



A Walk in the Woods

Spring is in full bloom as the earth has renewed itself from its long winters' nap! The sun is shining bright as a beacon of light into early summer. Given the opportunity for reflection, we each have rediscovered ourselves and prepared for this new season of fellowship.

We are excited to visit you during the District Official Visits. The thrill of appointing new Grand Representatives as "Star Gazers" to represent Indiana in other Grand Jurisdictions and honoring our milestone 50- and 75-year service members are memories we will also cherish! We look forward to recognizing each of these groups along with our newest members at the upcoming Grand Chapter Session in June. The entire Nature Sings Grand Family also wishes to extend their thanks for the warm welcomes received as they travel to get to know the members across the state.



This new season has heralded major events supporting our state-wide projects. Happening now is the "Fox Hunt" supporting Our World of Youth scholarship program lead by State chairperson, Susan Bradley. Who will be the first to discover the fox's den and win the day?!

The "Seeds of Hope" projects supporting our Youth Organizations are also in full swing as the State Co-chairpersons, Cathy Scott and Lori Barnett, are selling tickets for the 'Masonic Family' quilts, \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. The two grand prizewinners will be drawn on Saturday, June 13, at the Grand Chapter Session. You need not be present to win.

Leading up to Grand Chapter the "Seeds of Hope" crew are working to bring you a 'never-seen-before' red carpet experience highlighting the talents of our Youth and Adult leaders on the ballroom dance floor.

The date is soon to be set for the pizza party hosted by Brother Tom, Sister Terry, and myself for the District raising the most funds for the Nettie Ransford Scholarship program. This event has certainly garnered some friendly competition! The Deputies have had a lot of fun with this endeavor and our thanks again to Brother Harold Rowe, PGP, for the replica penny buckets for this project!

Many activities have brought opportunities to be side-by-side with each of you from the Valentine Tea, the reception honoring your future leaders at the group Deputy reception, District Friends' events, and a variety of events with our youth groups and other Masonic bodies. We have enjoyed supporting you in your separate events, and your support continues to be appreciated for those events occurring at a statewide level.

Throughout the year, the seeds we have sown based on the principles of our beautiful Order are growing and blooming in Hope, Love, and Prosperity. As we continue forward in our year of service, we encourage you to tend your own gardens well, instilling the same passion to shine your light and bloom where you are planted as we lift each other up as Sisters, Brothers, and friends.

We look forward to seeing you all at the 151st Grand Chapter Session in Muncie!

Blessings to you always,
Carol Davis
Worthy Grand Matron



Notes from the Woodshop

Sisters and Brothers, I hope our winter days are behind us, even if we occasionally experience those lingering snow flurries in April. During the colder months, I found solace in my woodshop, working away when the weather kept me indoors. As we wrap up our travels, the arrival of spring brings with it warmer temperatures, vibrant flowers, lush green grass, and the joyful return of wildlife.

In just a couple of weeks, we will celebrate Easter, a significant event in our shared history that commemorates the resurrection of Jesus. It is essential for us to embrace our faith and welcome Him into our hearts. Over the past five years, I have faced the loss of my mother, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister, two aunts, a cousin, and several friends. It has been a challenging journey, but my faith in Jesus has provided me with the strength to navigate these difficult times.

Eastern Star has been a true blessing for all of us, and it's clear that our community is vital for our continued existence. We've witnessed chapters come and go, often due to a lack of younger members and the challenges faced by our older members. It's crucial that we engage our current members and inspire them to participate actively.

At our chapter, we've had the joy of watching a young lady named Jessica grow up. She is the granddaughter of our Sentinel. With her mother working nights, Jessica would often accompany her grandparents to Chapter meetings. From her early toddler days, she was a familiar face on Star nights, even helping to distribute badges before meetings. While we conducted our meeting, she would diligently do her homework in the dining room and assist with refreshments. When Jessica turned eighteen in January, she eagerly announced her intention to join Eastern Star at our New Castle Chapter. At our February meeting, we voted her in, and just a week later, she was officially initiated into our Order. It was a special moment for all of us, as we welcomed her into our Order. I had the honor of initiating Jessica alongside a brother Mason and his wife. It was a proud day for our Chapter, marking not just her entry into Eastern Star but also celebrating the growth of a young woman who has been part of our family for so long.

I have enjoyed traveling the state this year and meeting lots of new people. Thank you for the support you have given to our projects this past year. I am also looking forward to seeing you again at our Indiana Grand Chapter. Please support those in your district who will be representing your district and come have a good time at the 151st "Let Heaven and Nature Sing" Grand Session.

Star Love,
Tom Ring
Worthy Grand Patron



Grand Adah, Julie Leap

Hello, Sister and Brothers. I am Julie Leap, a member of Bennington Chapter #407 and a plural member with Versailles Chapter #333 in District 5. I was initiated in May of 2011 with my husband, daughter, and two friends. Shortly after my initiation, I was asked to take the station of Electa. I have since held the stations of Electa, Adah, Conductress, Associate Matron, and Worthy Matron several times.



I have been married to my husband Roy for 39 years. We have 2 daughters, Alyssa and Nicole. We are grandparents of two grandsons, Ryan and Beckett, and a granddaughter, Presley. We are blessed to have our daughters and their families as our next-door neighbors.

I was born to Arlen and Wanda Johns in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on February 10th, 1968. I am the youngest of 6 children with 3 brothers and 2 sisters. We moved to Charlestown, IN where my father grew up, and then we moved again to Vevay where I have resided ever since.

I have always been a volunteer in my community. I have been a volunteer EMT, an EMS board member, a youth soccer coach, S.A.Y. soccer board member, and a United Way board member. I am a member of Switzerland County Angel Tree Christmas Committee that provides backpacks and Christmas presents to children, and I am a member of Vevay Tri Kappa. I graduated from Ivy Tech Community College and Northwood University holding degrees in Accounting and Business Management. Currently, I am an accounting manager at one of the largest stainless steel manufacturers in the US.

Like the heroine I represent, I understood the responsibility of being loyal to one's parents. I have made decisions to ensure that I would be there to help care for them when the time came. My parents have since passed away, but they taught me to be kindhearted, unwavering in faith, steadfast in turmoil, and most of all, loyal to family.

My Pin is blue and shaped like a cloud in reference to the blue ray. At the top is a cross which represents the most important thing in my life, my faith. Under the cross is an infinity symbol which expresses my endless love and commitment to my family. On one side of the symbol is a pink heart which represents my connection to my husband, children, and grandchildren, and on the other is a paw print representing my love of animals, especially my dogs, Archie and Mille. At the bottom are the sword/veil/ holy bible and blue violets, representing Adah. To the right are the numbers 5 and 407 for my district and chapter and to the left is the liberty torch representing my time in the Let Freedom Ring Grand Family as Lady Liberty #5.

I would like to thank WGM Carol Davis, WGP Tom Ring, and Momma Terry for asking me to be part of their Grand Family. I would like to also thank you, my Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers, for the love and support extended to me on my travels throughout the State. I have made wonderful memories that I will cherish for a lifetime. I would like to leave you with this. Life is not always easy and there will be trials; but like Adah, keep a candle of courage burning in your heart and your eyes cast to God, and He will give you strength and show you the way. Blessings to you all, may God keep you and protect you on your travels.

Julie Leap, Grand Adah



Grand Ruth, Leila Ferguson

Greetings from District #18. I was born #2 of four daughters to C. Normand and Barbara S. Ferguson and raised in a tiny town of New Waverly, IN.

At 12, I was initiated into Walton Assembly No. 48 International Order of Rainbow for Girls. After singing in the choir for a year, I started my Rainbow journey by holding numerous offices, including Worthy Advisor. Through service, I received the Grand Cross of Color; was a Page at Grand Assembly; and appointed Grand Representative to Florida and then to Germany.

After graduating from Lewis Cass Jr/Sr High School in Walton, IN, I began studies at International Jr. College of Business, Ft. Wayne, where I received a degree in Secretarial Sciences.

The following November, I became a Civil Servant at Grissom Air Force Base, IN. My career journey started as a Clerk-Stenographer, then a Purchasing Agent and went on to be a licensed Contract Specialist. I served as a Union Representative during Grissom's Active Duty Base closure and reopening as a Reserve Base. I retired as an Engineering Technician working Quality Assurance for service contracts and Inspector for construction contracts.

As a Cub Scout Den Mother, I journeyed with eight Cub Scouts down the path to the Arrow of Light. The Arrow of Light is the highest rank attainable in the Cub Scouts program of Scouting America.

I initially joined Walton Chapter #184, Order of Eastern Star. This chapter consolidated with Royal Center Chapter #375. I was installed as Chaplain for a year and then started on my way to Worthy Matron. I have served 6 years as Worthy Matron. During these years, the chapter has had projects such as collecting for food banks, raising money for Grand Chapter Committee Appointments and making Christmas cards for members that are shut in or who cannot drive to our meetings. Recently the chapter reached out to surrounding Lodges by having a Masonic Appreciation Day.

I served as Grand Page during Sister Diane Surfus' Journey of Love session, and Sister Jennifer Nicholson's Legacy of Hope session. I was given the honor of serving as Hummingbird #18 for Sister Gleda Brooks and Brother Richard Lassiter in the Symphony of Love Grand Family.

I'm married to my best friend and love of my life, Del. We enjoy sitting on the porch admiring the birds, the antics of the squirrels and having lively conversations about world events. My joy is to plant and watch different types of flowers and plants grow. I always try to plant something to attract butterflies, hummingbirds, fairies and gnomes! I have two sons, a daughter-in-law, two granddaughters, one grandson, and a great-grandson.

I have had a wonderful time traveling; socializing with my Sisters and Brothers; and serving the Nature Sings Grand Family and the 21 districts in the great State of Indiana. I look forward to even more journeys throughout the State; meeting Sisters and Brothers; seeing how different chapters do things and serving wherever needed. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you.

Star Love and Hugs.
Leila Ferguson, Grand Ruth

Grand Esther, Marcie Kendall

I was born in Fairmount, Indiana on August 10th. My parents are Bob and Betty Crow and my Step-mother Margaret Crow. I am the youngest of 10 children, 3 sisters, 3 step-sisters, 2 brothers and 1 step-brother.

I graduated from Madison Grant High School and J. Evertt Light in Indianapolis where I became a certified Dietary Manager. I worked for 40 years as a Food Service Director, 20 of which was for various nursing homes in Grant County and the last 20 for Oak Hill United School Corp. where I retired in 2017. I was a member of Dietary Managers Association for over 30 years where I served as District and State President and State Spokesperson.



I met and married my High School sweetheart, Bob, and we have been married for 55 years. We have 2 daughters, 7 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. I was a Brownie and Girl Scout in my youth and a baton twirler in Jr. High School.

I joined Eastern Star in Fairmount Chapter #277. In 1991, after they closed, I joined Upland Chapter #411. I have served as Worthy Matron 5 times, Associate Matron, Conductress, Associate Conductress, Chaplain, and Ruth. I enjoy being active with my chapter.

In 2024, I was asked to serve as Grand Page for PGM Cindy Willyard and PGP Harold Rowe in the Faith Moves Mountains Session of Grand Chapter acting as Page for Brother Keith Zook. Also in 2024, I was honored to be District Deputy #13 for Sister Karen Hazelman and Brother Denver Gray for the Dreams of Fun In The Sun Grand Family.

I am honored to serve this year as Grand Esther for Sister Carol Davis and Brother Tom Ring for the Nature Sings Grand Family.

Marcie Kendall
Grand Esther

Converse Chapter #334 Celebrates 50 - Year Awards



Xen Prickett of Peru, IN, and Steve Hyman of Nashville, TN, received their 50-Year Service Award on February 11, 2026 at the Converse Masonic Temple, Converse, IN. Several family members attended.

The occasion was celebrated with soup & sandwiches prior to the event. Brother Tom Ring, Worthy Grand Patron, presented the awards of gold.

The 50-year service awards were scheduled to coincide with the Converse Masonic 50-Year Service Award for Brother Steve Hyman and a 50-Year Past Master Award for Brother Xen Prickett.



Grand Martha, Nancy Minix

Good afternoon my name is Nancy Minix and I have been chosen to be Grand Martha in the Nature Sings Grand Family.

I was born on December 10, 1957 in South Bend, Indiana. After moving around some, my family consisting of my mom, my dad, and my sister settled in New Carlisle. I graduated from New Prairie High School in 1976, and went to college in Vincennes, Indiana, studying to be an auto mechanic.

I was married once for six years and divorced, and then I was married to my husband, Hager Minix for 21 years. He passed in 2017. I've always been very family oriented and even my cousins have been like my brothers and sisters. My father passed away when I was 14, my mother in 2001, and I have grieved for my cousin Gary for several years now, but I know that we will meet again. I am fortunate to say I have found a person to spend my life with. Jeff Parris and I are now engaged after dating for six years.

I have been in Eastern Star for 26 years, but this is the first time that I have ever been honored to be one of the heroines of our order. Meeting my Star Point Sisters, and going through this year with this family has been an honor that I will always remember.

My pin has a background of green, the color appropriate to Martha. The word Hope at the base of the tree stands for the Legacy of Hope Grand Family in which I was District Deputy #19 for PGM Jenny Maggart and PGP Robert DeRolf. The musical notes on the one side of the pin stand for my new Grand Family, Natures Sings, and the tree itself is my representation of life. It grows, it blooms, its roots anchor in the soil and the leaves fall off every year. They renew in the spring just as we renew friendships and relationships. The number 19 at the top is my district and the number 280 is my chapter number in LaPorte. The M at the very top stands for Martha and my last name, Minix, and of course, the broken column on the other side stands for those whose lives have been lost while still in the vigor of life.

Thank you for reading mine and Martha's story and thank you so much for being a member of this great organization.

Nancy Minix, Grand Martha

Farmland Events

Farmland Chapter #95 in District #13 started our year off with a bang! We were one of the Chapters involved with the First Inspection of the State and enjoyed participating in that great honor. It is always so wonderful seeing friends from around the state and meeting new people.

In November, we honored our District Deputy, Shelley Fey, by inviting her to come to our Thanksgiving dinner and meeting that was filled with delicious food and

fellowship. In December, we had a festive meeting with an appetizer pitch-in from our members and we assembled shut-in bags that we delivered to our members who are unable to get out and about and could use a visit from us.

We look forward to more fun times in the future and hope to see others along the way!



Grand Electa, Julie Snyder

I am Julie Snyder, representing the Millersville and Lawrence Chapters in District 11. I was raised in McCordsville, Indiana, by my parents Pat and Dianne Baldwin. I am the youngest of three siblings. When I was just two years old, we lost my oldest sister to leukemia. Losing her had a profound influence on my upbringing. I grew to develop a deep sense of compassion and resilience that continues to shape my character.



After graduating from Hamilton Southeastern High School, I was driven by a desire to travel and have experiences outside of my Indiana roots, so I moved to Redondo Beach, California. However, after three years of experiencing riots and earthquakes, I came to realize that Indiana was where I truly belonged. My professional journey has been diverse, ultimately leading me to work at my parents' printing company, where I met my husband, Randy. We married in 2005 and took over the family business. Beyond our Masonic charities our family has long supported various children's organizations, including the Indiana Wish Foundation, TherAplay, and St. Jude's - favorites of my mother, whose legacy we continue to honor.

Outside of work, Randy and I bird-sit parrots in our home, which brings us constant joy and laughter. We also enjoy cruising and scuba diving in the Caribbean, with Bonaire and Cozumel being our favorite destinations.

After Randy joined the Masons in 2012, we joined the Order of the Eastern Star in 2013. At first it was overwhelming, but with the encouragement of my sisters, I accepted each new challenge and grew with every station I held. During my time as Worthy Matron through the COVID years, I was surprised and honored to receive a Grand Representative appointment from Sister Jennifer Maggart and Brother Bob DeRolf. I later served as Deputy for District 11 in the Faith Moves Mountains Grand Family and now continue my journey as your Grand Electa for the Nature Sings Grand Family.

We are Sisters and Brothers united by the principles of charity, truth, and loving kindness. Electa embodies these virtues, and it is because of your kindness that I have graciously accepted the position of Grand Electa.

My pin represents both Electa and my journey in Eastern Star. The cross symbolizes truth; the cup represents charity and hospitality; the mountain honors my Faith Moves Mountains Grand Family; and the number 11 proudly represents my district. Finally, the bird on my pin is a tribute to my parents.

I am forever grateful for joining this organization. You have changed my life, and I am blessed to be your Sister.

Julie Snyder, Grand Electa



Lynhurst Celebrates 100 Years



Lynhurst Chapter #505 in Indianapolis D#11 celebrated their 100th birthday on November 22, 2025 at Lynhurst Masonic Lodge. The dining room was decorated with gray table cloths, centerpieces with "100" numbers displayed and candles arranged periodically on the tables. The dining room was anxiously waiting to receive many guests.

At 11:00 AM the program started in the chapter room. Visitors and guests were seated in the room. WM Sue Burcham and Carl Hinshaw, Grand Chaplain, entered the room with WGM Carol Davis already seated in the East. Sue thanked all for coming out this afternoon. She raised the chapter and invited LeVon Holmes, PGM, to give the Invocation. All present gave the pledge to the Flag of our Country followed with one verse of the National Anthem.

Cheryl Kuritz, PM, presented a delightful story of how music, films, TV shows, presidents, war and other events have all changed throughout the decades. As she mentioned certain shows, it sure did bring back memories of times past, like the Mickey Mouse Club, President Kennedy, Vietnam War, Archie Bunker, and Happy Days, just to mention a few. Cheryl did a good job bringing the past to our current time.

Sue introduced the following guests present: Carol Davis, WGM; LeVon Holmes, PGM; Robert DeRolf, PGP; 8 Grand Officers; 3 District Deputies; and more in the regular introduction order.

The chapter had several books printed during the years of our existence. Sue read from a book printed when the chapter was 50 years old giving us a few highlights of the different activities. Lynhurst has had several Grand Representatives, District Deputies, Grand Star Points, Grand Organists, and now we have a future Worthy Grand Patron, Carl Hinshaw.

Our WM presented a list of trivia items: the price of what gasoline used to be, the price of homes, cars, groceries, and numerous other items. Remember when TV shows showed the lady of the house with pearls, nice dresses and wearing heels when cleaning the house? Sue gave the audience a chance to relate with things that used to be.

WGM Carol stated that she enjoyed visiting with our chapter on this special day and enjoyed both presentations of Cheryl's and Sue's and told all of us to take pride in all that we do. There were remarks made from our own Carl Hinshaw, Grand Chaplain; Julie Snyder, Grand Electa; District Deputy Betty Lou; and others. Sue asked Robert DeRolf, PGP, to give the Benediction and Carl for dining room instructions.

It seems that everyone enjoyed the luncheon. During this time pictures were being shown on the television screen from past years installations, officer groups, and other activities. We enjoyed seeing members we have not seen for a while.

District 6 Awards of Gold

On November 13, 2025, the Sixth District Official visit of Franklin Chapter #439, Union Village Chapter #584 and Ransford IMH Chapter #605 was held at Franklin Masonic Lodge.

Prior to the Official Visit, Tom Ring, WGP; Terry Ring, spouse of the WGP; Anna Burton, Grand Secretary; Audrey Evans, WM at Franklin Chapter and Sue Midkiff, WM at Ransford; went to Franklin Meadows Health Care to present Sandra Heath, PM, with her Award of Gold. Sandra was initiated at the age of 18. She has been a faithful member since initiation. Her sister Barbara Heath, PM, was also present. Sandra is a member of Franklin Chapter and Ransford IMH Chapter.

At Franklin Lodge, just before the Official visit began, Franklin Chapter was able to honor a second member with their Award of Gold. Alice Myers received her 50-year pin and was pinned by Anna Burton, Grand Secretary. Alice and Anna have a long history of antics and fun at Eastern Star meetings. Franklin could always count on beautiful music when Alice played.

CONGRATULATIONS LADIES!!



District #1 Events and Plans

It's hard to believe the year is over half gone! Wow so much fun traveling around the state! The big snow came at the right time when very little travel was planned. The time off gave us time to recharge and visit with our home Districts.

Our Christmas party at Dick Clark's for District 1's Past Matrons and Past Patrons is always a good time! Gifts given and gifts brought to auction with the money raised for Seeds of Hope. Wow \$156.00 not to bad!

Preparations are being made for our Service Dog project dinner and auction on March 21. It is being held at the Patoka Methodist Church from 4:00-7:00. The cost is \$20.00 per person, \$10.00 for ages 5-12, \$5 for 4 and under with a Smoked Pork chop dinner. One of the items to auction is a quilt from Doyle Oursler's term as WGP. Hope to see you all there!

It's time for Chapters that have been dark to come into the light and have our Star shine bright to spring forward and gain an extra hour of daylight! Planning has started for our spring Official Visit and our deputy luncheon. A special Award of Gold presentation is being planned for one of our shut-in members. It will be given to her at her home along with a good meal and, of course, desserts!

Time to share the beautiful shining rays of Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, and Electa, all beautiful on their own, but together they make up our bright beautiful Star. Who can you share the light of our Savior and our Eastern star with?

Time to get moving. See you on the road!

District #15 Deputy Fun Nights

As the term progressed, Sister Contessa Barber, DD#15 and her escort / mom, Sister Annetta Barnett have been busy attending various events throughout Indiana and representing District #15 in their travels. District #15 Chapters were/are busy planning Honor Nights for them.

First was Russiaville Chapter on October 2nd. The evening started with several different soups and sandwiches for dinner provided by the members of the Chapter. Russiaville Chapter held their stated meeting and during Good of the Order presented Sister Contessa with a love gift and Honorary Membership to their Chapter. After the meeting closed and the Bible was removed from the Chapter Room, Sister Contessa was escorted to each of the Star Points for a special Tribute. Each Star Point presented a gift and words of wisdom to Sister Contessa during her travels. She was then escorted to the East where the Worthy Matron wished for her safe travels during this term. The members then went to the dining room for fellowship and played a word scramble game.

Center Chapter held their Deputy Fun Night on October 8th. As the meeting opened, Sister Jenny Maggart, PGM and WM, passed out Bingo Cards and stickers to

every person in the Chapter Room. The bingo cards were filled in with words that might be said during the meeting, such as District #15, introductions, dates, year, etc. During Good of the Order, Sister Contessa and Sister Annetta were escorted to the Secretary Desk and presented with silver glittered hats with a big shining star on them. The Worthy Matron explained that our WGM has decided to call her Deputies this year Shining Stars, but in District #15 Sister Contessa is their Shooting Star. Sister Contessa and Sister Annetta were escorted to each officer and while walking from station to station, the members each held up a shining silver star and sang Twinkle, Twinkle, Shooting Star. The officers continued the song with their own verses changed to present Sister Contessa and Sister Annetta with gifts. Once they were around the room and presented back in the East, Sister Contessa was given an Honorary Membership to Center Chapter. After the meeting concluded we all went to the dining room for refreshments and to play games. Each table had different games to play including card games and board games.

Deputy Fun Nights will be held at Greentown Chapter on February 17th and Clinton Chapter on March 12th.



Smith's Very Special Night

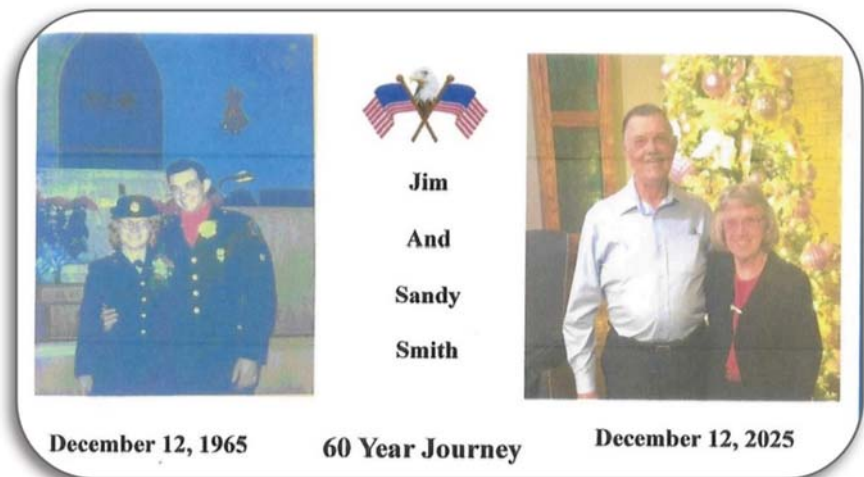
December 12, 2025 was a very special night for Jim and Sandy Smith. They joined the OES Sisters and Brothers who attended the Beef and Boards Christmas Dinner show in Indianapolis, IN.

Bob Slaughter, Grand Marshal, was the driver for the evening. His wife Sharon Slaughter and her sister Claudia Polley were our traveling partners. It was a most enjoyable trip. Jim really appreciated riding and not driving! It was wonderful sharing the evening with many Eastern Star friends, but that was not the only reason it was a very special night.

Jim and Sandy celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary that day! They were both in the Army at that time and met there so they are both Army Veterans.

They are 42-year members in District #7 and are a Past Matron and a Past Patron. Sandy is also a Past Deputy and Past Grand Ruth.

They are blessed to celebrate this milestone in their lives. Just proves "Love conquers all."



Events for District #15

Winter weather impacted several December events, requiring postponements. Although four of the five chapters are dark during January and February, district activities continued into the new year, including the appearance of "You've Been Squirreled" signs across the district.

The Howard Masonic Temple will host its first Great Gatsby Ball and Dinner on February 21, open to all Masonic bodies, as well as ongoing flashlight tours throughout the year. The flashlight tours serve as a fundraiser for preserving the building. This is a unique to see all six floors and hear about the history within the Temple. Everyone is welcome and if interested, you can contact Howard Lodge #93 F&AM on Facebook or Sister Contessa Barber can get you the information.

The Fall Official Visit for District #15 is scheduled for March 30th at Kokomo Chapter for Kokomo, Center, and Greentown Chapters.

Kokomo Chapter will host the District Deputy Honor Night for Sister Contessa Barber during their stated meeting on April 7th. All OES Members are welcome to attend.

May 19th, Kokomo Chapter will have their "Christmas with Friends" stated meeting. This will include our annual white elephant auction. This will be held at Kokomo Chapter, Howard Masonic Temple 316 North Washington Street, Kokomo IN 46901. Additional details and invitations will be shared closer to those dates.

District #15 looks ahead with gratitude for the past year and excitement for what lies ahead. Members and guests are always welcome as we continue to strengthen our bonds through service, fellowship, and shared tradition within our chapters and our community.

District #15 News

As 2025 ended, District #15 reflected on a productive and successful year. The district remains strong with five active chapters: Center Chapter #108, Clinton Chapter #6, Greentown Chapter #195, Kokomo Chapter #89, and Russiaville Chapter #130.

June and July were marked by installation ceremonies across the district. Several Past Matrons and one Past Grand Matron returned to serve as Worthy Matrons. Clinton Chapter #6 welcomed a first-time Worthy Patron, while Past Patrons served the remaining chapters. District #15 is fortunate to have dedicated members willing to continue serving in leadership roles.

August 1st, we held our School of Instruction at Center Chapter. The evening started with a light meal and the WGM District High Tea and Town Hall. The table settings were quirky nature animals attending school. Everyone in attendance got a chuckle from their place mats and this opened the door for everyone to be a bit more relaxed while our Grand Officers were in attendance. Our Past District #15 Deputies filled all officer stations, with the exception of: Beckie Dunlap as Worthy Matron, Past Deputy of District #10 and current Worthy Matron at Russiaville Chapter; Tom Coath, Worthy Patron of Center Chapter; and Gary Adkins, Associate Patron of Center Chapter. Contessa Barnett, DD15 started her "Instructions" portion with a joke and continued to ask questions of the Chapter room throughout the evening. There was a lot of learning, explanations, and several laughs.

The first subordinate chapters Official Visit was held on August 20 at Clinton Chapter for Clinton Chapter and Russiaville Chapter, with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in attendance. All offices were filled by District 15 members with the exception of Ruth, which was filled by Grand Ruth Leila Ferguson, and Electa who was promoted at the last minute by Grand Electa Julie Snyder. Clinton Chapter received the first Award of Gold for 50 years of service to Brother Vernon Patchett by Sister Carol Davis, WGM. Clinton Chapters Worthy Matron Sharon Jones was extremely grateful to also be a part of the ceremony. Sharon and Vernon had been friends since childhood attending school together. A lot of practice went into our Official Visit, and it showed according to the WGM. We highlighted the two moving triangles perfectly. Contessa Barber, DD#15 was delighted to have 11 Deputy Sisters in attendance. This evening's Coin March was donated to "Seeds of Hope," WGM/WGP joint Project of Supporting Our Youth Organizations.

August also included District #15's first Golf Scramble at Chippendale Golf Club in Kokomo, benefiting Keith Zook, Associate Grand Patron. Due to its success, the district plans to make this an annual event.



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 2026, 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!

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
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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.



1 Star

In loving Memory of
Linda Stewart
Past Deputy of District #13
From the Past Matrons of
Muncie Chapter #104

In Memory of
Sister Mildred Duzan, 75-Year Member
Past Deputies of District 7

In Memory of
Sister Jean Pieper, 75-Year Member
Past Deputies of District 7

The Joyful JJ's Grand Family of
Jerry W. Jonas* and Gloria
Joy Ellen Kuppler and Richard*
Appreciate all who served with us and
went on to serve in other Grand Families

In Loving Memory of
The members we have lost
From the Showers of Blessings Grand Family
2013-2014

2 Stars

I had the privilege of serving
in these Grand Families, "Hearts in Touch"
with Patsy Hinds and Harold Myers*, "Key to
Happiness" with Geneva Sare* and Robert
Gillespie*, "Let Your Light Shine" with
Edythe Gordon* and Murl Frazer*
Star Love, Joy Ellen

2 Stars

Susie Roach, RWAGC
We look forward to your journey
into the future for our OES.
Your dedication, love for our Order of
Eastern Star, and leadership are appreciated.
Washington Chapter #210

3 Stars

To my four amazing grandchildren
Lily, Peter, Sofia, Cecilia
From your GG who will always stand by you.
Love you to the moon and back
Gladys Colon-Clark

The Joyful JJ's Grand Family has been
honored to have the following serve as
GRAND WARDERS
Geneva Taylor, Arlene Mohler,
Lynn Shoulders, and this year is Martha Santus

4 Stars

Bill and Lynn Shoulders continue to serve for
the Rainbow Girls. They help keep the grounds
and do maintenance for the Rainbow Girls
Chateau. Lynn is Supreme Grand Treasurer.
Bill served General Grand Chapter as Most
Worthy Grand Chaplain. They still serve their
Golden Fleece Chapter. They enjoy all the
traveling. The JJ's THANK YOU.

Stellar Stars - continued

4 Stars

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED
Rovena Harrison, Kat Wilson*, Mayme Lytle,
Carolyn Janick, Geneva Taylor, Deanna
Carrington, Gloria Jonas, Lynn Shoulders, and
Martha Santus.

These also made the Joyful JJ's Proud

GRAND SENTINELS APPOINTED

Mark Ridenour and Julie in 1990
Ron Wahl and Zeta in 1992

Beryl Harrison* and Rovena* in 1993
Ron Stabler* and Neva Jean* in 1994
Larry Deutscher and Vickie in 1995
Dwayne Taylor* and Geneva in 2000
William Shoulders and Lynn in 2006
Such an honor for the Joyful JJ's

5 Stars

Honoring Royal Center Star-Lite
Grand Chapter Committee members
in D#18 for 2024 – 2025

5 Stars

In Loving memory of the members we have
lost from the Shining Stars of Friendship
and Faith Grand Family 2010 – 2011

Honoring our Sister Becky Arthur and
Brother Darrell Arthur for their friendship,
love, service and dedication to the
Order of the Eastern Star
With love from Newberry Chapter #198

I thank Beverley* and Bob Barton and
Lowell* and Ann* Carlisle for letting me
serve as District Deputy #7 in their
Sunshine and Love Grand Family
I thank Markie and Ted Edwards and Jack*
and Betty* Skinner for letting me serve as
Grand Martha in their Harmony Belles
Grand Family
Star Love, Joy Ellen



WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

Apr 25	Last OV in the state
May 2	"Dancing With the Stars"
Jun 4	Amaranth Grand Court
Jun 6	Nature Sings Grand Family Sunset
Jun 11-14	Grand Chapter

OFFICIAL VISITS

	Meal if provided 5:30pm,
	Baby Dedication 7:00pm,
	Award of Gold 7:10pm,
	Inspection 7:20pm
Apr 6	D#20
Apr 7	D#21
Apr 10	D# 1
Apr 25	D#12

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A "Dog Gone Good Time" in District Ten

The "Dog Gone Good Time" Fall Social of the District Ten Association was held on Sunday, November 23rd at the Red Bridge Park Community Building in Cicero. Thirty members and friends enjoyed an evening of laughter, games, food, and contributing to our community project, the Humane Societies of the four counties that comprise District Ten.

The members were asked to bring towels, wash clothes, blankets, etc. to be used for bedding and cleaning at the various shelters. Almost 200 items were donated. Props were provided for a photo op. For a \$1 donation in the fire hydrant piggy bank, you could have your picture taken. Members were asked to submit pictures of their pets and attendees were asked to guess who was "owned" by what pet! Lisa Perkey-Comstock had the most correct answers, without using Facebook!

The shelters are overcrowded and many other needs were identified. The committee researched each facility to determine their specific needs. A shopping board was provided with items such as laundry soap, dog/cat food, toys, kitty litter, peanut butter, etc. Each item was priced and members could select an item to purchase, and the committee would do the shopping. In all, cash donations came to \$600 to purchase items for the four facilities.

Cicero Chapter and our "top chef," Sister Beth Rutledge served the group an Italian dinner. After dinner, we played a trivia game pertaining to animal shows or movies. Who was the voice of Mr. Ed, the talking horse? Western film star, Allan Lane. The winning table received paw print hand towels.

After multiple shopping sprees, the donations were delivered to the Humane Societies in Tipton, Hamilton, Boone, and Hendricks counties. All were most appreciative and one shelter worker even shed a few tears! Thank you to the members of District Ten and those outside the District who donated, as well. Our Eastern Star can impact our communities in many ways. Even by helping God's creatures as they look forward to their fur-ever home! Remember adopt, don't shop!



Pam Pizzato, Joyce Blakey, Eliz. Priller, Cathy Thomas

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