



Out on a Limb



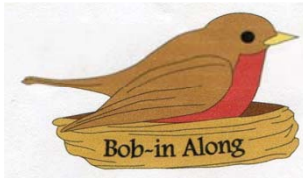
Greetings Sisters and Brothers! As I type, it is a beautiful day outside and I have a bit of time to reflect on the blessings of the past months. I've been able to attend beautiful receptions for three Star Point Daughters as the other two were pre-pandemic days. Thank you to those five districts and the chapters of these wonderful ladies for providing such wonderful events for us in celebration of them and their hard work for two years as Grand Star Points. I have attended some fun Friends Night meetings. From game shows to roaring 20's parties, it is always fun to spend time in fellowship with sisters and brothers. It's been an honor to present Diamond and Awards of Gold in the past few months. This is truly one of my favorite acts as the rich history of our Order is honored and devotion to our principles recognized. So too, history has been celebrated at many of the anniversary celebrations that have been held around the state. Some are celebrating the plus ones. (Their true anniversary was during pandemic and had to be postponed.) Others are celebrations from this year. Either way, we learned so much about the rich heritage of our chapters and the amazing work that has flooded the years in which they were established. And of course, we completed the INdiana INspection in Indianapolis in April. This was a wonderful day of catching up with friends and Grand Families around the state as well as a time for refreshing ourselves on the ceremony of our work. It was a beautiful day and many thanks go to

everyone who helped to make it possible.

This is the June article. That means, at the time of this writing, we have yet to have Grand Chapter. I hope to see so many of you at our "Celebrating the Legacy" Grand Chapter on June 11-13, 2021 at the Embassy Suites Convention Center in Noblesville. It is my prayer that this weekend will be the fresh start to our coming together and will begin our united efforts to strengthen and grow our Order. Join us, won't you?

As this is to be my farewell article, I have been looking back over the course of this time as your Worthy Grand Matron. I am positive that I am NOT the only one who has found themselves in my current situation, struggling with how to say "Thank You". Words aren't enormous enough to match the enormity of my gratitude. I struggle with the limited space I have to list my thanks as there are so many to give. And, even if I were to say thank you, I would miss someone(s), especially those who work quietly behind the scenes or those who have done things that even I am unawares. I have come to see that no Worthy Grand Matron could live up to her oath without the help of the entire state and each member. The most I can do is to ask you to please hear my heart and know that it is with every bit of my gratitude that I say "Thank you to EVERY PERSON, all Sisters and Brothers, in whatever capacity you have served or are serving." We have seen some greatness through trial and together we have held each other up through unprecedented times.

So now, how to say "Farewell"? Honestly, Sisters and Brothers, I can't and I won't. I promise that I am not throwing a fit. I am simply refusing to say "goodbye" for you see, I'm not going anywhere. My capacity of service is changing, but I promise that I will



Greeting from the Nest

Here I sit writing my last article for the Star-Lite. It didn't come too soon for I was running out of interesting thoughts. It has been a long journey, but very rewarding. Once again, I want to thank all those who work diligently to put together this great magazine.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve these past two years as your Worthy Grand Patron. I performed my duties to the best of my ability and hope I didn't disappoint anyone. Thanks to all the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who were always willing to answer my questions, give support and suggestions. I will always remember your kind words.

I was lucky to serve with Sister Jennifer. We never had a time when we were at odds with each other. Jennifer was good with making things work and getting things done while also working full time as a teacher. Melody and I have enjoyed the friendship we share with your Worthy Grand Matron. Speaking of Melody, I don't know what I would have done without her always helping in any way, her love and support and as the operator of our GPS, named Gracie.

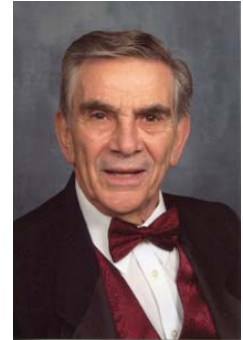
It has been an enjoyable time spent with the Grand Officers, our District Deputies and the spouses. I hope you each have a special memory of these past two years and we thank you for serving the extended time. A 'special' thank you to my Deputy Daughters who assisted me in the many consolidations. Looking forward to many times in coming years when we can get together again!

Thanks to all who worked or supported our projects. Thank you, Brother Mike Roach for chairing my own project, Freedom Fliers. None of us had planned on this lasting two years, but I have not heard one complaint. Thanks to all Committee members. We could not have done this without each one of you.

I send a special thank you to my own District 11 and my Englewood Chapter for all your hard work, love and support and also to District 15 for all courtesies and hospitalities shown to Melody and me whenever we are with you. To my own Deputy 11, Debbie Stout, and Rebecca Coath, Deputy 15, thank you both for going that extra mile! We can't forget the Helping Hands, Bill Stout and Tom Coath, you both live up to your titles very well. Words don't seem enough to thank you for all you do.

To Gleda, Rick, and Jerry, we wish you all the luck in the world as you start your year and enjoy your own Grand Family. It's been a long time coming, but I know you have put a lot of work and thoughts into your plans. We are all here to give you support whenever needed. All you have to do is ask.

Now, let's get on the move to Grand Chapter and bring this beautiful Order of the Eastern Star to a grand finale and a new start!



Fraternally,
Robert E DeRolf, WGP

On a Limb- Continued

continue to work beside you to grow our Order, keep the promise we made at the altar, and promote the purposes for which we were established. I return now to my District 15 and my Center Chapter to work more locally and serve nearer to home. I will continue to do what I can to help Indiana Grand Chapter and to support all of you when called to do so. And of course, you will see me out and about at events. We have made many memories precious to me and that will continue as we continue.

You see, just as "thank you" isn't enough to express my gratitude, "goodbye" just doesn't fit as I end serving as Worthy Grand Matron. And so, I will go out on a limb and say a prayer that this will express what I wish you to know, "I have been blessed and my love to all until we meet again."

Leaving a Legacy,
Jenny



Grand Adah Reception

The Making A Difference reception honoring Pam Butz, Grand Adah, was held on March 7, 2020, at the FUMC in New Castle, IN.

A beautiful prelude was played by Pam's Deputy Sister, Virginia McCabe, PGO. The sanctuary was decorated with a large Anchor draped with a sword and veil. Starfish scattered on fish net draped the altar railings.

The Invocation was given by Madonna Meyerrose, PGM. The pledge to the flag of our country was given and the National Anthem was sung. The Conductress escorted Pam to the altar where her Grandson, Graham, played Amazing Grace on the bagpipes. Pam was escorted to the East through an escort of Pretty Penguins and Snowbuddies, and Momma Tina and Poppa Larry, complete with butterfly masks, penguin pictures and backscratchers. PGM Tina Vredenburgh read Pam's Tribute.

Pam introduced her Worthy Matron, Debra Highmiller, and Worthy Patron, Larry Frost, PGP. A starfish quote was given. Worthy Grand Matron Jennifer Nicholson and Worthy Grand Patron Robert DeRolf were introduced and Pam sang a short ditty of "Hello Mudda, Hello Fadda" to them. They presented Pam with a beautiful pillow embroidered with violets and the word Fidelity on one side and a crocheted Eastern Star Emblem on the other side. In lieu of flowers, Pam presented them each with a check for their special projects.

Those assisting today were: Conductress, Nancy Frost; Organist, Virginia McCabe, PGO; Photographers, Brian and Angela Hensell, Grand Conductress; and Registrars, Cheryl Tichenor & Mardell Shedrick.

The PGM's & PGP's were introduced. Pam sang the chorus of "Wind Beneath My Wings". The Legacy of Hope Grand Family was introduced and Pam sang "We Are Family". The DD's, The Messengers of Hope and their Helping Hands were introduced and given a starfish quote. Sister Louaine Sorg, Campfire Friend of the

Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Order of The Eastern Star, was introduced and given a starfish quote. Grand Chapter Committee Appointments, Grand Representatives, WM's & WP's, PM's & PP's, PGO's, former Grand Representatives, Distinguished Officers of Masonic & Affiliated Bodies and Officers of Youth Groups were introduced and given a starfish or anchor quote.



Pam's family was introduced: mother, Sally Rufenacht; daughters, Amber Longnaker and her husband John, and Tiffany Patton and her husband Lonnie; grandchildren, Isabel & Graham Longnaker, Justin & Jacob Patton and Jacobs girlfriend Mallori Waltz; special friend: Carolyn Longnaker; and special cousins: Randy, Barbie, Gina and Jennifer Humerickhouse. Pam sang the chorus of "I Will Always Love You".

Pam's Star Point Sisters, BJ, Tina, Karen, Pat, and Baby Brother Denver were introduced and Pam gave each of her Star Point Sisters a crystal butterfly in their colors. Denver was given an engraved crystal golf ball.

Pam thanked Middletown Chapter #110 and District #12 for their love, friendship, and support. In closing, Pam sang her version of "My Way". Brother Jim Rogers, Grand Chaplain, gave the table blessing, and Brother Larry Frost gave dinner instructions. The table decorations were anchors and starfish.

Grand Ruth Reception

The reception for BJ Mitchell, Grand Ruth, was held on March 14, 2020, at the Eternal Life Baptist Church in Mooresville, Indiana. What a day! It was the last event for the Masonic Bodies due to the Covid 19 pandemic. It snowed and sleeted and was such an inconvenience for all the wonderful people that made it that day. Popcorn and animal crackers with assorted chocolates were the treats for the social hour. Photographs were taken by Brian and Angela Hensel, Grand Conductress.

BJ's Deputy Sisters escorted her in butterfly style with beautiful wings and a butterfly mask. Let's not forget the tutu and popcorn apron. BJ's tribute was read by PGM Cindy Skura, her Deputy Momma from the Shining Lights of Faith Grand Family.



Dinner of chicken, ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls and desserts made from her wonderful chapters, was prepared by BJ's good friend Rob Coulter from the Fairland Chapter and served by her sisters from her Mooresville chapter.

It was so nice to be able to visit and talk with everyone that was able to be there. There were many changes to the program due to the weather and Covid. BJ was so thankful that everyone was so kind and helpful and filled in where she needed them.

It was such a dreary day outside, but it was definitely sunny and bright on the inside. When we left the church that evening, no one dreamed that it would be so long before we were able to be together again for our work and social events.

This last year has really taught us all how special we are to each other and how much we need our Eastern Star family. BJ was so grateful for everyone that made this day so special for her.

Sharon Lynch Honored



Columbian Chapter #140 celebrated with Sister Sharon Lynch at their April meeting with a surprise visit from Sister Jennifer Nicholson, WGM, Brother Robert DeRolf, WGP, and Sister Melody. The evening began with the long-awaited bird watching opportunity to appoint Sister Sharon as Grand Representative of Oklahoma in Indiana. Congratulations of your appointment Sister Sharon! District #7 is so proud of you!



Grand Esther Reception

The Reception honoring Sister Tina Mullens, Grand Esther, was held on March 13, 2021, at the Onward Christian Church in Onward, IN. The fellowship Hall held the social hour and the dinner following the Reception. Tina, dressed in a white formal, sat in a white chair with the Royal Center Chapter's crown and scepter placed beside her for pictures. The photo backdrop was a purple drape with a crown and scepter hung at the top. There were light refreshments and favors for everyone.



Those who assisted in Tina's day were: Leila Ferguson, WM; Jim Brown, WP; Becky Mullens, Conductress; Peggi Barassi, Grand Organist, Organist; Brian and Angela Hensell, Grand Conductress, pictures; and Andy Clark, Youth Minister at Onward, on the sound board.

The Reception was held in the Sanctuary where Sister Peggi, GO, started things off with a Prelude. Tina was escorted to her seat by Jim Brown, WP. Sister Leila welcomed everyone and got the show on the road. Invocation was given by Robert DeRolf, WGP. The pledge to the American flag was given followed by one verse of the National Anthem.

Sister Becky, Tina's mother, presented Sister Tina at the Altar. Becky sang a combination of "Something Beautiful" and "We Have This Moment" to Tina at the Altar. She was then escorted to the stage by Jill Rice, PGM, and her Fields of Faith Grand Family. They dressed her as an Angel with wings and a lighted halo. Jill Rice, PGM, gave Tina's tribute and presented her with a love gift.

There were two empty seats with white

roses on them on the stage in memory of Brother Bob Gillespie, PGP, and Brother Ron Mendenhall, PGP. Bob was such a huge part of District 18 and Tina's Eastern Star life and Ron was Tina's Deputy Pop. Tina then introduced Sister Jennifer Nicholson, WGM, and Robert DeRolf, WGP.

Introductions were then given for the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and their spouses, the Legacy of Hope Grand Family and their spouses, and the Messengers of

Hope and their Helping Hands. Introductions were then given from the floor.

As Tina wrapped up the day, she decided to forgo entertainment since it has been a year since we have been able to be together. As she had reflected on this past year, she thought about what legacy she would like to leave behind her. Above all else she wants people to know that she loves Jesus. She left us with this scripture. Psalm 33:22 – May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you. Before she handed the program over to Leila, she left us with this song from Gold City, "It's Still The Cross."

The Closing prayer was given by Markie Edwards, PGM, and dinner grace was given by Martha Brown, PGM. The chicken and noodle dinner that followed was prepared by Tina's church family. The head table was graced by a beautiful live flower arrangement made by Sister Markie Edwards, PGM. The tables were decorated with lanterns, lilies and Angels.

It was a beautiful day made more special by all those who attended to celebrate Tina Mullens, Grand Esther.

Grand Martha Reception

The reception for Karen Hazelman, Grand Martha, was held March 20, 2021, at the Community United Methodist Church in Vincennes. It was a beautiful day in the sunny south. The theme for the day was an "All American Reception" honoring our country and celebrating OES in her life. The church, social area, and the dinner tables were decorated with red, white and blue and lots of splashes of green for Martha, and broken columns, too.

The program started with WGM Jennifer Nicholson and WGP Robert DeRolf presenting Karen with her 50-year award. Her family was there and pinned her. It was wonderful that her family was in attendance for this honor.

Karen's escort was given by the Journey of Love Grand Family. Mike and Karen walked through an aisle of flags and given lots of fun items that would be great for traveling. They both enjoy traveling so it was a very nice tribute.

Sister Linda Huff read the tribute. She is a special lady in their District and she was so kind to honor Karen by reading her tribute. Thanks to you, Linda.

Those assisting that day were: Elizabeth Lashley, PGM, as Worthy Matron; Bill Nicholson, Worthy Patron; Lesa Drieman, Conductress; and Debbie Bryant, Past Grand Organist, played beautiful music for us all.

Introductions were: several Past Grand Matrons and Patrons and spouses; 13 Grand Officers and spouses of the Legacy of Hope Grand Family; and 12 District Deputies and spouses. There was a wonderful crowd of about 125 total. We were blessed to have so many in attendance due to the crazy year of pandemic. Many traveled a long distance to the sunny south for which Karen was very thankful. Thank you all for taking of your



time to make the day special. Karen's family was also presented and introduced. They are the best.

Many presentations were made and she received many wonderful gifts and cards. She felt so blessed. The entertainment for the day was provided by Karen's granddaughter, Johnna Snider, who sang several songs. Also, her husband Mike gave a reading of "What is America", and granddaughter Macey Hazelman read the Red Skelton definition of the Pledge of Allegiance. It was very special as Red Skelton was born and raised in Vincennes. It was great to have her family helping her with the entertainment.

The Washington Chapter and District #2 were wonderful in helping with the decorating and all preparations. Thanks to you all. A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all.

Karen had a wonderful day with so many sisters and brothers there to help her celebrate her year as Grand Martha. She said it has been a great time meeting new OES people and traveling the state. Thank you for your faith in me this year. Hugs to all and God bless everyone.



Grand Electa Reception



The final reception was held on Saturday, March 27th for Patricia Witt, Grand Electa. The reception was held in a train depot in the town of Metamora, Indiana. It was a beautiful spring day and approximately 60 of her brothers and sisters were there to help her celebrate this special day. It was a small, but cozy gathering while enjoying each other's company. As each signed in, a small wooden cross was given to them as a token of love.

The tables were decorated with a burlap strip and a pansy centerpiece on top of a round white table. Each had a hand crocheted doily star in the appropriate colors of our beautiful star in the middle of each table. A gift of a red mask and hand sanitizer was found at each place setting. It was a small, but cozy and friendly reception, which was her choice. Light snacks were served.

Her pictures were taken in the garden with a white fence adorning the garden front. Sister Pat wore an orange sherbet formal, which fit right in with the spring theme. She was escorted to the East and introduced. Her escort was given by her Deputy Sisters from

2011-2012 Moments of Freedom in Tine Grand Family.

Her tribute was read by Deby Thomas, PGM. Deby was Pat's Momma in 2011-2012. Since the space was small, the introductions were made from the floor. No one needed to be escorted (some may have liked the idea; some may not have). Her family and friends were introduced.

In lieu of the traditional entertainment, Sister Pat chose to read a poem written by a member of her chapter. It was titled "I Was There, Were You?" This beautiful poem was all about Easter and the crucifixion of our Lord and Savior. The entire reception was simple, friendly and somewhat relaxing, just as she wanted it to be.

Dinner was served and it was delicious as many made comments of how tasty it was. All in all, it was just a down home feeling for a down home kind of gal. Pat had a wonderful day and wished to thank everyone for attending and especially a great big thank you for those who helped set up, greet and just being there for support.

Good Works by Good People!



We are surrounded by good people doing good works daily. Without Sisters and Brothers spending countless hours for the benefit of others, our lives would not be as full. Most of these efforts go unnoticed or recognized by most, but results of these efforts affect our daily lives in a positive way.

Built on the foundation of Masonic teachings, our appendant bodies within the Fraternity do recognize the accomplishments and good works from its members. One

such recognition is by the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar. On February 13, 2021, at the Newby-Avery Banquet in Muncie, IN, a well deserving member of the Order of the Eastern Star received the Companion of the Temple Award. This is the Highest Award presented by the Grand Commandery to someone that is not a Sir Knight. Christine Fodrea, Worthy Matron of Spencerville Chapter #386 and First Lady of the Indiana Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar, was called up by the Masters of Ceremony in front of a full room of Knights Templars and Special Guests to receive this special Award.

Nominations for the Companion of the Temple are presented by the Deputy to the College of Honors in each Grand Encampment. Since this honor is given for service to the order, the fraternity, the community, or mankind, both men and women are eligible for the Companion of the Temple award. All Companions of the Temple are to be invested with the honor and emblem during a ceremony designated by the Deputy to the College of Honors.

As a witness to the award presentation, I can say without any doubt that Christine was surprised and humbled to such a level that she was speechless during the award presentation! With personal knowledge of Christine's tireless efforts to improve the lives of everyone that her path crosses, be it Professionally, within her Church, the Order of the Eastern Star, Grand Commandery, Masonic Lodge or the other countless passions that she donates her time to, I can say that Christine is deserving of this recognition and we should all be inspired to follow by her example.

Continued success with your journey in life my Sister, my Friend!

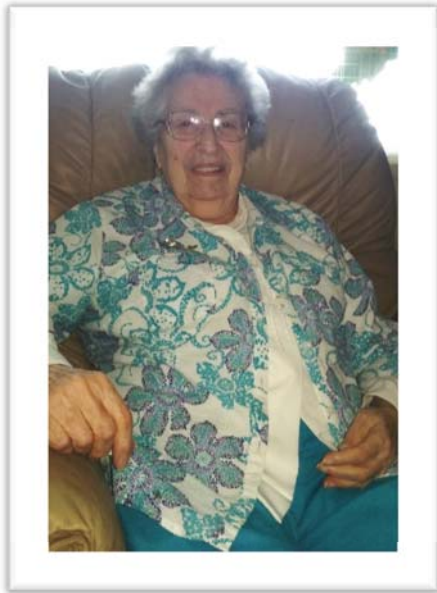
Submitted with Star Love,

Richard L. Lentz, Associate Patron, Spencerville O.E.S. Chapter # 386
Senior Grand Warden, Indiana Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons

THANK YOU!!

Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for all the beautiful and uplifting cards I have received. I am doing well; halfway through the treatment regimen. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Grand Chapter and beyond.

*Rick Lassiter
Associate Grand Patron*



100-Year Old Member from LaFontaine

LaFontaine Chapter's Sister Marguerite Guenin celebrated her 100th birthday!

Sister Marguerite was born March 20, 1921, and was initiated into LaFontaine Chapter #301 on January 15, 1940. She served as Worthy Matron in 1944-45 with her husband. She earned her Proficiency Certificate in 1954. Marguerite was an active member until her health forced her to move to Wellbrook Assisted Living in Wabash.

She is pictured wearing her Silver Roses pin. She is an 81-year member of our Chapter.



Good Samaritan Hospital Donation



On March 2, 2021, Washington Chapter #210 gave Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes, IN, Emergency Services a donation of sweatpants and Blessing Bags. Sister Elizabeth Lashley, PGM, works at Good Samaritan and had received a flyer for sweatpants needed for the ER Clothing closet. Sweatpants are provided to those of sexual assault, trauma, and any patient who may need clothing to go home in. Sister Elizabeth had presented this to the Chapter and they were excited about doing this project.

Submitted by:
Elizabeth Lashley, PGM

Pictured are RN's Shelby and Andi from Good Samaritan Hospital Emergency Services.

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Sue Midkiff



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