers takes a village if you haven't noticed. And also, the Grand Officers, we have several that have to work in order for this task to be completed. I am happy to announce Sister Terri Littlepage, I mean Terri Rozell will be...

Mrs. Terri Rozell will be our Installing Grand Marshal.

Mr. Paul Garner, Past Grand Patron will be our Installing Grand Chaplain.

Mr. Tom Murphy, Past Grand Patron, Assisting Installing Grand Officer

Our Installing Grand Organist Mrs. Susan Smith, she's there working already.

Mrs. Phyllis Macon, Past Grand Matron, will be our Installing Grand Secretary Pro-Tem.

You will enjoy a short recess as we prepare the Chapter room for the Installation process. Help me thank these Officers for helping today.  
**(Applause)**

***Installation of 2024-2025 Grand Chapter Officers***

**WGM Glenda Murphy:** \*\*\* Sister Grand Conductress, you will close the Holy Bible.

***(Grand Conductress closes the Bible.)***

**WGM Glenda Murphy:** \*

**MC Carolyn Martin:** Our Ties with General Grand Chapter are strengthened by the active participation of our Texas Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons in the International endeavors of our Order. To bring greetings from the General Grand Chapter Family this evening is Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr., Right Worthy Grand Trustee GGC and Past Grand Patron of Texas.

**PGP Art Drescher:** Worthy Grand Matron. First one. Worthy Grand Patron. Howdy. I'd like to thank Sister Glenda for asking me to bring greetings on behalf of the General Grand Chapter. On Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> in Myrtle Beach, Sister Billie Bradfield and Brother Mike Berry will be installed as our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron for the 51<sup>st</sup> Triennium of our General Grand Chapter. Sister Glenda, you and Brother Terry have the honor of serving as the first of the three Trienniums Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron from Texas. They would like you to know they are here to support you and will be there when you need them. They wish you every success and may all your dreams come true. Remember to dream, imagine, and believe. I will close with this thought: "Anyone who thinks they are too small to make a difference has never met a honey bee."  
**(Applause)**

**MC Carolyn Martin:** Without the assistance and support of our Masonic brothers, we could accomplish very little. We are honored this evening to have the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas in attendance this evening. It is my privilege to introduce Mr. Tommy Chapman, Most Worshipful Grand Master and I invite you to bring greetings to this assembly.

**MWGM Tommy Chapman:** Good evening. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers all. It is indeed an honor to be here this evening to bring greetings from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas to you. I would like to introduce my wife, Kathy, the First Lady of Texas Masons. **(Applause)** No dress today, dear. (Laughter) My favorite singer is George Strait. Does anybody here know who George Strait is? (Yes!) And my second favorite singer is Alan Jackson. Do y'all know him? (Yes!) He's got a song, I don't know if y'all have heard it but it is called "The Older I Get". I have been thinking about that song for the last few minutes. And I'm not going to sing, I'll spare you that. But it has some of the lyrics in the song I think are fitting for this occasion. It says, "The older I get the truer it is, it's the people you love, not the money and stuff makes you rich." I want to assure each and every one of you that I love you and I love the Order of the Eastern Star and I am proud to be a member and I want to congratulate at this time the Jr. Past Worthy Grand Matron and Jr. Past Worthy Grand Patron, Susan Dormady and Mark Dieckmann. Congratulations. Y'all had a wonderful Session. Thank you for having me. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I probably went overtime so I'm sorry but God bless the United States of America, God bless the great state of Texas, God bless Freemasonry, God bless the Order of the Eastern Star, and God bless each and every one of you. Thank you for having me. **(Applause)**

**MC Carolyn Martin:** Thank you very much Brother Tommy Chapman, Most Worshipful Grand Master. **(Applause)** Realizing that the future of our Order, to a great extent rests in the hands of our Youth, we are extremely proud of our Fraternal Youth Organizations. We are honored with the presence of members of these Youth Organizations in Texas and will hear greetings from their representatives.

We always look forward to watching the beautiful young ladies of Texas Rainbow and they never disappoint us. It is a pleasure to present Mrs. Angela Seymour, Supreme Deputy in Texas. International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. **(Applause)**

**Mrs. Angela Seymour:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, friends one and all. It is my pleasure to bring greetings on behalf of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and more specifically the Grand Assembly of Texas. We were delighted to have Sister Glenda attend our

Grand Assembly Session in June. And it was there that she invited me and our Rainbow Girls to take part in this Installation. At that time, she shared how special the Rainbow Bible Service is to her being a majority Rainbow Girl and it is our privilege to participate in such a meaningful way. There are wonderful things happening in Texas Rainbow and I hope you will all join us on this awesome adventure. Annabella, our Grand Worthy Advisor goal this year is to create strong bonds across the state of Texas and a unity and connectiveness that can diminish the miles between us. I am blessed beyond measure to have been appointed to serve the Grand Assembly of Texas as Supreme Deputy. And I am generally inspired by the incredible girls and young women that I have the pleasure to work with. They are amazing and it is with great pride that I present them to you now. Ladies.

(Entrance of Rainbow Girls)

(Presentation of Rainbow Bibles to WGM and WGP at the altar  
by Annabella Jorstad, Grand Worthy Advisor)

**(Applause)**

**Mrs. Angela Seymour:** Thank you Annabella. And Annabella is our Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly of Texas. **(Applause)**

(Singing of the Rainbow Song)

**MC Carolyn Martin:** We are pleased to have the young men of the DeMolay with us tonight, What sets DeMolay apart from the other young men's groups is that we have a feeling of "brotherhood" that comes from belonging to our fraternity. DeMolay will provide you with many lasting experiences. We are Happy to Have Mr. Tommy Chapman to Introduce the DeMolay –State Master Councilor.

**MWGM Tommy Chapman:** Thank you. It is now my privilege and honor to introduce to you the State Senior Councilor of Texas DeMolay Association, Spencer Dupree. **(Applause)** It is also my honor and pleasure to present to you our State Master Councilor of Texas DeMolay Association, and all I have to say as Executive Officer is I bring you greetings from DeMolay International and DeMolay Texas. And now our State Master Councilor, I introduce to you Peter Luke, State Master Councilor. **(Applause)**

**SMC Peter Luke:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Installed Officers, Elected Members, Grand Representatives, members and guests. My name is Peter Luke. I'm

the 95<sup>th</sup> State Master Councilor of the Texas DeMolay Association and I bring greetings on behalf of Texas DeMolay. One of the many things that I've seen from the Masonic aspect is everything that my mother has done not only to grow the Masonic aspect of my family because she is what started the Masonic journey but also to keep it thriving through not only me but also my older brother and my younger sister. And that's one of the things that kind of inspires this year for Texas DeMolay. My focus for this year is to treat your DeMolay Chapters like a family. And as I told my Brothers in DeMolay that we are not just friends in a fellowship for service, we are Brothers in a fraternity to help one another. We are there for each other, we are Brothers for one another. One of the main themes is that DeMolay is a family and just like other Masonic Organizations, we are a family. That's why this year's first ever State Master Councilor mascot, you may see him out there, is Stitch. Stitch has really inspired me with the whole family aspect. So that is definitely one thing that has helped me and this year's Texas DeMolay charity fundraiser is the Grotto Humanitarian Foundation. One thing personal with that to me is they help with dental work. I had to wear braces and I'm currently wearing permanent retainers to help keep my teeth straight. The Grotto Humanitarian Foundation, they help kids with special needs find the right dental care that they can get. And we are doing that by selling a charity coin which will start selling at Family Day. And so, those will be sold for \$20.00 apiece. We will also be selling State pins and other merchandise at Family Day. Mrs. Glenda Murphy, congratulations on being elected and installed as Worthy Grand Matron. Mr. Terry, congratulations in being installed and put in place as Worthy Grand Patron. I hope that y'all have a successful term and that y'all's term goes way beyond what y'all expect. Thank you. **(Applause)**

**MC Carolyn Martin:** Thank you very much to the youth that have participated with us this evening.

The jewels of the Offices of Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are reminders of the honor and responsibility belonging to these Offices. The immediate Past Grand Matron, Sister Susan Dormady will now make the presentation of the traveling jewel to the WGM.

**PGM Susan Dormady:** One more time with the microphone. I am so very proud of you. I cannot wait to see what you do during your year. You have

a great corps of Officers. Good luck. Wear this very proudly. Congratulations. **(Applause)**

**MC Carolyn Martin:** The tall people keep moving the microphone. (Laughter) The Worthy Grand Patron's jewel will be presented by Mr. Mark Dieckman the immediate Past Grand Patron.

**PGP Mark Dieckmann:** Brother Terry, congratulations on your Installation as Worthy Grand Patron. I know you're going to have a great year. I want to present to you this jewel that which, no pressure, is 142 years old. The worst thing any Past Grand here will tell you is thinking about what would happen if you lose this pin. Anyway, congratulations, I know you will serve the office with honor and dignity. It fits you perfectly, my Brother. **(Applause)**

**MC Carolyn Martin:** To present the Past Grand Matron's Jewel is Mr. Bill Dormady, husband of the Past Grand Matron Susan Dormady.

**Mr. Bill Dormady:** Ms. Susan, as I call you. Ms. Susan. Mother of my children, love of my life, when you started serving this great organization we had no idea that we would wind up at this chapter. If you close one chapter and start another, it is my pleasure to present you with your Past Matron's pin. **(Applause)**

**PGM Susan Dormady:** Thank you, dear.

**MC Carolyn Martin:** To present the Past Grand Patron's jewel is Sister Sherry Dieckmann, wife of the Past Grand Patron Mark Dieckmann.

**Sister Sherry Dieckmann:** I am so very proud tonight to present to the love of my life and my best friend this jewel. It's a very special jewel. It's an antique jewel that we had converted to a Texas Past Patron's jewel, that was a Past Grand Patron's jewel from Missouri. And Mark is from Missouri so it's a tie to his home state. We are so very proud to have you. I'll never forget when we first started dating, I told him, I said "If you wanted to be serious with me, you needed to join Masonry and Eastern Star." And I'm so glad he did. And we have enjoyed the road so much and I'm so very proud to have stand up here with me, my oldest son Jedidiah who just joined Eastern Star in May **(Applause)** and my future daughter-in-law, Melissa, who joined also with him. So, our next generation. **(Applause)** I know you will wear this with much pride and dignity. And we are so glad

to have you back home to do some stuff with us, so we can do some more family stuff. But this road and all the people that have made this happen it really means a lot to Mark and I. And we thank you all. **(Applause)**

**MC Carolyn Martin:** Each Grand Chapter year is different from the other Grand Chapter years as each Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron put their individual touches on their year of service. The individual portions of the program for 2024-2025 will be presented by our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

To present the Dedication of the Worthy Grand Matron is Mrs. Vi Griffin, Community Service Committee, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas. **(Applause)**

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the honor and privilege to present the Dedication of your year.

I am pleased and proud to dedicate this year, first and foremost, to the three Masons who mean so much to me and our family. It is with love in my heart that I dedicate this year of service to the man who was the first in our family to become a Mason, my father Oran Edens Rials. It is because of him and his love for the Masonic Fraternity that my loving husband, Tom Murphy, became a Mason as well as our son, Scott Sory.

I will always remember when Tom asked my dad, "How do you become a Mason"? My daddy said, "I have been waiting five years for you to ask me that question?" The next morning at 8 am, there was a knock on our door, and there stood Past Grand Master Vogel along with Jim Holloway of Tolerance Lodge with a petition for the degrees.

Thanks to these men and their relationship to the Masonic Fraternity, I am able to be a member in our beautiful Order.

There is no greater honor than serving our Order with my husband, Tom and our son Scott. It has indeed become a family affair, as our daughter-in-law Pam, is also a member of our Order. Thank you for the love and support of my entire family for this would not be possible without them.

These "Loved Ones" were and are always there for me and I hope that I can return that love and support to the members of this Order.

I accept this challenge because you have faith in me, and it is through faith that we will all serve this Order with Love and Dignity. Thank you.  
**(Applause)**

**MC Carolyn Martin:** To present the Message of the Worthy Grand Matron is Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Triennial Assembly Director of Deputies of Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron and Past Grand Matron of Texas and Grand Representative of Texas in District of Columbia

**PGM Alma Lynn Bane:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to bring your message to our membership.

Sisters and Brothers thank you for the honor you have given me by allowing me to serve our wonderful Order as your Worthy Grand Matron 2024-2025.

Each of you are the strength of our Order and make our Order the incredible fraternity we are, for without each of you we would not exist. This year I want us to “Honor our Past and Preserve our Future”.

Honoring our Past will take each of us. We need to Honor those who have served before us and showed us the path to follow for we can learn so much from them as we remember their contribution to our Order.

Preserving our future is again up to each of us as we grow and mark our place in History, as we share our benevolent work in our communities and our State. We will see our Order grow and preserve our future.

Honoring our Past and Preserving our Future is a responsibility we each have.

For remembering our past is a privilege. Carrying our Order into the future is our responsibility and one we each must assume. Preserving our future can be accomplished as we all work together to secure our place in history.

My wish for each of you is that this year is one in which you will see growth in your Chapters and know that your benevolent work has made a difference in your communities. Each of you are what make our Grand Chapter the wonderful fraternity it is. I thank you for your dedication and service. **(Applause)**

**MC Carolyn Martin:** To present the Dedication of the Year of the Worthy Grand Patron is Mrs. Jerre Lucas, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

**PGM Jerre Lucas:** I want to thank the entire Littlepage family.

Any dedication requires hard work and loyalty beyond measure. I dedicate my year as Worthy Grand Patron of Texas, to my family and to my friends that have become family.

I am proud to continue the legacy of my immediate family who have been devoted members of the Star in San Antonio, Texas, since the 1920's. Their dedication and commitment to God, Country, and each other is what inspires, not only me, but us all. It is the foundation of our Order. Let this be a year dedicated to family and friends and a year dedicated to compassion and service to others. **(Applause)**

**MC Carolyn Martin:** To present the Message of the Worthy Grand Patron is Mr. Burley Jones, Ambassador/ Brazil, Central West, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Texas

**PGP Burley Jones:**

My Mission is simple. I intend to Honor and Serve you, our Star membership, by encouraging an atmosphere of respect, kindness and compassion within our Star family.

I want to set a positive example, not only for our Stars, but for our communities through our benevolent spirit. Let our actions speak louder than words! Always remember that our Past is important to our Future! Together we fight to keep the Future bright for the Order of the Eastern Star!!! **(Applause)**

**MC Carolyn Martin:** We will now have the presentation of the Worthy Grand Matron's March. This beautiful march, The Busy Bee Serenade, arranged and played by Mrs. Linda Love, is my trip down memory lane. It is dedicated to the wonderful membership of our beautiful Order.

**Mrs. Linda Love:** Thank you so much for allowing me to do this for you. Every note was written out of love from my heart to you. Every song, four of them were your favorites and the other two I wrote. So, I hope and pray that through this year and next year, and year and year after that you are able to enjoy this as much as I enjoyed writing it for you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S MARCH  
"The Busy Bee Serenade"  
Arranged and played by Mrs. Linda Love

***(Applause)***

**MC Carolyn Martin:** The Worthy Grand Patron's March, "Southern Gentleman's March Across Texas, was arranged by Brother Bill Rhyan, Past Grand Patron of Arizona and played for us this evening by Mrs. Susan Smith.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S MARCH  
"Southern Gentleman's March Across Texas"  
Arranged by Mr. Bill Rhyan and played by Susan Smith

***(Applause)***

**WGP Terry Littlepage:** Thank you so much. You just heard my life.

***(Applause)***

**MC Carolyn Martin:** We are delighted to have Mr. Jerry Neuenschwander with us this evening. He is going to perform "Hallelujah".

"Hallelujah"

Sung by Jerry Neuenschwander

***(Applause)***

**MC Carolyn Martin:** Thank you very much Brother Jerry Neuenschwander. Mrs. Betty Benham, Triennial Other Assembly Colorful Notes and Personal Page to Past Most Worthy Grand Matron Bobbie White will present the Worthy Grand Matron's Humanitarian Program.

**PGM Betty Benham:** In Life we collect special moments which are like precious Pearls.

**P---Protect our Future**

Our future depends on the continuance of our Order. All of us working together can ensure that our organization has the funds necessary for our future endeavors. We can achieve a great moment for our Order's continuation by selecting the General Fund for our Humanitarian donations.

**E---Education is the Key to a Successful Future**

Education for the future plays a key role in our charitable umbrella. We are an organization that focuses on helping students to continue their education, for education is a key to future success. Our education scholarships assist with continuing education after high school for our members, spouses, children and grandchildren.

### **A---Aiding our Membership for a Better Future**

Aiding our membership through our Benevolent Aid fund is one of our primary concerns for assisting our Sisters and Brothers in their time of need and is of great importance to our Order for in life, collecting friends is like collecting precious pearls. Temporary Aid, and Long-Term Aid is available for our members as needed and is supported through donations to this important fund. Through donations to this fund, we show our love and support for our members who are in need. Our members are our precious pearls.

### **R--- Reaching out to our ladies is the Future of our Order**

Our endeavors must include our time, our friendship, our love and our monetary donations. It is our responsibility to meet the needs of our sweet Sister who resides in TMRC. We must remember that true beauty is assured by the number of pearls within us and not those around our neck. Our Sister is our pearl and as such need our care and our love.

### **L---Links to Our Future**

The ESTARL Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership offers to those who are dedicated to perpetuating Christian principles. Those accepting this award are focusing on the ministry and all that encompasses. By supporting our young religious leaders, we, as members, are helping to promote the principles of our Christian faith.

Matthew 13:46 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine Pearls” **(Applause)**

**MC Carolyn Martin:** Thank you very much Sister Betty Benham. At this time, I think we have a presentation. If our Installing Grand Officer would please come forward, Sister Sharon Mosmeyer.

**PGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** Thank you Master of Ceremonies. As I said earlier, it takes a village to perform what you have seen today. And I have a love gift that was given from all the participants for our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron. Would you please come forward. All of the ones that helped today to make this day so special for you both wanted to just give you a little love gift to show how much you are loved

by the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. **(Applause)**

**MC Carolyn Martin:** I am honored to present our Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Terry E. Littlepage for the Address of the Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP Terry Littlepage:** Good evening. This has been a really beautiful Installation. Thank you for coming and I'd like to introduce my family now. My beautiful wife, Monette Littlepage. **(Applause)** My daughter, Tiffany **(Applause)** our son, Travis, my grandchildren, Tipton and Tegan. **(Applause)** My son, Robert and his lovely wife, Kameo. And Steve White and his wife Hilda. **(Applause)** And John Dunn. **(Applause)**

Would the Floresville and Canyon Lake chapters would y'all stand please. Thank you so much for your support!

Glenda and I are looking forward to a really good year. Thank you. Thank you all for coming. Good night. **(Applause)**

**MC Carolyn Martin:** It is now my privilege to present to you, Mrs. Glenda R. Murphy, your Worthy Grand Matron for her greetings. **(Applause)**

**WGM Glenda Murphy:** Good evening. I'm tall, she's short. You know, as I stand up here before you, it is very difficult to share my feelings. I am standing in the Grand Lodge of Texas. That is a tremendous privilege for a woman and we are so very fortunate that we have been given an opportunity to do so. And as you heard in my Dedication, our father was a Mason and taught my sister and I how to live an honorable life to the very best of our ability. Not to say that we were perfect or that we never got in trouble because she did a lot. (Laughter) And I always had to try and help her out of trouble. But then, along comes the men in my life and they have all exemplified in their own living and the things they do what it means to be a true Mason. And hopefully that trickles down to all of us. But I just can't stand here without sharing what an honor and a privilege it is to stand in this place.

You know, I know every Worthy Grand Matron, Past Grand Matron that is here tonight thinks her Installation was the most beautiful one there ever was but I'm sorry...mine was. (Laughter) At least to me it certainly was. And I want to thank the incredible Installation team and the others who took part in our Installation because that made this evening so very, very special to me and to Brother Terry. They each one play an important life in our

Eastern Star lives that we do. And we thank you. So please know how special each one of you are to us.

At this time, I would like to introduce my family. I'm going to ask you to stand and I will get you all introduced. First of all, my sister, Debbie and my brother-in-law, Tim. Please stand. **(Applause)** That's the little sister that was always in trouble. I would like to introduce our son, Scott, and we won't tell stories on him. He says every holiday we tell stories when he was young. And his wife Pam, our daughter-in-law. Our daughter Malana, her husband Jay. Our granddaughters that are able to be here, those of you who know us know that we have quite a few. But we are honored tonight with two of them. Malory and McKenzie. But let me tell you, I have not gotten to hold or see those precious little things that they are holding. Malory has given us, she and her husband, Zachery, Zach...I didn't see you Zach, I'm sorry. They gave us Emerson Grace a few weeks ago. And McKenzie, her husband Greg had to work and could not be here, gave us Jett Hayes. So, they are very precious and a few of you have gotten to hug them before I have so I'm mad at you. But my family is very dear to me. I could not stand up here if it were not for y'all. You can be seated. **(Applause)** And then there is one more person that I have to thank. And he is also a Past Grand Patron of Texas who used to be waited on, taken care of, thought he was special, now he says his title is not really Past Grand Patron but Load, Tote, and Carry. And he does it beautifully. Tom, I love you and I thank you for supporting me in all that I do. **(Applause)**

And there are some Chapters who put up with me and let me come and go, but they have never, ever said no I can't do that, I refuse to do that, or we don't want to do that. And I'm going to ask my Chapters to stand and stay standing for a moment. Crockett, Lufkin, Groveton, and Palestine will you please stand. **(Applause)** Now will all of District 4 please stand. Everybody here from District 4 and District 1. Thank each of you for supporting your Grand Chapter and being here this evening. Thank you. **(Applause)**

A very, very special thanks to Brother Terry and Sister Monette for sharing this year with me and being willing to go on this journey. Because those of you who have made it know it takes dedication, time, and a lot of energy. And to them I will always be grateful for them saying yes and jumping on the bandwagon.

The Grand Officers who are sitting here and are going to serve your Grand Chapter this year, thank you for saying yes. And those who are in the line, we are going to have a great time. And I thank y'all for serving your Grand Chapter because without each of you and each one of you here tonight, the Grand Chapter of Texas would not exist. It would not be. This is the very start of an exciting adventure as we travel Texas.

We look forward to sharing time with you at our schools and other celebrations or just spending an evening together visiting with each one of you because Honoring our Past and Preserving our Future will be the job of each one of us. Yes, we need to move forward in some of the things we do, however, I am not totally willing to give up some of the things we do such as traditions and the things that guide us where we are today. We can improve on some of them, but we are going to always remember those who paved the way before us making it possible for each one of us to serve.

We owe our history to those who have come before us. I want you to also know that people tell me, you know we are getting smaller. And we know that we are but we may preserve our future, by sharing what we represent, what we accomplish with our benevolent work. And I believe in doing so we will make a difference in our communities, our states, and the world because we are worldwide. We must remember that our neighbors, and our Sisters and Brothers in our local Chapters are just as important as everyone else in our Order.

We must go forward this year and we are going to do that. We're going to make a difference in all we do. The More Benevolent Work we do, the brighter our STAR will shine.

I have a few announcements to make. One is, we all get to be at breakfast at 7:00 a.m., y'all can be a little later but myself and the people who are going to be Candidates for the 2024 – 2025 year need to meet me in the auditorium of the Lee Lochwood Library & Museum at 7:00 a.m. Then we will have the Associate Grand Conductress Breakfast at 8 am also in the Lee Lochwood Library & Museum. After the breakfast, the District and the Deputy Grand Matrons will meet and we would like to invite the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to please join us. We will get to visit with one another and know who we are and whose going to be doing what.

But, in closing, please accept my very sincere gratitude for the time that it took to put this Installation together, took many, many people and they worked hard and appreciate you being here as much as I do. Thank you Texas. God bless you. Good night. **(Applause)**

**MC Carolyn Martin:** On behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron and the new Corps of Officers, I want to thank you each for being here to share this very special evening. Following the Benediction, voiced this evening by Brother Rick Skidd, Regenerative Medicine Committee, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Texas.

**PGP Rick Skidd:** Good evening. Yes, I'm one of the tall ones. \*\*\* First I want to say, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for this opportunity to participate in your Installation. Sisters, Brothers, Families and Friends, you know what my presence here means. If you will take the hand of the person next to you. Gracious Father, we gather not to offer our heartfelt thanks for this special occasion. We commend to your care these individuals who have been Installed into leadership roles within our Organization. Grant them wisdom, courage, and compassion as they undertake their responsibilities. May they be guided by your spirit in all they do. Equip them with the strength to serve with integrity and humility. Always seeking your will. Bless the Order of the Eastern Star with unity, purpose, and prosperity. May we work together in harmony building a stronger and more vibrant Organization. We ask for a special blessing upon those traveling. Protect them on their journeys home and grant them safe passage. May they return from this Grand Chapter refreshed and renewed in spirit. We ask all of these things in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen (Amen)

**MC Carolyn Martin:** \* To our visitors, thank you for sharing this very special evening with us. Your attendance has been greatly appreciated. In order that we may properly close our Grand Chapter Session, those who are not members will retire at this time and we will have a short recess in order to do a Ritualistic Closing. Thank you.

*(Ritualistic Closing)*

(Grand Conductress attends at the Altar)

(141st Grand Chapter Session called from Rest to Labor)

(Proving the Grand Chapter)

**WGM Glenda Murphy:** I would like to thank each of you for being here tonight and supporting Brother Terry and I. Grand Chapters don't just happen it takes lots of hard work to accomplish what has been accomplished here this week. I trust that each of you will work hard this next year so that we can all be successful. I am so very pleased to serve with the Grand Officers and the Board Members, and I know with everyone's help we can make great things happen. Always remember what Eeyore says: "A little consideration, a little thought for others, makes all the difference in the world."

I do believe that the Board of Directors want to come see me? They have a presentation at this time.

**Member of the Board:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, we want to as a Board collectively, we want tonight to present to you your latest mode of transportation. We've cleaned it up, we've watered it, we've fed it and she's ready to basically take you anywhere you want to go. We would also like to wish you God speed, open roads, and most importantly, safe travels. Secondly, we've got two gifts we want to share with you two. As far as we are concerned, all of us, this is our sign of respect and adoration for the two of you.

**WGM Glenda Murphy:** Thank you very much. **(Applause)** Thank you Board of Directors. You know we wouldn't be where we are if we didn't have their help and guidance. Our Boards are very important to us. So, I thank you very much.

Please remember Candidates to meet me in the morning in the Auditorium at 7a.m. at the Lee Lochwood Library and Museum. We had breakfast early this morning together, we'll have it again in the morning. That breakfast starts at 8:00 a.m. for the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress. Again, it's at Lee Lochwood Library and Museum. And as I invited the Past Grands and all to meet with the Deputies, the District Deputies in the morning after the breakfast. I wish you God speed. Enjoy your time at home. We want to see you at our first school. We want to see you at our Fraternal Visit. It is a joint Fraternal Visit, August 31, again, here in Waco at Lee Lochwood Library and Museum when Brother Terry and I celebrate the beginning of our year and we want to celebrate with each of you. So, I hope we see you there.

**WGM Glenda Murphy:** Sister Grand Marshal you will retire the United States Flag. \*\*\*

Retiring of the United States Flag  
(Closing of the Grand Chapter) \*

Sister Grand Conductress you will close our Holy Bible.

Closing Ode "*Evening Prayer*"  
Grand Chaplain Prayer  
Grand Conductress closes the Holy Bible

I now declare this 141st Grand Chapter Session Closed. \* Sister Conductress and Associate Conductress we will now have our retiring drill. Will you all please remain seated until Brother Bob Royall joins us at the Altar for our Closing.

**Brother Bob Royall:**

My Sisters and Brothers,  
Our Grand Chapter Session now must close.  
We'll put our cares to sweet repose.  
We'll place our jewels by the Holy Book,  
Into whose pages we reverently look.  
And from this book, the light of our Star  
Will shine on those both near and far.  
The stories of Grand Adah and Grand Ruth of old,  
Grand Esther, Grand Martha, and Grand Electa are told.  
Forever high may we hold our creed,  
For the jewels of this book are all that we need.  
We gather ourselves and our Chapter so dear,  
Our circle of friends throughout the year.  
May the Lord watch between me and thee,  
While we are absent one from the other.

(End of the 2024 Grand Chapter Installation)

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

**141<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter Session**

**Reports Not Given  
At Grand Chapter**



## **BULLETIN**

First I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron, Susan Dormady, and Worthy Grand Patron, Mark Dieckmann for the appointment as General Chairman of the Bulletin committee.

I also thank the District Chairman and Committee Members who served and helped make this report possible.

It was a pleasure to work with and communicate with Kate Cecil, Inventory Control, who always responded when called upon. My highest regards to her.

We made a profit of \$2,287.75 for the Bulletin Charm.

We brought in a total of \$8,073 for Bulletin subscriptions.

Heidi Jenkins  
General Chairman

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON  
DISTRICT 1**

To be a good steward of your time, the DGMs' reports have been filed with the Grand Secretary's Office. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Installed Grand Officers, Elected Board Members, my Sisters and Brothers, it is a honor that I present the following 2023-2024 Deputy Report for District 1. I want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for selecting these awesome ladies to serve as her Deputies this year.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce the Deputy Grand Matrons of District One - **My Number Ones**:

Sister Jacqueline Duffley, Section One, Blessings From the Tree of Life School, held on October 7 in Gainesville with 89 in attendance.

Sister Adryan Grossman, Section Two, Roots of Knowledge School, held on October 12 in Sherman with 78 in attendance.

Sister Vicky Gordon, Section Three, Under the Stars in NE Texas, held on October 19, in Paris with 91 in attendance.

Sister Brook Bennett, Section Four, Deep Roots School, held in Duncanville with 113 in attendance.

Sister Suzanne DeVine, Section Five, Fancy Footwork School, held October 21, in Farmers Branch with 122 in attendance.

Sister Theresa Pate, Section Six and Seven, Lighting Our Path School, held November 2 with 75 in attendance.

Sisters Leah West, Section 8, Cindy Ford, Section 9 and Peggy Saxon, Section 10, Branches of Love School in Carthage with 150 in attendance.

These ladies worked tirelessly in their sections and with each other to secure outstanding schools and attendance to Fraternal Visits. I can't thank our Worthy Grand Matron enough for providing me with such sweet ladies to take this journey together. Congratulations on a job well done!

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing me the opportunity to serve you and this membership. This was one of those appointments that I had on my "Bucket List" and I'm pleased to have been included on your Team. Your advice, encouragement and friendship as well as allowing me to shine in my own way was greatly appreciated. The opportunity to go forward with your new Thursday night format was a challenge of being the first but exciting to be able to pave the way for my sister District Deputy Grand Matrons.

Worthy Grand Patron, it has been a pleasure working with you and Sister Sherry these past several years. You are considered "family" and I appreciate all that you do for Eastern Star.

Sister Sherrie Fowler, Grand Examiner-District One, thank you for the time we spent together and the friendship that we developed over the past year. Thank you for your service to Grand Chapter and best wishes on your future endeavors.

Sister Rhonda Holland, Humanitarian Chairman – District One, thank you for your hard work as our Humanitarian Chairman. Your programs were special and I know you worked diligently to provide information to our membership in a memorable way. We loved your tree and fisherman!

Sister Ann Stuart, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the assistance you gave us in getting our information correct and submitted in a timely fashion. I know that it is an extra burden while assisting the Worthy Grand Matron but you have been so kind and supportive. Thank you.

Sister Tara Berge, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for your kind help in anything we needed. Your support was greatly appreciated.

Finally, thank you to the members of District One for your support of your Deputies and me during this awesome journey. It is with your help and attendance that our schools were successful. Thank you for your

kindness and all the many courtesies shown to each of us. We hope that we have served you proud this year.

**Statistical Report of District 1:**

Chapters assigned: 61

Chapters Consolidated: 0 (1 in process)

Chapters Demised: 0

Chapters Instituted: 0

Chapters Constituted: 0

Chapters Inspected: 61

Schools Conducted:7 (total attendance: 718)

Schools Attended DDGM:12

Schools Attended DGM: 54

Letters Written: 585

Miles Traveled: 51,662

Marty Drescher

District Deputy Grand Matron, District 1

## **DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT 2**

Thank you, Sister Marty. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

Hello, I'm Carol Sue Knutson, District Deputy Grand Matron for District 2. I am here to present the report for District 2. Let me introduce my deputies:

Sister Michelle Glaze, Sections 2 & 5 who held the Growth, Strength and Wisdom school of instruction on March 16 with 45 in attendance.

Sister Mickey Norwood Sections 3 & 4 who held the Whirlwind of Learning school of instruction on March 22 with 80 in attendance.

Sister Kellian Wyatt Section 7 who held the Budding of Our Lessons school of instruction on March 2 with 139 in attendance.

Sister Rosemary Foreman Section 7 who held the West Texas Star Fall school of instruction on April 6 with 141 in attendance.

Sister Willie Shaw Section 10 who held the only evening school in our District, the West Star school of instruction with 25 in attendance.

Thank you WGM for appointing these sisters to serve with me this year. Thank you to my DGM's for your hard work and patience. I know we have had our challenges but we made it through, yeah! Love you all.

All the 14 chapters in our district have been inspected and the deputy's reports have been submitted to the Grand Secretary's office. My deputies and I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the honor of serving our district this past year under their guidance. What a year it has been. I appreciate your patience and friendship. We are small in membership but we accomplished our goals by supporting each other.

We would also like to thank our Grand Examiner, Sister Chris Puckett for the work she did with A certificates that were issued. Keep up the good work Sister Chris.

Sister Shirley Flache our Humanitarian Chairman, thank you for attending every school and delivering your program with enthusiasm and joy. I have been in your position and know the dedication it takes to accomplish your duties. Thank you.

To Sisters Ann Stuart and Tara Berge, secretaries to the WGM & WGP, thank you for attending the schools and cheering us on. I don't know how you keep up with everything. You are better organized than I am. Thank you for your smiles and friendship.

I want to thank my Sister Deputy Grand Matrons, Marty, Gay, Lou and Amanda. You have all been there when I had questions or needed guidance. I learned a lot from all of you by attending your schools. Sisters forever.

Finally, I would like to thank the dear members of my District, without your love, encouragement and presence I would have never made it through this year. Thanks for showing up, stepping in at the last minute, and reading my mind and taking care of things out of the limelight. I love you!

Statistical Report of District 2:

Chapters Assigned: 14  
Chapters Consolidated: 0  
Chapters Demised: 0  
Chapters Constituted: 0  
Chapters Inspected: 14

Schools Conducted: 5 (total attendance 430)

Schools Attended by DDGM : 13

Schools Attended by DGM's: 18

Letters Written: 13 (text messages & emails I lost count)

Miles Traveled: 40,218 (Official and unofficial)

Thank you all who made this year a success.

Carol Sue Knutson

District Deputy Grand Matron, District 2

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON  
DISTRICT 3**

I would like to introduce Gay's Gangster, the Deputies of District 3:

Annette Gardner, Section 2 & 3  
Janie Marks, Section 4 & 5  
Cheryl Stelzer, Section 6  
Lorelei "Stormie" Reed, Section 7  
Ruth Doss, Section 8  
Diane Griffin, Section 9  
Priscilla Locke, Section 10

Gay's Gangsters have been honored to serve this year, thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this opportunity.

Thank you, Sister Carol Sue Knutson for being my roommate and traveling companion throughout the year. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Elected General Grand Chapter Trustee, General Grand Ambassadors and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure that I present the report for District 3 for 2023-2024 Grand Chapter Year. Worthy Grand Matron, Susan Dormady and Worthy Grand Patron, Mark Dieckmann, thank you very much for the privilege and trust you have placed in me this year of serving you and the membership as your District Deputy Grand Matron for District Three. I am honored to be able to serve you. I will cherish the friendships and memories I have made this year. As my theme this year has been "I've Been Everywhere Man"!! and On the Road Again!! Just Can't Wait to Get on the Road Again!!! I have been to places I have never been before and have enjoyed every moment. Thank you for this opportunity to serve Grand Chapter.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce the Deputy Grand Matrons of District Three **Gay's Gangsters:**

Section One, with the help of Co-Chairman Betty Hancock, along with 11 Chapters of Section 1, hosted the “Jewels are the Seeds of Knowledge”, held on November 18 in Ft Worth with 153 in attendance.

Sister Annette Gardner, Section Two and Three, along with the 9 chapters in Sections 2 & 3, hosted the “Roots of Wisdom and Knowledge School”, held on November 11th in Granbury with 115 in attendance.

Sisters Janie Marks, Section Four and Five, along with the 4 chapters in Sections 4 & 5 and Cheryl Stelzer, Section Six, along with the 5 chapters of Section 6, hosted “Branching Out for Education School”, held in Goldthwaite with 77 in attendance.

Sisters Lorelei “Stormie” Reed, Section Seven, along with the 1 chapter in Section 7 and Ruth Doss, Section Eight, along with the 7 Chapters in Section 8, hosted the “Growing Roots of Knowledge School”, held November 16 in Georgetown with 126 in attendance.

Sisters Diane Griffin, Section Nine, along with the 5 Chapters in Section 9 and Priscilla Locke, Section Ten, along with the 6 Chapters in Section 10, hosted the “Jewels of Central Texas School” in Hillsboro with 163 in attendance.

Total attendance for the District 3 Schools was 634

### **STATISTICAL REPORT FOR DISTRICT 3**

Chapters assigned: 48

Chapters Consolidated: 0

Chapters Demised: 0

Chapters Instituted: 0

Chapters Constituted: 0

Chapters Inspected: 48

Schools Conducted: 5

Schools Attended in Section: 20

Schools Attended in Other Sections: 52

Letters Written: 707

Miles Traveled: 60,200

At the end of this physical year, District 3 has 48 Chapters. All Chapters received an Official Visit from the Deputy Grand Matrons assigned to their section. The District Deputy Grand Matron D3 was assigned Section One when the DGM resigned. DDGM D3 visited eight out of the eleven

chapters and DDGM D1, Sister Marty Drescher and DDGM D2, Sister Carol Sue Knutson visited three chapters for her. I deeply appreciate their help in doing the Official Visits for me and all the Secretaries/Treasurers in this section working with my scheduling/rescheduling of their visits.

Worthy Grand Matron your seven Deputy Grand Matrons of District 3 thank you for this wonderful opportunity that you have given them to serve this year. They have worked so hard to have successful schools and Fraternal Visits. I am so proud of Gay's Gangsters, they all worked well together. Thanks for choosing each of them as our bond has grown strongly throughout the year. It was very memorable for each of them.

Sister Susan Dormady, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you very much for this once in a lifetime opportunity to serve you and this membership. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you and our team to see that we succeeded in all your goals this year. Thank you very much for your encouragement and wisdom while I took on the role of my deputy who resigned during the year. I have enjoyed visiting the chapters in District Three – my new “Bucket List” is to attend all chapters in District Three – there are a few I will be attending once I am not Worthy Matron of my parent chapter next year. My highlight of this year was when the WGM commissioned me as Grand Representative of Oregon in Texas. I was able to attend their Grand Chapter in June with Carol Sue Knutson. I am looking forward to attending next year with you. I will cherish the friendships and memories I have made during this year and thank you for the privilege of serving you. I thoroughly enjoyed driving you in the “Big Grand Van” around our District!

Brother Mark Dieckmann, Worthy Grand Patron, you are a blessing to this organization. Thank you for all the support that you have given me. I have enjoyed working with you and your lovely wife Sister Sherry. It has been a pleasure getting to know both of you. I have enjoyed our travels together throughout this wonderful state. The West Texas trip was the best!

Sister Donna Hill Pope, Grand Examiner-District Three, I have enjoyed getting to know you as we roomed together during our school schedule,

and it was so much fun working with you during our schools. Thanks for all your support and encouragement that you gave me. Your rendition of the Secret Work was inspirational to our members. I will cherish our friendship.

Sister Kaye Swain, Humanitarian Chairman – District Three, thank you for your dedication to this beautiful organization. You have been a very valuable member of our District and I deeply appreciate your support during the year. Your programs were very memorable. Our friendship throughout the years has been very dear to me.

Sister Ann Stuart, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for your friendship and the love of “God’s Country”!! Thanks for your smiles – you always light up a room when you walk in. Sister Tara Berge, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron, it has been a pleasure getting to know you and working with you this year. It has been fun watching both Secretaries working so fabulous together. Sister Betty Hancock, Co-Chairman of District 3 Section One, thank you very much for all your dedication and your team for making Section One school go so smoothly. I could not have done it without your support and help. I am so grateful that you were my Co-Chairman and appreciate all that you did for your section.

To the members of District Three, thank you very much for all the love, support and courtesies each of you have shown me this year. God places those in our lives to help us each day. You have given me strength throughout this year during my challenges. Thank you very much for your dedication and love for this organization. It has been fun meeting all of you throughout the district. Thanks for allowing me to surprise you when I came to visit your chapters. Each of you have inspired me and given me strength throughout this year. A special thanks to Barbara and Doyle Martin for opening their home when I needed to stay in Ft. Worth for some of my Official Visits and I didn’t have to drive back and forth. I deeply appreciate all that made sure I made it home safely each night.

Finally, to my Sisters District Deputy Grand Matrons, thank you for being there and always ready to step in when I needed you the most. I deeply appreciate all your support, advice, guidance, late night calls while I was driving back from Ft Worth area and listening ear, especially during my

last school. It would not have been successful without your help stepping in and teaching the rest of the day. It has been a fun year working with each of you and I value our lifetime friendship we have formed.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve District 3 as your District Deputy Grand Matron.

*"Sweet friendships refresh the soul and awakens our heart with joy, for good friends are like the anointing oil that yields the fragrant incense of God's presence."* Proverbs 27:9

Gay Jones

District Deputy Grand Matron, District 3

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON  
DISTRICT 4**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Installed Grand Officers, Elected Board Members my Sisters and Brothers it is a honor that I present the following 2023-2024 Deputy Report for District 4. I want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for selecting these ladies to serve as her Deputies this year.

It is with pleasure that I introduce the Deputy Grand Matrons of District Four:

Sister Debra Miller, Section 6, OES Season Opener in the Brazos Valley Night School, held on September 28th in Franklin with 114 in attendance.

Sisters Vicki Jernigan, Section 1, and Evelyn Huddleston, Section 3, Knowledge from the Pines School, held on September 30th in Lufkin with 183 in attendance.

Sister Donna Gonzalez, Section 2, See Love Grow Night School, held on December 1<sup>st</sup> in Orange with 104 in attendance.

Sister Lillian Kinard, Section 4, Growing Limbs of Knowledge School, held in Cleveland with 141 in attendance.

Sister Cheryl Ann Meek, Section 8, Squirrely for OES Night School, held February 8th in Brenham with 102 in attendance.

Sister Dianna Stiles, Section 7, Fishing for Knowledge School, held February 10<sup>th</sup> with 152 in attendance.

Sister Sharon Williams, Section 10, First Capital School, held February 17<sup>th</sup> in West Columbia with 116 in attendance.

Sisters Charlotte Morency, Section 5, and Jackie Parsonage, Section 9, Cook-off for the Stars School, held on February 24<sup>th</sup> in Houston with 229 in attendance.

These ladies worked diligently in their sections and with each other to generate outstanding schools and attendance at fraternal visits. I can't thank our Worthy Grand Matron enough for giving me such thoughtful ladies to take this journey together. Congratulations on a job positively done!

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for granting me the privilege of serving you and our membership. This appointment holds great reverence for me, and I am thrilled to be part of your Team. Your guidance, support, and friendship, along with the freedom to express myself, meant a lot to me. Embracing the challenge of launching the new Thursday night format was challenging as it was the first of its kind.

Worthy Grand Patron, working with you and Sister Sherry this year has been a pleasure. Working with you in chapter, district 4, and statewide has been full of amazing memories.

Sister Cheryl Royall, Grand Examiner-District Four, I want to express my gratitude for the time we shared and the friendships we've built over the past year. Your dedication to Grand Chapter is truly commendable, and I sincerely thank you for your service. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Sister Francie Spirloff, Humanitarian Chairman – District Four, Thank you for your dedicated work as our Humanitarian Chairman. Your programs were exceptional, and I appreciate your diligent efforts in delivering valuable information to our members in a memorable manner.

Sister Ann Stuart, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for your invaluable assistance as Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron. Your help in ensuring our information was accurate and submitted promptly has been greatly appreciated. I understand the extra demands placed on you while supporting the Worthy Grand Matron, and your kindness and support have meant a lot to us.

Sister Tara Berge, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your help with everything we needed. Your support has been greatly appreciated.

Lastly, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the members of District Four for your unwavering support of your Deputies and myself throughout this incredible journey. Your attendance and assistance were crucial to the success of our events. I deeply appreciate your kindness and the numerous courtesies extended to us. We hope we have represented you well and made you proud this year.

**Statistical Report of District 4:**

Chapters assigned: 71

Chapters Consolidated: 1

Chapters Demised: 0

Chapters Instituted: 0

Chapters Constituted: 0

Chapters Inspected: 71

Schools Conducted:8 (total attendance: 1141)

Schools Attended DDGM: 15

Schools Attended DGM's: 70

Letters Written: 935

Miles Traveled: 76,354

Amanda Upton

District Deputy Grand Matron, District 4

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON  
DISTRICT 5**

It is with a great deal of pride that I, along with the six Deputy Grand Matrons of District Five, present this report. And it is with much affection that I wish to introduce these six courageous, hardworking, devoted Deputy Grand Matrons of District Five.

Sections 3 & 4 - Sister Linda Suggs, who held the *Back to Our Roots* School of Instruction on January 27, 2024 at Blanco, Texas with 136 in attendance.

Sections 5 & 7 – Sister Sally Freeland, who held the *Hooked On Wisdom* School of Instruction on January 13, 2024 at Floresville, Texas with 140 in attendance.

Section 6 - Sister Gail Karwoski and Section 8 – Sister Scottie Beth Baker who held the *Nuts For Learning* School of Instruction on January 6, 2024 at Seguin, Texas with 142 in attendance.

Sections 9 & 10 – Sister Carol Coggins who held the *Fishing For Knowledge* School of Instruction on January 25, 2024 at Rockport, Texas with 70 in attendance.

Unfortunately, I am not able to introduce Sister Rana Williamson, who held the *Roots Of Gratitude* School of Instruction on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at San Angelo, Texas with 54 in attendance. Sister Rana passed away earlier this year after a short but debilitating illness.

A total of 542 members were registered at the five schools.

The following is a short summary of our year’s work:

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Chapters Assigned  | 37     |
| Chapters Inspected | 37     |
| Schools Conducted  | 5      |
| Schools Attended   | 42     |
| Letters Written    | 449    |
| Miles Traveled     | 27,138 |

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Susan, I would like to thank you from all of us for the opportunity to serve our beautiful order and for the

opportunity to get to know you better. It has been a wonderful experience for all of us to meet so many of our Sisters and Brothers and to have the ability to strengthen our chain of friendship throughout District Five.

This has been a year that we will all remember fondly; we have all become very close and have supported each other and each other's Chapters and have all learned a great deal. Again, thank you for this honor.

Lou Skidd  
District Deputy Grand Matron, District 5

## ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP STAMPS

As General Chairman of the Endowment Stamp Committee, I first want to express my thanks and appreciation to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for bestowing upon me this honor. The endowed membership is a great honor for each member to have as it helps Grand Chapter and also your local Chapters.

I was fortunate to have a great Co-Chairman, Linda Roy and the following District Chairmen:

District 1 Billy Rowell

District 3 Bobbie Jarvis

District 4 Patsy Duke

District 5 Chula Hubble

They have all worked hard to promote the sale of the membership stamps. A total of 220 stamps and 5 charms were sold netting a total of \$2250.00.. Once again, I wish to express my thanks to the membership for all their hard work and love of our Order.

Doris Blackmon  
General Chairman

## FINDING OUR MEMBERS

The Worthy Grand Matron has formed a new Special Committee, "Finding Our Members". This committee was formed in hopes of locating members that we no longer have contact information for. When Secretaries can't find member(s) they will let this committee know. The committee will research and try and find if the member is alive, moved, etc. By keeping missing members on the books the Chapter pays Per Capita for each one, plus the cost of communication, (mail, yearbook etc.) Hopefully our team will find all lost members. This is a much-needed committee to help us keep in touch with our membership and to give our final respect for those that have passed.

My team members are excited about serving on this committee, would like to see it continue and want to work on it again. We feel that our team is now organized and understands our task.

First of all I want to thank my District Chairmen:

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Lynne Viaggi        | Districts 1 & 2 |
| Mandy Cox           | District 3      |
| Tammy Abshier       | District 4      |
| Patsy Cates-Sherman | District 5      |

### FINAL REPORT DISTRICTS 1 AND 2

3 Chapters reported 4 missing members

27 Chapters reported No Missing Members

45 Chapters No Response

### FINAL REPORT DISTRICT 3

4 Chapters reported missing members

4 Members found, 2 suspended, 4 not found

No response from the other Chapters

### FINAL REPORT DISTRICT 4

2 Chapters reported missing members

15 Chapter reported no missing members

53 Chapters provided no response

FINAL REPORT DISTRICT 5

3 Chapters reported missing members

17 Chapters reported no missing members

19 Chapters provided no response

Lynne Viaggi

General Chairman

## GRAND EXAMINER AT LARGE

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is my pleasure to submit the report of the Grand Examiner At Large. I want to thank the membership for this wonderful opportunity to serve our Grand Chapter in this position. I have enjoyed traveling the school schedule this past year and assisting the other Grand Examiners at their schools. I had the opportunity to attend 18 Schools around the state and to assist in giving exams and visiting with the membership. I want to thank my co-workers, Sisters Sherrie, Chris, Donna, Cheryl, and Vickie for their commitment to this office and for staying well and safe throughout their schools. It has been an honor to serve with each of you and I have learned so much. I enjoyed traveling with each of you and assisting in your examining rooms, but was not needed to fill in for you.

During this Grand Chapter Session, I was pleased to issue A Certificates with many First Timers. I would like to recognize the First Timers if you would please stand as I call your names.

Thank you for your commitment to our Order by making sure you earned your certificates this Grand Chapter year. This concludes my report for the 2023-2024 year.

Respectively submitted,

Tina Stevens  
Grand Examiner At Large

## **GRAND EXAMINER DISTRICT 1**

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Members, and all my sisters and brothers:

It is my honor to present the 2023-2024 Report of the Grand Examiner of District 1. I especially want to thank the members of District 1 for all of the love and support you have extended to me this year. I appreciate all the prayers and all of the help that you gave me. I have enjoyed working with each and every one of you!

It was my privilege to attend all 7 Schools in District 1. I gave a rendition of the Secret Work at all of the Day Schools. The hard work of Marty Drescher, District Deputy Grand Matron, and all the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 1, made each one of the Schools very informative and run smoothly! I'm so very proud of all those who came to the Examining Room to earn their Certificates. I am also very happy to report that I was able to attend 17 more Schools across the other 4 Districts.

In District 1, there were 231 A Certificates earned and no B Certificates, for a total of 231 Certificates. Of the 231 Certificates, I am happy to report that 16 were First Time Certificates. Congratulations to all the First Timers!

As in the past, Proficiency Stickers were available to be purchased in the Examining Room with a total of \$225.00 being donated to the Worthy Grand Matron's Project from District 1 this year. And once again, thank you to the Worthy Grand Matron for allowing the Grand Examiners to collect donations for a charity of our choice. I have always enjoyed working with children, so I chose the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children as my charity again this year. I am very proud that \$500.00 was collected for this very important project from the members of District 1. Thank you to all who donated!

I extend a heartfelt thank you to Susan Dormady, Worthy Grand Matron, Mark Dieckmann, Worthy Grand Patron, for all their support this year. I

appreciate all your encouragement and your dedication to our beautiful Order.

I also want to send out a special hug to all the Installed Grand Officers and members of the Board of Directors. They have been inspirations to all of us.

To Marty Drescher, the District Deputy Grand Matron of District 1, congratulations for your beautiful teaching and thank you for all your help. And to the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 1, you all worked together beautifully. Your hard work paid off with wonderful Schools. Thank you for all the courtesies that you extended to me. Also, to Rhonda Holland, Humanitarian Chairman of District 1, it was a pleasure working with you. Your programs were always very interesting and enjoyable.

To my friends and co-workers, thank you for all your love and support during the year. I love each one of you and congratulate you all for having a wonderful year.

And finally, to the members of District 1 and all the membership of Texas, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as Grand Examiner of District 1 for the last 3 years. I will treasure all the friendships and beautiful memories I have made while serving you as Grand Examiner!

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie Fowler  
Grand Examiner, District 1

**BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS  
DISTRICT 2**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, my Sisters and Brothers.

I am pleased to report a successful year in examining members who chose to earn their Certificates of Proficiency in District Two.

This year Eighty-two (82) Certificates were earned in District Two - these were all A Certificates. Of these, seven (7) were earned by members for the first time. I offer congratulations to all who worked hard to memorize the secret work and to study the Constitution and Code of Laws, along with the Ritual. Their interest in keeping these things a focus of our Order is very near to my heart.

Following is break-down of all certificates earned in District Two:

|            |                   |                |
|------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Section 2  | 22 A certificates | 4 first timers |
| Section 3  | 1 A certificate   |                |
| Section 4  | 17 A certificates | 3 first timers |
| Section 5  | 0 certificates    |                |
| Section 7  | 18 A certificates |                |
| Section 8  | 20 A certificates |                |
| Section 10 | 4 A certificates  |                |

TOTAL 82 A certificates                      7 First timers

Sorted by Chapter -

|             |               |                   |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Section 2 – | Dumas 653     | 12 (1 first time) |
|             | Amarillo 787  | 10 (3 first time) |
| Section 3 - | Floydada      | 1                 |
| Section 4 - | Lubbock 76    | 15 (3 first time) |
|             | Freedom 898   | 3                 |
| Section 5 - | Childress 101 | 0                 |

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|--------------|------------------|------|----|
| Section 7 –  | Abilene 30       |      | 6  |
|              | Queen Esther 833 |      | 12 |
| Section 8 –  | Big Spring 67    |      | 7  |
|              | Midland 253      |      | 7  |
|              | Norman Read 1010 |      | 7  |
|              | Odessa 447       |      | 7  |
| Section 10 - | Wallace Hughston | 1100 | 2  |
|              | Woodbine 738     |      | 3  |

Allowing for 10 members that hold plural memberships, the actual number of people earning certificates was 82. There were 69 cute little tree proficiency stickers sold in District 2 this year, to be worn proudly on name badges, or attached to proficiency cards or dues cards, or even placed in the back of rituals.

The Lilah Smith Safe House in my hometown, Fort Stockton, was the charity I chose to collect donations for this year. When the Worthy Grand Matron allowed the Grand Examiners to select a charity to raise funds for, I immediately thought of this safe haven for women and children who find themselves in horrible domestic situations. The generous donations totaling \$398.00 from the members attending the District 2 schools, provided, perhaps, a bit of comfort for those needing it so badly. A friend made a matching donation directly to the safehouse. Thank you so much to all for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Worthy Grand Matron, it was a wonderful experience traveling with you this year, all around District 2, as well as other parts of the state. I am very pleased to have been a part of your grand family in 2023 – 2024. And I hope you know the rest. Worthy Grand Patron, it was fun to spend time with you and Sister Sherry, Grand Esther, as we traveled in District 2. I am proud to have you as a member of my chapter, and to call you my friend.

District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Carol Sue Knutson, I enjoyed our travels together and the times we spent talking and laughing in the evenings. We have been friends a long time, and this year just made that bond stronger.

Deputy Grand Matrons - thanks to each of you for all the work you did to make your schools special. I truly appreciate all the effort you made to make me comfortable, and to have a place for those coming to take exams with the Grand Examiner. All the other special courtesies are so appreciated.

Board of Grand Examiners - I am so honored to be part of this Elected Board with each of you. Our times together, helping each other out in our respective Districts, was such a joy. You welcomed me with open arms and we have grown a strong bond that will last beyond the time on this board together. Thank you for all you have done to help me learn and grow this year.

And last on the page, but first in my heart – thank you to the members of District 2 for participating in your schools and for keeping the work of our Order in a place of importance. You are a special group – not a large one, but certainly a working one, and one that loves Eastern Star. I am so proud to be an honorary member of each of your chapters. You have always treated me with kindness and welcomed me with big smiles and open arms. I look forward to times spent with you in years to come.

Chris Puckett  
Grand Examiner, District 2

**GRAND EXAMINER  
DISTRICT 3**

Thank you, Sister Chris Puckett, Grand Examiner, District 2. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, my sisters and brothers: It is my honor to present the report of the Grand Examiner of District 3. It has been a wonderful year and I have thoroughly enjoyed this service to our Order and especially to the members of District 3.

I want to thank my co-workers, the Grand Examiners, for their assistance this year. They have been so gracious, as well as always being available to help in the Examining Room at each of the schools of instruction. Each of these knowledgeable friends are the shining stars of our Order.

It was my honor and privilege to attend all 5 of the schools of instruction in District 3, as well as 11 schools in the other districts. The time spent with the membership is a joy, and the privilege of giving the secret work at each of the schools is a great honor.

We were pleased with the participation this year and happy to report that a total of 280 “A” certificates were earned from members in District 3, along with 22 first time certificates of proficiency. Congratulations to all of you! No “B” certificates were issued.

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|------------|-----------------|
| Section 1  | 69 certificates |
| Section 2  | 40 certificates |
| Section 3  | 8 certificates  |
| Section 4  | 12 certificates |
| Section 5  | 10 certificates |
| Section 6  | 20 certificates |
| Section 7  | 15 certificates |
| Section 8  | 40 certificates |
| Section 9  | 36 certificates |
| Section 10 | 8 certificates  |

As always, we had proficiency stickers available for purchase in the Examining Room. A total of \$175.00 was donated to the Worthy Grand Matron's project from District 3.

Thank you to the Worthy Grand Matron for allowing us to choose a charity of our choice. And since I used to train and show Dobermans in obedience, I chose Patriot Paws. I know how much a well-trained dog can help our military heroes and I am proud that Eastern Star has chosen to champion this cause for our veterans. Through the generosity of the members, a donation of \$750.00 was provided to this worthwhile project.

The Deputies of District 3 are to be commended for a job well done at each of the schools of instruction. They were all gracious and kind and went above and beyond to provide for our comfort and convenience. I appreciated my "roomy", District Deputy Grand Matron Gay Jones. She did a wonderful job as she served as Deputy of Section 1 and as she fulfilled her duties as District Deputy of District 3. A lot of miles and late nights went into this year. Thank you, Sister Gay, for your dedication to our Order. Congratulations also to my sister and long-time friend Kaye Swain for an excellent job as Humanitarian Chairman of District 3.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I especially love and appreciate you. Your kindness and encouragement will always be remembered. I cherish your friendship and it was a joy to be with you as we traveled.

Most of all, to the membership of Texas, thank you so much for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter. It is an experience that I will always cherish. Blessings to all of you!

And now it is my privilege to introduce my friend and co-worker, Sister Cheryl Royall, Grand Examiner District 4.

Donna Hill Pope  
Grand Examiner, District 3

**GRAND EXAMINER REPORT  
DISTRICT 4**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor of presenting the report of the Grand Examiner of District 4. During my final year to serve as Grand Examiner of District 4, I have continued to learn and value new experiences. It has been an incredible year traveling this great state, having the opportunity to visit with old friends and continually make new ones.

It was indeed my privilege to attend all of the Schools of Instruction in District 4 and to give my rendition of the Secret Work at each school. Due to the hard work and dedication of the membership of a total of 360 "A" Certificates were earned in District 4 for 2023-2024, and having the distinct honor of issuing 34 of these Certificates to first time recipients was a true delight. The report of Certificates issued by Section in District 4 is as follows:

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|------------|----|
| Section 1  | 34 |
| Section 2  | 56 |
| Section 3  | 30 |
| Section 4  | 60 |
| Section 5  | 65 |
| Section 6  | 32 |
| Section 7  | 46 |
| Section 8  | 22 |
| Section 9  | 11 |
| Section 10 | 54 |

Again this year, proficiency stickers were available for purchase in the Examining Room. A total of \$283.00 was donated by District 4 to this project of the Worthy Grand Matron.

I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for allowing us to choose a charity of our choice. I selected The Jack Fanning Memorial Foundation, "Angels for Autism", a 100% volunteer 501(c)(3) charitable organization. This Foundation offers hope to families with autistic children. They strive to assist those affected in achieving their individual

potential for a happy, healthy, productive life and to preserve their quality of life by providing research, group home development, respite, educational, vocational and recreational opportunities for the advancement of autistic individuals. The membership of Texas generously donated \$697.00 to this wonderful cause for which I am extremely grateful.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you so much for your time, dedication, leadership, thoughtfulness and encouragement this year. Your love for the Grand Chapter of Texas and our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star is a true blessing.

To the District Deputy Grand Matron of District 4, Sister Amanda Upton: thank you for sharing your knowledge with our membership. To the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 4: thank you for each and every courtesy extended to my office and to me personally. Your Schools of Instruction were all great! To Sister Francie Spirkoff: thank you for traveling to each of the schools in District 4 and presenting your educational Humanitarian Program. To my co-workers, working with you this past year has been an exciting and fun experience. I thank you for taking the time and making your way into District 4 to help in the Examining Room. You are a great group of ladies!

A special thank you to our Sister Ellen Pickrell and the great staff in the Grand Secretary's Office for all your assistance. Your willingness to answer questions at any time is greatly appreciated.

To the membership of Texas, thank you for allowing me to serve you and the Grand Chapter of Texas in this capacity for the past three years. Being your Grand Examiner of District 4 has been a challenging as well as rewarding experience. You placed your trust in me and I hope I have not disappointed you in any way. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again soon as we proceed into a new and exciting year.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Royall  
Board of Grand Examiners, District 4

## GRAND EXAMINER REPORT DISTRICT 5

It is my pleasure to present the report of the Grand Examiner for District 5. It was a most enjoyable year as I had the pleasure of seeing, again, how hard the membership work and how much they appreciate learning about the work of our Order. It also gave me the opportunity to greatly enjoy seeing so many old friends throughout the state and making new friends.

I am pleased to report that in the 5 schools, 150 "A" Certificates were earned in District 5. Of these, 13 were first timers. There were no "B" Certificates issued.

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|------------|----|
| Section 1  | 7  |
| Section 2  | 0  |
| Section 3  | 38 |
| Section 4  | 9  |
| Section 5  | 1  |
| Section 6  | 27 |
| Section 7  | 42 |
| Section 8  | 21 |
| Section 9  | 12 |
| Section 10 | 4  |

My sincere thanks to the deputies and members of District 5 for every courtesy extended to me during the school schedule. It was my pleasure to work with so many who gave of their time to assist in the Exam Room.

In the Exam Room, the members donated a total of \$152 for Tree of Life stickers in support of the Worthy Grand Matron's project. Through the Worthy Grand Matron's generosity in allowing the Grand Examiners to choose a charity to support, the members also donated a total of \$1,422.00 to my selected charity, the Shriners Children's Hospital - Texas. My sincere thanks to everyone who gave so generously for these causes.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I enjoyed getting to know you better in our travels this year. You are both an inspiration to me, as well as to the membership and I know they join me in thanking you for all you do for the membership of Texas.

To my fellow Grand Examiners, it has been an honor to work with each of you this year. I always enjoy the opportunities to get together with each of you to serve the membership of Texas. My sincere thanks for the assistance and support you have given me this year. My best wishes to each of you, always.

District Deputy Grand Matron of District 5, Lou Skidd, I enjoyed watching you teach when I could. To the deputies of District 5, many thanks to each of you for all your work in preparing for your school. Each School was well prepared and very enjoyable.

Carlotta Fairchild, Humanitarian Chairman for District 5, I thoroughly enjoyed your programs.

Once again, I am grateful to the membership of Texas for giving me the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter in this position. I truly enjoy serving the membership and working with so many wonderful sisters and brothers.

During this year, I had the great pleasure of attending 11 Schools of Instruction. I believe that one of the best parts of this position is to help the membership gain confidence in their knowledge and understanding of the work of our beautiful Order.

I look forward to the District 5 Schools, again, in the coming year. I am confident that we will increase the number of "A" Certificates as the members continue to enjoy learning about our beautiful order.

Vickie Mathews  
Grand Examiner, District 5

## INVENTORY CONTROL

Let me start by thanking Sister Susan, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Mark, Worthy Grand Patron, for entrusting me with your merchandise as 2023-2024 Inventory General Chairman. This rewarding experience allowed me to travel throughout the state and meet people in all the districts. Hearing their stories about the charms and how the projects affected their friends and family was so inspiring! I was honored to have such a group of Committee members whose hard work and dedication to our beloved Order was exemplified at every School and Fraternal Visit.

I feel blessed to have shared this year with such a terrific group of Chairmen: Martha Bettis and Doris “D” Davis, Co-Chairs; Terry Browning, District 2; Patricia Hope, District 4; and Karen Tilghman, District 5! Inventorying the Charms, various pins, shawls, bears and printed materials may have overwhelmed many, but these Chairpersons dug in and were always looking for creative ways to merchandise our products and streamline our reporting. I couldn’t have done this without their assistance!

I also want to thank Ann Stuart, Tara Berge, Julie Thomas, the Sapphire Friends, and the Fish Tales who stepped in and helped at our table when we needed it – your time and effort were instrumental in our success.

The biggest thank you is to our membership and your support of this year’s many projects. I know Sister Susan and Brother Mark appreciate all your support!

Kate Cecil  
General Chairman

## PROFICIENCY

I was honored to be selected as Proficiency General Chairman and want to thank all of my hard working District Chairmen for a job well done. Many study classes regarding the Constitution, Code of Laws, and the Ritual were formed in all the Districts as well as Proficiency Stickers were sold at each of the schools.

The following information reflects the total dollar amount of Proficiency Stickers that were sold by each District and their Chairman:

|                                          |        |
|------------------------------------------|--------|
| DISTRICT 1 CHAIRMAN ROBERT COOK          | \$ 225 |
| DISTRICT 2 CHAIRMAN BRUCE WILSON         | \$ 69  |
| DISTRICT 3 CHAIRMAN CHRISTINE LOVEN      | \$ 175 |
| DISTRICT 4 CHAIRMAN JOHN ST JOHN         | \$ 283 |
| DISTRICT 5 CHAIRMAN JERRY NEUENSCHWANDER | \$ 152 |

With a total dollar amount for all Districts of \$904, which is just wonderful.

Michelle Petty  
General Chairman

## TREASURE HUNT COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you asking me to step in and pro-tem as the General Chairman of the Treasure Hunt Committee. It has been an honor to serve this Committee that received donations from the membership of gently used or new accessories, clothing, and jewelry, whose items were made available to members for them to purchase for a donation at the Eastern Star Schools of Instruction.

Thank you to the membership for all your generous donations, without which this committee would not have been successful.

A special thank you to the District Deputies and Deputies of the Grand Chapter who were instrumental in supporting the committee at their Schools of Instruction.

Thank you to all the District Chairmen for all your hard work. District 1 Chairman, Janet Ayres; District 4 Chairman, Dianne Ryder and District 5 Chairman, Peggy Curlis.

Thank you to all the members of the Treasure Hunt Committee and member volunteers for all of your hard work collecting items from the gracious donations of the membership and working at the Schools of Instruction.

The total collected for this committee was \$1,409.35.

Sandra K. Gubrud  
General Chairman Pro-Tem

## VETERANS COMMITTEE

We have raised \$1,437.92 for the DAV Transportation Texas Fund. As you may know, this worthy cause helps Veteran's "overcome obstacles in positive ways". This donation helps to transport Veterans to and from appointments and helps them with care and assistance for housing, filing claims and finding jobs. These are just a few things that they do for Veterans.

I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for asking me to be on this committee. My brother and oldest son are Veterans of the Air Force, and we are a proud military family. A special thanks to the Committee members:

|            |                  |
|------------|------------------|
| District 2 | David Mead       |
| District 3 | Kevin Caraway    |
| District 4 | Brenda Whitehead |
| District 5 | James Fairchild  |

Annette A Otremba  
General Chairman

## WEBMASTER

The members of the Webmaster Committee are as follows:

Bruce Dalton – District 3

Jennifer Mendenhall – District 4

Melissa Ramos – District 5

In 2022, we were asked to create a new website for the Grand Chapter of Texas. Over the course of several months, meetings were held with members of the Board of Directors, Secretary's office, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to discuss the purpose of the website and how the website should look.

It was decided that the website would be primarily for the public to garner interest in our Order and also make available to our members information needed on a regular basis. The website was to highlight the members and the good work we are doing in our communities. Information that is currently on our website would also need to be made available on the new website as well.

A new domain name, OESTX.ORG, was purchased to keep in line with the domain names used by other Grand Chapters in the country like oesny.org, oesnm.org and oescal.org. A feature rich and inexpensive website hosting company was identified and using WordPress, a widely used website building application that requires no coding experience, a website was created. The website was colorful, easy to navigate, had a search feature, usable Locate A Chapter function and best of all, mobile friendly.

The new website was presented to the Board of Directors at the May 2023 Board of Director's meeting. At the meeting, a proposed website budget of \$1000 was presented by the Worthy Grand Matron which the board increased to \$1500 to allow for any new costs that may arise during the year.

The website was set up and ready to go by the 2023 Grand Chapter. After Grand Chapter, working with Brother Jack York, the previous website

domain names, Texasoes.org and grandchapteroftexasoes.org, were redirected to the new domain name of oestx.org so if anyone went to the previous website addresses, they would be directed to the new website at oestx.org.

Over the course of the next few months, current pictures of officers and deputy matrons were updated on the website. Past Grand Officer's information was added as well, including proceedings, listing of the grand representatives of other jurisdictions and grand officers. With the help of the committee members, we added the current Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Secretaries, meeting locations and times of the meetings to the Locate a Chapter database. Updated forms were received from the Grand Secretary's office and also uploaded to the website.

The website ownership was set up as the Grand Chapter. While the content comes from the Grand Secretary's office, the Worthy Grand Matron maintains control of the website.

In closing, there was a learning curve as visitors to the website learned to navigate the new layout. Hopefully, over time, they have found the website easy to navigate on any device they use, especially their phones.

Ashu Kukreja  
General Chairman

**Grand Chapter of Texas  
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**141<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter Session**

**Special Committees of  
The Worthy Grand Matron**



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

## **4 STATE EXCHANGE**

This committee will plan and host the 4-State Exchange in San Antonio on September 22-23. The members of the committee will also sell a travel charm to benefit the Education Fund.

## **BULLETIN**

The committee will be selling an OES Star Charm. It represents our thirst for knowledge about Eastern Star in Texas. They will also be promoting all members to purchase a subscription to the OES Bulletin online or printed.

## **CARING FOR OUR MEMBERS**

This committee will be selling shawls (all different colors) to raise money to go to the General Fund.

## **ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP STAMP**

'Ticket to Star' charms and endowment stamps from the Grand Secretary's office will be sold by this committee. The charm represents members purchasing a ticket to a world of great times in Eastern Star as an endowed member helping their Chapter beyond their lifetime.

## **FINDING OUR MEMBERS**

This committee will be working with secretaries to help find lost members.

We have members that moved, and they or their family have not informed us.

Our goal is to locate lost living members and hopefully bring them back into the fold.

Secondly, we need to find those members who have passed and are still on our rolls. We have heard of many older members who the chapter pays dues for yet have passed away.



## **MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS**

This is very important to our WGM. She is fighting the battle alongside her youngest daughter Kimberlea, who will be part of a team of MS sufferers in Eastern Star helping to educate our membership about MS and their battles. We are trying to make a difference through education, research, and support for MS. This committee will sell 3 charms. Proceeds will go to the National MS Society.

## **MUSIC**

This committee is responsible for selling the WGM's and WGP's music and a music charm benefitting the Grand Chapter General Fund.

## **OES LICENSE PLATES**

This committee will sell car charms and promote members to purchase personalized License Plates with OES on them from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. The charm represents the miles we travel in the name of Eastern Star.

## **PATRIOT PAWS**

This committee will continue selling the paw pin as well as a 2023-24 bone and a special 5 Year bone for those that have collected bones for 5 years. Proceeds will go to Patriot Paws Service Dogs in Rockwall, TX.

## **PROFICIENCY**

The Proficiency Committee will assist the Grand Examiner in giving proficiency examinations at the schools.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

The Publications Committee will assist in distribution of the bag of books and selling the Who's Who and Travel Books, Calendar, and The Interpretations. They will also sell 2 charms with proceeds going to the Grand Chapter General Fund.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

### RAINBOW AND DEMOLAY

The WGM and WGP both believe that Rainbow and DeMolay are helping to build future leaders for Easter Star. This committee will be selling 3 charms with proceeds split between Texas IORG and Texas DeMolay.

### RITUALISTIC ACHIEVEMENT

This committee will assist at the schools by administering the requirements of Ritualistic Achievement.

### ROB MORRIS CELEBRATION

Members of this Committee will oversee the silent auctions held at each Eastern Star School of Instruction. The Committee is responsible for setting up, collecting money and ensuring that all unsold items are taken home and delivered to the next School where they will be included in its auction. The monies collected from the Schools' Silent Auctions will be used to defray costs for the 141st Grand Chapter Rob Morris Celebration event.

### SHINING STAR CHAPTER AWARD

Those Chapters who exemplify our work and strive to achieve excellence will be recognized and awarded Certificates at the 2024 Grand Chapter Session. The Chapters will have focused not only on our Ritualistic work but will have served their communities and promoted Eastern Star through their charitable work. Our Landmarks state the purposes of our Order are Charitable and Beneficent, and by completing the following requirements, they will have proven their Chapter to be Exemplary.

### SHRINERS HOSPITAL

The Shriner's Hospital is a very important charity for us to continue to support. Shriner's Hospitals make a difference for families and children needing their services.

This committee will sell a Teddy Bear and a charm with proceeds going to the Shriner's Hospitals.

### TEXAS STATE PARKS

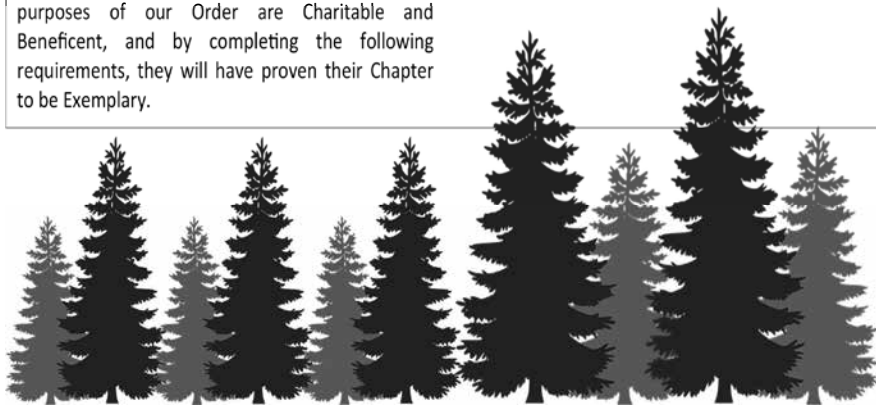
This committee will raise money for the Texas State Parks Foundation that will help purchase land, build, maintain and enhance our Texas State Parks. Members will be selling charms. They will also be collecting kid's fishing poles to be handed out when Texas State Parks and Wildlife stocks ponds and lakes around the state.

### TREASURE HUNT

The members of this committee will bring items from yesteryear to the Schools of Instruction for the membership to view and purchase. Remember, they say one man's trash is another man's treasure. It will be a great opportunity for our membership to purchase items of interest at a wonderful price.

### VETERANS

This committee is very important to help the brothers and sisters that served our country and need help. They believe that we all should be giving back to those who defended our freedom. The members will be selling a charm and a lapel pin with proceeds donated to DAV Transportation.



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

**141<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter Session**

**Who's Who**



# WHO'S WHO

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| <p><b>GRAND OFFICERS</b></p> <p>WORTHY GRAND MATRON<br/>..... SUSAN DORMADY</p> <p>WORTHY GRAND PATRON<br/>..... MARK DIECKMANN</p> <p>ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON<br/>..... GLENDA MURPHY</p> <p>ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON<br/>..... TERRY LITTLEPAGE</p> <p>GRAND SECRETARY<br/>..... ELLEN PICKRELL</p> <p>GRAND TREASURER<br/>..... GRETA SPRADLING</p> <p>GRAND CONDUCTRESS<br/>..... GLENDA KLEMM</p> <p>ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS<br/>..... KATHY PASCHAL</p> <p>GRAND CHAPLAIN<br/>..... PAT CALLAHAN</p> <p>GRAND MARSHAL<br/>..... MARY HARVEY</p> <p>GRAND ORGANIST<br/>..... SUSAN SMITH</p> <p>GRAND ADAH<br/>..... ELINOR HUMPHREYS</p> <p>GRAND RUTH<br/>..... CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG</p> <p>GRAND ESTHER<br/>..... SHERRY DIECKMANN</p> <p>GRAND MARTHA<br/>..... LYNDA KLEIN</p> <p>GRAND ELECTA<br/>..... MOLLY CLIETT</p> <p>GRAND WARDER<br/>..... MELANIE J. RAYNER</p> <p>GRAND SENTINEL<br/>..... JESSE RAMOS</p> <p>FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT<br/>..... DONNA DAMON HUGHES</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER</b></p> <p>RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TRUSTEE<br/>..... KARL A. DRESCHER, JR.</p> <p>AMBASSADOR - BRAZIL, CENTRAL WEST<br/>..... BURLEY JONES</p> | <p><b>GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER</b></p> <p><b>COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>BY-LAWS COMMITTEE, CHAIR<br/>..... JIMMIE LEE MCMAHON</p> <p>COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE<br/>..... VI GRIFFIN</p> <p>EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE<br/>..... CHARLES W. "BILL" BANE</p> <p>ESTABL COMMITTEE<br/>..... LINDA WINN-CHRISTENSON</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS<br/>COMMITTEE ..... TREY SMITH</p> <p>MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, CHAIR<br/>..... PAUL GARNER</p> <p>PARLIAMENTARIAN COMMITTEE<br/>..... KELLY O'MALLEY</p> <p>REGENERATIVE MEDICINE COMMITTEE<br/>..... RICK SKIDD</p> <p>SERVICE DOGS COMMITTEE<br/>..... GEORGE A. GWALTNEY</p> <p>YOUTH COMMITTEE<br/>..... CAROLYN MARTIN</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY</b></p> <p>DIRECTOR OF DEPUTIES OF MWGM &amp;<br/>MWGP ..... ALMA LYNN BANE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TRIENNIAL OTHER ASSEMBLY</b></p> <p>COLORFUL NOTES (PERSONAL PAGE<br/>TO PMWGM, BOBBIE WHITE)<br/>..... BETTY BENHAM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TRIENNIAL SPECIAL ASSEMBLY</b></p> <p>FAITHFUL NOTES ROSEMARY S. BERRY</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS</b></p> <p><b>OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER</b></p> <p>DEPUTY TO THE MWGM TO MEXICO<br/>..... DELIA WHITFIELD</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TRIENNIAL OTHER ASSEMBLY</b></p> <p>COLORFUL NOTES (PERSONAL PAGE<br/>TO MWGM) ..... JOAN MILLER</p> <p>COLORFUL NOTES (PERSONAL AIDE TO<br/>MWGM) ..... TERRY MILLER</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAST GRAND MATRONS OF TEXAS</b></p> <p>1989-90 ..... BETTY BENHAM</p> <p>1995-96 ..... ROSEMARY S. BERRY</p> <p>1998-99 ..... ALMA LYNN BANE</p> | <p>1999-00 ..... BETTY FRIEND</p> <p>2001-02 ..... JIMMIE LEE MCMAHON</p> <p>2003-04 ..... DORIS HESTER</p> <p>2004-05 ..... KAREN MORGENTHALER</p> <p>2005-06 ..... NANCY BROWN</p> <p>2006-07 ..... GERALDINE DUSEK</p> <p>2008-09 ..... JOYCE NICKLAS</p> <p>2010-11 ..... MARY RUTH WHITE</p> <p>2011-12 ..... VI GRIFFIN</p> <p>2012-13 ..... ANNETTE CURRY</p> <p>2013-14 ..... JAYNE YENGER</p> <p>2014-15 ..... CHERYL ALBRECHT</p> <p>2015-16 ..... JERRE S. LUCAS</p> <p>2016-17 ..... SHARON MOSMEYER</p> <p>2018-19 ..... CAROLYN MARTIN</p> <p>2019-21<br/>..... LINDA WINN-CHRISTENSON</p> <p>2021-22 ..... TERRI ROZELL</p> <p>2022-23 ..... PHYLLIS MACON</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAST GRAND PATRONS OF TEXAS</b></p> <p>1996-97 ..... RICHARD OCHS</p> <p>1997-98 ..... KENNETH GREGORY</p> <p>1999-00 ..... H. LEE STALLINGS</p> <p>2000-01 ..... DUANE "BUDDY" BAKER</p> <p>2002-03 ..... ED WARNER</p> <p>2004-05 ..... JERRY MARTIN</p> <p>2005-06 ..... NELSON CAMPBELL</p> <p>2006-07 ..... JOHN CREEL</p> <p>2007-08 ..... JERRY TREES</p> <p>2008-09 ..... RAY HERTENBERGER</p> <p>2009-10 ..... WILLIAM "BILL" WYATT</p> <p>2010-11 ..... KARL A. DRESCHER, JR.</p> <p>2012-13 ..... WILLIAM "BILL" CREWS</p> <p>2013-14 ..... TREY SMITH</p> <p>2014-15 ..... GEORGE A. GWALTNEY</p> <p>2015-16 ..... WILLIAM H. CLABAUGH</p> <p>2016-17 ..... TOM MURPHY</p> <p>2017-18 ..... RICK SKIDD</p> <p>2018-19 ..... BURLEY JONES</p> <p>2019-21 ..... PAUL GARNER</p> <p>2021-22 ..... TOM BRISKO</p> <p>2022-23 ..... JAMES PARKER</p> |
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# Who's Who

## PAST GRANDS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

ARIZONA.....BILL RHYAN  
 COLORADO.....BARBARA HARRINGTON  
 CONNECTICUT .....CARL P. LARSON  
 DIST OF COLUMBIA.....  
 ..... CHARLES W. "BILL" BANE  
 MICHIGAN.....CAROL UPSTON  
 NEVADA.....BETTIE BYWATER  
 NEW HAMPSHIRE .. SUSAN L. THOMAS  
 NEW MEXICO .....  
 .....ROSEMARY ALSWORTH  
 .....JIM DAVIS  
 .....BETTY ROBERTSON  
 ..... BONNIE VARNELL  
 PENNSYLVANIA.....JOYCE BYTHEWAY  
 RHODE ISLAND .....DAVID FLAXINGTON  
 VERMONT .....ELIZABETH BORDEAUX  
 VIRGINIA .....BRENDA JONES  
 ..... KELLY O'MALLEY

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DIST 1.....JOE GILMORE  
 ..... RICK TAYLOR  
 DIST 2.....TAMELA HENINGTON  
 .....MARY MEDFORD  
 DIST 3.....BEVERLY PLANTE  
 .....DONNA NOE  
 DIST 4.....WILLIAM H. "BILL" HENRY  
 .....BRENDA MCDANIEL  
 DIST 5.....OSCAR HAIRELL  
 .....KAREN WRIGHT

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DIST 1.....SHERRIE FOWLER  
 DIST 2.....CHRIS PUCKETT  
 DIST 3.....DONNA POPE  
 DIST 4.....CHERYL ROYALL  
 DIST 5.....VICKIE MATHEWS  
 AT-LARGE.....TINA STEVENS

## GRAND ESCORTS TO PAST GRAND MATRONS OF TEXAS

JOHN E. BERRY  
 VICTOR CHRISTENSON  
 JACK FRIEND  
 TOM MORGENTHAER  
 GARY MOSMEYER

DAVID NICKLAS

JOSEPH D "JOEY" YENGER

## GRAND ESCORTS TO PAST GRAND PATRONS OF TEXAS

GEORGIA CAMPBELL  
 KATHY CREEL  
 KATHEY CREWS  
 DORIS JONES  
 PAT STALLINGS

## GRAND ESCORTS TO PAST GRAND MATRONS & PATRONS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

PGM OF COLORADO  
 .....JOHN HARRINGTON  
 PGM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
 .....JEFFREY THOMAS  
 PGP OF CONNECTICUT  
 .....DONNA M. LARSON  
 PGP OF NEW MEXICO  
 .....EDIE DAVIS

## GRAND ESCORTS TO INSTALLED

### GRAND OFFICERS

WORTHY GRAND MATRON  
 .....BILL DORMADY  
 GRAND SECRETARY  
 .....JAMES "JIM" PICKRELL  
 GRAND RUTH .....RANDY BOSLEY  
 GRAND ELECTA .....DALE GORDON  
 GRAND WARDER .....BUTCH GILES

### APPOINTED SECRETARIES

WORTHY GRAND MATRON  
 .....ANN STUART  
 WORTHY GRAND PATRON  
 .....TARA BERGE  
 ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON  
 .....BECKY BROOKS  
 .....PAT WILSON  
 ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON  
 .....JANE WERT  
 GRAND CONDUCTRESS  
 .....DIANE FLANAGAN  
 ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS  
 .....PAM DEAN

## GRAND PAGES

WORTHY GRAND PATRON  
 .....CARL GARRIS  
 .....JOE PASCHAL  
 .....STEPHEN STILES  
 ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON  
 .....DONNA CADDENHEAD  
 .....SHERRY THOMPSON  
 .....KIMBERLY WAXLER  
 .....LINDA WENTWORTH  
 ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON  
 .....RICHARD KING  
 .....CHARLES C. OGBURN  
 GRAND SECRETARY  
 .....MARY ANN DAVIS  
 .....ANDE SHOULTS  
 GRAND TREASURER  
 .....CHARLES W. "BILL" BANE  
 .....MARTHA ERVIN  
 GRAND CONDUCTRESS  
 .....ROMELLE EDWARDS  
 .....HELEN GRAVIS HUFF  
 .....MARTHA JONES  
 .....JERRIE SQUIRES  
 ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS  
 .....ANTOINETTE "TONI" CRAWFORD  
 .....DEBBIE SKIPPER  
 GRAND CHAPLAIN.....SYLVIA CHAFIN  
 .....NAOMI CURRY  
 GRAND MARSHAL.....DIANN NORTON  
 .....KAREN WESER  
 .....MONA WOFFORD  
 GRAND ORGANIST  
 .....SUSAN HELMCAMP  
 .....PHYLLIS MACMILLAN  
 GRAND ADAH.....JOYCE DEBEER  
 .....GLENDA GRIMES  
 GRAND RUTH .....PENNY BOSLEY  
 .....BETTE OLSON  
 GRAND ESTHER .....KATHY BALLEW  
 .....BECKY DUNN  
 .....ROBERTA PUGH  
 GRAND MARTHA .....MARY BOND  
 .....SHIRLEY NORWOOD  
 .....DONNA VADEN

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| <p>GRAND ELECTA<br/>..... JACKALYN "JACKIE" FISHER<br/>.....SUSIE GEER</p> <p>GRAND WARDER ..... BETTY DUNCAN<br/>..... MONA GAYE GILES</p> <p>GRAND SENTINEL<br/>..... ROBERTO CORTEZ<br/>..... H. NELSON DUNN</p> <p><b>GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF TEXAS<br/>IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS</b></p> <p>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA<br/>..... ALMA LYNN BANE</p> <p><b>GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER<br/>JURISDICTIONS IN OTHER<br/>JURISDICTIONS</b></p> <p>OF ARIZONA IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA<br/>..... CHARLES W. "BILL" BANE</p> <p>OF AUSTRALIA IN NEW MEXICO<br/>..... BETTY ROBERTSON</p> <p>OF NEW MEXICO IN NOVA SCOTIA &amp;<br/>PRINCE EDWARD ..... JULIA DUNN</p> <p><b>GRAND REPRESENTATIVES</b></p> <p>ALABAMA.....<br/>ALBERTA .....ALYS NEWSOM<br/>ARIZONA.....DEBRA FORD<br/>ARKANSAS.....<br/>AUSTRALIA ..... ROBERT "BOB" ROYALL<br/>BOLIVIA..... FRANK SOMERA, JR.<br/>BRITISH COLUMBIA &amp; YUKON<br/>.....MARTHA JONES<br/>CALIFORNIA..... VIRGINIA FRANKLIN<br/>COLORADO..... JOE ZIHLMAN<br/>CONNECTICUT<br/>.....MARTHA HEFFINGTON<br/>DELAWARE ..... RHONDA S. ELLIOTT<br/>DIST OF COLUMBIA..... KAY HALE<br/>FLORIDA..... GLENDA SMITHEART<br/>GEORGIA..... BOBBIE STRINGER<br/>IDAHO..... CINDY BRISKO<br/>ILLINOIS ..... LOU ANNE ELLIOTT<br/>INDIANA..... LILMA GODSEY<br/>IOWA.....<br/>ITALY..... TONYA D. WILSON<br/>KANSAS..... MOLLY WILLEY<br/>KENTUCKY..... MIKE MINTER</p> | <p>LOUISIANA ..... JAMES IVY</p> <p>MAINE ..... LENDA REEVES</p> <p>MANITOBA.....</p> <p>MARYLAND .....</p> <p>MASSACHUSETTS..... BETSY FOOTE</p> <p>MICHIGAN ..... CYNTHIA MARR</p> <p>MINNESOTA..... BEVERLY COLLIER</p> <p>MISSISSIPPI..... AMANDA DUCKWORTH</p> <p>MISSOURI ..... BILLY RAY BELL</p> <p>MONTANA ..... KATHY MCCOLLY</p> <p>NEBRASKA..... LILLIE WILLIAMS</p> <p>NEVADA.....</p> <p>NEW BRUNSWICK..... MARY GIPSON</p> <p>NEW HAMPSHIRE .. DORIS BLACKMON</p> <p>NEW JERSEY..... BETTY PATTERSON</p> <p>NEW MEXICO..... JEAN VESTAL</p> <p>NEW YORK.....</p> <p>NORTH CAROLINA<br/>..... BARBARA GREGORY</p> <p>NORTH DAKOTA ..... VERL TRAMEL</p> <p>NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD<br/>ISLAND .....</p> <p>OHIO ..... CINDY PEARCE</p> <p>OKLAHOMA.....</p> <p>ONTARIO..... JOYCE HAGENS</p> <p>OREGON ..... PEGGY BLACKMON</p> <p>PENNSYLVANIA..... SUSAN BAKER</p> <p>PUERTO RICO .....</p> <p>RHODE ISLAND ..... LINDA TURNER</p> <p>SAO PAULO (BRAZIL).....</p> <p>SASKATCHEWAN ..... MARY HUNT</p> <p>SCOTLAND..... JUDY PARSONS</p> <p>SOUTH CAROLINA<br/>..... JEANETTE MELTON</p> <p>SOUTH DAKOTA<br/>..... KIMBERLY WATKINS</p> <p>TENNESSEE.....</p> <p>UTAH.....</p> <p>VERMONT..... KATHY MEADOWS</p> <p>VIRGINIA..... BARBARA NUNLEY</p> <p>WASHINGTON ..... GAYLE DOYLE</p> <p>WEST VIRGINIA .....</p> <p>WISCONSIN ..... JACKIE LEMONS</p> <p>WYOMING ..... NICKIE BILSKI</p> | <p><b>DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS</b></p> <p>DIST 1..... MARTY DRESCHER</p> <p>DIST 2..... CAROL SUE KNUTSON</p> <p>DIST 3..... GAY JONES</p> <p>DIST 4..... AMANDA UPTON</p> <p>DIST 5..... LOU SKIDD</p> <p><b>DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS</b></p> <p><b><u>DISTRICT 1</u></b></p> <p>SEC 1..... JACQUELINE DUFFLEY</p> <p>SEC 2..... ADRYAN GROSSMAN</p> <p>SEC 3..... VICKY GORDON</p> <p>SEC 4..... BROOK BENNETT</p> <p>SEC 5..... SUZANNE DEVINE</p> <p>SEC 6 &amp; 7 ..... THERESA PATE</p> <p>SEC 8..... CINDY FORD</p> <p>SEC 9..... LEAH WEST</p> <p>SEC 10..... PEGGY SAXON</p> <p><b><u>DISTRICT 2</u></b></p> <p>SEC 2 &amp; 5 ..... MICHELLE GLAZE</p> <p>SEC 3 &amp; 4 ..... MICKEY NORWOOD</p> <p>SEC 7..... KELLIAN M. H. WOLFE</p> <p>SEC 8..... ROSEMARY FOREMAN</p> <p>SEC 10..... WILLIE SMITH</p> <p><b><u>DISTRICT 3</u></b></p> <p>SEC 1..... MELANIE SPEAKMAN</p> <p>SEC 2 &amp; 3 ..... ANNETTE GARDNER</p> <p>SEC 4 &amp; 5 ..... JANIE MARKS</p> <p>SEC 6..... CHERYL STELZER</p> <p>SEC 7 ..... LORELEI STORMIE REED</p> <p>SEC 8..... RUTH DOSS</p> <p>SEC 9..... DIANE GRIFFIN</p> <p>SEC 10..... PRISCILLA LOCKE</p> <p><b><u>DISTRICT 4</u></b></p> <p>SEC 1..... VICKI JERNIGAN</p> <p>SEC 2..... DONNA GONZALEZ</p> <p>SEC 3 ..... EVELYN HUDDLESTON</p> <p>SEC 4 ..... LILLIAN KINARD</p> <p>SEC 5..... CHARLOTTE MORENCY</p> <p>SEC 6..... DEBRA SUE MILLER</p> <p>SEC 7 ..... DIANNA STILES</p> <p>SEC 8..... CHERYL ANN MEEK</p> <p>SEC 9..... JACKIE PARSONAGE</p> <p>SEC 10..... SHARON WILLIAMS</p> |
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# Who's Who

## DISTRICT 5

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| SEC 1 & 2..... RANA KAY WILLIAMSON | .....BRENDA LAND   | .....ACEY GUILÉ     |
| SEC 3 & 4..... LINDA SUGGS         | .....DOYLE MARTIN  | .....MARY SUE HORAN |
| SEC 5 & 7.....SALLY FREELAND       | .....TRACI MAYNARD | .....EVELYN ROSS    |
| SEC 6.....GAIL KARWOSKI            | .....STACY MILLS   | .....WERA WORTHAN   |
| SEC 8.....SCOTTIE BETH BAKER       | .....TRACY MOORE   |                     |
| SEC 9 & 10.....CAROL COGGINS       | .....LARA LEE NIX  |                     |

## **SPOUSES OF DECEASED**

### **PAST GRANDS**

|                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| .....LYNDA BENEFIELD   | .....VICKIE QUEBE      |
| .....AL CALDWELL       | .....ROBERT L. SQUIRES |
| .....MARLENE DIBRELL   | .....STEPHEN STRONG    |
| .....JIMMY GILBERT     | .....GENEVA TANNER     |
| .....BARBARA C. GRIMES | .....KENNETH WELCH     |
| .....LINDA GUY         | .....DIANE WILSON      |
| .....OPAL MARTIN       | .....LANE WILSON       |
| .....JUNE WHITAKER     |                        |

## **COMMITTEES OF GRAND CHAPTER**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

GENERAL CHAIR..... DEBORAH LAND  
 GENERAL CO-CHAIR..... JUDY PARSONS  
 SECRETARY..... CARLA STRINGER  
 TREASURER..... PAUL KLEIN  
 AUDITOR.....DANYL DORMADY

### **ARRANGEMENTS**

GEN CHAIR.....LORI GOLDMAN  
 GEN CO-CHAIR..... TOM HANCOCK  
 GEN CO-CHAIR..... JOSEPH SCHOLARI  
 SECRETARY..... MELINDA HICKS  
 RECORDER..... DEBRA TARPLEY  
 GRAND CHAPTER EMISSARY  
 ..... OPAL MARTIN  
 ADVISOR..... DWIGHT PHILLIPS  
 MEMBERS..... KIM EDWARD ASTIN  
 ..... TERRI ASTIN  
 ..... RAY BURT  
 ..... TOM CUMMING  
 ..... DIANE DAVIDSON  
 ..... GARY DRESCHER  
 ..... KATHY FRANKS  
 ..... RALPH FREEZE  
 ..... SISSY FURRIE  
 ..... CARA HAUSLER  
 ..... ANITA JOHNSON-FEY

### **ARRANGEMENTS-ATTENDEE BAGS**

CHAIR.....ROSEMARY WILLIAMS  
 CO-CHAIR.....JANICE KELLEY

### **ARRANGEMENTS-DECORATIONS**

CHAIR..... CASSIE HOBBS  
 CO-CHAIR..... LINDSAY SHRODE

### **ARRANGEMENTS-DEER BLIND**

CHAIR.....DAVID O'DOCHARTY  
 CO-CHAIR..... KEVIN O'DOCHARTY

### **ARRANGEMENTS-DISTINGUISHED**

#### **GUESTS**

CHAIR.....CINDY BRISKO  
 MEMBERS..... TERESA BROWN  
 ..... BETTY MARTIN  
 ..... JANE CLABAUGH  
 ..... JOAN MILLER  
 .....XANTHE PARKER

### **ARRANGEMENTS-ELECTIONS**

CHAIR..... DEBI FINCHER  
 MEMBERS..... DONNA CATE  
 ..... BETTY HANCOCK  
 ..... CATHERINE ROYAL

### **ARRANGEMENTS—ELECTRICAL**

CHAIR..... DON AUSTIN

### **ARRANGEMENTS-FIRST AID**

CHAIR.....BETTY J. MUGG  
 MEMBERS..... LAURA BALL  
 ..... RITA ERWIN

### **ARRANGEMENTS-GIFT ROOM**

CHAIR.....SHARON ADAMS  
 MEMBERS.....CATRINA CHRISTOPHER  
 ..... SHERRY LAMB  
 ..... SHIRLEY MEERSCHIEDT  
 .....RONNIE RINEHART  
 ..... TRINA SMITH  
 ..... HARRIET TRAMMELL

### **ARRANGEMENTS-GRAND REPRESENTATIVES HOSPITALITY**

CHAIR.....JUDY HARRIS  
 CO-CHAIR.....KAY DRESCHER  
 MEMBERS..... CHARLOTTE BEALL  
 ..... ABIGAIL FOREMAN  
 ..... EMILY JOHNSON  
 ..... BARBARA MARTIN  
 ..... SANDY PERDUE  
 ..... MARY ANN WATKINS  
 ..... SAUNDRA ZIPP

### **ARRANGEMENTS-HOUSING**

CHAIR.....JUDY TUCKER

### **ARRANGEMENTS-INFORMATION**

CHAIR..... CONNIE L. NURMI

### **ARRANGEMENTS-LABYRINTH**

CHAIR.....MICHAEL BAKER  
 MEMBERS..... MARY FRANCES MILNER  
 ..... LISA MUILENBURG  
 ..... THOMASRAY TOPP  
 ..... PAULA WELCH  
 ..... DONALD WILLIAMS

### **ARRANGEMENTS-LOGISTICS**

.....SAM B. COOPER JR.

### **ARRANGEMENTS-LOST & FOUND**

CHAIR.....PATRICIA HANCOCK  
 MEMBERS..... MELISSA ADAMS  
 .....CHARLENE STIMITS BUTCHEE  
 ..... MARY GROSS  
 ..... VIVIAN KIGHT  
 ..... VIRGIE MITCHELL  
 ..... JOHN TURNER

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..... JONNIE TURNER

**ARRANGEMENTS-MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE**

CHAIR ..... DEBARA PERRY  
CO-CHAIR..... JEFF PERRY

**ARRANGEMENTS-PARAPHERNALIA**

CHAIR ..... JERRI YOUNG  
MEMBERS..... CHARLENE CHAMBERS  
..... DIANNE MUELLER

**ARRANGEMENTS-PHOTOGRAPHERS**

CHAIR ..... WENDY LaGRONE  
DIST 1..... ROBERTA HALL  
DIST 4..... CHARLES BROUSSARD  
DIST 5..... BILL MARKINS

**ARRANGEMENTS-SECURITY**

CHAIR ..... MIKE FINCHER  
MEMBERS..... LARRY BIGHAM  
..... WELDON CLAMPITTE  
..... STEVE DEVILLIER  
..... HENRY HUGHES  
..... RANDALL STILES  
..... L. MICHELLE STURGEON

**ARRANGEMENTS-SIGNS**

CHAIR ..... KAY HALE

**ARRANGEMENTS-SOCIAL**

CHAIR ..... DEBRA LYNN ERVIN-RICE  
CO-CHAIR..... BRENDA LIGHT

**ARRANGEMENTS-SOUND**

CHAIR ..... BOBBY STRINGER  
MEMBERS..... KEITH E. NIX  
..... ALLEN RODGERS  
..... BEN WILSON

**ARRANGEMENTS-SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

CHAIR..... ROBERT "BOB" ROYALL  
..... JIMMY LEFTWICH

**ARRANGEMENTS-STENO**

CHAIR ..... SANDY TRIMBLE  
CO-CHAIR..... DENEICE MARSHALL

**ARRANGEMENTS-TICKETS**

CHAIR ..... TANYA MEADOWS  
CO-CHAIR..... AMBER SPERRY

**ARRANGEMENTS-TRANSPORTATION**

CHAIR ..... TOMMY GRIFFIN  
MEMBERS..... HUNT ARMISTEAD  
..... KENNETH BARNETT  
..... PAUL GREGORY  
..... KAREN LUPER  
..... MELISSA ROBERTS  
..... GLENN ROYAL  
..... TRACY TANNER

**ARRANGEMENTS-USHERS**

CHAIR ..... JERRY BOLDIN  
MEMBERS..... RICHARD ALONSO  
..... TYLER COPENHAVER  
..... CHRIS ELLIOTT  
..... PAM HASTON  
..... DOUG HISSONG  
..... RICHARD HUFF  
..... SPENCER HYDER  
..... MIKE STARK  
..... CAROLYN STURGEON  
..... JOHN THOMAS  
..... ERIC WILSON

**ARRANGEMENTS-VENDORS**

CHAIR ..... SUSIE RODGERS  
CO-CHAIR..... TERRY MILLER

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

CHAIR ..... LORETTA BOOTH  
CO-CHAIR..... CINDY ECHOLS  
MEMBER..... VICKI SMITH

**CHAPTER UNDER DISPENSATION COMMITTEE**

CHAIR ..... BILLY CLABAUGH  
MEMBERS..... NELSON CAMPBELL  
..... LINDA WINN-CHRISTENSON

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

GEN CHAIR..... DENISE BROWNING  
DIST 1..... DEBORAH ABERNATHY  
..... RITHA HENRY  
DIST 2..... JIMMY RUTH  
DIST 3..... GEORGIA FAE JENNINGS  
..... NANCY PITTS

DIST 4..... TONI CRAWFORD  
..... ELIZABETH HOPKINS  
..... CHERYL WEAVER  
DIST 5..... STEVE KOEHN  
..... BETTY RECTOR

**EDUCATION FUND COMMITTEE**

GEN CHAIR..... JAY RHYAN  
DIST 1..... DEBBIE BURKS  
DIST 2..... NONA FLANDERS  
DIST 4..... MICHELE GRIMMETT  
DIST 5..... TERRI REYNOLDS

**ESTARL FUND COMMITTEE**

GEN CHAIR..... SUDIE POOL  
DIST 1..... CAROLYN BURNS  
DIST 2..... ANITA MEAD  
DIST 3..... GLINDA TACKETT  
DIST 4..... SHARON WILLINGHAM  
DIST 5..... GAIL FULLER

**FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE**

CHAIR ..... CAROLYN MARTIN  
MEMBERS..... BILL RHYAN  
..... JAYNE YENGER

**GRAND CHOIR DIRECTOR**

..... TIFFANY FISHER

**GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE**

CHAIR ..... CHERYL ALBRECHT  
MEMBERS..... TOM BRISKO  
..... VI GRIFFIN

**HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE**

GEN CHAIR..... VIRGINIA FRANKLIN  
DIST 1 CHAIR ..... RHONDA HOLLAND  
DIST 2 CHAIR ..... SHIRLEY FLACHE  
DIST 3 CHAIR ..... KAYE SWAIN  
DIST 4 CHAIR ..... FRANCIE SPIRKOFF  
DIST 5 CHAIR ..... CARLOTTA FAIRCHILD

**INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE**

CHAIR ..... NANNETTE GWALTNEY



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**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**  
 CHAIR..... TERRI ROZELL  
 DIST 1..... JERRE S. LUCAS  
 DIST 2..... BETTY BENHAM  
 DIST 3..... JERRY MARTIN  
 DIST 5..... RICK SKIDD

**MUSEUM COMMITTEE**  
 GEN CHAIR..... MICKIE CAMPBELL  
 DIST 1..... CAROLE MCGEE  
 DIST 2..... JIMMY CATE  
 DIST 3..... MARTHA PENGELLY  
 DIST 4..... CAROLYN BLACK

**OES ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE**  
 GEN CHAIR..... CYNTHIA LEFTWICH  
 DIST 1..... SANDRA JEAN POWER  
 DIST 3..... BETTY THOMAS  
 DIST 5..... JO ANN STORIE  
 PARLIAMENTARIAN  
 ..... JANET TRAVERS

**PURPOSES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE**  
 CHAIR..... MARY RUTH WHITE  
 DIST 1..... WILLIAM "BILL" WYATT  
 DIST 2..... TREY SMITH  
 DIST 3..... NANCY BROWN  
 DIST 5..... GEORGE A. GWALTNEY

**REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**  
 GEN CHAIR..... HEATHER HUMPHREY  
 DIST 1..... BARBARA C. GRIMES  
 DIST 2..... BARBARA OCHS  
 DIST 3..... KONNIE HARRELL  
 ..... VIRGINIA "GINNY" LAMB  
 DIST 4..... LESLEY BUENTELLO  
 ..... CANDACE HICKS HARPER  
 ..... NELL VIZENA  
 DIST 5..... CLADETTE ALLEN  
 ..... JUDY ALONSO

**SERVICE DOGS COMMITTEE**  
 GENERAL CHAIR..... CINDY MARTINEZ  
 DIST 1 CHAIR..... SARAH COURSEY  
 DIST 3 CHAIR..... B.J. YOUNG  
 DIST 4 CHAIR..... ELIZABETH TRAPPE  
 DIST 5 CHAIR... ESPERANZA CALDERON



**TITLES, DEEDS, AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**  
 GEN CHAIR..... HARDY NEVILL  
 DIST 1..... TONYA FOSTER  
 DIST 2..... TERRY STOGNER  
 DIST 3..... MERT HACKNEY  
 DIST 5..... KIMI SHAW

**WEBSITE COMMITTEE**  
 CHAIR..... ASHU KUKREJA  
 DIST 3..... BRUCE DON DALTON  
 DIST 4..... JENNIFER MENDENHALL  
 DIST 5..... MELISSA RAMOS  
 WEBMASTER EMERITUS..... JACK YORK

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON**  
**4 STATE EXCHANGE COMMITTEE**  
 GEN CHAIR..... MONETTE LITTLEPAGE  
 GEN CO-CHAIR..... SUSAN NEUENSCHWANDER  
 DIST 1 CHAIR..... JANE PYLE  
 DIST 2 CHAIR..... PAT WICKER  
 DIST 4 CHAIR..... SHARON COBB  
 DIST 4 CO-CHAIR..... KELLY BARRINGER  
 DIST 5 CHAIR..... BECKY THORN  
 MEMBERS..... SUSAN BIGHAM  
 ..... GAY CARNES  
 ..... AMANDA CORNETT  
 ..... CAROL FIGUEROA  
 ..... CHRISTEL FISHER  
 ..... RONALD GUBRUD  
 ..... JOY JAMES  
 ..... BOYD KRAMER  
 ..... JANET KRAMER  
 ..... DJ MOLINA  
 ..... BARBARA K. MORGAN  
 ..... ANN ORR SIMON  
 ..... CHRIS PADON  
 ..... DONNA PERKINS  
 ..... DANNY POOL  
 ..... MARILYN ROBERTS  
 ..... TRACIE SCHEFFLER  
 ..... PAT THOMPSON  
 ..... LINDA THORNTON  
 ..... DELIA WHITFIELD

**BULLETIN COMMITTEE**  
 GEN CHAIR..... HEIDI JENKINS  
 DIST 1 CHAIR..... BRANDY DORNER  
 DIST 2 CHAIR..... JACKIE N. STOGNER  
 DIST 3 CHAIR..... LESLIE JOHNSON  
 DIST 5 CHAIR..... KAY SEARSON  
 MEMBERS..... ANA ANTUNEZ  
 ..... CYNTHIA ARAIZA  
 ..... NANCY A. BAILEY  
 ..... LUCILLE BELL  
 ..... MARY ELAINE BROWN  
 ..... MARGIE "JOAN" CURTIS  
 ..... PATSY DAVIDSON  
 ..... PEGGY DEAN  
 ..... JUDY DEES  
 ..... AMANDA DUCKWORTH  
 ..... MARTIN ELDRIDGE  
 ..... DANNA FERTSCH  
 ..... LAVELLE FORD  
 ..... MAEDELL FRENCH  
 ..... CHANTAL GAUDIANO  
 ..... LINDA GRIGSBY  
 ..... GLENDA N. GRUBBS  
 ..... TYANNA HERFORD  
 ..... MICHELLE HOLMES  
 ..... LELA HUNN  
 ..... LESLIE JOHNSON  
 ..... PAM JOHNSON  
 ..... MARILYNNE KNIGHTON  
 ..... PATRICIA LABOSSIERE  
 ..... MILDRED G. LARANCE  
 ..... TONI S. MACKAIN-BREMNER  
 ..... JAMES McDONALD  
 ..... DOROTHY JEAN MCLENDON  
 ..... MAE VION MEYER  
 ..... JOYCE MOORE  
 ..... LINDA NICHOLS  
 ..... NITA NORRIS  
 ..... KATHLEEN O'DOCHARTY  
 ..... JOANNE PAPPAS  
 ..... RHONDA PATTERSON  
 ..... CAROL PATTON  
 ..... NANCY PEIKERT  
 ..... SUE PITTMAN  
 ..... MAILYN QUEEN  
 ..... RACHAEL ROBISON  
 ..... MAURICE TURNER

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| <p>..... JOYCE WHITESIDE</p> <p>..... LORRAINE C. WILLIAMS</p> <p><b>CARING FOR OUR MEMBERS</b></p> <p>DIST 1 CHAIR..... SALLY URQUHART</p> <p>DIST 2 CHAIR... ELIZABETHE EDINGTON</p> <p>DIST 3 CHAIR..... JILL NANETTE KEEFER</p> <p>DIST 4 CHAIR..... CINDY LUCAS</p> <p>DIST 5 CHAIR..... IRMA VILLA</p> <p>MEMBERS..... MARY ADAMS</p> <p>..... PAULETTE BARTLETT</p> <p>..... CINDI BLAIR</p> <p>..... SHIRLEY BROWN</p> <p>..... LA RUE CALISEI</p> <p>..... MARTHA CAMERON</p> <p>..... SUZANNE CARSO</p> <p>..... CHERYL CARTWRIGHT</p> <p>..... SALLY CASSADY</p> <p>..... KATHY CHAPMAN</p> <p>..... DORRIS CLEGG</p> <p>..... JONELL COOPER</p> <p>..... JEANETTE RIFE COTTON</p> <p>..... AMY DAVIS</p> <p>..... JEANETTE DEES</p> <p>..... LUTITIA DUNLAP</p> <p>..... BARBARA JO EIERDAM</p> <p>..... CAROLYN GARON</p> <p>..... MELYNDA GIESENSCHLAG</p> <p>..... KAREN GREGORY</p> <p>..... JOAN GROTH</p> <p>..... CHARLSIE "CLAUDE" HALEY</p> <p>..... PATRICIA A. HAMMOND</p> <p>..... TERISA HEINZMANN</p> <p>..... MARIAN HILLIARD</p> <p>..... VIRGINIA "GINGER" HOSICK</p> <p>..... LINDA JACKSON</p> <p>..... JUDY JUDA</p> <p>..... MARY LOU LIBERTO</p> <p>..... SANDRA MIKESSELL</p> <p>..... PEGGIE MOSELEY</p> <p>..... SUE NORWOOD</p> <p>..... MARY DELL RHOADES</p> <p>..... BENNIE SUE ROWE</p> <p>..... VIRGINIA RUSH-MORRIS</p> <p>..... DOROTHY SELLERS</p> <p>..... WILLIE MAE SHAW</p> <p>..... MARGARET SMEDLEY</p> | <p>..... JOYCE SMITH</p> <p>..... JAKIE SPINKS</p> <p>..... CHARLENE STRINGER</p> <p>..... GERRY STURTZ</p> <p>..... CAROLYN SUTTON</p> <p>..... JUDITH "JUDY" TERRY</p> <p>..... JEANETTE TREST</p> <p>..... COURTNEY WOODS</p> <p><b>ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP STAMPS</b></p> <p>GEN CHAIR..... DORIS BLACKMON</p> <p>GEN CO-CHAIR..... LINDA ROY</p> <p>DIST 1 CHAIR..... BILLY M. ROWELL</p> <p>DIST 3 CHAIR..... BOBBIE JARVIS</p> <p>DIST 4 CHAIR..... PATSY DUKE</p> <p>DIST 5 CHAIR..... CHULA HUBBLE</p> <p>MEMBERS..... DAVID ADAMS</p> <p>..... ANGELA ALFORD</p> <p>..... ANN ALSTON</p> <p>..... CHERYL ATKINSON</p> <p>..... JUNE BELL</p> <p>..... JOYCE BOGGS</p> <p>..... MARTHA CLEMENTS</p> <p>..... MARLENE DIBRELL</p> <p>..... JENNIFER FOSTER</p> <p>..... POLLY FRANKS</p> <p>..... LESLIE HENSLER</p> <p>..... DOROTHY HIGH</p> <p>..... JIMMY D. HUCKABAY</p> <p>..... LUKE JUDA</p> <p>..... LEAH R. LEE</p> <p>..... SHARON LONDON</p> <p>..... JANE MARTIN</p> <p>..... FRANCIS PEACOCK</p> <p>..... DOROTHY RENCURREL</p> <p>..... MICHAEL SAMPSON</p> <p>..... PATRICIA SCHELLHASE</p> <p>..... MARLENE SCHOLARI</p> <p>..... JANET J. SINGLETARY</p> <p>..... PATRICIA SPIVEY</p> <p>..... JANET STEVENS</p> <p>..... KATHY TEELE</p> <p>..... RONI BELINDA VASQUEZ</p> <p>..... BETTY WALKER</p> <p>..... BETTY J. WARLUCK</p> <p>..... DAN WENTWORTH</p> <p>..... ELIZABETH WISE</p> | <p>..... SHERYL WYLLIE</p> <p><b>FINDING OUR MEMBERS</b></p> <p>GEN CHAIR..... LYNNE VIAGGI</p> <p>DIST 1 CHAIR..... CAROL JACKSON</p> <p>DIST 3 CHAIR..... AMANDA COX</p> <p>DIST 4 CHAIR..... TAMMY ABSHIER</p> <p>DIST 5 CHAIR .... PATSY CATES-SHERMAN</p> <p>MEMBERS..... EARLENE ANGELL</p> <p>..... MARTI ATKERSON</p> <p>..... JUDY BAKER</p> <p>..... IRIS BALL</p> <p>..... MARY G. BLACK</p> <p>..... EDIE DAVIS</p> <p>..... BEVERLY GRAY</p> <p>..... WAYNE HENINGTON</p> <p>..... JANICE HERRIDGE</p> <p>..... MICHELLE KNACKSTEDT</p> <p>..... SHERYL LEBMAN-BROWN</p> <p>..... NANCY LUJAN</p> <p>..... CAITLIN MARSHALL</p> <p>..... CAROLE MATHER</p> <p>..... DEBRA McDONALD</p> <p>..... RONALD "RON" MIETZNER</p> <p>..... VENUS MILLS</p> <p>..... MARGOT MUELLER</p> <p>..... MARTHA LEONORA OWRE</p> <p>..... DARLENE PETTY</p> <p>..... KATIE CHAPMAN RENDON</p> <p>..... MELINDA ROUTH</p> <p>..... CRISTAL SCHLIEVE</p> <p>..... VANESSA WHITE</p> <p>..... JENNIFER WILSON</p> <p><b>GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ASSISTANTS</b></p> <p>..... LESA SMITH</p> <p>..... ANN WYATT</p> <p>..... BECKY AUSTIN</p> <p>..... CARON JOSEPH</p> <p><b>INVENTORY CONTROL</b></p> <p>GEN CHAIR..... KATE CECIL</p> <p>GEN CO-CHAIR ..... MARTHA BETTIS</p> <p>GEN CO-CHAIR ..... DORIS DAVIS</p> <p>DIST 2 CHAIR..... TERRY C. BROWNING</p> <p>DIST 4 CHAIR..... PATRICIA HOPE</p> <p>DIST 5 CHAIR..... KAREN TILGHMAN</p> |
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## **MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS COMMITTEE**

GEN CHAIR..... RICHARD MORENCY  
 DIST 1 CHAIR..... NANCY SCHOPPA  
 DIST 3 CHAIR..... APRIL FREDERICK  
 DIST 4 CHAIR..... DEBRA BLAKE  
 DIST 5 CHAIR..... PHYLLIS H. WILSON  
 MEMBERS..... JOAN ARRENDELL  
 ..... LINDA BAUMANN  
 ..... CHRISTINA BLANK  
 ..... SANDRA J. BOATMAN  
 ..... CHRISTY BONNET  
 ..... CINDY BOWLES  
 ..... LOU CARMICHAEL  
 ..... KIM CARSON  
 ..... VALERIA CASH  
 ..... PENNY CATE  
 ..... ANDREA DELANEY  
 ..... ROSA CAROL DENSON  
 ..... CONNIE DOWDEN  
 ..... CAROLE DUNGAN  
 ..... LOU ANNE FOSHEE  
 ..... KELLIE GIBSON  
 ..... JIMMIE PRIDDY GREGORY  
 ..... LUPE GUZMAN  
 ..... PATRICIA HALE  
 ..... NANCY LEE HARDY  
 ..... SANDRA HARPER  
 ..... MARGIE HENSON  
 ..... FRANCES HISER  
 ..... JONNA HORAK  
 ..... LYNNE HUCKABAY  
 ..... MARY HUNT  
 ..... ADAM JERNIGAN  
 ..... BETTI JEANETTE JONES  
 ..... LESLIE KEILBERG  
 ..... VICKI L. KIELTYKA  
 ..... RANDY KIMBROUGH  
 ..... KAY KUROSKY  
 ..... PHYLLIS JEAN LANE  
 ..... JANET ELISA LANEY  
 ..... PAMELA "PAM" LARSON  
 ..... LINDA LITTLE  
 ..... JEAN LIVENGOOD  
 ..... SANDRA G. LOSACK  
 ..... LORIE ANN MACHINSKY  
 ..... PATRICIA MATHIS  
 ..... VICKIE MCELROY

## **MUSIC COMMITTEE**

GEN CHAIR..... COLLEEN ASARO  
 DIST 1 CHAIR  
 ..... VIRGINIA FORTENBERRY  
 DIST 2 CHAIR  
 ..... SANDRA WELCH-QUARM  
 DIST 3 CHAIR..... LINDA HUGO  
 DIST 4 CHAIR..... LINDA LOVE  
 DIST 5 CHAIR..... BETTY MCCUNE  
 MEMBERS..... KAREN BLACK  
 ..... MARY JO BONNER  
 ..... LEE BROWN  
 ..... MARGIE D. CURRY  
 ..... ANN DUNN  
 ..... MATTHEW FISHER  
 ..... RUBY GRANT  
 ..... SHERRIE KEESE  
 ..... SUE LABOSSIERE  
 ..... ROBIN MCKENZIE  
 ..... PATSY JEAN MCKIBBIN  
 ..... THERESA MERRILL  
 ..... DARLENE PELHAM-APPERSON

..... JENNIFER PICKLE  
 ..... OLLIE H. RABALAIS  
 ..... LEONA STARK  
 ..... JOANNE STERLING  
 ..... JANN SUTTON

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GEN CHAIR..... JAMES GRAVITT  
 DIST 1 CHAIR..... GLORIA HIBDON  
 DIST 2 CHAIR..... NATHAN SHRODE  
 DIST 3 CHAIR..... BETTY R. KITCHENS  
 DIST 4 CHAIR..... MARY CURBOW  
 MEMBERS..... PETE ARAIZA  
 ..... BEN CLEGG  
 ..... GAIL DYE  
 ..... LINDA ELLENDER  
 ..... LUCY FOURNIER  
 ..... ELBERT FRANKS  
 ..... KENNETH GARDNER  
 ..... BARBARA HILL  
 ..... DAHL HOWARD  
 ..... SHERYL KOLTERMANN  
 ..... CLARENCE LANEY  
 ..... JAMES R. LEE  
 ..... ROBERT LEGER  
 ..... JAY LOHMAN, JR.  
 ..... AMY BARRY McDONALD  
 ..... GWEN McDONALD  
 ..... TEDDIE JEANNE NUNLEY  
 ..... HOWARD DOYLE REDFEARN  
 ..... JOAN RICHARDS  
 ..... STEPHANIE SIZEMORE  
 ..... SKIP SKIPPER  
 ..... JOHN SUTTON  
 ..... JOYCE ANN "JOJO" WADLE  
 ..... KRISTYN WILKIE

## **PATRIOT PAWS COMMITTEE**

GEN CHAIR..... JULIE THOMAS  
 DIST 1 CHAIR..... JUANITA DESPLAS  
 DIST 2 CHAIR... CAROLYN CUMMINGS  
 DIST 4 CHAIR..... RUTH CLIFTON  
 DIST 5 CHAIR..... BEVERLY STROMAN  
 MEMBERS..... DEBBIE ANDERSON  
 ..... MOLLIE ANDERSON  
 ..... JAMES ARLINGTON  
 ..... PATRICIA ARNOLD  
 ..... LILIAN ARRINGTON

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| ..... BENITA BASSETT           | ..... GERDA WEATHERS              | ..... PAT OETINGER               |
| ..... BEVERLY BAUMANN          | ..... BRUCE WEAVER                | ..... WANDA PARKS                |
| ..... MARCIA R. BENTON         | ..... JAMES WHARY                 | ..... JIM PEARSON                |
| ..... THELMA BETHARD           | ..... DEBRA WILLIAMS              | ..... CALVIN POSEY               |
| ..... EMILY ANN BIDDLE         | ..... KASSA WILLINGHAM            | ..... CHARI RICKS                |
| ..... DONNA BLINCOE            | ..... SHANNON WYLIE               | ..... MURIAL J. ROWELL           |
| ..... ANGELA BROWER            |                                   | ..... JOAN SCOTT                 |
| ..... MARION BROWN             | <b>PROFICIENCY COMMITTEE</b>      | ..... JOYCE SHANKS               |
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| ..... MICHAEL CHAMPION         | DIST 2 CHAIR..... BRUCE WILSON    | ..... JENNIE STRADER             |
| ..... MARY ELLEN DAVIS         | DIST 3 CHAIR..... CHRISTINE LOVEN | ..... DELPHIA VON HEEDER         |
| ..... BETTY GILLORY            | DIST 4 CHAIR..... JOHN ST. JOHN   |                                  |
| ..... KATHY GREGORY            | DIST 5 CHAIR.....                 | <b>PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE</b>    |
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| ..... DIXIE A. HEINLE          | ..... R. WAYNE BETHARD            | DIST 4 CHAIR..... SUE BURT       |
| ..... DEDRA HENDRIX            | ..... CONNIE BILBY                | MEMBERS..... DEBRA ALBERTSON     |
| ..... TREACA HUSTON            | ..... DAVID CHANDLER              | ..... MARGARET C. ARLINGTON      |
| ..... FRANKIE J. JOHNSON       | ..... ANDY CURRY                  | ..... DENA BROWN                 |
| ..... JERRY JOHNSON            | ..... PATRICIA DORNER             | ..... MARY BETH BRUNSON          |
| ..... SANDRA KAY JOHNSON       | ..... JON DUNN                    | ..... GINGER BYRD                |
| ..... JANICE JOHNSTON          | ..... DALE ELDRIDGE               | ..... JUDITH CALDWELL            |
| ..... NITA KATTNER             | ..... BOB FERRY                   | ..... BRENDA DESBIEN             |
| ..... DOROTHY KINSINGER        | ..... WILMA J. FERRY              | ..... TINA DUBLIN                |
| ..... ALBERT KOLTERMANN        | ..... CHARLES FOSTER              | ..... JOHN ELKINTON              |
| ..... CHARLES LEE              | ..... FREDDIE G. FREELAND         | ..... DEBORAH FARR               |
| ..... EMMA MARKINS             | ..... RALPH GONZALEZ              | ..... MARTHA FINDLEY             |
| ..... DEBBIE MITCHELL          | ..... WILLIAM GROTH               | ..... VALARIE FOLLOWELL          |
| ..... CRYSTAL MONTEY           | ..... SUSAN I. HALL               | ..... RETA GEER                  |
| ..... RUTH MOORE               | ..... DONNA HERRINGTON            | ..... DELORA GILBREATH           |
| ..... LINDA OGBURN             | ..... CAROLE R. HILDEBRAN         | ..... MARY DIAN HARMON           |
| ..... AUDESTIA PATTON          | ..... JEWELL HORNE                | ..... GINA HODGES                |
| ..... PATTY PECK               | ..... JAMES IVY                   | ..... PATRICIA "PAT" KETTLE      |
| ..... PATSY PURSER             | ..... KAREN JACKSON               | ..... MELBA MAYFIELD             |
| ..... BEVERLY REDFEARN         | ..... ANN KELLY                   | ..... TAMMY MCCOY                |
| ..... DEE REYNOLDS             | ..... KENLYN LAWRENCE             | ..... BRIAN MCKIBBIN             |
| ..... JOHN SEARSON             | ..... RUBY LEE                    | ..... CHARISSE MILLER            |
| ..... DEBBIE SKIPPER           | ..... PAT LISTON                  | ..... CONNIE MILLER              |
| ..... HUBERT E. SMITH          | ..... JUANITA W. MAY              | ..... NINA NYMAN                 |
| ..... GLORIA SPEAKMAN          | ..... STEPHEN MILLER              | ..... DONNA OTT                  |
| ..... HOLLY STONE              | ..... TANYS JAMES MUNN            | ..... DIANE RADACK               |
| ..... JIMMY TATOM              | ..... DON NESBITT                 | ..... NORMA RUSSELL              |
| ..... DREW TERRY               | ..... NORM NICHOLS                | ..... BEVERLY SELF               |
| ..... DWIGHT VON HEEDER        | ..... LISA M. NYSTEDT             | ..... CAROL DENISE SOUZA         |
| ..... BILLIE WALKER            | ..... RONALD A. NYSTEDT           | ..... KATHY ST. JOHN             |

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| ..... SUE SAUNDERS                  | ..... FRANCES L. HAYES             | ..... JAMES BRYANT        |
| ..... BETTY SCRUGGS                 | ..... LINDA HIMES                  | ..... CAMILLE BURT        |
| ..... KAREN SHARP                   | ..... SANDY IMES                   | ..... WAYLAND D. CLARK    |
| ..... BEVERLEY SIKES                | ..... KATHY INGRAM                 | ..... HARLEY COGGINS      |
| ..... NELLY SOMERA                  | ..... MARTHA JOHNSON               | ..... JOHN DENSON         |
| ..... MARGARET TURRENTINE           | ..... JO ANNE LAWRENCE             | ..... JAMES DOWIS         |
| ..... DEBRA "DEBBIE" WERNER         | ..... KATHRYN LEATHERWOOD          | ..... ALAN DUNCAN         |
| ..... FRANCES WILLIAMS              | ..... LOU A. LEWIS                 | ..... KEN FINLEY          |
| <b>SHINING STAR CHAPTER AWARD</b>   |                                    |                           |
| GEN CHAIR..... JAY H. HICKS         | ..... ELIZABETH ANNE LLOYD         | ..... TRACIE FOSTER-MOORE |
| DIST 1 CHAIR..... KIMBERLY DEES     | ..... ANITA MATTHEWS               | ..... ROXANNE GARZA       |
| DIST 3 CHAIR..... JUDITH WILSON     | ..... MADI MCMURRY                 | ..... FIDEL GONZALEZ      |
| DIST 4 CHAIR..... KELLY HICKMAN     | ..... BRENDA MCNEW                 | ..... CARL GOODWIN        |
| DIST 5 CHAIR..... BARBARA FRANKLIN  | ..... NANCY MORRIS                 | ..... RALPH HALL          |
|                                     | ..... SHEILA NOWELL                | ..... RICHARD HARDY       |
|                                     | ..... DIVA OWEN                    | ..... ZACHARY HASTON      |
| <b>SHRINER'S HOSPITAL COMMITTEE</b> |                                    |                           |
| GEN CHAIR..... JEANIE REIGER        | ..... PATRICIA PEREZ               | ..... BRIAN L. HOHLE      |
| DIST 1 CHAIR..... DOROTHY FINLEY    | ..... JENNIFER REED                | ..... LISA HOHLE          |
| DIST 2 CHAIR..... DOLORES GREEN     | ..... TIMOTHY RENDON               | ..... DAVID HOLLAND       |
| DIST 3 CHAIR..... KAROLEE LLOYD     | ..... CINDY ROGERS-THOMAS          | ..... LARRY HOPKINS       |
| DIST 4 CHAIR..... PAT CHUBER        | ..... RACHEL ROWLAND               | ..... DEBRA HULL          |
| MEMBERS..... MARIALICE BAILEY       | ..... JERRY SAUNDERS               | ..... REX GABRIEL KESSEL  |
| ..... JOSETTE BARGER                | ..... RITA SCHUSTER                | ..... SUE KINSEY          |
| ..... CHARLOTTE BARR                | ..... SALLIE SHEPHERD              | ..... GARY W. KUROSKY     |
| ..... SHERRI K. BARRETT             | ..... REBECCA STAPLETON            | ..... KATRINA LAND        |
| ..... RHONDA BEAMESDERFER           | ..... PAM TATUM                    | ..... DOICUS RAY LANGLEY  |
| ..... MARIE BERRY                   | ..... LAUREN WOOLF                 | ..... KENNETH LEATHERWOOD |
| ..... PEGGY BLACKMON                |                                    | ..... CANDACE MASUR       |
| ..... KENNETH BROWN                 | <b>TEXAS STATE PARKS COMMITTEE</b> |                           |
| ..... CAROL JO BUSH                 | GEN CHAIR..... RICK DELANEY        | ..... CAROLYN MIETZNER    |
| ..... VIRGIL CAIN                   | DIST 1 CHAIR..... KENNETH FOREMAN  | ..... MELANIE MURPHY      |
| ..... ELIZABETH "LIZ" CHERRY        | DIST 2 CHAIR..... ROY GENE PARSONS | ..... JERRY OLSEN         |
| ..... NANCY COLLINS                 | DIST 2 CO-CHAIR                    | ..... JACK T. PEEBLES     |
| ..... ERMINE DIECKMAN               | ..... JAMES OWEN COLLINS           | ..... JOHN PRESA          |
| ..... GARY DIXON                    | DIST 3 CHAIR..... SEAN T. WILLIAMS | ..... RANDY REIGER        |
| ..... MARY ANN DUNAVAN              | DIST 4 CHAIR..... RICHARD KLEMME   | ..... LEOTA JUNE ROMINE   |
| ..... MARY JANE FALWELL             | DIST 5 CHAIR..... BECKY SHULER     | ..... LAJUAN RUDD         |
| ..... BETTY FOGARTY                 | MEMBERS..... GARY ADAMS            | ..... KEVIN SAXON         |
| ..... BETSY FOOTE                   | ..... RICK ANDERSON                | ..... GALE SENN           |
| ..... LESLIE FOREMAN                | ..... BILL ARRENDELL               |                           |
| ..... BETH GARZA                    | ..... JAMES BALL                   |                           |
| ..... GRACE GIBBARD                 | ..... SUE BARNES                   |                           |
| ..... RONALD GILLORY                | ..... JERRY BARR                   |                           |
| ..... SUSAN HAMILTON CARPENTER      | ..... TIMOTHY BENTON               |                           |
| ..... YVONNE HANKS-RICHARDS         | ..... JIMMIE BLACK                 |                           |
| ..... CHRIS HARP                    | ..... ROLAN BONNET                 |                           |
| ..... TAMMIE HARRISON-LANG          | ..... DOUG BROWN                   |                           |
|                                     | ..... DEAN BRYANT                  |                           |



# Who's Who

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|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| .....GEORGE SHEEHAN    | .....SANDRA GUBRUD         | .....DAVID DESBIEN       |
| .....DEREK SHELL       | .....SUSAN HALL            | .....GEORGE EIERDAM      |
| .....DEE ANN SMITH     | .....TERESA HANDLEY        | .....JAMES FALWELL       |
| .....JOHN STARNES      | .....FREDA HITT            | .....DERRELL FOGARTY     |
| .....MICHELLE STEGMAN  | .....BILLIE HUFFMAN        | .....WAYNE HUDDLESTON    |
| .....JOHN STEPHENSON   | .....LINDA JAMES           | .....KENNETH JACKSON     |
| .....JAMES STRADER     | .....KAROLYN KLAES         | .....HARRY JAMESON       |
| .....BROOK THOMAS      | .....PATRICIA L. LANE      | .....MARY JO JASKA       |
| .....RICK TRIMBLE      | .....LINDA MCDANIEL        | .....MARILYN KNOWLTON    |
| .....ROBERT WALKER     | .....JANE MOHON            | .....DON LITTLE          |
| .....JOHNNY WERNER     | .....ANNETTE OLSEN         | .....WILLIAM MARKS       |
| .....CHARLES WHITFIELD | .....BETTY PENNEY          | .....JERRY MARR          |
| .....JANET WILLIAMS    | .....SHARON PRAGUE         | .....JOHNNY MCKINNEY     |
| .....JOHN WILSON       | .....WILLIAM "BILL" PRAGUE | .....DERRELL MOORE       |
| .....JASON WOOLF       | .....JUANITA SCOGGINS      | .....CARL MUELLER        |
| .....KEVIN WRIGHT      | .....BEVERLY ANN SMITH     | .....JERRY MURDOCK       |
| .....MEGAN WYATT       | .....BESSIE SOURIS         | .....CINDY NEWBURY       |
| .....DOUGLAS WYLIE     | .....PAT A. TURNER         | .....GARY PEARCE         |
| .....CATHY ZACHRY      | .....HEIDI VANCE           | .....JERRY PECK          |
|                        | .....ANNE WOVELL           | .....MARY PEEK           |
|                        | .....YVONNE WUNSCH         | .....BENNY PLUNKETT      |
|                        |                            | .....HOWARD SCHNORRBUSCH |
|                        |                            | .....CHUCK SNOW          |
|                        |                            | .....GEOFF SOURIS        |
|                        |                            | .....LEE STROMAN         |
|                        |                            | .....MARILYN THOMAS      |
|                        |                            | .....DONALD TOOHEY       |
|                        |                            | .....BARBARA TRAMEL      |
|                        |                            | .....LARRY TUCKER        |
|                        |                            | .....HAROLD WERT         |
|                        |                            | .....BUDDY WISER         |
|                        |                            | .....DWAYNE YOUNG        |

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| <b>TREASURE HUNT COMMITTEE</b> |  |  |
| GEN CHAIR.....LYNN PHARR       |  |  |
| DIST 1 CHAIR.....JANET AYRES   |  |  |
| DIST 4 CHAIR.....DIANNE RYDER  |  |  |
| DIST 5 CHAIR.....PEGGY CURLIS  |  |  |
| MEMBERS.....BARBRA BRYANT      |  |  |
| .....ANNETTE BUSSEY            |  |  |
| .....JANET CHALFANT            |  |  |
| .....ANNETTE CLARK             |  |  |
| .....PATRICIA CUSTER           |  |  |
| .....BETTY DAYTON              |  |  |
| .....LOU ANNE ELLIOTT          |  |  |
| .....JOHNNIE BETH FREEMAN      |  |  |
| .....ANN GEORGE                |  |  |
| .....LARRY GILBERT             |  |  |
| .....EVA GONZALEZ              |  |  |

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|  | <b>VETERANS COMMITTEE</b>         |  |
|  | GEN CHAIR.....ANNETTE OTREMBIA    |  |
|  | DIST 2 CHAIR.....DAVID MEAD       |  |
|  | DIST 3 CHAIR.....KEVIN CARAWAY    |  |
|  | DIST 4 CHAIR.....BRENDA WHITEHEAD |  |
|  | DIST 5 CHAIR.....JAMES FAIRCHILD  |  |
|  | MEMBERS.....RICHARD AGEE          |  |
|  | .....ROBERT BEAUDREALT            |  |
|  | .....JAMES BERRY, JR.             |  |
|  | .....MIKE BIDDLE                  |  |
|  | .....JOE BRINKLEY                 |  |
|  | .....JAMES BURT                   |  |
|  | .....CLYDE CALDWELL               |  |
|  | .....RAY CAMPBELL                 |  |



**Grand Chapter of Texas  
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**141st Grand Chapter Session**

**Auditor's Report**



# Auditor Report (Pg 1)



**ISHAM & RAMIREZ** PLLC

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors  
Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home of Texas  
Arlington, Texas

### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home of Texas (Texas not-for-profit organizations), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as of August 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home of Texas as of August 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home of Texas and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home of Texas's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

## Auditor Report (Pg 2)

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home of Texas's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home of Texas's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

*Asham & Ramirez, PLLC*

Southlake, Texas  
February 9, 2024

## Auditor Report (Pg 3)

### GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position  
August 31, 2023 and 2022

|                                                   | 2023          | 2022          |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                                     |               |               |
| <b>Current assets</b>                             |               |               |
| Cash and cash equivalents                         | \$ 528,208    | \$ 337,394    |
| Interest receivable                               | 94,596        | 70,369        |
| Accounts receivable Session                       | 20,014        | -             |
| Prepaid expenses and other                        | 43,009        | 28,685        |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                       | 685,827       | 436,448       |
| <b>Noncurrent assets</b>                          |               |               |
| Investments                                       | 293,340       | 386,881       |
| Net property and equipment                        | 8,262         | 25,522        |
| Operating lease right-of-use assets               | 9,530         | -             |
| Endowed membership investment                     | 4,701,177     | 4,504,992     |
| Endowment investments                             | 18,162,734    | 17,526,027    |
| <b>Total noncurrent assets</b>                    | 23,175,043    | 22,443,422    |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                               | \$ 23,860,870 | \$ 22,879,870 |
| <b>Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>               |               |               |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                        |               |               |
| Accounts payable                                  | \$ 23,385     | \$ 30,302     |
| Current portion operating lease liabilities       | 2,340         | -             |
| Accounts payable Session                          | 32,150        | 45,625        |
| Deferred revenue                                  | 185,416       | 177,320       |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>                  | 243,291       | 253,247       |
| <b>Noncurrent liabilities</b>                     |               |               |
| Operating lease liability, net of current portion | 7,190         | -             |
| Endowed membership                                | 4,701,177     | 4,504,992     |
| <b>Total noncurrent liabilities</b>               | 4,708,367     | 4,504,992     |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                          | 4,951,658     | 4,758,239     |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                                 |               |               |
| Without donor restrictions                        | 17,600,898    | 16,813,317    |
| With donor restrictions                           | 1,308,314     | 1,308,314     |
| <b>Total Net Assets</b>                           | 18,909,212    | 18,121,631    |
| <b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>         | \$ 23,860,870 | \$ 22,879,870 |

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.*

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## Auditor Report (Pg 4)

### GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS

Consolidated Statements of Activities  
For the Years Ended August 31, 2023 and 2022

|                                                         | 2023          | 2022          |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Changes in net assets without donor restrictions</b> |               |               |
| Revenues                                                |               |               |
| Revenues without donor restrictions                     |               |               |
| Donations and other income                              | \$ 728,918    | \$ 326,889    |
| Dues                                                    | 206,356       | 217,145       |
| Grand Session revenue                                   | 179,876       | 111,505       |
| Bulletin and supply sales                               | 82,572        | 91,793        |
| Investment returns, net                                 | 858,134       | (1,171,364)   |
| Total revenues without donor restrictions               | 2,055,856     | (424,032)     |
| Expenses                                                |               |               |
| Programs                                                |               |               |
| Care of elderly members                                 | 171,934       | 281,078       |
| Educational scholarships                                | 33,500        | 32,500        |
| Benevolence                                             | 270,507       | 135,232       |
| Fraternal activities                                    | 331,814       | 235,094       |
| Total program expenses                                  | 807,755       | 683,904       |
| Support services                                        |               |               |
| Fundraising                                             | 57,196        | 40,650        |
| General and administrative                              | 403,324       | 376,087       |
| Total support services expenses                         | 460,520       | 416,737       |
| Total expenses                                          | 1,268,275     | 1,100,641     |
| <b>Change in total net assets</b>                       | 787,581       | (1,524,673)   |
| <b>Net assets at beginning of year</b>                  | 18,121,631    | 19,646,304    |
| <b>Net assets at end of year</b>                        | \$ 18,909,212 | \$ 18,121,631 |

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**Appendix  
Past Grand Officers**



**LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

| <b>YEAR</b> | <b>WORTHY GRAND MATRON</b>    | <b>WORTHY GRAND PATRON</b> | <b>GRAND SECRETARY</b>      | <b>GRAND TREASURER</b>         |
|-------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1884        | E.J. Talbot <sup>†</sup>      | W.I. Holt <sup>†</sup>     | R.R. McPhail <sup>†</sup>   | A. McGregor <sup>†</sup>       |
| 1885        | V. Tucker Essex <sup>†</sup>  | P. Hawkins <sup>†</sup>    | J.K. Ashby <sup>†</sup>     | A. McGregor <sup>†</sup>       |
| 1886        | V. Tucker Essex <sup>†</sup>  | PH. Stevens <sup>†</sup>   | J.K. Ashby <sup>†</sup>     | M. Hightower <sup>†</sup>      |
| 1887        | V. Tucker Essex <sup>†</sup>  | J.J. Kendrick <sup>†</sup> | J.K. Ashby <sup>†</sup>     | A. Schwartz <sup>†</sup>       |
| 1888        | Lizzie Hadley <sup>†</sup>    | J.J. Kendrick <sup>†</sup> | J.K. Ashby <sup>†</sup>     | Sarah L. Berliner <sup>†</sup> |
| 1889        | Lizzie Hadley <sup>†</sup>    | J.W. Ellender <sup>†</sup> | Stephen Gould <sup>†</sup>  | M.R. Marsh <sup>†</sup>        |
| 1890        | Lizzie Hadley <sup>†</sup>    | Stephen Gould <sup>†</sup> | Jennie Cassill <sup>†</sup> | M.R. Marsh <sup>†</sup>        |
| 1891        | Belle Moore <sup>†</sup>      | A.F. Hicks <sup>†</sup>    | J.D. Slawson <sup>†</sup>   | E.C. Carpenter <sup>†</sup>    |
| 1892        | Laura B. Hart <sup>†</sup>    | J.L. Miller <sup>†</sup>   | J.D. Slawson <sup>†</sup>   | E.C. Carpenter <sup>†</sup>    |
| 1893        | P.C. Harris <sup>†</sup>      | Tom Murrain <sup>†</sup>   | J.D. Slawson <sup>†</sup>   | R.M. Swaim <sup>†</sup>        |
| 1894        | R.M. Swaim <sup>†</sup>       | D. Ludlow <sup>†</sup>     | Laura B. Hart <sup>†</sup>  | Kate Birch <sup>†</sup>        |
| 1895        | Sadie A. Hoskins <sup>†</sup> | L.S. Garrison <sup>†</sup> | Laura B. Hart <sup>†</sup>  | Jennie Randolph <sup>†</sup>   |
| 1896        | Kate Birch <sup>†</sup>       | J.K. Bow <sup>†</sup>      | Laura B. Hart <sup>†</sup>  | Ree Alvord <sup>†</sup>        |
| 1897        | Jennie Randolph <sup>†</sup>  | J.T. Atchison <sup>†</sup> | Laura B. Hart <sup>†</sup>  | W.P. Baugh <sup>†</sup>        |
| 1898        | Ree Alvord <sup>†</sup>       | N.M. Kamey <sup>†</sup>    | Laura B. Hart <sup>†</sup>  | W.P. Baugh <sup>†</sup>        |
| 1899        | A.A. Garrison <sup>†</sup>    | W.S. Hoskins <sup>†</sup>  | Laura B. Hart <sup>†</sup>  | M.A. Sherburne <sup>†</sup>    |
| 1900        | Agnes V. Young <sup>†</sup>   | W.S. Hellver <sup>†</sup>  | Laura B. Hart <sup>†</sup>  | M.A. Sherburne <sup>†</sup>    |
| 1901        | K.M. Bryan <sup>†</sup>       | A.C. McDaniel <sup>†</sup> | Laura B. Hart <sup>†</sup>  | M.A. Sherburne <sup>†</sup>    |
| 1902        | M.E. Smith <sup>†</sup>       | R.W. Lemond <sup>†</sup>   | C.C. Leonard <sup>†</sup>   | E.J. Randolph <sup>†</sup>     |
| 1903        | Alma W. Walker <sup>†</sup>   | P.S. Park <sup>†</sup>     | C.C. Leonard <sup>†</sup>   | L.F. Seaman <sup>†</sup>       |

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| <b>YEAR</b> | <b>WORTHY GRAND MATRON</b>      | <b>WORTHY GRAND PATRON</b>   | <b>GRAND SECRETARY</b>    | <b>GRAND TREASURER</b>        |
|-------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1904        | Amelia Huvelle <sup>+</sup> *   | E.C. Canon <sup>+</sup>      | C.C. Leonard <sup>+</sup> | L.F. Seaman <sup>+</sup>      |
| 1905        | E.J. Randolph <sup>+</sup>      | John Orchard <sup>+</sup>    | C.C. Leonard <sup>+</sup> | L.F. Seaman <sup>+</sup>      |
| 1906        | Mollie E. Gray <sup>+</sup>     | F.M. Walker <sup>+</sup>     | C.C. Leonard <sup>+</sup> | L.F. Seaman <sup>+</sup>      |
| 1907        | Carrah Johnson <sup>+</sup>     | T.J. Tucker <sup>+</sup>     | C.C. Leonard <sup>+</sup> | L.F. Seaman <sup>+</sup>      |
| 1908        | Fannie v. Ward <sup>+</sup>     | C.H. Thorn <sup>+</sup>      | C.C. Leonard              | Amelia Huvelle <sup>+</sup> * |
| 1909        | Carrie B. Lane <sup>+</sup>     | G.W. Glasscock <sup>+</sup>  | C.C. Leonard <sup>+</sup> | Anna Johnson <sup>+</sup>     |
| 1910        | Edith Findlater <sup>+</sup>    | E.J. Hosey <sup>+</sup>      | C.C. Leonard <sup>+</sup> | Anna Johnson <sup>+</sup>     |
| 1911        | Laura F. Seaman <sup>+</sup>    | L.A. Heil <sup>+</sup>       | C.C. Leonard <sup>+</sup> | Cora M. Cohen <sup>+</sup>    |
| 1912        | Dr. Mattie I. Hill <sup>+</sup> | Sam P. Cochran <sup>+</sup>  | C.C. Leonard <sup>+</sup> | Cora M. Cohen <sup>+</sup>    |
| 1913        | Carrie A. Chase <sup>+</sup>    | M.T. Bell <sup>+</sup>       | C.C. Leonard <sup>+</sup> | M.B. Moody <sup>+</sup>       |
| 1914        | B.B. Huddleston <sup>+</sup>    | S.B. Miller <sup>+</sup>     | C.C. Leonard <sup>+</sup> | M.B. Moody <sup>+</sup>       |
| 1915        | Cora Posey <sup>+</sup>         | G.W. Hester <sup>+</sup>     | C.C. Leonard <sup>+</sup> | M.B. Moody <sup>+</sup>       |
| 1916        | M.L. Eldridge <sup>+</sup>      | W.A. Christian <sup>+</sup>  | C.C. Leonard <sup>+</sup> | W.I. Pierson <sup>+</sup>     |
| 1917        | Cora M. Cohen <sup>+</sup>      | Dr. W.B. Halley <sup>+</sup> | C.C. Leonard <sup>+</sup> | W.I. Pierson <sup>+</sup>     |
| 1918        | Flora Penix <sup>+</sup>        | Frank W. Lynn <sup>+</sup>   | C.C. Leonard <sup>+</sup> | W.I. Pierson <sup>+</sup>     |
| 1919        | Maggie B. Moody <sup>+</sup>    | C.P. Patrick <sup>+</sup>    | C.C. Leonard <sup>+</sup> | W.I. Pierson <sup>+</sup>     |
| 1920        | Margaret L. Hosey <sup>+</sup>  | John Findlater <sup>+</sup>  | C.C. Leonard <sup>+</sup> | W.I. Pierson <sup>+</sup>     |
| 1921        | Mary E. Roach <sup>+</sup>      | W.H. Mercer <sup>+</sup>     | C.C. Leonard <sup>+</sup> | W.I. Pierson <sup>+</sup>     |
| 1922        | Mattie A. Sebitts <sup>+</sup>  | S.A. Penix <sup>+</sup>      | C.C. Leonard <sup>+</sup> | W.I. Pierson <sup>+</sup>     |
| 1923        | Norton H. Wellborn <sup>+</sup> | T.J. Holbrook <sup>+</sup>   | C.C. Leonard <sup>+</sup> | W.I. Pierson <sup>+</sup>     |

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|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1924        | Stella C. Vodrie <sup>+</sup>     | J. Dixie Smith <sup>+</sup>        | C.C. Leonard <sup>+</sup> | W.I. Pierson <sup>+</sup>    |
| 1925        | Velma B. Halley <sup>+</sup>      | J.D. Todd <sup>+</sup>             | C.C. Leonard <sup>+</sup> | W.I. Pierson <sup>+</sup>    |
| 1926        | Margery Wofford <sup>+</sup>      | Frank Holt <sup>+</sup>            | Cora Posey <sup>+</sup>   | W.I. Pierson <sup>+</sup>    |
| 1927        | Lulu LeFan <sup>+</sup>           | L.E. Tennon <sup>+</sup>           | Cora Posey <sup>+</sup>   | W.I. Pierson <sup>+</sup>    |
| 1928        | Birdie J. Easterling <sup>+</sup> | W. Gregory Hatcher <sup>+</sup>    | Cora Posey <sup>+</sup>   | W.I. Pierson <sup>+</sup>    |
| 1929        | Beulah Rawlings <sup>+</sup>      | Captain Dan O'Connell <sup>+</sup> | Cora Posey <sup>+</sup>   | W.I. Pierson <sup>+</sup>    |
| 1930        | Bessie B. Garth <sup>+</sup>      | William G. Vollus <sup>+</sup>     | Cora Posey <sup>+</sup>   | Margery Wofford <sup>+</sup> |
| 1931        | Belle P. Tomlinson <sup>+</sup>   | George S. Dowell <sup>+</sup>      | Cora Posey <sup>+</sup>   | Margery Wofford <sup>+</sup> |
| 1932        | Riva C. Burnett <sup>+</sup>      | W.F. Easterling <sup>+</sup>       | Cora Posey <sup>+</sup>   | Margery Wofford <sup>+</sup> |
| 1933        | Rose E. Potter <sup>+</sup>       | A.P. Holbrook <sup>+</sup>         | Cora Posey <sup>+</sup>   | Margery Wofford <sup>+</sup> |
| 1934        | Mattie M. Mitchell <sup>+</sup>   | W.W. Caves <sup>+</sup>            | Cora Posey <sup>+</sup>   | Margery Wofford <sup>+</sup> |
| 1935        | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup>        | C.D. Miller <sup>+</sup>           | Cora Posey <sup>+</sup>   | Margery Wofford <sup>+</sup> |
| 1936        | Florence Read <sup>+</sup>        | M.A. Childers <sup>+</sup>         | Cora Posey <sup>+</sup>   | Margery Wofford <sup>+</sup> |
| 1937        | Norma Allen <sup>+</sup>          | Clyde E. Smith <sup>+</sup>        | Cora Posey <sup>+</sup>   | Margery Wofford <sup>+</sup> |
| 1938        | Mildred Harris <sup>+</sup>       | John T. Rice <sup>+</sup>          | Cora Posey <sup>+</sup>   | Margery Wofford <sup>+</sup> |
| 1939        | Freda Bernhard <sup>+</sup>       | E.C. Couch <sup>+</sup>            | Cora Posey <sup>+</sup>   | Margery Wofford <sup>+</sup> |
| 1940        | Robbie Dyer <sup>+</sup>          | A.E. Shirley <sup>+</sup>          | Cora Posey <sup>+</sup>   | Margery Wofford <sup>+</sup> |
| 1941        | Viva S. Huffman <sup>+</sup>      | Victor Keller <sup>+</sup>         | Cora Posey <sup>+</sup>   | Margery Wofford <sup>+</sup> |
| 1942        | Hallie Anglin <sup>+</sup>        | James L. Lee <sup>+</sup>          | Cora Posey <sup>+</sup>   | Margery Wofford <sup>+</sup> |
| 1943        | Cynthia May Watts <sup>+</sup>    | Walter B. Baldwin <sup>+</sup>     | Cora Posey <sup>+</sup>   | Margery Wofford <sup>+</sup> |

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|-------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1944        | Lillian Barnard Parker <sup>+</sup> | E. B. Gauntt <sup>+</sup>         | Cora Posey <sup>+</sup>    | Margery Wofford <sup>+</sup> |
| 1945        | Lallah Mae Vollus <sup>+</sup>      | Norman H. Read <sup>+</sup>       | Cora Posey <sup>+</sup>    | Blanche Earl <sup>+</sup>    |
| 1946        | Hattie D. Gilbert <sup>+</sup>      | Frank R. Phillips <sup>+</sup>    | Cora Posey <sup>+</sup>    | Blanche Earl <sup>+</sup>    |
| 1947        | Cheba Dewees <sup>+</sup>           | Pat Boone <sup>+</sup>            | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup> | Blanche Earl <sup>+</sup>    |
| 1948        | Esther B. Graves <sup>+</sup>       | Dr. T.G. Rogers <sup>+</sup>      | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup> | Blanche Earl <sup>+</sup>    |
| 1949        | Mabel Harle <sup>+</sup>            | Dean Gauldin <sup>+</sup>         | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup> | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>   |
| 1950        | Lucile Dufner <sup>+</sup>          | Dr. H.C. Sloop <sup>+</sup>       | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup> | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>   |
| 1951        | Flora Best Boone <sup>+</sup>       | Earl G. Manning <sup>+</sup>      | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup> | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>   |
| 1952        | Mildred Garlitz <sup>+</sup>        | John A. Rawlins <sup>+</sup>      | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup> | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>   |
| 1953        | Mary E. Schoverling <sup>+</sup>    | Fred W. Dewald <sup>+</sup>       | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup> | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>   |
| 1954        | Eunice Connell <sup>+</sup>         | Chauncey Penix <sup>+</sup>       | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup> | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>   |
| 1955        | Lois Burnett <sup>+</sup>           | Charles E. Bairfield <sup>+</sup> | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup> | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>   |
| 1956        | Pauline Smith <sup>+</sup>          | Ed Sharpe <sup>+</sup>            | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup> | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>   |
| 1957        | Ruby Enloe <sup>+</sup>             | Dr. Russell Holt <sup>+</sup>     | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup> | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>   |
| 1958        | Katherine Poullis <sup>+</sup>      | Lewis T. Davis <sup>+</sup>       | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup> | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>   |
| 1959        | Mary Katharine Smith <sup>+</sup>   | Dr. R.O. Fuqua <sup>+</sup>       | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup> | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>   |
| 1960        | Agnes Lee Howard <sup>+</sup>       | George C. Allen <sup>+</sup>      | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup> | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>   |
| 1961        | Pearl Hall <sup>+</sup>             | Paul C. Stoneman <sup>+</sup>     | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup> | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>   |
| 1962        | Thelma McReynolds <sup>+</sup>      | Hal Burnett <sup>+</sup>          | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup> | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>   |
| 1963        | Molly Goodpasture <sup>+</sup>      | E.F. (Van) Plumlee <sup>+</sup>   | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup> | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>   |

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|-------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1964        | Amy Goebel <sup>+</sup>             | James H. Goettee <sup>+</sup>     | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup>       | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>       |
| 1965        | Edna Earl Duke <sup>+</sup>         | Marvin B. Simpson <sup>+</sup>    | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup>       | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>       |
| 1966        | Mildred Sharpe <sup>+</sup>         | H.F. Harrington <sup>+</sup>      | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup>       | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>       |
| 1967        | Nancy Bailey <sup>+</sup>           | Herbert L. Arnold <sup>+</sup>    | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup>       | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>       |
| 1968        | Robbie Yates <sup>+</sup>           | J.T. Sanders <sup>+</sup>         | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup>       | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>       |
| 1969        | Sally Matranga <sup>+</sup>         | Richard T. Porter <sup>+</sup>    | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup>       | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>       |
| 1970        | Frances Key Herrin <sup>+</sup>     | J. Victor Jones <sup>+</sup>      | Rebecca Miles <sup>+</sup>       | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>       |
| 1971        | Ailene Houston <sup>+</sup>         | Harold Todd <sup>+</sup>          | Agnes Lee Howard <sup>+</sup>    | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>       |
| 1972        | Katherine Harbour <sup>+</sup>      | C.A. "Bill" Holmes <sup>+</sup>   | Agnes Lee Howard <sup>+</sup>    | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>       |
| 1973        | Thelma Joyce Alsup <sup>+</sup>     | Paul Huffhines <sup>+</sup>       | Agnes Lee Howard <sup>+</sup>    | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>       |
| 1974        | Patricia Major Neinast <sup>+</sup> | O.D. Christian <sup>+</sup>       | Agnes Lee Howard <sup>+</sup>    | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>       |
| 1975        | Doris Easterling <sup>+</sup>       | O.D. Christian <sup>+</sup>       | Agnes Lee Howard <sup>+</sup>    | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>       |
| 1976        | Joyce Roberts <sup>+</sup>          | Perry Smithwick <sup>+</sup>      | Agnes Lee Howard <sup>+</sup>    | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>       |
| 1977        | Mary M. Brown <sup>+</sup>          | Murray Watson, Jr. <sup>+</sup>   | Agnes Lee Howard <sup>+</sup>    | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>       |
| 1978        | Rennie Oifton <sup>+</sup>          | T.L. Weaver <sup>+</sup>          | Agnes Lee Howard <sup>+</sup>    | Jettie Hinton <sup>+</sup>       |
| 1979        | Kathy Johnston <sup>+</sup>         | Leslie G. Burnett <sup>+</sup>    | Agnes Lee Howard <sup>+</sup>    | Louise W. Armstrong <sup>+</sup> |
| 1980        | Lena Maye Cook <sup>+</sup>         | Thurman H. Perry <sup>+</sup>     | Agnes Lee Howard <sup>+</sup>    | Louise W. Armstrong <sup>+</sup> |
| 1981        | Elise Hammack <sup>+</sup>          | Oliver B. Chamberlin <sup>+</sup> | Louise W. Armstrong <sup>+</sup> | Frances Burbank <sup>+</sup>     |
| 1982        | Lois Bell <sup>+</sup>              | Gene Belk <sup>+</sup>            | Louise W. Armstrong <sup>+</sup> | Frances Burbank <sup>+</sup>     |
| 1983        | Marjorie Johnson <sup>+</sup>       | Ralph A. Davis <sup>+</sup>       | Louise W. Armstrong <sup>+</sup> | Frances Burbank <sup>+</sup>     |

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| 1984        | Beulah Speer <sup>+</sup>        | Wayne P. Jones <sup>+</sup>        | Louise W. Armstrong <sup>+</sup> | Frances Burbank <sup>+</sup> |
| 1985        | Elsie Paladino <sup>+</sup>      | Arnold Paul <sup>+</sup>           | Louise W. Armstrong <sup>+</sup> | Lola Wallace <sup>+</sup>    |
| 1986        | Jean Nesbitt <sup>+</sup>        | Leonard M. Ellington <sup>+</sup>  | Louise W. Armstrong <sup>+</sup> | Lola Wallace <sup>+</sup>    |
| 1987        | Sherrill Cain <sup>+</sup>       | B.F. Hutson <sup>+</sup>           | Frances Burbank <sup>+</sup>     | Lola Wallace <sup>+</sup>    |
| 1988        | Doris Efid <sup>+</sup>          | Harry G. Cunningham <sup>+</sup>   | Frances Burbank <sup>+</sup>     | Lola Wallace <sup>+</sup>    |
| 1989        | Betty Phillips                   | Joe E. Jeffers <sup>+</sup>        | Frances Burbank <sup>+</sup>     | Lola Wallace <sup>+</sup>    |
| 1990        | Dr. Effie Mae Davis <sup>+</sup> | Graham H. Childress <sup>+,*</sup> | Frances Burbank <sup>+</sup>     | Lola Wallace <sup>+</sup>    |
| 1991        | Jane Gregory <sup>+</sup>        | Glenn Whitaker <sup>+</sup>        | Frances Burbank <sup>+</sup>     | Lola Wallace <sup>+</sup>    |
| 1992        | Virginia L. Green <sup>+</sup>   | Garland Rattan <sup>+</sup>        | Frances Burbank <sup>+</sup>     | Lola Wallace <sup>+</sup>    |
| 1993        | Marcella Curry <sup>+</sup>      | Leland Benefield <sup>+</sup>      | Frances Burbank <sup>+</sup>     | Lola Wallace <sup>+</sup>    |
| 1994        | Wanda Fairchild <sup>+</sup>     | Charles Morris <sup>+</sup>        | Frances Burbank <sup>+</sup>     | Lola Wallace <sup>+</sup>    |
| 1995        | Rosemary Swetland                | Billy Combest <sup>+</sup>         | Frances Burbank <sup>+</sup>     | Patsy Wilson                 |
| 1996        | Alma Carter <sup>+</sup>         | Richard Ochs                       | Frances Burbank <sup>+</sup>     | Patsy Wilson                 |
| 1997        | Yvonne Brownfield <sup>+</sup>   | Kenneth Gregory <sup>+</sup>       | Marjorie Errington <sup>+</sup>  | Patsy Wilson                 |
| 1998        | Alma Lynn Bane                   | Henry S. Martin <sup>+</sup>       | Marjorie Errington <sup>+</sup>  | Patsy Wilson                 |
| 1999        | Betty Friend                     | Lee Stallings                      | Marjorie Errington <sup>+</sup>  | Betty Prater <sup>+</sup>    |
| 2000        | Naomi Wolfe <sup>+</sup>         | Duane Baker                        | Marjorie Errington <sup>+</sup>  | Betty Prater <sup>+</sup>    |
| 2001        | Jimmie Lee McMahon               | Harold Trammell <sup>+</sup>       | Alma Carter <sup>+</sup>         | Betty Prater <sup>+</sup>    |
| 2002        | Sharon Fentress <sup>+</sup>     | Ed Warner <sup>+</sup>             | Alma Carter <sup>+</sup>         | Betty Prater <sup>+</sup>    |
| 2003        | Doris J. Hester <sup>+</sup>     | Jack Guy <sup>+</sup>              | Neill Smith Drenner <sup>+</sup> | Betty Prater <sup>+</sup>    |

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|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2004        | Karen Morgenthaler           | Jerry L. Martin               | Nell Smith Drenner <sup>+</sup> | Betty Prater <sup>+</sup>       |
| 2005        | Nancy Brown                  | Nelson Campbell               | Nell Smith Drenner <sup>+</sup> | Betty Prater <sup>+</sup>       |
| 2006        | Geraldine Dusek <sup>+</sup> | John Creel                    | Nell Smith Drenner <sup>+</sup> | Betty Prater <sup>+</sup>       |
| 2007        | Joyce Gilbert <sup>+</sup>   | Jerry Trees                   | Nell Smith Drenner <sup>+</sup> | Betty Prater <sup>+</sup>       |
| 2008        | Joyce Nicklas                | Ray Hertenberger              | Nell Smith Drenner <sup>+</sup> | Betty Prater <sup>+</sup>       |
| 2009        | Bess Caldwell <sup>+</sup>   | Bill Wyatt                    | Nell Smith Drenner <sup>+</sup> | Lorrie Faith Owens <sup>+</sup> |
| 2010        | Mary Ruth White              | K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.       | Marlene Scholari                | Lorrie Faith Owens <sup>+</sup> |
| 2011        | Vi Griffin                   | David B. Dibrell <sup>+</sup> | Marlene Scholari                | Lorrie Faith Owens <sup>+</sup> |
| 2012        | Annette Curry                | Bill Crews                    | Marlene Scholari                | Lorrie Faith Owens <sup>+</sup> |
| 2013        | Jayne Yenger                 | Trey Smith                    | Marlene Scholari                | Lorrie Faith Owens <sup>+</sup> |
| 2014        | Cheryl Albrecht              | George Gwaltney               | Marlene Scholari                | Lorrie Faith Owens <sup>+</sup> |
| 2015        | Jerre Lucas                  | Billy Clabaugh                | Marlene Scholari                | Lorrie Faith Owens <sup>+</sup> |
| 2016        | Sharon Mosmeyer              | Thomas R. Murphy              | Ellen Pickrell                  | Lorrie Faith Owens <sup>+</sup> |
| 2017        | Melissa Hudman <sup>+</sup>  | Richard Skidd                 | Ellen Pickrell                  | Greta B. Spradling              |
| 2018        | Carolyn A. Martin            | Burley Jones                  | Ellen Pickrell                  | Greta B. Spradling              |
| 2019        | Linda R. Winn-Christenson    | Paul M. Garner                | Ellen Pickrell                  | Greta B. Spradling              |
| 2020        | Linda R. Winn-Christenson    | Paul M. Garner                | Ellen Pickrell                  | Greta B. Spradling              |
| 2021        | Terri Rozell                 | Tom Brisko                    | Ellen Pickrell                  | Greta B. Spradling              |
| 2022        | Phyllis Macon                | James R. Parker               | Ellen Pickrell                  | Greta B. Spradling              |
| 2023        | Susan Dormady                | Mark Dieckmann                | Ellen Pickrell                  | Greta B. Spradling              |

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|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 2024        | Glenda R. Murphy           | Terry E. Littlepage        | Ellen Pickrell         | Greta B. Spradling     |

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# 2023 - 2024 Grand Floor Officers



## 141st Session Opening - Friday, August 9



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## 2021 - 24 General Grand Chapter Committees



## Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions



## Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas



## 2023 - 2024 Board of Directors



## Visiting Grand Representatives



## Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in Texas



## Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in Other Jurisdictions



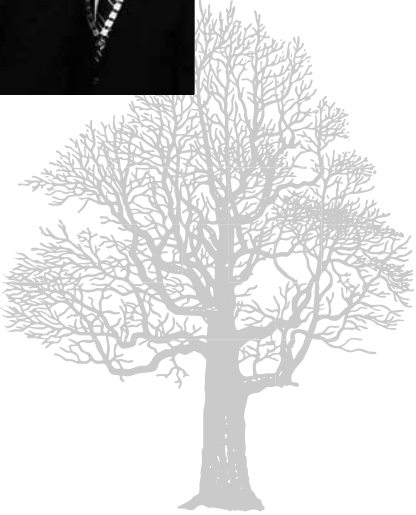
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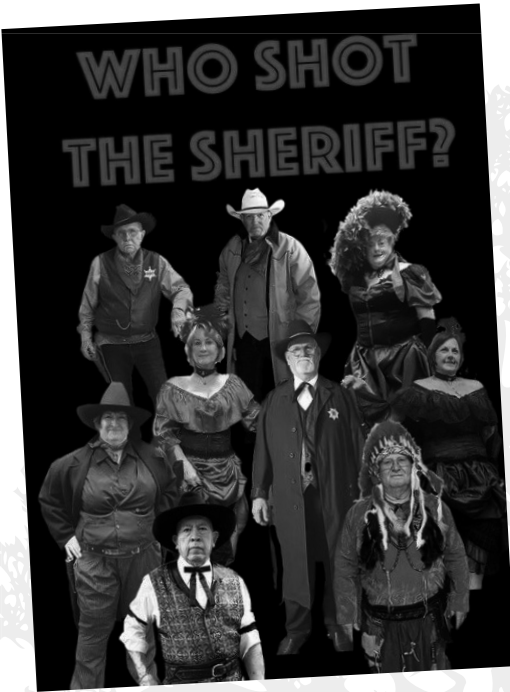
A few of our 2023 - 2024 Deputies



# Masonic Youth Leadership of Texas



## 4-State Exchange in San Antonio



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Recipient



ASL Interpretations  
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Matrons  
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Grand Chapter



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