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Jesus first - Others between - Yourself last

Sisters and Brothers,

Winter is starting to lose its grip And into Spring we are starting to slip. Although signs of Spring are all around Some Winter's nip can still be found. So don't put away your snow apparel just yet We're in Indiana so more snow we might get.

Spring flowers are starting to bloom Chasing away the Winter gloom. Weeping willows are budding with leaves of light green And red breasted robin bobbin in yards can be seen. These are truly sure signs of approaching Spring And with them warm weather the weeks will soon bring.

Spring also brings us Easter, a great holiday Which is celebrated in many a way. Little ones can be seen scrambling on short stubby legs Trying to find the brightly colored hidden eggs. Left by a bunny some people say. I don't believe it, but that's okay. Children look for baskets filled with chocolate bunnies and jelly beans Yellow marshmallow chicks and white chocolate creams.

But this is only a very small part Of a holiday that is close to my heart. Lent, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Week Helps us remember to be humble, loving and meek. It is a time of great rejoicing With cantatas their praises voicing To remind us that because our Lord has risen We can be released from sin's prison. May we always remember the reason We celebrate this wonderful season.

We've had a nice break and now need to get started It seems like forever since we last parted. Looking forward to seeing everyone once more Sharing friendship and laughter together as before.

Stay safe and healthy!





Gleda Brooks Worthy Grand Matron

Enjoy a weekend with Worthy Grand Matron Gleda Brooks May 13-15, 2022



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Single occupancy \$615/\$625*	Single occupancy \$235	
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Triple occupancy \$450/\$475*	Triple occupancy \$130	
Quad occupancy \$425/\$450*	Quad occupancy \$120	- Maria
* Age 60+/59 and under		

The bus will depart Royal Center Masonic Lodge Friday morning, May 13th, with additional stops at Southport Meijer and Seymour Masonic Lodge. We will stop for lunch while in Seymour. We will gather for dinner Friday evening at Buckhead Mountain Grill in Newport. Lunch and dinner are at your own expense.

Reservation must be made by April 10th, 2022

Please make check payable to:

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** Please note that **Package B** includes a Saturday/Sunday weekend, not the Friday/Saturday as is listed above. Please excuse the confusion on the date.

Notes from Rick



Save The Date May 6th

Happy spring! If not already, soon the flowers will be peeking through the dirt on the way to making their floral display. I'm anxious to see my peonies coming up and anxiously awaiting their vibrant colors around Memorial Day.

As I am writing this, the calendar reminds me that it is 138 days until Grand Chapter. Where has the time gone? It seems like yesterday that we were leaving Grand Chapter and battling rains and flooded roads to get to the School of Instruction. June will be here before we know it and that means the passing of the torch.

These past five years have been a remarkable period in my life and I am rather sad to see them come to an end. I have met so many wonderful people as I have traveled around the state. We have seen beautiful work and say a huge "Thank you!" to all who have put so much effort into learning their parts and making our visits so enjoyable.

Save the Date!

The Harmony Rings Steering Committee of District 10 will host a "Lift Off To Grand Chapter" Send-off on May 6th for Brother Richard Lassiter, Worthy Grand Patron, and Sister Angela Hensell, Associate Grand Matron. Details will be available closer to launch date.

Thank You

Words cannot express how grateful I am for the many words of comfort and thoughtfulness of each of you. You have been so kind. It certainly helped get me through the last couple of months. It made my life seem easier to get through the loss of both my husband and my Mother. Friends like you are what keep this world a better world. What a Blessing. I shall always treasure your gift of kindness and the many

prayers.



Å special thank you to Sister Connie Branigan for her daily thoughts and prayers and to the Wings of Faith Grand Family!

On Wings of Faith and much love, Cathie Randles, PGM

MARY ELIZABETH MEANS RECEIVES 75-YEAR WARD



On the cold snowy morning of February 12, 2022 all was warm and cozy at Westminster Village in Indianapolis. Mary Elizabeth Means, age 96, of Oakland Chapter #159 was presented her 75-Year Diamond Award by Worthy Grand Patron, Richard Lassiter. She was pinned by her daughter, Margot Wade, District Deputy #10 accompanied by her husband Tim Wade. Others attending the presentation were Debbie Hooten, WM Oakland Chapter, Patty Pracht, Secretary Oakland Chapter, Miriam Murphy, District Deputy #11 and Patricia Shedd, a member of Millersville Chapter #300 and longtime friend of the Means family. All enjoyed a small reception of cake following the

presentation.

Elizabeth was initiated into Queen Esther Chapter #3 in 1947 and became a member at Oakland through consolidation. At Queen Esther she was President of the Adah Club.

Elizabeth married Paul Means who was a member of Millersville Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Murat Shrine. They were married 56 years when he passed away in 2008. They had two sons and a daughter. When Margo was in Jobs Daughters Elizabeth served on the Adult Council and supported her on her journey to become Grand Bethel Honor Queen.



York's 50-Year Request

Suzanne and Jim York celebrated 50 years in Eastern Star with a special request. They wanted to receive their pins from the WGM & WGP when Suzanne was District Deputy, Keeper of the Light #1 and Jim was her Shining Star, in 2001-2002. They wanted the event to take place when many of her Deputy Grand Family could attend so it was held at the Reflections of Love Grand Family Christmas party on November 14, 2021.

Martha Brown was WGM and Bob Surber was WGP in 2001-2002 so they presided over the ceremony. Bob pinned both Suzanne and Jim with their 50-Year Gold Award pins. He also presented them with a beautiful stained glass

hanging of the Eastern Star with their names at the bottom and 50 in the center in recognition of their 50 years in Eastern Star.

The event was witnessed by many from their Grand Family. Suzanne and Jim spoke of their many years in Eastern Star and of many fond memories and friends made over the years. Congratulations Suzanne and Jim York.

Lori Barnett, Grand Adah

I am Lori Barnett from Evansville Chapter in District #1 and am honored to serve as your Grand Adah.

I was born October 21, 1970 in Evansville, IN where I have lived most of my life. My Parents are Mike and Cheryl Stader. I was an only child until my mother married Mike and I gained 2 older sisters and an older brother. In 1979 another little sister was born. In 1983 I was adopted, however, my mom, who is my biological mother, was told that it would not be legal unless she adopted me also. I have always told her, "You must have really loved me a lot to take me on the second time". She says, "Well.... I really had to think long and hard about it."

After graduating from Castle High School, I

moved to South Dakota where my son David was born a year later. I moved back to Evansville and worked as a Business Office Manager for 23 years. Then I worked as a Title Examiner and am now the Business Office Manager at Evansville Auto Repair. Kevin and I were married in 2015.

I was initiated into Rainbow at Newburgh Assembly #30 in 1984. In 2006 I was initiated into Evansville OES Chapter #555 and later became a plural member with Lynnville Chapter #542. I have held the offices of Associate Conductress, Conductress, Treasurer, Associate Matron and have been Worthy Matron 8 times. I am currently the Associate Matron at Evansville and the Treasurer at Lynnville. My only Star Point station has been Grand Adah.

In 2012 I was Grand Page for Deby Thomas and Rob Maines, but was unable to attend their Grand Session due to a death in my family. In 2016 I was Grand Page for Tina Vredenburg and Larry Frost and also became Farmer's Daughter #1 for Jill Rice and the late Ron Mendenhall for their Fields of Faith Grand Family. Now I am humbled and honored to be one of Gleda and Rick's Star Point daughters in their Symphony of Faith and Love Grand Family.

My pin is in the shape of a flip flop. This represents my "funny, laid back" personality and the shoes I wear about 90% of the time. At the top left is the open Holy Bible which represents my faith in God and reminds me I walk by faith not by sight and through him all things are possible. To the right is the #1, which represents my District and the love I have for them. The Rainbow represents the Rainbow Girls and where my road to womanhood began and God's Promise. The Barber Pole with the Sunflower on top represents my Fields of Faith Grand Family. At the bottom is the sword and veil united representing my station and a reminder to me of the strong woman Adah was and the courage she showed.

I have truly enjoyed representing our blue ray. I look forward to seeing each of you through my travels. Stay healthy and safe! May you flip flop through life with joy and kindness in your step.



Sandy Harris, Grand Ruth

I am Sandy Harris and am a plural member of Plainfield #414 and Mooresville #260. I have had the honor to serve as your Grand Ruth this year.

I was born in Columbus, Ohio on June 29, 1961 to Robert and Alyce Turner. I am blessed to have been raised within a blended family with many siblings who have supported me throughout my OES journey. I graduated from Plainfield High School in 1980 and then attended Indiana State University. I have 3 children, Kyle, Amy and Jennifer with Jacob Harris joining our family when I married his father, Roger Harris, in September 1996. I have been blessed with 6 grandchildren. Roger served our country in the Air Force then joined the Plainfield Fire Department in 1988. We are active members of Christ Church in P



1988. We are active members of Christ Church in Plainfield, Indiana. I have been employed by the Mooresville Town Court since 2008.

I joined Job's Daughters in Pekin, Illinois, Bethel #55 then transferred my membership to Plainfield Bethel #99 in 1976 when we moved to Indiana. I held various stations and served as Honored Queen and became a Majority member. I am a past Bethel Guardian of Bethel #110 Eminence.

My Eastern Star life began when I petitioned Plainfield #414 in March 1988. I was a first time Worthy Matron in 1992 for Joyce Small, PGM, and Bob Hoagland, PGP, and was honored to be their Grand Page that year. I took a plural membership with Mooresville #260 in 2002 and was a first time Worthy Matron in 2010. Since then, I have been Worthy Matron for both districts 7 times. My favorite stations are Worthy Matron and Conductress. I was honored to be District #6 Deputy in 2014-2015 for Betty Swisher, PGM, and Fred Smith, PGP.

My pin is in a shape of a triangle, with the background designed of a honeycomb, to show where the honeybees live and work. At the top of the triangle is the cross to represent my Christian faith. In the center is the American Flag for the love of my Country. The sheaf is in the corner and represents the emblem of my heroine, Ruth, which means friend. The honeybee in the other corner represents my Deputy family, S & S Bouquet of Love Grand Family. On the wings of the bee are #6 and #10 for the love of my two districts.

My wish for you is that you have the constancy of Ruth, a strong belief in God and our Country, and energy and drive of a honeybee.

Remember, Bee Humble, Bee Kind, Bee YOU!

Carol Davis, Grand Esther

Greetings! I am Carol Davis of Hymera Chapter in District 7 and am honored to be serving as Grand Esther for our Indiana Grand Chapter!

Let me share three things that will allow you to know me a little better. First is my faith in a loving God, I believe He is with us every step of the way! Second, I recognize that each day is a gift. It may not always be what I had planned, but I just do my best to learn from it, cherish it, and grow with it. And third, I believe that we are influenced by everyone we meet. Whether it is a smile with a stranger or a conversation with friends, each of us will be different tomorrow than we are today from those influences.

I was born in Noblesville, IN in 1969, the youngest of two daughters to Robert and Carolyn Dozier. My father was part of the initial crews installing



cable across the US and as a result, I lived in many states before I reached high school. Upon returning to Indiana, I joined the Morristown Assembly of International Order of Rainbow for Girls. I was awarded the Grand Cross of Color in 1984. With the support of my husband, I earned a Bachelor's degree in Science and a Master's degree in Genetics at Indiana State University. I have worked with Johnson & Johnson for 25 years in field sales, training, and management positions. We were never blessed with children and I lost him unexpectedly in 2018.

Though my days of driving a dirt racecar may be over, I do enjoy many other pastimes such as golf, travel, oil painting, and continue to foster my love of music with piano lessons. I joined Eastern Star in 2008 and was elected Worthy Matron in 2012. I was privileged to serve as Deputy for District #7 in the Legacy of Hope Grand Family with Sister Jennifer Nicholson and Brother Robert DeRolf, and now continue my journey of service as your Grand Esther for the Symphony of Faith and Love Grand Family.

In representing Esther, I have always found her journey to be a humbling lesson of courage and faith. With splendid courage, Esther chose to be loyal to her people, no matter the consequences.

My pin is a simple representation of acorns and oak leaves, with much meaning. The acorns represent the influences of my life: my faith, my family, my career, even the courage to find new paths after the loss of my husband. The oak leaves and branches are two-fold: the 7 lobes of each leaf represent my District 7 and also pay tribute to the Tree of Life from my Deputy Grand Family.

Together, as with Esther's story, they represent the confidence, courage, and strength gained in my life. I continue to begin each day in faith and strive to be a positive influence to all that I meet. May we marvel at the lesson of Esther and the light and joy that surrounds us as we enjoy the journey together in Service to our beautiful Order!

Cathy Scott, Grand Martha

I am Cathy Scott from the Clinton Chapter #6 in District 15. I was born August 14, 1952 in Frankfort, IN to Paul and Mary Houchens. I had a younger sister, who is now deceased. We grew up about 5 miles north of Frankfort. My parents owned a small piece of property where my sister and I enjoyed all the benefits of country living. We had livestock to help care for, a creek nearby for fishing and swimming, a big hill nearby to go sledding on, and plenty of wideopen space to just be kids growing up in the 50's and 60's. Following my High School graduation in 1970, I attended the House of James Beauty Academy, received my license and began an almost 50 year career as a Beautician. I retired in December 2020. Richard and I have been married 44 years. He is the



love of my life, my biggest cheerleader and encourages me when I doubt myself. I would not have been able to travel this journey without his love and support. We have been blessed with two sons, who are both married, and have six grandchildren.

We were initiated into Eastern Star through Richard's Masonic membership at the Beard Chapter in June, 1983. In 1999 Beard Chapter consolidated with Clinton Chapter. The love and support we have from our Clinton Chapter and our District 15 is unmeasurable. I am proud to say I belong to Clinton Chapter and am a member of our small, but mighty District 15.

Richard and I have served as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron 9 times. In our almost 39 years of membership in this beautiful order I have had the honor of many appointments. I have served as Grand Page two times. The first was for Sister Patsy Hines Hargraves and the late Brother Harold Myers, then again for Sister Deby Thomas and Brother Rob Maines. I was appointed Grand Representative of Washington in Indiana by Sister Deby Thomas and Brother Rob Maines in 2012. I have served as a District Deputy twice. I was Harbor Light #15 for Sister Lois Wagoner and the late Brother Mike Rumsey in 1991, and Dove of Peace #15 for Sister Diana Surfus and Brother Les Simonton in 2018.

I am very humbled to be serving as your Grand Martha this year. Thank You Sister Gleda and Brother Rick for the opportunity to serve in your "Symphony of Faith and Love" Grand Family. This has truly been an incredible journey. I will cherish the smiles, hugs, memories and friendships made this year of service forever in my heart.

Martha was a great believer and follower of Christ. Each of us walk through life not knowing what tomorrow will bring. It is through our Faith in Christ that we are able to handle what life brings us and know that Life is Eternal and we have Everlasting Life. My sisters and brothers, may we each have that great Faith which Martha displayed. Remember "We Walk by Faith, not by Sight".

Susan Bradley, Grand Electa

I am Susan Bradley from Prospect Chapter #452 in District #11. I was born on April 18th in Chicago, Illinois to John and Gloria Rosinski, wonderful parents of 5 children. I worked in grocery stores during high school to save for college, ultimately graduating from Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. After college, I married and moved to Charleston, Illinois where I had both of my children. After my daughter was born, the family moved to Indianapolis in 1982.

Tom and I met at the telephone company when I started working there in 1998. We were married in October of 1992 and blended our families, which included 4 children and now blessed with 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandsons.

I started my career at Eastern Illinois University in the computer department and retired in 2019 from McKinney School of Law on the IUPUI campus. I was not sure I would enjoy being retired, but I love it.

My Masonic history started when I married Tom. His Dad was a 50-year member at Prospect lodge #713, and we went to all their dinners. After the passing of Tom's Dad, Tom joined the lodge. During monthly breakfasts and other eating events, I was approached to join Star. Tom said he would join with me; I promptly gave him a signed petition for Christmas 2006. We were initiated in March 2007. I have been Worthy Matron twice; I am now Secretary at Prospect Chapter #452 and Associate Matron at Acton Chapter #173. I served as Grand Page for the "Paradise of Faith" Grand family of Sister Sonda Schapson and Brother Cary Hetrick. I was appointed Grand Representative of Bolivia by Sister Betty Swisher and Brother H. Fred Smith. I am the junior Past President of the Indiana Grand Representatives Association. I was asked by Sister Cindy Skura and Brother Cecil Scott to be her Daisy #11 deputy for the "Shining Lights of Faith" Grand Family. What a wonderful time and a loving family!

I enjoy spending time with my family, especially the grandkids. In addition to reading a lot, I love to crochet, knit and embroider. My hands are always busy! We take care of Tom's Aunt Eveline DeGroot, Secretary Emeritus from Acton Chapter #173 and his Uncle Jake DeGroot who still lives on his farm in Mooresville, Ind.

I want to thank Sister Gleda and Brother Rick for inviting me to join their "Symphony of Faith and Love" Grand family. I am very humble to be serving as Grand Electa for them and for the state. Electa was the epitome of "love one another" and suffered as she remained steadfast in her beliefs. This is very important during this time of the virus and unrest in our government, to watch out for and help our fellow man.

I look forward to bonding with my Star Point sisters and my little sisters. But most of all, I am looking forward to traveling the state seeing old friends and making new ones.



GRAND CHAPTER SESSION 2022 Indiana Grand Chapter, OES

Hotel Information

Grand Chapter Session 2022 will be held June 10, 11 and 12 at the **EMBASSY SUITES, Noblesville, IN.** Reservation and hotel information is as follows:

Embassy Suites Noblesville Indianapolis Conference Center 13700 Conference Center Drive, South Noblesville, IN 46060

All rooms are spacious two-room suites with a private bedroom (2 queen beds), separate living room with comfortable sleeper sofa, complimentary Wi-Fi, in-room microwave, coffeemaker and mini-fridge and in-room coffee and teas. There are also King suites available. Handicap accessible (queen beds with accessible tub and queen beds with roll in shower) are available.

King Rooms rate is \$169 per night (regardless of the number in the room) Plus 11% hotel tax (as opposed to 17% in Marion County)

Queen Double Room is 179.00 per night (regardless of the number in the room) Plus 12% hotel tax (as opposed to 17% in Marion County)

Amenities included in this rate are: Free breakfast (for every guest) <u>Complimentary</u> 2-hour reception each afternoon, featuring beer, wine, cocktails and snacks

> 24/7 Fitness Center Indoor Pool

To make reservations:

Call 1-800-774-1500 Identify yourself as being with Indiana Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star Convention

Reservation deadline is May 11, 2022

If you require one of the handicap rooms, please make that known to the reservation clerk at the time of your reservation. Any other special requests should be made known to Linda Buchanan 317-902-9717 or lindabuchana1971@gmail.com.

Please note, there are no first floor rooms.

Indiana Grand Chapter, O.E.S. ~ June 10, 11, 12, 2022

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR INDIANA MEMBERS ONLY

Register one individual per form (Form may be duplicated)

SECRETARIES-PLEASE MAKE COPIES FOR GRAND CHAPTER ATTENDEES

Pre-Registration Deadline is May 14, 2022 (FIRM)

Please do not register until you are sure of you status (delegate/non delegate) This will save you from having to switch at Grand Chapter If you cannot meet the deadline, you can register at Grand Chapter

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Registration is \$15.00 per person. Please make check payable to:

Indiana Grand Chapter, O.E.S. (Do not send cash)

Please check <u>ALL</u> that apply:

- □ Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron
- □ Spouse of a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron o Voting o Non-voting
- Grand Officer Title_
- □ Spouse of a Grand Officer o Voting o Non-voting
- District Deputy (current year only)
- □ Spouse of a District Deputy o Voting o Non-voting
- □ Standing Committee Member (Audit & Inventory, ESTARL Scholarship, Jurisprudence, Session Arrangements and Publicity) <u>STANDING COMMITTEES HAVE A VOTE</u>
- □ Grand Page o Voting o Non-voting
- □ Grand Usher o Voting o Non-voting
- □ Voting Delegate from my Chapter (make sure before you register)
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ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS ARE ENTITLED TO 1 VOTE ONLY

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR SIGNED DUES CARD

Send Registration Form and Payment (payable to Indiana Grand Chapter O.E.S.) by May 14, 2022 to:

Marilyn Bohrer 1813 Lilac Drive Indianapolis, IN 46227 For questions call 317-881-5288 or email: <u>ladybuglady@juno.com</u>

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Service Dog Committee Message

Dear OES members,

First, I want to thank you for your support of the Service Dog Committee. I truly believe this is a worthwhile project for many individuals who need assistance in their daily chores and living.

I also believe in the health and safety of all members. Therefore, we are going to reschedule the Paw Prints of Love Valentine dinner scheduled for February 12 in New Castle. The continued spread of the Omicron variant of the Covid epidemic has become of great concern to many Americans. I would never want to jeopardize the safety and well-being of any of our devoted Eastern Star members.

When the time comes that we feel it is safe to gather in a large group, we will set a new date and notifications will be sent out. I hope you will continue to support this project within your district and in the Indiana Grand Chapter. Indiana has been a leader in the project for several years now and your support is appreciated.

If you need information about the Service Dog Project or have any questions at any time, feel free to contact me. If at any time your chapter or District would like to have a speaker to discuss Service Dogs or the ICAN organization, we will be happy to help you arrange a program.

Sincerely,

Larry Frost, PGP

General Grand Chapter Committee Member of the Service Dog Project



Fire Department Donation

The Spencerville Eastern Star Chapter presented their annual donation to Fire Spencerville Department at "Spencerville Volunteer Fire Department Annual Breakfast with Santa Christmas Party". Pictured on floor are Brooks Krafft, Liam Lauer, Arianna Lauer, Paisley Rodkey, Baily Rodkey. On the back row are Daisy Edwards, Evelyn Rodkey, Luke Tyree, Bev Krafft, Amelia Krafft, Sparky The Fire Dog, Santa, Niki Shull, and Becky Hoover.

Grand Representative of Utah

Fishers Chapter had an Honor Night for Mary Kay Patterson who has been Grand Representative of Utah since 2019. We had a wonderful dinner and then our stated meeting with her Honor Night. There was an escort line formed to present her in the East. She was dressed up as a bumble bee and her daughter, Kelly Greenwood, was dressed as a beekeeper. Sister Diane Surfus, PGM, came and read a biography of Mary Mary Kay then shared some Kay. interesting facts about Utah and about the way Utah does things differently at their Grand Chapter when she and Kelly attended before Covid.



LaFontaine Has a Busy Week

LaFontaine Chapter #301 enjoyed a very busy night on Monday, November 1, 2021. Worthy Matron Jean Snead conducted a 25 Year Pin Ceremony for Sisters Lori Brane, Lisa Hutchinson, and Kim O'Banion. Sister Lori Brane was pinned by her mother-in-law, Mary Brane. Sisters Lisa Hutchinson and Kim O'Banion were pinned by their mother, Janet Weaver. Leila Ferguson, District Deputy #18, presented a certificate to each awardee.



After the 25 Year Pin Ceremony, table grace was given by Worthy Patron Jim Weaver. A huge carry in Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings was enjoyed by all attendees.

The regular monthly meeting was conducted. During the meeting it was reported that 15 Christmas wreaths were ordered for the Marion National Cemetery. Wreath laying at the Marion National Cemetery will be December 18. The meeting closed, then the members filled the Worthy Matron's car with food items, personal products and kitchen supplies for the Food Pantry operated by the LaFontaine United Methodist Church.

On Saturday, November 6, LaFontaine Chapter had a booth at the Small Town Expo held at the LaFontaine Learning Center. Worthy Matron Jean Sneed, Secretary Roberta Ancil, and District Deputy #18 Leila Ferguson, made available a brochure, "What Is Eastern Star", as well as information on the various charitable causes the chapter supports locally, state and nationwide.



Reflections of Love Celebration



The Reflections of Love Grand Family met on November 14, 2021, at Lynhurst Masonic Lodge for their usual Christmas party, but this time it was extra special. This year they celebrated their 20th Anniversary as a Grand Family. Martha Brown was WGM and Bob Surber was WGP in 2001 – 2002. Many members have passed away since then, but we still had a good crowd of 25 attending that day.

The day began with the presentation of two 50-Year awards to Suzanne & Jim York who are members of the Reflections of Love Grand Family. PGM Martha Brown presented the ceremony and PGP Bob Surber pinned them. Suzanne & Jim told of many memories they have from their 50 years in Eastern Star.

Rhonda Maggard, President, put together a scrapbook of "Our Past History" for everyone to look at. It was filled with many pictures and items that brought back many memories. A 20th Anniversary Trivia Quiz was given and everyone had a turn at answering the questions. This brought back memories and had us thinking at times! Everyone had a story to tell of that year and we all enjoyed reminiscing and remembering all the things we had forgotten until someone mentioned it. A 20th Anniversary booklet of pictures and information from the past years was given to everyone attending along with a word search of the names of the ROL Grand Family.

It was a special day for the Reflections of Love Grand Family!

District 18 Supports Masonic Home



Converse #334, Ivy Chapter #69, LaFontaine #301, Royal Center #375, and Wabash #90 collected items in support of the

Masonic Home residents. The updated list of items for the Masonic Home residents was distributed during each of the Chapters' meetings in October, as well as at the Halloween-themed District Meeting. There was an overwhelming response from each chapter when items were brought to the November 20, 2021 reception/inspection in the district. Thanks to Roberta Ancil of Lafontaine Chapter and Leila Ferguson, DD #18, for delivery to the Masonic Home.

25 Years at Fishers Chapter

In November, three of our officers and members received 25-year awards. There was to be 15 since everything was postponed last year due to Covid, but some live out of town or were unable to attend.

Brother Richard Lassiter, WGP, did the ceremony. He used a combination of ceremonies written by Marian Higgins, PGM, and Madonna Meyerrose, PGM, and was a very nice presentation. The following received their pins that evening: George Ingles, Past Grand Master and Past Patron; Tim Wade, Worthy Patron and husband of District Deputy #10; and Chris Lerman, PM.



FUNDRAISING AND HAVING FUN!

District 3 has been having fun and busy working on the projects.

The first of the 'Friends Nights' in District 3 for this Chapter year was held at Bright Star Chapter in Jeffersonville on September 29th. In District 3 a special program is planned for the District Deputy at each of the 'Friends Nights'. That evening WM Louaine Sorg had planned a sailboat regatta. District Deputy Janice Hogan was the Skipper of the 'Cactus Flower'; WGP Richard Lassiter was the Skipper of the 'Golden Dragon'; PGM Vivian Ashton was the Skipper of the 'Angel Wings'; AGP Jim Rogers was the Skipper of the 'Freedom Waves'; and Grand Esther Carol Davis was the Skipper of the 'Flying Swan'. Other members present were shipmates. Of course, the 'Cactus Flower' won the race!! A fun time was had by all. A pitch-in dinner preceded the regatta.

The second Friends Night was held at Hanover Chapter on October 26th. WM Alice Rogers planned a Halloween costume party.



There were witches, farmers, Sheriff and cowgirl, deer hunter, genie, Santa's elf, Raggedy Ann, clown and more. One of Jim and Alice Rogers' daughter, Shirley Herrick is a culinary teacher. Her class prepared the special

refreshments. The 'monster wraps' were a hit for looks and taste along with salad and desert! Shirley's sister Sierra Rogers-Austin helped serve. The special program for District Deputy Jan Hogan was a 'Journey Around the Stars' where she was given gifts. She also received an Honorary Membership from the chapter.

The third Friends Night was held at

LaBelle Chapter on November 22. The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of District 3 are 'Hogan's Heroes'. WM Ruby Adamson planned the theme of a 'Hulk Hogan Finger Wrestling Match' for the District



Deputy Jan Hogan. The 'wrestling ring' was six inches square with finger holes in the corners! The 'first round' was with fingerfinger puppets; the 'second round' was with finger-foot puppets; then came sock puppets; and an adorable pig hand puppet. It was fun with several members involved and a pitch-in dinner. The District Deputy was presented with an Honorary Membership.

Sharon Barnes is the State Chairman for the Worthy Grand Matron's project, 'Dine and Glide'. She has been selling glass plates with 'Blessings' etched on them. Mary Ann Herron is District 3 chair for the Worthy Grand Patron's project 'Kanines for Kids'. Marsha Daugherty is working for 'Paw Prints of Love'; Linda LaMasters has wooden crosses for ESTARL; Donna Moore is selling BBQ sauce for the Cancer Fund; Sherry Snead is on the Heart Fund; and Freda Summerville is working for Our World of Youth.



Sunny Meadows County Home 2021 Christmas

Sunny Meadows, located in Auburn, IN, is one of eleven county homes still in operation in Indiana. This home operates as an Assisted Living Facility for the mentally disabled men and women in our community. Sunny Meadows currently houses 21 residents, 12 men and 9 women.

At the Spencerville OES meeting in November, we discussed ways of blessing our local county home during Christmas. We decided to hold a food drive at our December meeting and to purchase basic necessity items for the residents. We sought help from our community to help with our Christmas Giving Project. Beacon Credit Union gave \$500 to buy the items on the resident's Christmas List, Adventure Homes purchased pajamas, Butler Dental Group provided toothbrush kits, and Auburn Lions Club gave a case of Oranges. The Spencerville Eastern Star Chapter purchased socks and underwear for each resident. Our food drive received donations of chicken, pork, beef and spaghetti supper supplies, many canned vegetables and fruits, cereal and snacks. Items were delivered by a group of our members along with our very own Mrs. Clause. The residents were happy and very thankful for the gifts and our visit with them. Pictured left to right are residents, Rebecca, OES member Ann Merritt, Toni, Mrs. Clause OES member Suzette Rodgers, Heather, Emma, Roger, Jimmy, and Christine.

These group homes are very worthy of our commitment to serve and are so often a

forgotten group of orphans our communities. in Spencerville OES would like to challenge the OES Chapters in our state to visit and engage with the people who live in these The rewards are homes. meaningful and endless. We wish all our sister chapters Merry а Christmas and a Healthy New Year!



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2 Stars

In Memory of *Wilma Sausville* Passed away June 15, 2021 Beloved wife of Doug Sausville Beech Grove Chapter #465 By Mary & Bill Davis Oakland Chapter #159

In Loving Memory of Janice Gastineau, PD#7, 1967 Jewelldean Haseman, PD#7, 1998 Diana Brookshire, PD#7, 2000 Who are missed by The Past Deputies of District #7

In Honor of Judith Adkins, PM for her many years of service as Secretary of the chapter And Jeanne Bain, PM for her many years of blessing our chapter with beautiful music From Corinthian Chapter #456 3 Stars

In Honor of *Marion Bradbury* Grand Representative of Manitoba, Canada in Indiana From Corinthian Chapter #456

> In Loving Memory of Betty Bush, PGN & PD Hartsville Chapter #550 From your Sister Sue A. Vandagriff

5 Stars

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In Memory of *Dwight V. Singer, PGP* In Honor of his sister *Peggy Duncan,* 75-Year Member From Linda Singer and Family



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- Apr 23 125th Anniv. Radiant D#10
- Apr 30 Last Inspection at Mt. Moriah
- May 7 100th Anniv. Beech Grove D#11
- May 21 125th Anniv Washington D#2
- May 28 100th Anniv. Nineveh D#6
- Jun 10-12 Grand Chapter

INSPECTIONS/LUNCHEONS/RECEPTIONS

Weeknight Inspections

Baby Dedication 7:00 pm Award of Gold 7:10 pm Inspection 7:20 pm

Saturday Inspections

Baby Dedication 2:00 pm Award of Gold 2:10 pm Inspection 2:20 pm

- Apr 5 D#1 Inspection
- Apr 22 D#12 Luncheon/Inspection
- Apr 30 D#13 Last Inspection

Mt. Moriah

RECEPTIONS

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Apr 2 D#15 Cathy Scott, Grand Martha

Frankfort Masonic Temple 201 S. Main St., Frankfort, IN 2:00 Social, 4:00 Program Dinner to follow \$15.00 RSVP by March 23 to: Nancy Harshbarger 2041 Meadowbrook Dr. Frankfort, IN 46041 Ph-765-659-3085 jnharshbarger6186@sbcglobal.n et

Apr 9 D#11 Susan Bradley, Grand Electa

Prospect Masonic Lodge 2901 S. Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN 46225 2:00 Social, 4:00 Program Dinner to follow \$15.00 RSVP to: Tom Bradley, Treasurer 8327 Trotter Rd. Camby, IN 46113 PH 317-797-1157 tbradley60@sbcglobal.net

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