



## United We Stand



In the hustle and bustle of the holiday seasons, it is important that we take the time to recognize all the blessings God has given us. You are all so important to our beautiful Order and to me. My prayer for each of you is to have a safe and happy holiday season.

Unfortunately, the holiday seasons can be especially difficult for those who mourn the loss of a loved one, struggle to put food on their family's table, or worry about being able to make their house payment, let alone buy a new toy from their child's wish list. One Christmas, I had a student share with me that if she had only one wish, it would be that her younger brother and sister could open a present on Christmas morning. I shared this with my family that evening and my children offered to give up some of their wish list items and use that money to shop for my student's family instead. The joy in my children's eyes when we shopped for this family is one of my favorite Christmas memories to this day. Let us all remember one of the important purposes of our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star, which is to be a charitable organization. There are

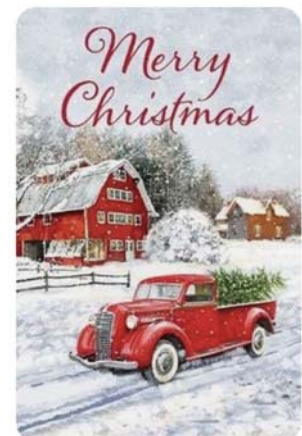
so many ways to be charitable locally, especially around the holiday seasons. I urge each chapter to be charitable in your communities and in your giving towards our projects this year. One of my favorite closing remarks is to remember that being humble means recognizing that we aren't put on this Earth to see how important we can become, but rather to see how much of a difference we can make in the lives of others.

As I've traveled into your districts, it never ceases to amaze me of the sisterly and brotherly love that fills the air at our gatherings. One of the things that I have enjoyed the most is having the opportunity to break bread with my sisters and brothers across the state. Even though our chapter rooms are set-up in the same intricate way, every chapter room is unique in its character and history. I would encourage everyone to visit other chapters whenever you have the opportunity. You won't regret it.

As we focus our efforts on building our membership, there will be times when other chapters need your assistance in initiating those petitioners who have been approved. I'm confident that in your districts there are sisters and brothers willing to help you out. If you find that you need assistance in finding officers, reach out to your District Deputies. They are a great resource and a wealth of knowledge. In turn, if your District Deputy calls to ask you for help, please do all that you can to assist. I sincerely appreciate all of your hard work and dedication to our Order.

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends,

Angela Hensell, Worthy Grand Matron



## A SERVANT'S HEART



Well, it is the Christmas Season again. It is a time we should be thinking of the best gift we could ever have, the way to life eternal. We are truly blessed that God sent to

us the gift of His only begotten Son as a sacrifice for our sins that whosoever believes in him would have eternal life. Christ had a servant's heart. He didn't come to earth to be a hero, or to earn riches or glory. He came not into the world to condemn the world, but that through him, the world might be saved.

For so many reasons I know that Christ is with us here today for I see him in so many people around me every day. Of course, one reason we love our Order of Eastern Star is because so many of those around us have servant's hearts. They volunteer, they serve in offices, they bring refreshments, and they send cards to those who need a little perking up and encouragement. They are our military veterans, our nurses, our teachers and our Dolly Parton.

My favorite example of a person with a servant's heart is gone to his reward for several years. He saw combat in the South Pacific, and when shot in the gluteus maximus (that's the butt) and healed enough, drove an ambulance standing up for the rest of the war. Of course, that was his duty to his country. But at the war's end he came home and continued to give to those around him. He looked after the elderly in his little town, picking up their trash to take to the dumpster, delivering meals to widows and veterans, and every other kindness you could imagine. Best of all, he raised my wife with the same ideals and ways of serving others.

Mama Angela chose for her opening ode this year a tune titled MAKE ME A SERVANT. I don't remember ever hearing it before, but it fits right in to my message for today. "Make me a servant, humble and meek. Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart always be: Make me a servant. Make me a servant. Make me a servant today".

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

## Silver Roses Luncheon

Grand Chapter is over and from the Five Star points, only one is elected to move on to begin their journey to the East and four who will not. These five ladies travel endlessly to luncheons, inspections and any invited event. There is a group called the Silver Roses that welcomes these ladies into open arms. Each year these four ladies are welcomed into this group. Englewood Chapter, #483 has been the host chapter the past few years to host this luncheon. It is heartwarming to welcome members of the Silver Roses from all over the state to attend this yearly event.



## Mystery Dinners as Fund Raisers

A Mystery Dinner is a fund-raiser that not only is fun planning, but even more fun if you are the planner. The first and most important rule: be open to having fun and being ready for some to not having fun. It is not for everyone, but it can lead to some pretty good times that folks will talk of long after the event. The key to a good dinner is to be **organized** – down to the tiniest detail will help this event run smoothly. Be sure that you have enough help who understand the process – yes, it's a process. Beware!!!! Your guests will do everything in their power to 'ask' for just a little more information or an extra something. Remember, these folks have paid for a dinner, so give them a simple 'no' and then walk away as you try to smother that laugh. Select a menu that is easy to serve – how the guest eats it is whatever they have selected to use. Advertise that 'table etiquette' is thrown out the door – LITERALLY! – Be sure this is emphasized in publications and announcements.



Pinterest has a lot of good ideas, suggestions, and menus -- it all depends on how creative you want to get. Pictured are some of our celebrities (Sister Bonnie Allinder, GPM, and Sister LeVon Holmes, PGM) from last year for ICAN.

Linda Buchanan DD #11

## Fundraiser for PAWS for Patriots

On October 15, 2022, Bennington Chapter #407 along with Diana Surfus, PGM and State Chair for Paws for Patriots, held a fundraiser in Vevay at their Sleepy Hollow Day for Paws for Patriots (ICAN), a Worthy Grand Matrons project. It was a beautiful, cool and crisp fall day for the event that saw many attendees.

Bennington sold Halloween wooden lanterns made by member Roy Leap, homemade dog treats made by the Chapter members, and homemade doggie bandanas. There was a doggie costume contest at noon with prizes.

Diana Surfus brought down her t-shirts, ball caps, blankets, jewelry, and plush doggies. The plush doggies were a hit with the children and all the lanterns sold. Overall, \$2,058.00 was raised for the WGM project.

It was a fun day with lots of laughter, good conversations and wonderful memories. We are so grateful for such wonderful community support for this project and to the Sisters and Brothers who donated their time to make it such a success!





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All the way from the stage of the Majestic Theater  
PRESENTING  
Branson's Own...

# The Sons Celebration



Award winning vocal group, *The Sons*, bring their dynamic three part harmony to Vincennes, Indiana!  
You will laugh, reminisce, and celebrate the music you will sing in the shower. "Born" in 2005, *The Sons* feature Barry, Rich, and Tom performing songs from the 50s to the turn of the century, all family friendly and uplifting. The energy is high and the hits keep coming!!

**Saturday, January 28, 2023**  
**Catered Buffet Dinner and Show**  
**Dinner 5:30 p.m. EST**  
**Performance 7:00 p.m. EST**

**Community United Methodist Church**  
**1548 S. Hart Street Road**  
**Vincennes, IN 47591**

**Tickets - \$60 per person**

**For Tickets, Contact: Susie Roach (812) 257-1578**  
**[susieroach1953@yahoo.com](mailto:susieroach1953@yahoo.com)**

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*Karew's Sunshine Crew*  
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## Karen's Sunshine Crew Quilt Raffle

Karen's Sunshine Crew from District #2 sold chances on a quilt, homemade by one of our District Members. Everyone fell in Love with the beautiful quilt and snapped up their chance to win the quilt.

The lucky ticket was supposed to be picked at Masonic Home Day. Unfortunately, the day was rainy and cold and was cancelled. On the next meeting of Karen's Sunshine Crew, the lucky ticket was pulled. We had our meeting at Casa Saville in Odon, Indiana. One of the employees from the restaurant picked out the winning ticket.

The winning ticket belonged to Miriam Murphy, Grand Adah. We were all surprised and excited for her. Susie Roach called Miriam immediately to let her know of her win. She was excited, of course.

I was the lucky one to be able to deliver the Quilt to Miriam. She was thrilled to get it.

Ruth Howard, DD #2

## *Evansville "Ramps" It Up*

I have an associate that works for me and her son has cerebral palsy. He is 42 years old and has been wheel chair bound his entire life. My associate has been the care giver, making sure his life is as full as possible. Being in retail, she has very little discretionary income, but does the best she can.

Her husband lost his job this past month and they have been struggling to say the least. They had a handicap wheel chair ramp that was built quite a few years ago and had deteriorated to the point of having to be replaced. When they found out it was going to cost over a thousand dollars to rebuild, they were at a loss as to what they were going to do. I asked her if she would be upset if I were to ask my organization (OES) if they would be open to assist with the expense. She responded by saying, "Anything would be greatly appreciated."

I asked our Chapter, Evansville #555, to consider this as a charitable donation when we had our meeting and was extremely grateful and in awe at how fast the chapter voted in favor of this motion. This was an amazing display of what the OES stands for and represents. God Bless you and thank you, Evansville # 555 for what you continue to do to strengthen our community and uphold the beliefs of our founders.

Jim Reilly





## Special Awards in District 4

Angela Hensell, Worthy Grand Matron, and James Rogers, Worthy Grand Patron, conducted the first District #4 Inspection on September 28<sup>th</sup>. It was held at Seymour Chapter, co-hosted by Salem Chapter.

The highlight of the evening was the Award of Gold presented to Loretta Riehl, Past Grand Matron, by Angela Hensell, Worthy Grand Matron. Loretta's daughter, Jacqueline Riehl-Knell, traveled from Seattle, Washington to assist in the presentation.

Pictured from left to right are Angela Hensell, WGM, Jacqueline Riehl-Knell, Loretta Riehl, PGM, and James Rogers, WGP.

On October 11<sup>th</sup> Lisa Wagoner was presented the 25-year Membership Award by Loretta Riehl, PGM. Lisa was pinned by Terrie Barber, Worthy Matron, and honored by the North Vernon Chapter with a special dinner.

Pictured from left to right are Loretta Riehl, PGM, Terry Barber, WM, and Lisa Wagoner, PM.



## Pat Smith - Secretary of the Year

Roachdale Chapter was excited to surprise our own Sister Pat Smith with an honor night at our regularly stated meeting in August. We feel so blessed that Pat received the "Secretary of the Year" Award at Grand Chapter! Of course, this is something the members of Roachdale Chapter have known for years! We had some surprise guests at our salad bar dinner before the meeting. During the meeting Pat was escorted to the East, introduced as "Secretary of the Year" and received a gift from the chapter. Congratulations Pat! We at Roachdale are super proud of you!!

## D#6 First Inspection



The “Last Summer Bash” Inspection in District #6 was held August 22, 2022, at Mooresville. The Chapters involved were Mooresville #260, Eminence #546, and Nineveh #466. It was a great turnout with around 75 in attendance. Worthy Grand Matron Angela Hensell presided over 3 baby dedications with the assistance of the Grand Star Points, who help with the Baby dedications this year. Worthy Grand Matron Angela and Worthy Grand Patron James Rogers presided over a 50-Year Anniversary celebration. It was a wonderful evening ending with a very nice large spread of refreshments for all.

## *Naamah Honors Jane Murphy*



On Friday, September 16th, Naamah Chapter #73 in District 6 held a special Honor Night for Jane Murphy, our newest 50-year member. Joyce Small, Past Grand Matron, presented the ceremony and Jane's husband pinned her. It was a special evening as Jane and Joyce were both Job's Daughters in 1964 at this very Masonic Temple. Lots of fellowship, good memories and good food was enjoyed by all.

Sandie Thomas, Sec'y Naamah Chapter #73





## Grand Family Busy in District 10



Pictured above are: Barb Pefley, Grand Electa, Pam Peters, Grand Martha, Angela Hensell, WGM, Carrie Kesler, Grand Esther, Sharon Slaughter, Grand Ruth, and Miriam Murphy, Grand Adah.



On September 10<sup>th</sup>, it turned out to be a beautiful day to have a reception. The weather cooperated and allowed for beautiful photos to be taken outside at Lodge #57 in Noblesville. The attendance was over whelming in showing support to honor our District Deputy #10, Mary Matlock.

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, the OES Grand Family supported our Masonic Brothers by attending The Grand Master Ball. It was an elegant evening with great comradery, with all our Sisters and Brothers.



October 9<sup>th</sup> brought the past District Deputies of District 10 (better known as BoHaHeTi's) together for fun, food, and fellowship. Always a great time when we get a chance to meet.



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## Beach Fun Day at Oakland

Imagine getting to go to the beach without the worry of a swimsuit or bringing home the sand between your toes. Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, Oakland Chapter #159 treated their Sisters and Brothers from District 11 to an enjoyable Fun Day at the beach. Tables were decorated with everything imaginable for having a beach party without even leaving Indiana.

No one felt the heat from the sun, no sand between our toes and no waiting an hour before we could go swimming in the water. The best part was getting together and having fellowship or just catching up on the

latest news.

Guests were treated to a delicious taco lunch and a desert that would certainly not be found on any Weight Watcher menu. Following the meal, guests were asked to name as many items as we could remember for taking to the beach. Imagine some of the answers! If you are still a beachcomber this might have been easy. On the other hand, there were some snowbirds in the crowd and it might have been like packing to leave tomorrow. Special thanks to Marcia Greene, Worthy Matron, the officers and members of Oakland who planned this party and shared a fun day for all.

Linda Buchanan, DD #11




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District 8

“**PAWS** FOR **PATRIOTS**”

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Sunday, January 15, 2023

Snow Date: Sunday, January 22, 2023

4:00 p.m. - Dinner ···· 5:00 p.m. - Silent Movie

with Organ Accompaniment *by* Jerry Burns

Terre Haute Masonic Temple

224 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Terre Haute, IN 47807

**\$25.00**

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## D#16 Helps the Barrett Family

District 16 presented 3 checks to an assistant principal of Lafayette school Corporation where our daughter-in-law teaches. David Barrett's house caught fire and the family lost everything. Our son, who is not a member of Eastern Star, asked, "What could your organization do to help this young man and his family?" So, to get our Order out there and acknowledge what we can do to help, we asked each of the 3 chapters in our District 16 if they would or could give any amount possible. Each chapter was very generous and each gave \$250 for a total of \$750 to the family.



Pictured are, near the right: David Barret with his wife Tiarra; and then from the left is our son Aaron and his wife Jamie Vredenburgh; Mike Grimes, Worthy Patron from Hope Chapter; Cary Hetrick, PGP and Worthy Patron from Fountain Chapter; Tina Vredenburgh, PGM and Worthy Matron from Fountain Chapter; Michelle Hetrick, wife of Cary Hetrick; and Susie Tucker, Worthy Matron of Hope Chapter. Not pictured is George Vredenburgh, husband of Tina Vredenburgh, who took the photo and Marilyn and Dan McFatrige, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of West Lebanon Chapter, who could not be at the presentation of the checks. A meal at Teays River is where the presentation took place. The Barrett family was very appreciative of the gift our District presented to them for any assistance they could use it for.

Submitted by Tina Vredenburgh, PGM

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## Royal Center Awards

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, Royal Center Chapter #375 held a dinner in honor of our new 50-year members. Markie Edwards, PGM, directed Roberta Ancil, DD#18, to escort the 50-year members behind the altar. Markie presented the 50-year ceremony to Beverley Barton, PGM & Bob Barton, and Barbara & Willis Wideman. Bev was pinned by daughter Jan, and Bob was pinned by daughter Shellee as their son John looked on. Barb was pinned by daughter-in-law Renee, and Willis was pinned by their son Dennis. All the new 50-year members spoke of good times and memories they had in Eastern Star. WM Leila then presented each recipient with a long-stemmed yellow rose from the chapter. Markie told of some memories from Macy Chapter, too.



One member, Max Snider, was too ill to attend. He was excited to receive his pin so we had arranged to present his 50-year pin to him the following week, but sadly he passed away before we could do that. With his family's wishes, we presented his 50-year

pin to him at the funeral home so he could wear the 50-year pin along with several other pins from his Masonic membership.



One month later on October 15<sup>th</sup>, another ceremony was held. This one was held at the home of Nancy Pratt who received her 50-year pin. Her daughter, Christina Eldridge received her 25-year pin at that time, too. They were both pinned by their husbands. Martha Brown, PGM, presided over the ceremonies. This was held at Nancy's home because her 100-year-old mother, Betty Thousand, wanted to attend. Betty had received her 75-year award the previous year, along with Nancy's sister receiving her 50-year award and a nephew and niece each receiving their 25-year awards last year, too.





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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.

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## 1 Star

## 2 Stars

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

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

## 3 Stars

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

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

## 4 Stars

## 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

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# Mark Your Calendar

*Don't sit on the sidelines...Get involved!*

## WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

**Dec 3** Grand Family Christmas Party

**Feb 12** Valentine Tea

## INSPECTIONS / LUNCHEONS

Inspections - Baby Dedication 7:00 pm

Award of Gold 7:10 pm, Inspection 7:20 pm

GSPE = Grand Star Points Exemplify Initiatory

**Dec 7 D#13** Inspection

**Dec 9 D#6** Inspection

**Feb 10 D#13** Inspection

**Feb 16 D#12** Inspection GSPE

**Feb 20 D#11** Luncheon/Inspection GSPE  
at Millersville with Beech  
Grove

**Feb 24 D#10** Inspection at Fishers  
w/Cicero & Radiant

## RECEPTIONS

**Feb 11 D#12** Laura Reason

**Feb 18 D#1** Juenell Owens

**Feb 25 D#13** Becky Cleveland

**Feb 25 D#15** Stephanie Graves

## FRIENDS NIGHTS/DAYS

**Dec 21 D#11** Millersville

**Feb 13 D#11** Prospect



Order of the White Shrine Reception Honoring our own Bonnie Allinder, PGM- Angela Hensell WGM, Maggie Dewey Grand Royal Matron, Lynn Shoulders Supreme Treasurer and Supreme Inspector of the Rainbow for Girls in Indiana



Grand Master's Breakfast- Brian Hensell, Carl Coleman Past Grand Master, and Angela Hensell WGM

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