



## United We Stand

Sisters and Brothers,

Family, springy weather, and tons of chocolate – does it get any better than this? I hope that this letter finds each of you being able to get out more, enjoying sunnier days, and taking in the fresh smell of Spring. This is one of my favorite times of the year because this is when God's beautiful landscape starts to bloom again. Wherever you look, there are flowers sprouting, birds singing, and folks getting out more to enjoy the great outdoors. One thing that I always look forward to is going to the local greenhouses and garden centers. It is so much fun selecting beautiful flowers for my flower beds and patio. My three grandchildren, ages two, four, and five, love helping Mimi plant the new flowers and I love making memories with them.

This is the season of new beginnings filled with many important symbolisms. Growing up in a Christian home, I've always looked forward to celebrating Easter, the resurrection of Jesus, the defeat of death and the hope of salvation. Have you ever wondered what led to the tradition of decorating Easter eggs or why so many decorate with the white Lily at Easter? Just as Jesus rose from the tomb, the egg symbolizes new life emerging from the eggshells. Then there is the Easter Lily, which is mentioned many times in the Bible. The white lily symbolizes purity, rebirth, new beginnings and the hope associated with the resurrection of Jesus Christ as observed on Easter. I hope that each of you have the opportunity to celebrate Easter with your family and friends this year.

As many of you have heard, Indiana has been given a huge honor as our own Past Grand Patron, William (Bill) Shoulders is the Worthy Grand Chaplain of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. Bill and Lynn have already been to many places such as Brazil with the General Grand Chapter family. When you get the chance be sure to let him know just how excited we are for him. I pray for safe travel and many fantastic memories to be made for our Brother Bill and Sister Lynn.

Hopefully, you were able to attend the recent receptions of our Grand Star Points. I couldn't be any prouder of their dedication and love for our Order of the Eastern Star. They've put many miles on their vehicles as they have traveled all across Indiana the past several months. However, I know that the memories and friendships that they have made will last a lifetime.

Our plans for Grand Chapter are coming together nicely and I sincerely hope that each of you will be able to join us this year. You won't want to miss our "Shining Stars Fun Time" after the "Proud to be an American" Informal Opening evening session. During this social time with our out-of-state guests, there will be a game show spin off from the Newlywed Game. The Grand Star Points and their Fraternal Moms will make up the five couples. Don't miss out on this fun time, which I expect to be an incredibly fun time for all!





fun, and certainly memorable. May God bless you, the Order of the Eastern Star, and the United States of America.

Have you heard about our very special visiting dignitaries that will be attending this year's "An American Dream" Grand Chapter Session? Sister Glenda Winchester, the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Brother F. Lon Lowry, Most Worthy Grand Patron and around thirty other General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members will be joining us this year. When you are mingling at Grand Chapter, be on the lookout for any of our out-of-state visitors and be sure to greet them with our warm Hoosier hospitality.

On behalf of my husband, Brother Brian and I, we want to thank every member that has welcomed us into your chapters this year. We've made so many wonderful memories and have appreciated each of the Honorary Memberships presented to us. The addendums have all been thoughtful,

Humbly yours,

Angela Hensell, WGM

## NESSIE

By Jim Rogers

January 2008, February 2023

With the movie about the Waterhorse, which just came out at the cinema, a renewed interest has been revived about the Loch Ness Monster, that elusive "beastie" who swims mysteriously in the Caledonian divide between Inverness and Fort William in Scotland. Nessie, as the creature is lovingly referred to, has been known to the people of Scotland at least since the sixth century. It was then that Saint Columba spotted her in the water as he was preparing to cross the Loch Ness River in a boat.

Most people knew very little about Nessie over the years. After all, for most of history the area around Loch Ness has not been an easy to reach vacation spot. Things changed back in 1933 when a Dr. Wilson published a picture he supposedly took of Nessie. Experts since that time have claimed the picture was a fake. But I'm inclined to believe the picture is real.

Why wouldn't I agree with the naysayers, you may ask? Well, the answer is simple. I know the truth about Nessie, and perhaps it's time I shared it. And you know I'd never lie to you.

In July of 1999, I left the good ole' USA to take a look at the land of my ancestors, especially the ancestors who had lived in Scotland. I was accompanied by three ladies of my close acquaintance. Landing in London, we rented a car and began a driving tour through the beautiful English countryside, into Wales, and finally north into Scotland. I was awed by the magnificence of the castles, the quiet beauty of the landscape, and the friendliness of the people. The people of the British Isles, with the exception of one "horse's patoot," (the manager of the Robin Hotel in the little town of Pitlochry), are welcoming, warm, and hospitable. But he's another story.

Driving north on the A9 toward Inverness, we decided to take an alternate route off to the west so we could drive for a distance along Loch Ness. Turning on to the B851, we followed it down the River Nairn past East Croachy and then to Errogie and past Loch Mhor. When we reached the River Foyers we turned right and followed the winding road over the hill toward Loch Ness. What a lovely drive. As we descended the mountain above the Loch we met a fog bank which completely hid the Loch from our view. Then, as we broke out of the fog, we could see the choppy waters of Loch Ness below us. Arriving at the little town of Foyers we turned on to B852 East and drove toward Inverness. We stopped at lots of the little pullovers and looked out at the Loch. It was a cool day for July and the water looked rather menacing. Heavy clouds overhead all along the route to Inverness suggested an evening of good food followed by fellowship at a local pub.

Retracing our way back up the loch we stopped to take rooms at the Pottery House, a lovely little B&B at Dores. The landlady suggested The Dores Inn as a friendly place for food and fun.

It was within walking distance from the B&B. The Inn had only a smattering of diners that evening and we were fortunate enough to meet some local "good ole' boys" to "crack" with and learned from them some of the local Nessie legends. They admitted that most of the rumors we'd heard about Nessie were just made-up stuff. But one of them, a fellow named Hamish, took a liking to me, and after sampling some of the local distillery products, offered to show me the real Nessie. The ladies were all being entertained by the local lads, so we slipped out the side door and across the road to the shore beside Loch Ness. But instead of watching the waters, Hamish had me watch the hillside behind the Inn. He explained that Nessie is actually a nocturnal version of a particularly reclusive species of bird, not a prehistoric Pleistocene, a huge fish, or a monster. We shared some more Jamison's and waited. Nessie, according to Hamish, is an aquatic 'Haggis Hen,' a huge bird native to the mountains of Scotland. No one ever sees them in the mountains because they roost in caves high up above the glens and only come out to feed late at night. Their diet is almost exclusively fish, and as the Loch is teeming with fish, they come there nightly to eat. To see them you have to stay out late at night and have a lot of patience.

It must have been past midnight before I saw anything. Then, slowly ascending down the mountain, a large grey bird and three wee chicks approached the creek that drained into the loch. Now when I say "wee" you have to consider everything as relative. Actually, the wee Haggises were about four feet tall and the Mama Haggis about ten feet tall. They entered the water of the Strath Dores Nairn, and then glided under the roadway and out on to the Loch.

I could see immediately why people had described Nessie as an elongated animal with a long neck and humps on its back. Hamish explained to me that the mother Haggis doesn't leave the young Haggises to fend for themselves. She keeps a lookout with her head high in the air. The youngsters follow along, with the first chick holding on to mother's tail with its beak. The next chick holds on to the tail of the first one and the third chick holds on to the tail of the second. In this way they swam to the middle of the Loch searching for a school of fish to munch upon. Then, when their efforts are successful, they dive deep into the water to feed, not appearing again till they have eaten their fill.

(Sorry! I have not learned how to include a electronic drawing of what I saw that night. I'll draw a picture on a napkin for you next time we meet.)

We watched as they disappeared from sight. I wanted to see them again, but the night was quite cold down by the water. So, Hamish and I walked back to the Inn and bought another bottle to keep our blood warm. While we drank that bottle Hamish explained that the Haggises get quite large before they are weaned from their mother. Mother Haggis can weigh a ton or more. Her offspring won't leave her till they get to be seven or eight hundred pounds, which will take at least three years.

It must have been close to 3:30 or 4 o'clock in the morning when we again saw the Haggises surface near the bridge. They glided back up the creek and then disappeared into the woods on the mountainside. Then, having learned the truth of the Loch Ness monster, (with Hamish's help), I found my way back up the road to the Pottery House. I slept late that morning, but I awoke with a clear mind.

Until this moment I haven't told my traveling companions or anyone else about my experience that night by the shore of Loch Ness. Some people have proven themselves to be of a suspicious and untrusting nature, and I didn't want to open myself up to ridicule. I was sure Hamish would have backed up my story, but I forgot to get his last name or phone number. However, for any doubters out there; my information can be easily checked out by simply going to the little town of Dores on the South side of Loch Ness, buying yourself a couple of bottles of good Jamison Scotch Whiskey, and lying in wait there beside the confluence of Loch Ness and the Doris Nairn. If you're patient, you're likely to see the same things I saw.

There may be souls among those reading this who do not realize that All Fool's Day is upon us. There may also be some of you who have never heard me brag about winning the Annual Liar's Contest, two years in a row. I've got the trophies in my basement to prove it.





## Rekindling Memories and Friendship

A beautiful crisp winter afternoon was spent rekindling memories and friendships when Sister Vivian Ashton, PGM, and Sister LeVon Holmes, PGM, held a Christmas party for their Grand families. As the years go by Grand Families separate for many reasons, death, illness, life changes, moving away, and just everyone getting older. But Sister LeVon and Sister Vivian put these two families together for a great celebration of the years gone by and the hope for tomorrow's meetings. Brother Jim Ashton, PGP Brother Larry Mills, and Tothor Mother Pam Mills were in attendance, also. PGP Brother Howard Farrand and Carla were unable to attend as Brother Howard was ill. They were missed. Several in attendance had served in both Grand Families at one time or another.

A heartfelt beautiful prayer was given by Brother Larry. The room was filled with a lot of love. Many hugs were given and smiles were seen. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all in attendance. Many favors and gifts were found at our table. The decorations were

beautiful.

When you see Sister LeVon and Sister Vivian, you might ask them about their candy-making talents!!! Sister LeVon was really surprised when her Grand Family members presented her with a beautiful quilt. She was almost speechless.

We were so happy to see four of the Past Grand Star Points – Jan Warner, Mary Hutson, PGM Pat Endsley and husband Bill, and Sandy Weaver and husband Jim. Maybe these PGM's will start a new trend and encourage others to combine Grand Families with dwindling attendances to recall memories and to fellowship with our Sisters and Brothers. This was a great way to re-ignite friendships with our Deputy Sisters, momma and papa.

What a blessing to attend this special day. On behalf of the 2002 "Flying Among Stars, Covered With Love" and the 2005 "On Wings of Love" Grand Families, a big Thank You to two very special ladies for a wonderful afternoon.



## 75-Year Awards at Seymour

Seymour Chapter #134 was honored to have Juanita VonDielingen and Charlotte Sherrill receive their 75-Year membership pins. Past Grand Matron Loretta Riehl conducted the award ceremony with Worthy Patron Marvin "Chip" Anderson assisting.



## Acton Chapter Honors Rovena Harrison

On Saturday, January 7, 2023, Acton Chapter #173 celebrated and honored a very special lady, Sister Rovena Harrison, widow of Brother Beryl Harrison, PGP. Sister Bonnie Allinder, PGM, presided at the ceremony. Brother Robert DeRolf, PGP, escorted Sister Rovena to the Altar. Sister LeVon Holmes, PGM, pinned her with her 50 - year pin. Sister Bonnie and LeVon and Brother Robert are all from District #11.

Sister Rovena introduced her family members who were there to celebrate with her. She enjoyed all her travels and meeting all the friends she met while traveling with Brother Beryl when he was WGP. In 1993, Sister Bonnie and the late Brother Robert Strong appointed Brother Beryl Grand Sentinel in the "Angels of Love" Grand Family.

After the ceremony everyone enjoyed a delicious pitch in lunch served by the chapter in the dining room with great fellowship. It was a memorable day for Acton Chapter and Sister Rovena.

Pictured below are: 1st row - Dean Logan, Jenny Walton, PGM Bonnie Allinder, WM Susan Bradley, Rovena Harrison, WP Tom Bradley, Ginny Logan, Jane Oakley-Cameron, Josh Wadsworth, Catherine Ongay

2nd row - PGM LeVon Holmes, Jaime Hampton, Melody DeRolf, Juan Ongay

3rd row - Bill Stout, PGP Robert DeRolf, Victoria Phillips, Debbie Stout



## 50-YEAR PIN AWARDED

On a crisp winter day, January 22, 2023, members of Clinton Chapter #6, family and friends of Sister Catherine Miller gathered at her home in Mulberry Health to celebrate with Catherine as she received her Eastern Star 50-year pin. WGM Angela Hensell presented the pin, much to Catherine's delight. Catherine thanked everyone for being there for this special event and visited with those she hadn't seen in some time. Sister Cathy Scott provided punch and cookies for all to enjoy before departing.



Seated - Catherine Miller

Standing - Sharon Jones, WM; Stephanie Graves, DD#15; Angela Hensell, WGM.



## Ellettsville Chapter Community Projects

December is always a busy month for our Chapter. For several years we have been asked by Ellettsville Main Street, Inc. to host a community breakfast. This is our only fund-raiser for the year. Not only do we make money to give to other community organizations, but this gives us a time to share with the community about what our organization stands for. This year was very successful and allowed us to give money to three different groups.

Ellettsville Food Pantry #279 was started seven years ago by 10 girls ages 11-13 from Girl Scout Troop #69-279 and it has reached many needy families in the community. We presented Cindy Chavez, Director, with a check at Christmas time while she was passing out Christmas turkey boxes. It was a chilly day, but that does not stop the line of cars with folks in need of food.

We also reached out to Area 10 on Aging, another organization in our community that helps many people with food needs as well. Donnie Davis presented a check to Lesa Hoffert with the mobile food bank. She stated the timing was great as they had many calls for emergency food in November.

Our Chapter has members from Spencer and Ivanhoe in Owen County. We chose the OV Backpack Buddies program thru Spencer-Owen Community Schools to share the donations. The OV Backpack Buddies program identifies the neediest students in their school district and helps provide them easy to prepare food items to take home on Friday afternoons for the weekends. A thank you was received from Aaron LaGrange, OV Backpack Buddies administrator.

We also have the privilege to give back to our Masons as we cook and serve the Feast of St. John or we just help serve the food. Sometimes they even get a home cooked meal for their stated meetings by Star members. Whether it be Ellettsville Masons or Spencer Masons, the ladies and guys of Star are always ready to help when asked.



Donnie Davis presenting a check to Lesa Hoffert at Area 10 Agency in Ellettsville



Sandy Smith presenting a check to Cindy Chavez at Pantry #279 (Hugs are good)

## Versailles Honor Given

On December 5, 2022, District Deputy 5 Julie Leap attended Versailles Chapter #333 Friends Night. It was a lovely evening of friendship and fellowship with a lovely meal before the chapter meeting.

The evening honored Mrs. Helen Sheckler who had her 60-year member anniversary on October 23, 2022. Mrs. Helen Sheckler entered into Milan Electa Chapter in Dillsboro, Indiana. When that chapter closed, she joined the Versailles Chapter.

Offices she has held over the years include Adah, Esther, Electa, Associate Conductress, Conductress, Associate Matron, and Worthy Matron in 1980. When asked what she would like everyone to know she stated, "This is a wonderful organization and I have enjoyed every minute of it".

She was born in Florida and moved to Ohio. When she was twenty, she moved to Indiana. She and her husband were married for 67 years. When she was Conductress, her husband joined the Order of Eastern Star. They had five children, three sons and two daughters. Her daughters were in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and were Past Worthy Advisors. She spent 25 years as a homemaker. After her children were raised, she went to work in private health care. In 2004 at 79 years old, she retired from the health care field.

It was such a joy to spend time together with Helen. She is dearly loved by the Versailles Chapter and much appreciated for her service to the Star. Many wishes for continued health and happiness.



Left to right - Mary Jane Monnett, Nancy Hightland, Bill Allee (WP), Jane Hansen (WM), Linda Allee and Shirley Brewer.

## Spirit of Christmas

Members of the Greencastle Chapter #255 joined together to give aid to local families for the holidays! They chose three families to assist with canned goods, fleece blankets (purchased from the Paws for Patriots project) and assistance with heating bills. All this in the Spirit of Christmas!



## US Flag Presentation on “Masonic Night” At the Indianapolis Colt’s Football Field



The Spencerville Eastern Star has been making Donuts at DeKalb County Free Fall Fair since 1949. Our Donut Trailer uses 225 volunteers to make donuts for 6 days each year. We are so fortunate to have many wonderful families, friends, Auxiliary Eastern Star Chapters, and Masonic Lodges volunteers along with many Non-Profit Organizations to help us make donuts every year!

In 2019, we started a new reward program to say Thank-You to our many volunteers. Anyone who works a shift in our donut trailer will be entered into several drawings for five gas cards and a \$25.00 donation to their favorite charity. Also, we will give away four “Donut Make You Smile T-Shirts” and a Ticket Package to an Indianapolis Colts Football Game (OES/Masons Members eligible only). We had 85 entries for the Colts Package. Lorrie Pontius of Spencerville Chapter won the tickets to the Indianapolis Colts Football Game. Lorrie became ill two days before the game and gifted these tickets to Spencerville OES Sister Laura Dangler.

The Indianapolis Colts Package included 2 Tickets for:

1. Indianapolis Colt’s vs. Houston Texans Game Day Tickets on Jan. 8, 2023
2. Masonic Pre-Game Reception and Luncheon
3. U.S. Flag Presentation on the game field and free Colt’s Gift.

The Giant Full Field U.S. Flag is 150’ x 300’ and requires a minimum of 300 people to open it on the game field. Participants practice carrying out and opening the flag on the field until they can perform this task in 2 minutes. Laura Dangler reported to Spencerville OES on her Indianapolis Colt’s Game Day Experience. She told us the Stadium is HUGE and the experience of presenting the U.S. Flag on the game field in front of 62,000 people while our National Anthem was playing, was a thrilling and wonderful lifetime memory she will never forget!



## *DeKalb County Veterans Award & Veteran's Treatment Court*

The Spencerville OES Chapter #386 recently donated Christmas gift bags to the DeKalb County Veterans Court to be given to our veterans in honor of their service to the USA. The Veteran's Court is a problem-solving court focused on addressing the needs of veterans in the criminal justice system. In DeKalb County, the Veteran's Court began in March of 2018 and is held in Circuit Court by Judge Grimm (Mason and Knights Templar). In December, DeKalb County Veteran's Treatment Court celebrated its first female graduate- a U. S. Air Force veteran with Spencerville OES and Concord Lodge of Spencerville. A Knights Templar Flag presentation opened the DeKalb County Veteran's Treatment Court Graduation Celebration, led by Spencerville OES WM Grand Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Indiana Ed Forde.



Pictured are: Jim Davis, Dan Patterson, Ed Forde, Dominic Hamlin, Benton Davis



Many of Spencerville OES members are veterans or have family members who have served in the US Military. Each year at our October stated meeting, we select a committee to chose from many local veteran's programs to receive a gift from Spencerville OES. This year we have chosen the High and Tight Lawn Care Service of Auburn, IN to receive \$500.00. This program assists local veterans that need help with snow removal and lawn mowing care. These funds will purchase fuel for these projects. Pictured is Spencerville OES Member Ronda Fogel and Owner of High and Tight Lawn Care Service Retired Veteran Travis Holcomb.

### **HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR STAR-LITE?**

You have received this issue, but will you get the next one? Check your expiration date on the back page to the left of your address. If it says your last issue is April 2023, then you need to renew now! Fill out the form on the next to the last page and include your check made out to Indiana Grand Chapter, OES and mail to Nancy Pratt, 3597 N. Old U.S. 31, Rochester, IN 46975.

**Thank you!** We couldn't continue without your support!

## Fifth Generation Eastern Star Member



Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> was one of those days you look forward to for a long time and are thrilled when it turns out to be even better than you anticipated. Pimento Chapter has eagerly anticipated the time when the daughter of Andrea McColl, our current Worthy Matron, and David McColl, Past Patron, would turn 18 and be eligible to join Eastern Star. Amanda McColl has been a Grand Officer in Indiana Rainbow for the past 4 years and is currently serving as Grand Chaplain for Indiana Rainbow. She is also active in Jobs Daughters Bethel #2.

It was a thrill to see the sidelines filled with members from near and far there to welcome her as our newest member. Worthy Patron Doug Sloan stepped aside and gave Amanda's father the opportunity to preside during the obligation at the altar before proceeding with her initiation. District #8's own Sister Carrie Kesler, Grand Esther, served in her station for the special night.

Many from the Indiana Rainbow

family were there to join the celebration. Present were: Brother Bill Shoulders, Worthy Grand Chaplain of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Indiana; his wife Sister Lynn Shoulders, Supreme Treasurer and Supreme Inspector in Indiana Rainbow and Grand Representative of South Carolina in Indiana; Sister Cindy Cohee, Past Grand Matron of Indiana and a member of the Grand Advisory Board for Rainbow in Indiana; Sister Lynn Brinson, District Deputy #7, OES, and District #3 for Indiana Rainbow; and our Sister Debbie Thompson, District Deputy #8. Another special guest was Amanda's maternal grandmother, Sister Patt Rasey, PM, who had traveled from Ohio to be a part of the evening.

After the close of Chapter, Sister Andrea asked Sister Amanda to approach the East where Amanda was presented an Eastern Star ring that her great aunt had had made from an Eastern Star pin that belonged to Amanda's great-great grandmother, Sister Merry Louella Stephenson, who was a member of an Eastern Star Chapter in Ashley, Indiana.

On February 4, 2023, many of us joined Sister Amanda as she was installed as Worthy Advisor of Friendship Assembly No. 44, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Friendship Assembly is sponsored by Pimento Chapter and many of us are adult helpers and advisory board members.

## TEXAS-TIME AT CLINTON CHAPTER



A reception for David Neal, Grand Representative of Texas in Indiana, was held December 8th at Clinton Chapter #6 in Frankfort. Members and visitors, wearing their best western outfits and gear, were treated to a meal of beans, cornbread, Sloppy Joes and Texas sheet cake. In the style of the Old West, Sharon Jones, W.M., tossed biscuits to the diners. Tables were decorated with western themed items and many horses, boots, and saddles adorned the halls and chapter room.

After a brief meeting ended and the Bible retired, a program was presented to honor Brother David. Jennifer Nicholson, PGM, gave a history of David's life and Eastern Star journey. She also stated that she knew right away that David would be a perfect fit for this appointment as Grand Representative of Texas because of his connections to the state of Texas.

David was escorted back into the chapter room clad in a cowboy hat and chaps through a line of members holding balloons and western items. A western themed program written and choreographed by Sister Amy Flowers was enjoyed by all. It had David roping and herding cattle, putting a golf ball through the Alamo, and line dancing where anyone could join in. We also learned much about several cities in the state of Texas.

David gave remarks and thanked the chapter for his honor night and then handed out a live cactus to all present as a gift from himself and wife, Melody. A rousing good time was had by all and many happy memories were made as we all rode off into the sunset!



### Lunch Time!

Members of Ivy Chapter #69 in District 18, Order of the Eastern Star, Deming Masonic Lodge, and Tri Kappa Sorority prepare lunches for the Manchester Community School students going to Shrine Circus in Fort Wayne. Thanks to Neighborhood Fresh and the Hardware of North Manchester for their donations to the project.

## Sunny Meadows County Home 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.

Dale Baldwin of Waterloo agreed to be Santa for this project. Beacon Credit Union gave \$500 to buy the items on the resident's Christmas List. Waterloo Lions Club purchased pajamas, Butler Dental Group provided toothbrush kits and Auburn Shifters Car Club bought slippers for all residents. The Knights of the Pythia bought bath wash and dish towels. The Spencerville Eastern Star purchased socks and underwear for each resident.

Our food drive received donations of fruit, cereal and snacks. These items were delivered by a group of our members along with our very own Mrs. Clause. Our Donut Trailer at the DeKalb County Fair collected \$1,970 to purchase all new bedding for the residents. The residents were happy and very thankful for these gifts and our visit with them.

These group homes are very worthy of our commitment to serve and are so often a forgotten group of orphans in our communities. Spencerville OES would like to challenge local civic organizations in our county to visit and engage with the people who live in these homes. The rewards are meaningful and endless.

## *Oh, What Fun!*



District 3 terms their Friends Nights as Fun Nights. Besides honoring our friends from around the state, we "roast" the District Deputy. This year Deputy, Marsha Daugherty, has been Marsha, Marsha, Marsha from the old TV show, The Brady Bunch. Last week she received some really special gifts as we remembered the Twelve Days of Christmas. Her personal favorite was a briefcase made from a real pair of briefs. Thank you to Scottsburg and LaBelle for going all out when honoring your deputy.



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## ***Stellar Stars***

Stellar Stars is a great way to honor or remember an individual or a group for a full year. The costs of Stellar Stars are: \$10 - \$24 for 1 Star; \$25 - \$49 for 2 Stars; \$50 - \$74 for 3 Stars; \$75 - \$99 for 4 Stars; and \$100 and up for 5 Stars.

These will run for 1 year after we receive the request. The short information you want printed about the individual or group can be mailed along with a check payable to Indiana Grand Chapter, OES with the notation: Stellar Stars, to:

Nancy Pratt  
3597 N. Old U.S. 31  
Rochester, IN 46975

Please consider honoring or remembering those special Eastern Star people in your family, chapter or district with a Stellar Star for everyone to see and know that they are special to you.



### 2 Stars

In Memory of  
Walt Randles "Papa Walt"  
Husband of Cathie Randles, PGM  
From his Deputy Daughters  
& Spouses  
of the Wings of Faith Family

In Honor of  
Gleda Brooks, PGM  
We are very proud of you!  
Your faithful friends in District 5

### 3 Stars

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

In Memory of Mary B. Davis  
Beloved wife of Bill Davis  
Born April 11, 1934  
Passed away November 4, 2021  
Past Deputy of District 11 1999-2000  
Past Matron many times of Daylight  
and Oakland Chapters  
Former Grand Representative  
Greatly missed by members of  
Oakland Chapter #159

In Honor of our most recent  
50-Year Members

Judith Adkins, PM & Elizabeth Ritchie  
From the members of  
Corinthian Chapter #456

### 4 Stars

In Honor of our most recent  
75-Year Member

Jeanne Bain, PM  
From the members of  
Corinthian Chapter #456

### 5 Stars

In Recognition of  
Lebanon Chapter #23  
Past Matrons & Past Patrons

In Loving Memory  
of Jim Terry  
Always a Gentleman  
Our Love, Barb, Tim and Tina

In Honor of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
"BLUEBIRDS OF HAPPINESS GRAND  
FAMILY"

Established on April 27, 1983, by:  
"Momma Bluebird" & "Poppa Jay"  
(Linda Cline, PGM) (Jay Shull, PGP)  
Also honoring the "Traveling Bluebirds"  
and their "Birdwatchers"  
With much love from "Momma", Vaughn, & Dottie

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### WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

- Apr 1** Grand Electa Reception  
**Apr 7** Royal Arch Mason, Grand Chapter  
**Apr 15** Englewood 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**Apr 29** Last Inspection in State,  
 Englewood D#11  
**May 27** WGM & WGP Trip  
**Jun 1** Grand Court Amaranth  
**Jun 9-11** Grand Chapter

### INSPECTIONS / LUNCHEONS

Inspections - Baby Dedication 7:00 pm  
 Award of Gold 7:10 pm, Inspection 7:20 pm  
 GSPE = Grand Star Points  
 Exemplify Initiatory

- Apr 5 D#21** Inspection  
**Apr 29 D#11** Inspection at Englewood w/  
 Acton & Prospect

### RECEPTIONS

- Apr 1 D#9** Grand Electa Barbara Pefley  
 Park County Fairgrounds, 1472 N. US 41  
 Rockville, IN 47872  
 Social 2:00, Program 4:00, Dinner to  
 follow \$15.00 Remittance with RSVP  
 RSVP by Mar 23 to: Sandra Grogan Sills  
 15 S. Murphy St., Brazil, IN 41834  
 Reception only RSVP: 812-201-0916  
 Freedomangel10@aol.com

### FRIENDS NIGHTS/DAYS

- Apr 3 D#18** LaFontaine 7:00  
**Apr 11 D#10** Fishers 6:30  
**Apr 15 D#18** Royal Center  
**Apr 18 D#11** Lawrence  
**Apr 19 D#3** Bright Star 6:30  
**May 6 D#10** Whitestown  
**May 22 D#11** Englewood

## **Paws for Patriots Fundraiser**

District 9 showed up for the pups! Several members put on an apron to help clear tables at the Putnam Inn in Greencastle for a percentage of the profits for our Paws for Patriots project. Sister Diana Surfus, PGM and State Chair, set up a table with information and items to purchase. ICAN was present with Kassing full of wags to greet everyone. Thank you for those who came (locals and other districts) and ate, bussed tables, delivered meals and were here for some fun! Total raised was \$805.



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Pam Wrightsman, WM (front left) and Roy Mathews, WP (front right) presenting a check to the Rose Hulman's Chi Omega Gamma Lambda Sorority.

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