



Worthy Grand Matron

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SOAP notes from Jill,

What a whirlwind this year has been thus far. We've had 11 luncheons, 24 Inspections and have completed all of the Grand Family Officers' Receptions. Now the District Deputy Receptions begin (no rest for the wicked). Jon will ask me "where do we go this week?" and my answer is; "I just know where we go tomorrow."

As you know, WGP Ron and I have a contest going with money in our boots that we take to Inspections. My boot is a pink cowgirl boot and Ron has a combat boot. The WGP never really gives me the total, but supposedly I'm winning. The loser has to kiss a pig at Grand Chapter. He tells stories that he and other OES members have kissed their share of pigs (this was before he met Karen), but somehow, I wonder. I've been begging for money in the pink boot. Hint! Hint!

In our travels throughout the state we continue to make contact with wonderful, friendly people, our Eastern Star members. They are all great cooks and the luncheons and have been spectacular.



Our fund raising efforts continue. If you need a really great fan, or a cute pin that has a skunk and says "Cancer Stinks", or maybe honor a loved one with a luminary at Grand Chapter, contact your District Cancer Fund Committee Member. There are also decals for your car tail lights and frames for license plates from the WGP Project Committee person. Take part in the "Bake Less Bake Sell" for the Our World of Youth Scholarship Fund. These are just a few of our Projects.

Our "Mystery" WGM trip will soon no longer be a mystery. Mark your calendars for May 21, 22 and 23, 2017, and think Bluegrass Fever as in Lexington, Kentucky. We have some new and exciting places lined-up and we've been guaranteed not much walking unless you like to walk.

By the time this is printed, we will be in 2017 and Thanksgiving and Christmas will be behind us, and the New Year will have begun. Let me take this opportunity to wish one and all a belated very Blessed Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. The New Year will start the WGP and me on our downhill slide to Grand Chapter Session 2017, look out!

Trivia Time: Five-Point Star

"Stars have always been symbolic of great events. From history's earliest beginnings man has looked to the stars as messengers and signals from the great unknown. Stars are often mentioned in the Bible. Christ is often called "the Morning Star".

The five-pointed star is an ancient and sacred symbol. The five-pointed star has always been the emblem of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The five-pointed star, when connected at each point, forms a pentagon, symbolic of the bond of brotherly love that unites the entire Chapter."

Till we meet again,
Happy Trails and God Bless,

Jill Rice, WGM

Clips from the Barber Shop



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The year 2016 turned to 2017 in about 90 days, or so it seemed! I thought it just began a couple of months ago. Why does it appear that the older we become the faster the years pass by. We were blessed with beautiful weather for the harvest of our fall crops and I pray that each of your farmer families had a safe season. I trust that you each had a blessed Christmas and were able to worship and thank God for the birth of the Christ Child and to spend time with your own loving families during the holidays.

Sister Jill and I have been extremely pleased with your attendance at the receptions for our Grand Officers and our two special deputies. We are looking forward to “showing off” our other nineteen deputies in the coming weeks and thank you for the kindness you have shown to each of them as they have brought the Worthy Grand Matron’s instructions to each of your chapters.



We have been so proud of each of you as you have gone above and beyond to see that the offices are filled at each of the Inspections. All of you have been so gracious and helpful to each other as you have prepared for and participated in each of the Worthy Grand Matron’s instructional visits. Your warm welcomes, as we have visited each of the Districts, re-enforces our love for this beautiful order. Thank you for your continued dedication to your Chapters. Many of you hold plural memberships in more than one chapter, and we thank you for your willingness to go above and beyond.

We have been so pleased to see that several of our chapters have been initiating new members. It is very difficult for young families to share their parents with their churches and fraternal organizations. When our children and grandchildren are involved with extracurricular activities at school, they are often not allowed to miss a practice or rehearsal if they wish to participate, and that creates limitations for the parent’s involvement in other organizations. We do understand and look forward to their participation when their children are grown. Eastern Star was never intended to replace our personal worship, only to help strengthen our commitment to God and the teachings of the Holy Scripture.

The new year brings challenges to our nation and state as we continue to provide for the security and well-being of our population, and we ask God for his guidance so that we can continue to be proud of the many free choices that America offers. How fortunate we are to be citizens of this great free society. We are looking forward to 2017 as we continue with our responsibilities to our beloved Order of the Eastern Star. It has been a great pleasure to greet “old” friends and more importantly to make “new” friends. Thank you sincerely for your warm welcomes and your dedication to your chapters. Please know how much you are needed and loved.

Ron Mendenhall, WGP



Grand Adah's Blue Sky Day

On September 17, the morning storms had cleared to a beautiful Adah blue sky for the reception of Grand Adah Terry Ring. The reception was held at the Historical Elmhurst Masonic Temple in Connersville, hosted by the New Castle Chapter #116.

Flowers lined the sidewalk entrance of Elmhurst. Guest was registered and was given a coaster with a blue country star with Terry Ring Grand Adah as a remembrance of the day. Pictures were taken in front of the fireplace with the mantle accented with big blue vases and violets. The chapter room was decorated with quilts of blue and a large white angel adorned the east.

The prelude and music throughout the reception was provided by Marvin Rees, JPGO. Tonya Sparks WM welcomed all present. The invocation was given by Sally Woodward, PGM and all joined in The Pledge of Allegiance and The National Anthem. Grand Adah was presented at the altar by Brenda Leddington and a song was sung by Marla Kemerly. Terry was then escorted east after being dressed for the escort. She wore a pink ruffle apron and had a big blue bow in her hair and carried a basket. Her husband Tom wore a black top hat and had a big blue bow tie. The skit using an Alice in Wonderland theme was done by her deputy sister Lisa Wagoner which brought laughs and was enjoyed by all. The escort line included the Paradise of Faith Grand Family, New Castle Chapter and District 12.

Sonda Schapson, PGM, gave her tribute enlightening all of Terry's early years and star history. Sonda presented her with a beautiful glass pitcher with a palm tree engraved on it. The gift was from herself, Butch, Cary Hetrick, PGP, and Michelle.

Terry introduced Jill Rice, WGM, and Ron Mendenhall, WGP, and thanked them for the beautiful vase etched with a sword and veil. Introductions consisted of eight PGMs and PGPs, twenty-nine Fields of Faith Grand Family with spouses and twenty family members. There were 128 registered guests.

Terry remarked that having her reception in this beautiful building would be the closest she would be to having a party in the white house. She thanked her husband for being by her side. A thank you was extended to her chapter and district for all their support and for all other presentations.

Terry honored her Star Points sisters with a gift of cups and earrings. Jim was a little disappointed he didn't get earrings too.

Larry Frost, JPGP, gave the benediction followed by table grace by Cary Hetrick, PGP. The diner instructions were from Ned Cline.

Dinner was served in the dining room with tables decorated with light blue table cloths, glass mirror tiles topped with dark blue wine bottles with reproduction of Terry's pin for labels, wine glasses with blue candles and cups of violets with memory stones scattered throughout.

Swayzee Stars

Swayzee Stars celebrate two special occasions. Past Matron Ruth Ann Ladd and Past Deputy Rhonda Maggard are seen leaving the Huey Helicopter at Grissom Air Base. Ruth Ann's gift to Rhonda was a ride in the Huey in honor of Rhonda's retirement after 35 years in social service work. The two also celebrated Ruth Ann's 90th birthday. Helping arrange the fun was Past Matron Debbi Marroni, whose husband is a part of the Huey's crew.





Grand Ruth's Sunny Reception

On Saturday, October 1st, Acton Chapter #173 hosted a reception honoring Victoria Phillips, Grand Ruth, at Englewood Masonic Lodge, in District 11.

The entry, dining and Chapter rooms were decorated in yellow with sunflowers and wheat. Victoria and husband David greeted guests and photos were taken by Angela Hensell, PM. Refreshments were enjoyed by all during the social hour.

Rick Lassiter, PGO, provided music during social time and the reception.

The program began with Victoria being escorted to her seat by her son Grady, while her daughter Tara escorted David to his seat. Helen Barton, WM, and Bill Stout, PP, both of Acton Chapter, followed. The Worthy Matron read a poem, "Happiness, Peace, and Love." The invocation was given by Bonnie Allinder, PGM, and "The Lord's Prayer" was sung by Cheryl Kuritz, Deputy of District 11. The Pledge to the Flag was recited, followed by the National Anthem.

Victoria was escorted to the altar by her daughter. Her Deputy Sister from District 15, Jennifer Mansur, sang "May You Always Walk in Sunshine". Victoria was escorted to the East by David, through a line of yellow balloons, sunflowers and yellow roses, formed by her Showers of Blessings Grand Family, her "Jill's & Jacks", and Acton Chapter.

Her Momma, Eliz Lashley, PGM, and Papa Darrell Arthur, PGP, were introduced by Victoria, and her Momma read her tribute. They presented Victoria with a gift.

Victoria introduced Jill Rice, WGM, and Ron Mendenhall, WGP, who presented her with a glass vase etched with Ruth's emblem, and a love gift from the Fields of Faith Grand Family.

"You Are My Sunshine" was sung by Cheryl Kuritz, Jennifer Mansur, and Virginia Walton, PM, as Jaime Hampton, Conductress, escorted her family and friends across the East for introduction.

Victoria then introduced one spouse of a Past Grand Patron, member of Youth Committee for GCC, three Past Grand Matrons, one widow of a Past Grand Patron, two Past Grand Patrons, and their spouses. Bonnie Allinder, LeVon Holmes, and Eliz Lashley, along with Darrell Arthur, joined her in the East.

Jon Rice, Karen Mendenhall, and the Fields of Faith Grand Family were introduced next, and Bob DeRolf, Grand Marshall, joined her in the East.

The Farmer's Daughters and their Country Gentleman were introduced. June Roth, DD # 17, presented Victoria with a love gift on their behalf. Cheryl Kuritz, DD # 11, was seated in the East.

After introductions were completed, Virginia Walton sang "Whither Thou Goest". The benediction was given by LeVon Holmes, and the dinner prayer was given by Bob DeRolf. Bill Stout gave the dining room line up. All adjourned to the dining room for a delicious meal, prepared by David and his "Igor's".

ALLINDER'S HEARTFELT THANKS!

Thank You Sisters and Brothers from all over the State, for your love, kindness and support during the passing of my Special Carl. Your many cards, flowers and memorial love gifts certainly helped me make it through a very difficult time.

Angel Love to all,
Bonnie Allinder, PGM



Grand Esther's Royal Reception

On a beautiful fall day, fit for a queen, Lakeville Chapter honored their own Beth Gargis, Grand Esther. Eighty sisters, brothers, friends and family were greeted by Beth and her husband Doug in front of a picture of lilies with a silver backdrop, trees, a crown and scepter on a pedestal and two purple chairs, perfect for our Queen and her King.

The prelude was played by Fred Rowe, PGP, and Patsy Kuhn, Worthy Matron greeted everyone. The Invocation was given by Kathy Livings, PGM. The altar cloth was made by Beth's Mom, Marge Inwood, many years ago and was a reminder of her love for Beth and how proud she would be with Beth serving as Grand Esther this year. Her presence was certainly felt in the room. Abbi Smith-Over, Conductress, presented Beth at the altar where she was greeted with a poem called "Esther" by the Worthy Matron.

Beth and Doug, dressed royally, were escorted through an escort by the Garden of Faith Grand family. Sherry Johnson, PGM, paid tribute to Beth and presented her with a gift from her Grand Family. Henry Huff and Linda could not be with Beth due to a death in his family.

Beth introduced Jill Rice, Worthy Grand Matron and Ron Mendenhall, Worthy Grand Patron and thanked them for asking her to be a part of their year. She also introduced Patsy Kuhn, Worthy Matron and Harold Rowe, Worthy Patron of Lakeville Chapter.

The following Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons and spouses were escorted and introduced: Dwight Singer and Linda, Fred Rowe and Chris, Kathy Livings, Sherry Johnson, Sonda Schapson and Butch and Fred Smith.

Jon Rice, Karen Mendenhall and twenty members of the Field of Faith Grand Family and thirteen District Deputies and spouses were escorted and welcomed. Three Grand Chapter committee members, three Grand Representatives, three Worthy Matrons and eighteen Past Matrons and Past Patrons introduced themselves and were welcomed. A donation will be made to the Worthy Grand Patron's special project in honor of each one present today.

The Grand Star Points and the Grand Sentinel were escorted to the east and Beth presented the Grand Star Points with a tea cup and flowers and the Grand Sentinel with a Jim Shore Santa. She has enjoyed getting to know each of them and looks forward to the rest of their journey.

The Benediction was given by Sonda Schapson, PGM, and dinner instructions by Harold Rowe, Worthy Patron. All journeyed to the dining room where Fred Smith, PGP, gave the table blessing and everyone enjoyed Lakeville's special chicken and noodles with real potatoes along with a salad bar and dessert.

Lakeville Chapter is proud of Beth and wishes for her safe travels, abundant friendships and lasting memories in her journey.

Warsaw Celebrates More than Thanksgiving

Warsaw Chapter #88 celebrated Thanksgiving with their annual turkey dinner on November 15th.

More than 30 members and family members were in attendance.

Three 50 year pins were presented by PGM Sonda Schapson. Jackie Beer, Janice Cox and Jeanne Coldren were the recipients. Memories were shared and a good time was had by all.

A tree trimming party with a cookie exchange is planned for the weekend following Thanksgiving.

Mary Jane Schmitt, WM and Star-Lighter Reporter #20

Grand Martha's Autumn Blessings Reception

Benham United Methodist Church was the scene of the "Autumn Blessings" reception for Gleda Brooks, Grand Martha, on October 29, 2016. The church was decorated with pumpkins, fall flowers with fern accents and broken columns. The altar was covered with a green cloth on which rested the Bible of the late Bob Branigan, PGP.

Prelude music was provided by Joyce Vanosdol, Gleda's niece. Connie Branigan, PM and widow of Bob Branigan, welcomed everyone to the celebration. The invocation was given by H. Fred Smith, PGP.

Gleda was presented at the altar by Mary Kieffer, Conductress of Versailles Chapter, to be introduced. Gary Brooks, Gleda's nephew, honored her with the song "The Anchor Holds". Gleda was then taken out and dressed as a golfer (one of her favorite hobbies). Her husband Jerry was dressed as her caddie. She then passed through an escort of 10 officers and 3 spouses of her S & S Bouquet of Love Grand Family, 13 of her Past Deputy Sisters and 6 of their spouses, several Worthy Matrons, a Worthy Patron and Past Deputies of District #5.

Betty Swisher, PGM, and Gleda's Deputy Mom, presented a tribute about Gleda and her life. She and H. Fred Smith, PGP, presented her with a beautiful hand-crafted stained glass green angel from them and their spouses, and gave Gleda a love gift from the S & S Bouquet of Love Grand Family.

Gleda introduced her officers of the day. She thanked them and they were given a hearty welcome. Jill Rice, WGM, and Ron Mendenhall, WGP, were introduced and given a hearty welcome. Her "mom" and "poppa" then presented her with a lovely crystal vase with the broken column etched on one side and a love gift from the Fields of Faith Grand Family.

The Conductress then escorted the PGMs and PGPs and spouses across the East for introductions. Other introductions included 11 Fields of Faith Grand Officers and 5 spouses, 12 Farmers' Daughters and 5 of their Country Gentlemen. Floor introductions were made and Gleda offered "Words of Wisdom" to each group.



She then had her family escorted across the East where she introduced each one and thanked them for all their support. Her Star Point Sisters and Grand Sentinel "Little Brother" were escorted East and given gifts from her.

Gleda then introduced the entertainment for the evening. Mr. Bill Madison played the harmonica accompanied by his friend Carol on the piano.

The benediction was given by Les Simonton, Grand Chaplain. Ollie Willoughby, WP, gave the directions to the dinner hall where Jerry offered table grace. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal prepared and served by the Cross Plains Benham United Methodist Women's group where Jerry is pastor. It was a perfect meal to top off a perfect day!

Check Your Calendar **WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR**

Feb 12	Valentine Tea Masonic Home
Feb 13	Last Inspection in D#17
Apr 3	Last Inspection in D#9
Apr 22	100 th Anniv. Golden Rule D#11
Apr 29	Last Inspection in State GOEx D#11
May 20	125 th Anniv. New Castle D#12
Jun 9-11	Indiana Grand Chapter



Grand Electa's Sands of Time Reception

Blazing Bright Chapter held a reception honoring Mary Ann Herron, Grand Electa at the Jeffersonville Masonic Lodge on November 5, 2016. The lodge was beautifully decorated with Egyptian art and statues. The dining area had black tablecloths, red plates and vases of dried Egyptian grass.

Angela Hensell of Lebanon Chapter took pictures of Mary Ann and Bill and their guests standing behind a statue of an Egyptian Pharaoh. A lovely prelude was played by Tammy Watson, WM.

Visitors were welcomed by WM Sandy Edwards. Vivian Ashton, PGM, gave the Invocation. Mary Ann was presented at the Altar, then escorted to the East through a line of her Dare to Dream Grand Family who gave her a bucket to symbolize her Bucket List, and lottery tickets to fill it.

The tribute was given by Tina Vredenburgh, PGM, and Larry Frost, PGP. They presented Mary Ann with four beautiful red colored wine glasses.

Mary Ann greeted her guests and introduced Jill Rice, WGM, and Ron Mendenhall, WGP. They were given a hearty welcome. They presented Mary Ann with a lovely cut glass vase with the cup and triangle etched on the front. She thanked them for making her a part of the Field of Dreams Grand Family.

Escorted across the East and introduced were the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and their spouses: Vivian Ashton, and her husband Jim, Tina Vredenburgh, and her husband George; Larry Frost, and his wife Nancy. The Field of Dreams Grand Family escorted and introduced were; Jon Rice, husband of the WGM; Karen Mendenhall, wife of the WGP; Diana Surfus, Grand Conductress; Robert DeRolf, Grand Marshall, and his wife Melody; Marilyn McFatrige, Grand Organist, and her husband Dan; Terry Ring, Grand Adah, and her husband Tom; Victoria Phillips, Grand Ruth; Gleda Brooks, Grand Martha; Stacey Larkin, wife of the Grand Warder; Jim Thomas, Grand Sentinel, and his wife Sandie. Eleven Farmers Daughters and their Country Gentleman were escorted and introduced.

Introduced from the floor were: Grand Chapter Committee Members, Grand Representatives, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons and Past Patrons. Each group introduced was given Ancient Egyptian trivia.

Mary Ann thanked the Dare to Dream Grand Family for coming, and told them what an amazing group of people they were, and would continue to be her friends for years to come. She also had Eastern Star and Masonic secretaries stand to give them thanks for all the hard work they do all year long. She then thanked Blazing Bright Chapter and District 3 for all their support and encouragement.

Escorted across the East were Mary Ann's family; her husband Bill, her mother, daughter and her grandson, along with several friends.

Tammy Watson and her husband sang several songs by Elvis, the Beatles and Johnny Cash. The room was rocking.

Benediction was given by Larry Frost, PGP. Ron Mendenhall, WGP, offered table grace. Dinner instructions were given by Jim Rogers.



Something to Crow About!

It was a beautiful fall Sunday afternoon on October 9th when New Castle Chapter #116 honored Sister Betty Houser, Grand Representative of Massachusetts in Indiana with a "Something to Crow About" reception. Guests were greeted at the door with fall decorations of straw bales, mums and pumpkins reflecting the beautiful outdoors in Indiana. The dining room was decorated in a fall theme with chickens on every table from Betty's own collection.

After guests signed in, they were directed to the photo shoot which displayed a beautiful fall backdrop. Approximately sixty people enjoyed a wonderful luncheon of chicken croissants, various salads furnished by the New Castle members, and a beautiful cake.

Following lunch, Tonya Sparks, WM, welcomed everyone. The Invocation was given by Larry Frost, Jr. PGP, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. Betty was escorted to the East through a line of New Castle members who, masked as chickens, imparted various chicken wisdoms, famous quotes, and egg-strordinary information. Betty Swisher, PGM, who along with H. Fred Smith, PGP, gave Betty her appointment, gave a tribute of Betty's Eastern Star life and acknowledged the twenty-something family members who came to see their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother honored. Betty then introduced her family across the East and other guests in regular format. Those at the head table included, Betty Swisher, PGM, and her husband Charles, Larry Frost, Jr. PGP, and his wife Nancy, Terry Ring, Grand Adah and her husband Tom, Donita Davis, DD #12, and her husband Derek, Tonya Sparks, WM, and Tom Ring, WP. There were seven current Grand Representatives present and



ten former Grand Representatives along with several members from District 12. Betty and the New Castle Chapter were very pleased with the turn out.

Following introductions, Betty gave a recap of her trip to Massachusetts Grand Chapter in May. She lamented that she only saw her counterpart for a couple of brief moments, however she is very glad that her new counterpart has already contacted her and that she has promised to show her all of the ropes when she visits Indiana Grand Chapter in 2017. She thanked Tommie Hunt, Patty Pracht, and Sharon Barnes for going with her to Massachusetts.

Then Cindy Willyard and Carla Lynch and the Amazing Mortimer Snerd entertained all with "The Worst Ventriloquist Act Ever." It really wasn't! It was a most humorous presentation of many, many chicken jokes.

The Benediction was given by Ned Cline, PP. A few late arrivals enjoyed a quick lunch and more fellowship was enjoyed by all before they adjourned to their homes.

District 20 Honors Members

District 20 entertained the Matrons and Patrons, Committee people, our Grand Esther and the Deputies from District 19 and our own Marilyn Thiess of Warsaw Chapter #88 on our Visiting Matrons and Patrons Night October 14th.

A dessert bar was enjoyed prior to the casual meeting. PGM Sonda Schapson and spouse Butch, PGP Fred Smith and spouse Diane, were present along with Past Grand Warder Mary Beth Alvey. We were honored to have six members from District 19 present also.

Deputy Marilyn was escorted into the room wearing a hot pink apron with a heart shaped design and a white sun hat along an aisle of a chain of daisies to represent her group name, "Daisy Chains". Items of use in her travels along the road were given as she passed along the line. Her gift presented by the Worthy Matron was a comforter already bagged in plastic to keep in her car for any emergency.

The entertainment was provided by our local Salvation Army representative who spoke about the many changes in our culture over the years.

Table favors were glitter pens and bag clips. Candy bars and popcorn were the gifts for our guests. Mary Jane Schmitt, Star-Lighter Reporter



Shirley McKnight, Mary Beth Alvey and Marilyn Thiess

Greenwood Honors Kathleen Ford

On Saturday, October 22nd Greenwood Chapter honored Kathleen Ford, Grand Representative of Mississippi at an Honor Day at the Chapter. Katy and her husband Mike greeted their guests. Photos were taken under a trellis of lights.

Decorations in the East were the Mississippi flag, an Indiana flag, and a Confederate flag with magnolias, the Mississippi state flower. Everyone enjoyed a snack with punch in the dining room.

Mary Shaffer, Worthy Matron, was the presiding officer for the introduction of Kathleen Ford who was presented at the altar by Barbara Martin, Conductress.

A tribute was read by Betty Swisher, Past Grand Matron.

Introductions: Lois Wagoner, Past Grand Matron; Gloria Jonas, widow of Jerry Jonas, Past Grand Patron; and Betty Swisher, Past Grand Matron and Charlie; Jonny Beeler, Grand Secretary; and Phyllis Pruner, District Deputy #6. Grand Chapter Committee Appointments: Debbie Hamilton, WGM's Bus Trip; Barbara Heath, Star-Lite Reporter; Sandy Harris, Chapel Fixer-Upper; Wanda Lillyblade, World of Youth Scholarship Fund; and Cindy Essig, "Fields of Faith" Masonic Home Project.

There were four current Grand Representatives and nine former Grand Representatives who were escorted and introduced. Each was given a gift from Mississippi.

Many Past Matrons and Past Patrons, Phil Fowler, Distinguished Mason and Harry Cartwright, Rainbow Assembly "Pop" were introduced. Katy introduced her family at this time.

Afterwards a meal was served in the dining room at tables that were decorated with Confederate flags, Indiana flags and paper magnolias. It was truly a wonderful day.

Barbara Heath, Star-Lighter Reporter #6



Mike and Kathleen Ford

Queen Esther Visits Greenwood

On Friday, September 30th Greenwood welcomed many friends for their Friends' Night. During the introductions Lois Wagoner, PGM, and Joyce Small, Grand Trustee and PGM, were recognized. Phyllis Pruner, D.D. #6 was also present. The Grand Chapter Committee appointments were Barbara Heath, Star-Lighter Reporter #6; Sandy Harris, Chapel Fixer Upper; Wanda Lillyblade, Our World of Youth and Grand Representative of Puerto Rico; and Debbie Hamilton, the Bus Trip. Also present was Katy Ford, Grand Representative of Mississippi, two Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, 24 Past Matrons and Past Patrons and two representatives of the Masonic bodies. Friends were introduced and given gifts.

Elaine Crarey, a Queen Esther impersonator from the Indiana Masonic Home, was the entertainment. She said that she has developed five different programs for her use, but only Esther is from Eastern Star.

Her costume was purple and gold metallic, very fitting for a Persian queen. Her purple veil was full length over a gold dress. She told of her understanding of Esther as the Persian queen and her life and duties in the palace. Susa was the capital of the Persian Empire at this time. The entire presentation was very interesting and informative.

At the close of the program all went to the dining room for refreshments. Reporter, Barbara Heath



Elaine Crarey models her beautiful queen costume.



Grand Organist Reception

It was a beautiful day September 10, 2016, when Beulah Chapter #102 honored our own Marilyn McFatridge, Grand Organist.

The afternoon began with registration of guests and picture taking by their granddaughter Kylie. Everything was beautifully decorated with sun flowers and music notes. Rick Lassiter was at the organ with the prelude.

Ardeth Criswell, WM pro-tem, welcomed all. The Invocation was given by Barbara Terry, Gr. Treasurer and PGM. Marilyn was presented at the altar and Jack Luck sang "Ain't She Nice". She was escorted east wearing deer antlers and Dan carrying a replica of the sun. Her escort was her past Deputy Sisters who held musical symbols and sang "Do, Re, Me". Marilyn then presided and introduced those assisting her as WM Ardeth Criswell, WP Wayne Buck, Conductress Wanda Buck and Organist Rick Lassiter.

Family introduced was granddaughter Kylie McFatridge and husband Dan. In honor of Dan we watched a movie "The Freemason Ring".

She introduced Jill Rice, WGM, and Ron Mendenhall, WGP, who presented a gift to Marilyn. Also introduced were: PGMs & PGP's – Madonna Meyerrose & Allen, Fred Holdcraft & Glynalee, Barbara Terry & Jim, Greg Onken, Larry Crowder & Sue, Cary Hetrick & Michelle, Tina Vredenburgh, and Larry Frost & Nancy; Grand Family – Jon Rice, Karen Mendenhall, Jenny Nicholson, Robert DeRolf & Melody, Terry Ring & Tom, Victoria Phillips & Dave, Beth Gargis & Doug, Gleda Brooks & Jerry, Mary Ann Herron & Bill, Stacey Larkin & granddaughter, and Jim Thomas & Sandie;

District Deputies - #4 Jean Hoffman, #6 Phyllis Pruner, #9 Mary Anne Jones, #12 Donita Davis & Derek, #13 Cheryl Pritt & Ed, #16 Donna Scanlon & Dave, #20 Marilyn Thiess, and our own #17 June Roth.

In attendance were 15 Grand Chapter Committee members, 2 Grand Representatives, 1 WM & 1 WP, 18 PMs & PPs and a Distinguished Officer of a Masonic Body. Marilyn recognized the Grand Families she has been associated with, her Beulah Chapter and her District #17 members.

Entertainment was by Rick Lassiter, Past Grand Organist. He sang "I Believe" and everyone sang "How Great Thou Art". He then recognized the veterans and all joined in singing "America the Beautiful" and "America".

Jr. PGM Tina Vredenburgh and Jr. PGP Larry Frost presented Marilyn with a gift. The Benediction was given by Greg Onken, Grand Trustee and PGP, and table grace was given by Dan McFatridge. Dinner consisted of pulled pork BBQ, baked beans, slaw, cookies, lemonade or tea.

Betty Wettschurack, D#17 Star-Lighter Reporter

We Need YOU to Help our Youth!

You can help to send a young person to college. The 2015-16 school year, the average tuition was **\$9410.00** a year at a State College/University.

Last year we gave an average \$295.00 in scholarships to 18 young people. Help us to increase the amount that we can give to our youth.

Our future is in the future of our youth.

We have an average of 2,488 members as of Dec. 2015. If each member would donate \$5.00 we would have \$12,440.00 to donate in scholarships.

There are 160 Chapters in the state of Indiana if each could donate \$20.00 we would have \$3,200.00 for scholarships.

Please make your check out to Indiana Grand Chapter and note in the memo **"Our World of Youth"**.

Indiana Grand Chapter
890 Red Skelton Circle
Franklin, IN 46131-2626



Grand Sentinel Reception

On November 19th snow flurries showered the guests as they arrived to greet Jim Thomas, Grand Sentinel at his reception at the Morristown Christian Church in Morristown. The dining room was decorated in orange and black tablecloths with autumn centerpieces. The cookies, decorated to look like hats and acorns, were served prior to the program.

Mary Ann Toll, WM of Morristown, welcomed the guests and presided during the Baby dedication. Invocation was by Lois Wagoner, PGM, with Sonda Schapson, PGM, giving the tribute to Jim.

Introductions: Jill Rice, Worthy Grand Matron, and Jon; Ron Mendenhall, Worthy Grand Patron, and Karen; Cindy Skura, Associate Grand Matron; Jonny Beeler, Grand Secretary; Barbara Terry, Grand Treasurer and Past Grand Matron, and Jim; Jennifer Nicholson, Associate Grand Conductress; Robert DeRolf, Grand Marshal, and Melody; Terry Ring, Grand Adah, and Tom; Victoria Phillips, Grand Ruth, and David; Elizabeth Gargis, Grand Esther; Gleda Brooks, Grand Martha, and Jerry; and Terry Larkin, Grand Warder, and Stacey.

The Deputies present were: D1, Lori Barnett and Kevin; D4, Jean Hoffman; D6, Phyllis Pruner; D7, Rosemary Snodgrass and Larry; D8, Carol Sloan and Doug; D9,

Mary Ann Jones and Bob; D10, Joyce Shinault and Dennis; D12, Donita Davis and Derek; D13, Cheryl Pritt and Ed; D16, Donna Scanlon and David; D19, Donna Cecil; D21 Sara Hobson and escort Jim Britten.

There were two General Grand Chapter members present: Patricia Endsley and Bill; and William Shoulders and Lynn.

The following Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons were also introduced: Gloria Jonas, widow of Jerry Jonas, PGP; Connie Branigan, widow of Robert Branigan, PGP; Lois Wagoner, PGM; Bonnie Allinder, PGM; Cindy Cohee, PGM; LeVon Holmes, PGM; Sherry Johnson, PGM; Sonda Schapson, PGM; Betty Swisher, PGM, and Charlie; Darrell Arthur, PGP; Cary Hetrick, PGP; Frank Norman, PGP, and Mary Jo; Tina Vredenburg, Jr.PGM, and George; and Larry Frost, Jr.PGP, and Nancy.

There were many Grand Chapter Committee Appointments, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, and all the Pasts who also were introduced. There were just too many to list here.

Following the presentations, PAGG David Miller gave the Cross Talk with the Job's Daughters Bethel #67. After the final remarks and thank you to all, Cary Hetrick, PGP, gave the benediction and Frank Norman, PGP, gave table grace.

April's Deputy Receptions

Apr 1 Marilyn Thiess, DD#20 at
Warsaw Lodge,
1620 W Center St, Warsaw, IN 46580
Social at 9:00 Program at 10:30
lunch to follow

Apr 1 Sara Hobson, DD#21
Kendallville Masonic Lodge
707 S. Orchard St, Kendallville, IN
Social 2:30 pm Program 4:00 pm
Dinner to follow RSVP by March 24 to:
Barbara Miller, Sec. 515 Richmond St.
Kendallville, IN 46755 260-347-3137

Masonic History of the Indiana Masonic Home

Submitted by Keith Maple, State Historian

1906 – The Masonic Grand Lodge decided to set about building a Masonic Home for Master Masons and their widows and orphans. They sent out a questionnaire to all the Lodges within 45 miles of Indianapolis to see if they had a place that met all the requirements for a home.

1907- After the fire of the Grand Lodge building on Washington Street in Indianapolis, they decided to build a new building at their present location on Illinois Street at a cost of \$333,000.

1908 – After receiving back the questionnaires from the lodges, they decided that Franklin best met all the requirements for a home. They decided to buy a 215 acre farm and several other pieces of property that made up a 223 acre tract. They decided to install a spur off the railroad onto the property and an administrative building, a power house, a girls cottage, a boys cottage, a hospital (the money donated by Eastern Star was used to build the hospital) and a tool shed at a cost of \$223,000. At the time, they only had \$179,000.00. With the donation of \$32,000.00 from Eastern Star and a \$20,000.00 donation from the Franklin Lodge, they were able to complete the project.

1915 – With completion of the railroad spur and with enough infrastructures and with the foundation of the Administration building finished, the cornerstone was laid on October 21, 1915.

On October 21, 1916 it was reported that 60 residents were living at the Home. By April, 1917, there were 34 Master Masons, 3 wives of Master Masons, 12 widows of Masons, 5 boys, 4 girls and 2 Eastern Star members.

Building the Masonic Home

The Building Committee met at the office of the Grand Secretary on Monday, May 24 for final consideration of a revisited plat plan for the locations of the buildings in the Home Village. The Architect presented three different plans of a rectangular and circular arrangement of the buildings on the campus. All buildings were to be facing the circle and surrounding the Main or Administration building.

After much consideration, the committee adopted the circular plan and ordered the architect to proceed immediately with the detailed plans for the location of the buildings in accordance with the General Plan adopted. It was decided at this time that the buildings to be completed at the present time are the administration or main building which will be two stories with basement and attic and accommodating fifty elderly residents, two matrons, Superintendent's quarters, two guest rooms, employee's quarters, a general dining room and kitchen, general storage and an auditorium capable of seating three hundred. The estimated cost of this building was \$91,000.00.

Also planned was one single cottage for boys which would consist of two stories and a basement; which would include a study room, recreation room, and toilets on the first floor. A dormitory, bath and matron's room would be on the second floor. The basement would include a swimming pool, play rooms and storage room. The capacity of this building would be thirty boys and a matron. The cost would be \$13,500.00. A single cottage would house the girls and would be a duplicate of the boy's cottage, with the exception that there will be private bedrooms for the older girls instead of a general dormitory. There would be no swimming pool in the basement, but larger playrooms and increased bathing facilities on the second floor. The capacity would be the same and the estimated cost would be \$13,000.00.

A Hospital building would consist of one story with a basement. This hospital would have private rooms for the adults, two dormitories for the boys and girls, nurse rooms, and a dining room and kitchen. At each end of the building, and a part of it will be glazed in, there will be convalescent rooms. This building would be built and furnished with money contributed by the Eastern Star and will be known as the Eastern Star Hospital. It will accommodate twenty patients and its estimated cost is \$13,000.00.

The power house will be a one story building of similar construction and in harmony with the other buildings of the village. It will be equipped with boilers, pumps, electric generators and will include steam lines to the original building. The estimated cost is \$25,000.00.

The service building will be a one story and basement building, harmonious with its surrounding. It will contain the laundry, bakery and cold storage plant. The estimated cost of this building with its equipment is \$10,000.00.

It was a thought of the committee that the equipment for the bakery and cold storage would not be installed until future requirements will make it cheaper to produce than to purchase the supplies. Neither has a separate water supply and system completed, and at this time they could purchase water from the Franklin service for our initial plant at a lower rate than we can produce it at the present time.

The first thing constructed was the railroad spur on the grounds to move in construction material and coal for the power house at a cost of \$2,800.00.

More Indiana Masonic Home history will follow in upcoming issues.

A Grand Representative Experience

The Eastern Star spirit is well between Nova Scotia/Prince Edward Island, Canada and our great state of Indiana. As Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Indiana, my family and I left for their Grand Chapter on June 29, 2016. From start to finish, we drove 4,018 miles.

We arrived in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island on Sunday, July 3rd. The session was held at Holland College in Charlottetown. It was their 69th Grand Chapter Session and was named "The Three Rivers of Hope Session". Presiding at the session were Suzanne Aitken, WGM, and Kirk MacLennan, WGP.

My counterpart, Doris Cullen, and I had been in contact many times before the trip. Her husband Frank is a PGP and a current General Grand Chapter Committee member. We felt so comfortable with Doris and Frank. It was as if we had known them for years.

Monday, July 4th was practice for the Grand Representatives. The Grand Chapter room was set up in the college gymnasium. After the practice was the Grand Representative meeting. There were 33 in attendance.

Informal opening was Monday evening. There was a processional which included Grand Choir, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Patrons, Grand Guards, Grand Representatives, Chapter Martha's and Sentinels (their honor stations). Then the Grand Chapter Officers entered. Introductions were made. I was fortunate to be asked to respond to the greeting from the WGM to the Grand Representatives from other jurisdictions.

Tuesday was the formal opening. From then on, their actions were much the same as ours. The Grand Representatives Luncheon, held in the cafeteria, was in the afternoon. I was asked to give the tribute to the American Flag. My counterpart gave the tribute to the Canadian Flag. That was neat! Many Representatives brought favors to pass out. I used Indiana shaped cookie cutters with a sugar cookie recipe attached. They seemed to like them.



Karen Ingles and Doris Cullen

That evening was the formal banquet called "Fair Isle of the Sea". It was held off site at the Murphy Center in downtown Charlottetown. Buses were provided for the trip.

Wednesday morning brought the election of officers. In their jurisdictions, everyone registered has a vote. Nominations are from the floor for any attending member. There were two nominations for Associate Grand Conductress from the members at large. Credentials were as follows: 210 voting members and 120 visiting members. Nova Scotia has 24 chapters. Prince Edward Island has 3 chapters. So their Grand Chapter consists of 27 Chapters. Installation was held Wednesday evening.

I did notice some of the verbiage is different than ours. To my counterpart, I am her reciprocal. When calling for a vote, the words "in favor or contrary mined" are used. Instead of using the word bonding, they use "crime of fidelity".

All in all, we had a wonderful trip and it was interesting to see the slight differences in our meetings. I can't say enough about Doris and Frank Cullen. I count them as dear friends now. And it was Sister Tina and Brother Larry who made this possible for me. Thank you so much.

Karen Ingles,
Grand
Representative of
Nova Scotia and
Prince Edward
Island in Indiana
Fishers Chapter
#446



Karen giving tribute to the American Flag at the GR Luncheon.

GREETINGS FROM YOUR BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

As I sit here and write to you, my Sisters and Brothers, it is a beautiful 60-degree day in early November. I just hope that when you are reading this we are not “paying for” the awesome good weather we are enjoying now!

Your Grand Trustees work hard at each of our meetings to best handle the finances of our Grand Chapter. One of the biggest challenges we face is negotiating and paying for the contracts for our Grand Chapter sessions. The purpose of this writing is to help you to understand some of the changes and decisions that have been made for the 2017 and 2018 sessions at the Marriott.

Grand Chapter has a “number of room nights” commitment and a “food and beverage” commitment. We have had no problem meeting the number of room nights required. But two out of the last four years (since I have been serving on the Board) we have fallen short of the food and beverage commitment.

The first time, the Board was notified Friday afternoon of Grand Chapter. There was an “emergency meeting” of the board and the event manager, and it was agreed to order more food for the Friday night party in order to meet our contract. Last year we were notified the week before the session that based on the number of meal reservations at that time, we had commitments for less than \$28,000 of the \$32,366 contract. Reservations were down by 141. More food had to be ordered. Therefore, the soup and salad were included with the Saturday lunch buffet. The “free to the members” Saturday morning coffee, donuts, and bagels were added, at a cost of \$2,510.64. Grand Chapter also paid for half the price of the Saturday buffet. This additional food made up the difference, and we met our commitment.

The Board was able to renegotiate the contracts for the next two years. We were able to get the food and beverage requirement greatly reduced. But as a result, the room rates have gone up from \$109 to \$114 per night.

I tell you all of this as a “heads up” to help you understand some of what is involved in setting up our sessions. Grand Chapter needs your participation and support in order to meet our contracts. The event manager has said that there will be more menu choices for the luncheons and dinners at our next session. And I have personally complained for the past four years about the “uncooked green beans” served at our luncheons and dinners! I am keeping my fingers crossed for better cooking results next session.

I hope this information has been helpful to you. Our membership has to work together in order to have a successful Grand Chapter session. I look forward to seeing you in June and breaking bread with you.

Until then,

Joyce Small, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, PGM

New Item in Memorabilia Exhibit

Many years ago Joyce Small, our present Grand Trustee and Past Grand Matron, began a custom of collecting silver charms for a bracelet from each Deputy in District 6. There are now thirty-two charms on the bracelet which has become very heavy and lacking the room for any more charms. Each charm is silver with the name of the Deputy on one side and the group she served in with the year on the back.

Saturday, October 8th at the Sixth District Association meeting at Fairland, Joyce “retired” the bracelet from use. It has been framed with its history and purpose explained. She will place this piece of Masonic memorabilia in the historic collection kept at the Indiana Masonic Home. Barbara Heath, Star Lighter Reporter #6



Candles of Light Celebrate 20th Anniversary

The Candles of Light Grand Family that served under Doris Howard, PGM, and Ron Wahl, PGP, in 1996-1997 gathered for a wonderful weekend in southern Indiana for their traditional summer get-together in September. This year was particularly sweet as they were celebrating their 20th Anniversary as a Grand Family!

Although a few of the regulars were absent, there were fifteen present, including: Doris Howard, PGM; Ron Wahl, PGP, and Zeta; Sue Hendricks, Grand Adah and husband Charles; Lavern Zimmerman, DD3 and husband Bill; Cathie Randles, DD9; Patty Pracht, DD11 and husband Bill; Nancy Frost, DD12 and husband Larry; Jan Surber, DD13 and husband Bob; and Tina Terry, DD17.

The weekend began by gathering at the hotel in Jeffersonville and then having dinner at the Kingfish Restaurant right on the Indiana side of the river followed by walking over the Ohio on the pedestrian bridge. The following day, some went shopping and sightseeing in the area before gathering again for a Dinner Cruise on the Belle of Louisville. It was a beautiful night for a cruise on the river. We returned to the hotel and had our regular business meeting. Those remaining the following morning met for breakfast before going home. We always sing our closing ode, "We'll Meet Again" when we part, both in hopes of meeting those living again soon and meeting those who have parted their earthly lives in the future.

Doris, Ron and Zeta, and the rest of the family would like to remember those of our family who are currently experiencing health problems: Loretta Roach, Grand Ruth and husband Herb (he is well); Jeanie Layne, Grand Electa and husband Sammie; Sara Reed, DD4; Betty Sparks, DD7; Connie Clonce, DD10; Gerald Kirby, husband of Sandy, DD14; and Joan Deering, DD16. We also would like to remember those who have passed away and are always with them in spirit: Ed Howard, husband of Doris; Lois Weber, Grand Organist; Marian Stace, Grand Esther and husband David; Mary Barcus, Grand Warder; Terry Falls, husband of Sandy, DD1; Shirley Short, DD6 and husband Jim; Jim Sparks, husband of Betty, DD7; Bill Clonce, husband of Connie, DD10; Fran Barnett, DD15 and husband Ed; Bill Deering, husband of Joan, DD16; Norman Brown, husband of Pat, DD19; Edna Johnson, DD20 and husband Cleo; and Marty Miller, DD21 and husband Ed. Marcia Ball, DD5, and Sarah McCammon, DD8, had other commitments and were greatly missed.



A Night in the Country Inspection

Four Chapters: Mooresville, Eminence, Ransford IMH and Nineveh met at Mooresville for their Inspection on Friday, September 16. The decorations in the East included a cowboy boot filled with flowers: one of the Worthy Grand Matron's symbols.

There were three babies to be dedicated: Brooklyn Nelson Goff, daughter of Justin & Valerie Goff; Abigayle Gott, daughter of Joy Stierwalt and Billy Gott and granddaughter of Debbie Fleener; and Jillian Mitchell, daughter of Betsy Ann & John Mitchell, the Granddaughter of Mark & Teresa Morning and the Great Granddaughter of Lou & Lannie Morning.

Introductions included Jill Rice, Worthy Grand Matron, and Ron Mendenhall, Worthy Grand Patron, who were presented at the altar and then escorted to the East for introductions. Past Grand Matrons were Lois Wagoner and Joyce Small, Grand Trustee.

Grand Officers: Jonny Beeler, Grand Secretary; Les Simonton, Grand Chaplain; Robert DeRolf, Grand Marshal; Victoria Phillips, Grand Ruth; Gleda Brooks, Grand Martha; Mary Ann Herron, Grand Electa; and Jim Thomas, Grand Sentinel.

There were eleven District Deputies present: Jean Hoffman, #4; Rose Marie Snodgrass, #7; Carol Sloan, #8; Mary Ann Jones, #9; Joyce Shinault, #10; Cheryl Kuritz, #11; Donita Davis, #12; Cheryl Pritt, #13; June Roth, #17; Marilyn Thiess, #20 and our own Phyllis Pruner, #6.

There were many spouses present including Gloria Jonas, widow of Jerry Jonas, PGP, and Lonnie Small, spouse of Joyce Small. Also present were nine Grand Chapter Appointments and nine Worthy Matrons and Patrons.

The Worthy Grand Matron asked all the fifty year members to stand, and there were many present at this first Inspection in District 6.

There were three first time Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons who did the work of the evening:

B.J. Mitchell and Patrick Briney of Mooresville; Emily Lacey and Derek Lacey of Ransford IMH; and Peggy Hittle and Chris Hittle of Nineveh. We have four in District 6 this year.

Barbara Heath-Star Lighter #6

Franklin's Autumn Friends' Night

On Wednesday night, October 26, Franklin entertained guests for an Autumn Friends' Night in the Chapter dining room.

Decorations were cloth treat bags filled with miniature candy bars, candy corn and Hershey Kisses as centerpieces. These were later given away as a prize for the Drawings. Other autumn items were used throughout the dining room.

Anna Burton, Worthy Matron, presided for the welcome and Introductions: Grand Trustee and Past Grand Matron, Joyce Small; Grand Secretary, Jonny Beeler; and District Deputy #6, Phyllis Pruner. The following Grand Chapter Committee Appointments were present: Debbie Hamilton, WGM's Bus Trip; Wanda Lillyblade, World of Youth scholarship; Barbara Heath, Star Lighter #6 Reporter; and Lexi Johnson, Estarl Fund, Div. 2 Chairman. There were three Worthy Matrons present: BJ Mitchell Mooresville; Peggy Hittle, Nineveh; and Mary Ann Toll, Morristown. Also present were nine Past Matrons, and three who represented the Youth Groups: Jane Sherrill, Rainbow; Wanda Lillyblade, Job's Daughters; and Richard L Moore, DeMolay.

The Prayer for the meal was given by David Johnson, Worthy Patron.

A chili supper was enjoyed by all: traditional chili and a "white chili" were served with all the fixins', desserts, relish, crackers, cheese, and salads.

Afterwards the friends were introduced and later games were played and enjoyed by all.

Drawings for door prizes gave many another prize.

Reporter: Barbara Heath, Star Lighter #6



Jill Rice, WGM and Phyllis Pruner, DD.#6

Trick or Treat at Greenwood

On Monday, October 31st Greenwood hosted the second Inspection in District 6. Vouchers were "Treat" bags of candy corn or marshmallow candies. The decorations included a jack-o-lantern in the East with a Witch doll.

The Opening was under the direction of Greenwood Chapter and Mary and Earl Shaffer were the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. There were no babies to dedicate and no fifty year jewels to present.

Introductions: Jill Rice, WGM, and Ron Mendenhall, WGP; Joyce Small, Grand Trustee and PGM; Jennifer Nicholson, AGC; Terry Ring, Grand Adah, Victoria Phillips; Grand Ruth, Gleda Brooks, Grand Martha; Mary Ann Herron, Grand Electa; Robert DeRolf, Grand Marshal; and Grand Sentinel, Jim Thomas; Nan Hargus, DD#2; Jean Hoffman, DD#4; Cheryl Pritt, DD#13; June Roth, DD#17; Donna Cecil, DD#19; Marilyn Thiess, DD#20; Sara Hobson, DD#21; and our own Phyllis Pruner, DD#6.

The following Grand Chapter Committee Appointments were introduced: Sandy Harris, Chapel Fixer-Upper; Rochelle Hargis, Session Arrangements and Accommodations; Barbara Heath, Star-Lite Reporter #6; Carl Stotsenburg, Division II Chairman Membership; Wanda Lillyblade, World of Youth Scholarship Fund; Debbie Hamilton, WGM's Bus Trip; Cindi Essig, "Fields of Faith" Masonic Home Project; and Lexi Johnson, ESTARL Fund Div. II Chairman. Worthy Matrons and Patrons present were: B.J. Mitchell, Mooresville; Chris and Peggy Hittle, Nineveh; and Sally Nicholson, Flat Rock. There were fourteen PMs and PPs, Phil Fowler, Distinguished Mason and Jane Sherrill, Rainbow Youth Group. There were several spouses of the Grand Officers and Deputies present.

The Grand Star Points, with Esther by Brandi Gary from Greenwood, did the Initiatory work. The candidates were Sandy Harris and Lexi Johnson.

The Closing was under the direction of Greenwood Chapter. The Grand Star Points handed out "treat" bags of pretzels, miniature candy bars and candy corn to everyone at the time of the coin collection.

Barbara Heath, Star-Lighter Reporter #6

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INSPECTIONS



Baby Dedication 7:10 pm, Award of Gold 7:20 pm
Inspection 7:30 pm Unless otherwise noted

- Jan 27 D#11** at Englewood w/ Irvington, Acton & Beech Grove
- Feb 6 D#1** at Prince Lodge in Princeton with Golden Fleece, Patoka and Sunbeam
- Feb 10 D#7** at Ellettsville with Ellettsville, Ivanhoe, Stanford, & Spencer
- Feb 13 D#17** at Remington Chapter with Remington & Beulah
- Feb 17 D#3** at New Albany w/ LaBelle & Old Capitol
- Feb 20 D# 12** at Connersville with Loyal, Connersville, Lewisville, & Fountain City
- Feb 24 D#16** Luncheon at Creasy Springs Clubhouse
Inspection at Hope with Hope, Fountain, & West Lebanon
- Feb 27 D#15** at Greentown with Center
- Mar 3 D# 2** Luncheon Stohls Lakeview at Loogootee
Inspection at Birdseye with French Lick and Winslow
- Mar 6 D# 13** at Redkey with Farmland, Winchester, & Halfway
- Mar 10 D#6** Luncheon at Bluebird in Morristown
Inspection at Fairland with Franklin & Naamah
- Mar 13 D# 14** at Columbia City w/ Leo & Ft. Wayne
- Mar 15 D#4** at Greensburg, Lois, Hartsville, North Vernon, & Hayden
- Mar 20 D#20** at Lakeville with St. Joseph and Lakeville
- Mar 24 D#10** Luncheon
Inspection at Pittsboro Lodge with Pittsboro, Plainfield, & Cartersburg
- Mar 27 D#6** at Eden with Fortville & Morristown
- Mar 31 D#19** at Lake w/ Griffith & Hebron
Central Time Luncheon

RECEPTIONS

- Jan 28** **Joyce Shinault, DD#10** at Delaware Township Community Center, 9094 E 131st St Fishers, 46038 Social at 9 Program at 10:30
- Jan 28** **Donita Davis, DD#12** Main Street Christian Church, 615 N. Main St, Rushville, IN 46173 Social 2:30 Program 4:00 pm Dinner to follow RSVP by Jan. 5 to:
Christine Wilson 765-561-3000 OR
Chris.wilson@herdrich.com OR
Donita's phone 765-561-1248
- Feb 4** **Phyllis Pruner, DD#6** at Greenfield Christian Church in Greenfield

RECEPTIONS

- Feb 4** **Cheryl Kuritz, DD#11** Bridgeport Masonic Temple 8697 W. Morris St., Indianapolis Social 2:00 Program 4:00 Dinner to follow RSVP by Jan. 21 Judy Rutter, 10143 Stillwell Dr. Avon, IN 46123 317-694-4994 OR - Cheryl Kuritz 5787 Jackson St, Indianapolis 46241 317-840-3108
- Feb 11** **Carol Sloan, DD#8 & Doug Sloan** Gr. Rep. of New Mexico Terre Haute Masonic Temple 224 N. 8th St, Terre Haute Social Hour 10:00 am Program 11:00 am Lunch to follow RSVP Paula Laycock, Sec. 14875 S SR 63, Terre Haute, IN 47802 or Carol or Doug at dcsloan128@msn.com
- Feb 18** **Nan Hargus, DD#2** at Bethel General Baptist Church 4933 E CR 900 S, Stendal, IN 47585 Social 9:30 am Eastern time Program 10:30
- Feb 18** **Lori Barnett, DD#1** at Evansville Masonic Lodge 301 Chestnut St in Evansville
- Feb 25** **Louaine Sorg, DD#3** at Clark 40 Masonic Temple, 303 E Park Place, Jeffersonville 47130
- Feb 25** **Jean Hoffman, DD#4** at Community Church Greensburg 2:30, 4:00, 6:00
- Mar 4** **Sheila Hood, DD#5** Brookville Lodge Hall at 101193 SR 101, Brookville 9:30 social 10:30 Program
- Mar 4** **Rose Marie Snodgrass, DD#7** at Christian Life Church, 157 S Montgomery St, Spencer 47460 Social 2:30, Program 4:00 dinner to follow
- Mar 11** **Shari Wyatt, DD#14** Come2go Ministries 323 W. Baker St, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 Social Hour 9:00 am Program 10:30 am Lunch to follow RSVP by March 4 to Patricia Swaim, 1109 Holly Ridge Run Fort Wayne, IN 46835 260-491-3057 Cell – 260-615-8820 pssrex@yahoo.com
- Mar 11** **Cheryl Pritt, DD#13** Delaware Masonic Lodge 3222 E McGalliard Rd, Muncie, 47303
- Mar 18** **Mary Ann Stroud, DD#15** at Greentown Lodge Hall
- Mar 18** **Donna Scanlon, DD#16** Lafayette Masonic Temple
- Mar 25** **Tina Mullens, DD#18** Royal Center Masonic Hall 1 block W. of SR35 on Kramer St, Royal Center Social Hour 9:30 am Program 10:30 am Lunch to follow RSVP by Mar 18 to: Martha Brown, Sec. 574-732-4494 2609 Emmet Dr, Logansport, IN 46947
- Mar 25** **Donna Cecil, DD#19** Griffith Masonic Temple 209 N. Broad St, Griffith, IN 46319 Social 2:00 Program 3:00 pm Meal 5:00 pm Central RSVP by March 20 to Donna Cecil 1953 Hilltop Dr, Schererville, IN 46375 219-322-2512 dovielady@yahoo.com

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Jan 27 D#3	Jeffersonville	6:30 pm
Jan 30 D#11	Prospect	
Feb 11 D#3	Scottsburg	6:30 pm
Feb 27 D#11	Englewood	
Mar 15 D#11	Southport	
Mar 15 D#11	Corinthian	
Mar 21 D#11	Lawrence	
Mar 25 D#3	Blazing Bright	
Mar 29 D#3	Bright Star	
Apr 1 D#11	Oakland	
Apr 8 D#3	LaBelle	
Apr 13 D#11	Acton	
Apr 17 DD#5	Brookville	6:00
Apr 18 D#11	Lynhurst	
May 22 D#11	Bridgeport	

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