



Shinings from the WGM

Happy New Year! 2017 is behind us and 2018 is waiting to unfold. I am very privileged to have made many beautiful memories in 2017 and I am

looking forward to see what 2018 has in store for me and the Grand Family.

We have much work to accomplish, as we have more Inspections to attend and the Daisies are looking forward to their receptions. I hope to see many of you at these events.

The committee appointments are working hard and looking for your support. We had much success with Operation S.O.S. and helped to package and send out Christmas boxes to our service members overseas. Donations are still being taken for a mailing that will be sent for Valentine's Day.

I have given many applications for the ritual contest to members who have exemplified the beautiful lessons of our order. If you would like an application you can contact your District Deputy or I will have them with me when I am in your district. Please remember Our World of Youth Scholarships as we would like to be able to provide generous scholarships to all who apply.

Our Grand Secretary and her staff are in their new offices. Thanks to your efforts they are enjoying their new surroundings. Funds are still being collected so that we may provide any additional furniture and equipment that may be needed in the future.

Don't forget the Worthy Grand Matron's project; the Gazebo at Compass Park. The Masonic Home has gone through many changes over the years and our dream of the Gazebo will add beauty to the grounds. I hope many of you are planning to join us on our trip to Frankenmuth for loads of fun and fellowship. The proceeds from this trip will go to help build the Gazebo.

I look forward to seeing our light shine even brighter in 2018!
Cindy Skura, WGM

Greetings from the Sunny South

Well, summer is gone and old man winter is around the corner. It has been a pleasure to meet the members as we go from one chapter to another in the state. I look forward to having a chance to visit with each of you. I also would like to thank all who have traveled to the inspections and the receptions. It really shows how dedicated you are on supporting the chapters and districts.



The Hoedown was another fine evening, good music, good food and good fellowship. I even got out for a dance. The Operation S. O. S. program is well received we are proud of all members for supplying items and monetary gifts to help send these packages to the men and women that are serving our country. I know that with the Holidays coming up they will appreciate the support we offer them.

Today as I was finishing this article, I was sitting in our most used room in the house, the sunroom, watching the grandkids decorate the Christmas tree with grandma.

Everyone have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Cecil Scott, WGP



Veterans at First Inspection District #18
Bob Barton, Navy; Cecil Scott, WGP, Army; Don Mullens, Marines

Newberry Honors Special Members

Newberry's Friend's Night began with a special celebration. Farol Keller, our 75 year member, was pinned by her daughter Karla Trout, who in turned was pinned by her mother with her 50 year pin. Vernon and Norma Zigler also received their 50 year pins.

The 25 year members honored were cousins Stacy Soliday and Sherry Norris and cousins Heidi Sargent and Julie Martindale. They have a long line of Eastern Star history. We were very proud to honor these special members, one that we will remember. After the ceremony dinner was served with a cake walk and Bingo enjoyed by all for Friend's Night.



**OES and
DeMolay
Work
Together**



On July 12, Kokomo Chapter #89, O.E.S. and J. McLean Moulder Chapter of DeMolay combined in a community project of greeting people and giving out the programs at the Kokomo Park Band performance. That evening high school students of nearby communities played side-by-side with adult park band performers. It was so appropriate to have our young men of DeMolay be part of that evening. This is the third year our chapter and DeMolay have combined in this project. This year's Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron are Rebecca and Tom Coath and the Master Councilor is Sean Davis. Our chapter is proud of the work of our DeMolay young men.

Nineveh Friends' Night

On Saturday, September 16th, Nineveh held its Friends' Night in the basement dining room beginning at 6 o'clock. This was the first for District 6. The theme was The County Fair. The tables were decorated with teapots.

The activities included a cake walk which gave as prizes beautifully decorated cakes. Another activity was "pin the tail on the donkey" which required every contestant to be blindfolded. It was another fun activity. Actually it is harder than you think to get that tail in the right place...on the back of the donkey. Denise Bane, WM of Greenwood, won a prize. Home-made cakes were the prizes for each activity. Another activity was dart throwing. You had to pop two balloons to win.

There were twenty-six persons present...many were guests, but not members. This year there is a contest among the chapters to see which chapter can bring the most people to the Friends' Nights. The prize is a very cute angel ornament. Ransford won the first time.

All friends were introduced including several who were not members.

Franklin Entertained Jobs, Rainbow and DeMolay

On September 27th Franklin Chapter, at its second stated meeting, invited the youth to come for a Fun Honor Night. There were eight young people present with several adult leaders. It was a well-planned Fun night with a picnic in the dining room, games and fun.

Later, all moved to the chapter room for the presentation of monetary gifts, as well as other gifts. Adult Leaders

present were Rich Moore, DeMolay; Jane Sherrill, Rainbow; and Lexi Johnson, Job's Daughters.

Photo: The Youth of the Franklin area with Jane Sherrill, Mother Advisor of Greenwood Assembly standing on the right.



Loyal's Fun Night

Loyal Chapter #49 plus visiting OES members, family and friends gathered at the Richmond Civic Theater for an excellent performance of "Fiddler on the Roof" on the evening of Saturday, August 12th. Traditionally an evening in August is designated as Fun Night for Loyal since this is our dark month. It was voted as our July meeting to gather at Big Boyz Pizza an hour prior to the performance, located next door to the theater, for fun, food and fellowship.

After the meal we strolled next door to the historic theater to find our seats and enjoy the play. The musical and acting talent was breath-taking. There were tears, laughter and awe for the three hour performance. Many in the group hadn't attended the theater before this and expressed they would like to return. Some did not realize that Richmond and the surrounding area had so much talent and were pleasantly surprised.

All-in-all the evening was an opportunity to strengthen established friendships and get to know visitors and guests a little better. We all know that even though the performance was three hours long, it goes fast when you are sharing the experience with your OES Sisters and Brothers!

Submitted by Deborah Hopkins, AM

ROL Fall Gathering

The Reflection of Love Grand Family met at the Clifty Falls State Park Inn near Madison on September 9th. Those attending were Pop Bob Surber and Jan, DD#1 Suzanne York and Jim, DD#2 Ruth Carlisle, DD#3 Becky Prifogle, DD#5 Clara Bewley and Ed, DD#6 Janet Vahle, DD#8 Bonnie Schultz and Gerry, DD#13 Rhonda Maggard and Bill and DD#20 Wanda Roose and Bill. The afternoon was spent visiting before heading to Louisville for a dinner cruise on the Mary Miller boat of the Louisville Belle line. PGM Vivian Ashton and Jim joined the group for the cruise. The group returned to the Inn and held a brief meeting. The next morning all assembled in the dining room for breakfast and a picture overlooking the Ohio River before hugs and trips home. Photo: Bill Roose, Suzanne York, Gerry Schultz, Ruth Carlisle, Ed Bewley, Wanda Roose, Jim York, Clara Bewley, Rhonda Maggard, Becky Prifogle, Jan Surber, Bonnie Schultz, Janet Vahle, Bob Surber, PGP



S&H Stargazer Grand Family 25th Reunion

August 18th - 20th, 2017 was a celebration of 25 years of special memories and pictures shared by PGM Joyce Small and PGP Bob Hoagland's S&H Stargazer Grand Family at the Comfort Inn in Nashville. Three great restaurants and the Brown County Playhouse provided good eats and fun entertainment! Twelve members were present for various parts of the weekend. We remembered the 31 members we have lost over the 25 years. Those attending were PGM Joyce and Lonnie Small, Grand Esther Sheri and John Auld, Louaine and Bill Sorg, PGM Bonnie Allinder with her sister Shirley, Jan Tapp, PGM Doris Howard, PGM Shirley Glessner, and Shirley Wolf. It was a special time for all.



First 2017 Inspection of the State

Franklin Chapter in Johnson County was the scene of the First Inspection of the State on Saturday, August 26th. The activities of the day began with a lunch served to over one hundred in the dining room which was decorated with flower arrangements, crosses and lanterns on tables covered in pink and teal.

At noon everyone filed into the chapter room for the Baby Dedication. Brock Joseph Haag, grandson of Sheila Haag, Worthy Matron at Franklin Chapter, was dedicated to the principles of the Order surrounded by family members: Mother, Uncle, and held by his proud Grandmother.

The Opening was by the Eden Chapter, Initiation was performed by the Grand Officers and the Baby Dedication and the Closing were under the direction of the Franklin Chapter.

The chapter room was filled to an overflow for the official visit of Cynthia Skura, Worthy Grand Matron, and Cecil Scott, Worthy Grand Patron. Present were 21 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and one General Grand Chapter appointment; 15 Grand Officers; 19 District Deputies; 17 Grand Family spouses; 49 Grand Chapter Appointments; 33 WMs and WPs; 8 Grand Representatives; 41 PMs and PPs; 1 Distinguished officer of Affiliated Masonic Bodies; and 2 Youth Leaders.

Candidates for the initiation were: Deputies Connie Branigan and Kelley Bryan. Remarks were given by the WGM and the WGP. The collection was given to the SOS project.



Left - Baby Dedication for Brock Joseph Haag in his grandmother's arms

Right - Grand Star Points:
L to R: Julie Perkins, Grand Adah; Angela Hensell, Grand Ruth; Sherry Auld, Grand Esther; Jennifer Mansur, Grand Martha; and Cheryl Pritt, Grand Electa

Membership Letter

Dear Members,

It is time that we reflect on our beliefs in the Order of the Eastern Star. We have sat idly by as our membership has dwindled. Now is the time for action. Not only has our numbers decreased, but the participation of our members has gone down. Sometimes we forget what makes it great to come to a meeting. It is the friendships that we develop.

Now I know that our special meetings are too long, include too many introductions and always seem to be the same thing. That is a problem that the Grand Officers, Past Grands and others need to look into. Everyone is busy and if we want to keep people involved we will provide for the fellowship time we claim is one of the best parts of Star.

As far as the regular meetings, remember they are to be fun as well as do the business of the Chapter. Make a list of all the members and their phone numbers and invite them every month. It is work, but well worth it.

To get new members I am asking that if you have any ideas that are working or you think will work please forward to me at my e-mail. Also, do not forget to ask all the members of the Lodge to join and thus fulfill a part of their obligation. Let's make this fun and bring back the Star and the dignity of our Order. It can be done with our efforts and belief that the stories of our Star are doing God's work.

Thank you for your help,
Darrell Arthur, PGP, State Membership Committee
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Noble Chapter Celebrates 125 Years

Noble Chapter #122 celebrated their 125th Anniversary on June 20th. The following are notes from their 125 year history.

Blue Lodge F.&A.M. #276 called for perfecting a temporary organization to Grand Lodge of IN permitting a chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star to be established in Kendallville. Seventeen people assembled to elect 3 officers to begin organizing the chapter. Noble Chapter was chartered April 26, 1892 & constituted May 29, 1892. Meeting dates set for the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month year round (many summer months went by default for lack of quorum). Masonic Lodge room was located in 3rd floor of east side of Main Street.

At the first meeting, June 21, 1892, 4 petitions were presented to the 30 charter members consisting of names: Williams, Rimmell, Hartsuck, Mitchell, Conologue, Weston, McPherson, Cox, Macintosh & Gallop. Some highlights of the chapter:

1905 – Sister Agnes Hartsuck was elected Worthy Grand Matron. In 1919 Bro. George Hartsuck served as Worthy Grand Patron.

1909 – Purchased a glass punch bowl & silver ladle at cost of \$3.20 (still in use).

Dec. 31, 1919 - There were 259 members with 18 initiated during the year.

1930 – The chapter voted to furnish a room (\$66) at Grand Chapter. The money was returned because the Masonic Home did not need funds.

1937 – 200 met here for County Inspections with Albion doing the opening & Avilla the initiatory. A banquet was held at M.E. Church. In evening, Ligonier opened & closed and Noble Chapter conferred the initiatory.

1940 – Gift of a framed Star emblem on a pedestal was presented (still in use).

Jan. 2, 1942 – The 50th Anniversary celebrated with Bro. George Hartsuck & J.A. Jones, charter members, honored.

March 7, 1950 – An electric signet was purchased for \$150.00.

1960 – At Installation of Officers, over 200 members and guests were present.

March 1, 1966 – A new Altar was dedicated as project of Margaret & Don Zeedyk. Bro. Don stated “Our altar is more than a structure to hold the Holy Bible; it is a contact to encompass all man.” Don served as Worthy Patron along with Bros. Jerry Stienbarger, Jim Britton & John Fetro.

Sept. 5, 1973 – A new altar Bible was presented.

Honored guests Bro. David J. Miller, PGP & RWAGP, and Sis. Jerry Walker, PGM, installed the 1980-81 officers.

Sept. 26, 1981 – Ground breaking ceremonies for new Masonic Lodge building. Laborers Don, Jim & Jerry assisted in the construction while OES members furnished lunch for the Saturday workers. Mortgage burning was Jan. 10, 1983.

1989 – Avilla Chapter #155 consolidated with Noble Chapter.

July 24, 1992 – 100th Anniversary Celebration held. Grand Officers attending were Joyce Small, WGM; Robert Hoagland, WGP; Mark Ridenour, Gr. Chaplain; Diann Stienbarger, AGC; Doris Howard, Gr. Martha; and Sheri Auld, District Deputy #21. A centennial program was prepared by Noble & Avilla members and a photo of officers was framed.

General Grand Chapter Appointments: Diann Stienbarger, Visioneer, GGCC. Grand Chapter Elected and Appointed Officers: Agnes Hartsuck, WGM; George Hartsuck, WGP; Mary K. Sabrosky – Echols, Grand Electa; Julie Atz, Grand Organist; Diann Stienbarger, Grand Esther & WGM; Sara Hobson, Gr. Ruth. District Deputies of D#21 from Noble Chapter: Dorothea Lawshe Clayton, Jeanne Hissem, Barbara J. Miller; Dolores Brock, Mary K. Sabrosky – Echols, Julie Atz, Diann Stienbarger, Rojeanne Cooper, Edith Whonsetler, Sara Hobson & Cora Fetro.

Submitted by WM Diann Stienbarger, PGM, & WP Don Zeedyk

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Count Your Blessings

Sept. 9th was a beautiful fall day on which the "Count Your Blessings" reception for Sister Gleda Brooks, AGC, was held at South Ripley Elementary School in Versailles, Indiana. There were 170 attending from all over the state.

The tables were decorated with angels, crosses, colorful Shasta daisies and hummingbirds. The altar was draped with an afghan made by her deceased mother and held the Bible of the late Robert Branigan, PGP. Beautiful music was provided by Sister Dawn Elston of Bennington Chapter.

Sister Mary Kieffer, W.M. pro-tem of Versailles Chapter, welcomed everyone. Brother Ron Mendenhall, JPGP, gave the invocation. Sister Mary instructed Conductress Connie Nierste, W.M. of Andersonville Chapter, to present Sister Gleda at the altar. She was then escorted to the East.

Her escorts were members of her Fields of Faith and S&S Bouquet of Love Grand Families. They were holding angels, honeybees and large pencils with a "point". She and her husband Jerry were dressed in huge playing cards and hats covered with cards because of their fondness of playing euchre during the time between luncheons and inspections.

Using the gavel given to her by her husband, Gleda began introductions: Sister Cindy Skura, WGM, and Brother Cecil Scott, WGP, were followed by several PGMs and PGPs, officers of the Shining Lights of Faith Grand Family, and District Deputies and their drivers. Each was given little "tidbits of wisdom".

After introductions from the floor, Sister Gleda instructed the Conductress to escort her Star Point Sisters and Sandie Thomas across the East. She introduced Sister Terry Ring, Jr. Past Grand Adah; Sister Victoria Phillips, Jr. Past Grand Ruth; Sister Beth Gargis, Jr. Past Grand Esther; and Sister Sandie Thomas, widow of the Jr. Past Grand Sentinel. She presented these very special ladies with gifts of "love".

Finally, Gleda's family was escorted across the East and introduced. She thanked them for their love, understanding, and support. She also thanked the Versailles Chapter for all their hard work putting together a lovely reception, District

5, the FOF Grand Family and the S&S Grand Family for their love, friendship and support.

The Benediction was given by Sister Betty Swisher, PGM. Table grace was given by Brother H. Fred Smith, PGP. Brother Roy Leap, WP of Bennington Chapter, then gave the dinner instructions. A wonderful dinner and fellowship was enjoyed by all



Lynhurst Past Matrons & Past Patrons Initiate

On September 19th the Lynhurst Past Matrons and Past Patrons met for a delicious pitch in dinner for our first meeting after installation. We had the pleasure to initiate our first time Worthy Matron Susan Russell. Thanks to Sister Rosemary for the skit.



Susan Russell, WM, as Raggedy Ann and Stephen Marsh, WP, holding Raggedy Andy

Clinton Chapter Holds 75 & 50 Year Award Ceremonies

It was a crisp fall evening on Thursday, October 26, 2017, when Clinton Chapter #6 held ceremonies honoring new 75 and 50 year members at their regularly scheduled meeting. Prior to the meeting a delicious dinner was enjoyed by all.

Worthy Grand Matron Cindy Skura assisted by Grand Conductress Jennifer Nicholson gave beautiful tributes to these faithful and valued members of our Order. Sister Jean Rule received her 75-year pin. Sisters Wilma Jean Baer, Diana C. Elliott, Janice E. Gill, Ruthann Shoup and Brother Richard L. Howe received their 50-year pins. They were pinned by their family members and each spoke about cherished memories of their service to the Order of the Eastern Star. They each



expressed appreciation to the WGM for her lovely tribute and to the Grand Chapter for their pins.

Other Grand Officers present were: Sister Jennifer Mansur, Grand Martha, and Sister Elma Brown, D.D.#15. Following the pin ceremonies a regularly scheduled meeting was held. Eight Clinton Chapter 50 year members were present for the meeting. A truly inspiring evening!

25th Anniversary for “Ewes”

On Sunday October 1st, the combined Ewenique Superstars and the Ewe-B-Specials –groups of Joyce Small, Past Grand Matron, and Bob Hoagland, Past Grand Patron, met at the dining room of the Administration Building at the Indiana Masonic Home for lunch and a meeting. This is the 25th anniversary of the groups’ establishment. The “ewe” in each name notes Joyce’s fun symbol of a lamb. Bob used the “bee” for his symbol.

Table grace was given by Phil Fowler, and lunch was in the new dining room. The following were present: Joyce and Lonnie Small, Earl and Mary Shafer, Dede and Richard Beedle, Susie and Jim York, Barbara and Sandra Heath, Phil Fowler, Mary Fox, Virginia Jones and Sandy Harris, President. Fourteen were present from the combined groups. Flower arrangement gifts were given to Joyce and Bob. Bob and Frances were unable to attend this meeting.



Reports were made on those who were absent. All of us told something about what we have been doing since our appointments in 1992 when we were appointed Grand Representatives, Grand Pages or Grand Ushers.



Veterans at First Inspection District #17
Dale Warstler, National Guard; Cecil Scott, WGP, Army; John Auld, Navy; Ron Mendenhall, Jr. PGP, Army



Veterans at First Inspection District #21
Jerry Brooks, Army; Dale Warstler, National Guard; Jim Dwyer, Army; John Auld, Navy, Cecil Scott, WGP, Army

Arlene Tatum Honored

On the beautiful fall evening of Thursday, October 12, 2017 at a regular meeting, Clinton Chapter #6 honored Sister Arlene Tatum, Grand Representative of Washington in Indiana. Sister Arlene was appointed as Grand Representative by PGM Tina Vredenburg (husband George) and PGP Larry Frost (wife Nancy) all of whom were present.



As Sister Arlene was presented at the altar everyone sang the Washington state song to her. PGM Tina Vredenburg gave a glowing tribute of Sister Arlene's Eastern Star journey. She and Brother Larry then presented Sister Arlene with the gift of a crystal globe. The chapter was then put at ease and the Bible retired for the presentation of a skit by past and present Grand Representatives. As they sang "It's a Small World", a fish market was set up representing the famous market in Seattle where fish are thrown to customers. As this was happening, Sister Arlene was outside in the preparation room being dressed as Martha Washington. Very fitting since the Martha point has been her office for several years now. She was escorted to the fish market where a Washington state fact was given by a "scholar" after which a fish was thrown to a "giggler" for comment.

The chapter was called back to order for the closing. Refreshments in the dining room were, what else, but apple crisp and ice cream with cider to drink. Guests were sent home with their own homemade caramel apple kit. Yum! Fun was had by all.

Let Your Light Shine

Muncie Chapter #104 in District #10 is following our Worthy Grand Matron's lead of "Let Your Light Shine" in our community.

At our September meeting our Worthy Matron Tiffany Ingles and Worthy Patron Max Nottingham asked for donations to be given to the Teacher Store which is located in Muncie. They felt this is a way to help our Teachers.

Unfortunately Muncie Community Schools are in such disarray. You have probably heard in the news of the major problems our Teachers and Administrators are facing. The School system is head over heels in debt. The problem did not happen overnight. Over the last 20 years as the school population dropped, instead of consolidating, schools remained open and the same number of Teachers were employed, thus this massive debt.



The Teacher Store lets licensed Teachers "shop" for free. The store is stocked from donations by businesses, churches, groups and individuals. There are a few rules the Teachers must follow such as the number of times allowed to "shop" per month. All donations are tax deductible.

Our Chapter made a huge donation thanks to our Officers and members. Examples of items donated were paper, pencils, pens, glue, sanitizer, tissues, notebooks, markers, rulers, scissors, lotion, etc.

Karen Ingles, PM

Eden Honors 50 and 75 Year Members

Recently, Worthy Matron Phyllis Pruner and Worthy Patron Irv Lewis presided on this proud night at Eden Chapter as they held an honor night for several pin recipients. Irene Beeson who is 101 years old received her 75 year pin from Lois Wagoner, PGM. Irene's friend, Diane Bluer, pinned her 75 year award on her. Lois also presented 50 year awards to Larry Grey, Zelda Tilley and Betty Conway. All recipients were from Eden Chapter. Photo Left: Irene Beeson pinned by Diane Bluer; Right: Larry Grey, Zelda Tilley and Betty Conway receive their 50 year awards



Saskatchewan Honor Day Held



Tina B. Lee was honored at the Kresge Chapel on Sunday, October 8th. Her Honor Day was held by Ransford IMH Chapter. Tina was given her appointment by Tina Vredenburg, PGM, and Larry Frost, PGP. Tina is pronounced differently by these two ladies.

Yellow sunflowers and thistles decorated the East with woven baskets and a cross. Prior to the meeting photographs were taken of the guests.

Joyce Small, PGM and WM of Ransford IMH, and her spouse Lonnie, WP, presided over the proceedings.

Introductions included: 11 PGMs & PGPs and spouses; 1 Grand Officer; 1 Deputy; 4 Grand Representatives; several Grand Chapter appointments; and 3 Officers of Affiliated Masonic Bodies.

Tina introduced her family and told about her two trips to her Grand Chapter accompanied by her daughter and Joyce Small, PGM. The tribute was given by Tina Vredenburg, PGM.

Following the meeting all went to the basement for refreshments

Tribute to An 86 Year Member

My special friend, Velma Wortman, celebrated her 107th birthday October 14, 2017, with her family at the Bluebird Café in Morristown. She joined Morristown Chapter on April 3, 1931. This makes her an 86 year member!

Velma held many offices during her time in Eastern Star. They included Esther in 1932, Adah 1933, Ruth in 1936, Organist in 1937, Associate Conductress in 1938, Conductress in 1939, Associate Matron in 1940, Worthy Matron in 1941, and Organist in 1980, 1983, 1984, 1987, 1989, and again in 1992. She received her 50 year award in 1981, her 75 year award in 2006, and is finishing 86 years in OES.

Growing up I lived across the street from her and used to play "45 all scatter" with her kids. She and I exchanged Christmas card and gifts until the last few years. She used to attend my piano recitals. And when my parents and I took a trip in 1978 to the Holy Land and Rome, she went as my roommate. In Bethlehem she bought me a gavel made of olive wood. She was my English teacher and taught at Morristown High School for 36 years. The Morristown Branch of the Shelby County Library is the Velma Wortman Branch. Submitted by Joyce Small, PGM



Photo: Velma Wortman and Joyce Small, PGM



Veterans at First Inspection in District #1
Harold Huffman, Air Force; Harold Grace, Army; Jim York, National Guard; Billy Joe Bebout, Army; John Auld, Navy; Dale Warstler, National Guard; Dean Finecy, Navy; Tom Adams, Navy; James Ahl, Navy; Cecil Scott, WGP, Army



First Inspection District #7
John Auld - Navy, Larry Snodgrass - Army, Alan Easterday - National Guard, Dale Warstler - National Guard, Jim Smith - Army, Sandy Smith - Army, Steve Cooley - Army, Cecil Scott, WGP - Army

Saying Goodbye...



Girls' Cottage No. 1, Indiana Masonic Home, Franklin, Ind.





Grand Adah Reception

On Saturday, September 23, 2017, Tippecanoe Chapter #96 and District 17 welcomed close to 100 guests from all over the state to share in the reception honoring Julie Perkins, Grand Adah. The event was held at Winamac Community High School where Julie is a special education teacher.

The lobby was decorated with puzzles and blue flowers where guests could enjoy Chex Mix and blue chocolate puzzle pieces as they visited with one another. In the socialatorium, guests were treated to lovely piano music provided by Betty Barton, PM while they had their pictures taken on stage with Julie and her husband, Greg. Lawrence Barton, PP was the day's official photographer and made sure everyone looked their best.

A magnificent backdrop of mountains and a sparkling blue lake covered the entire back of the stage. In the center was a life-sized model of Adah positioned on her descent from the mountains. Suspended above Adah was a sword and veil. The perimeter of the stage was adorned with swags of blue tulle entwined with white and blue lights. Bouquets of violets hung at intervals along the tulle. A framed picture of Julie's deceased parents was displayed beside tall vases of blue flowers as a way of having her parents share her special day.

June Roth, PM welcomed everyone with a poem and Barbara Terry, PGM and Grand Treasurer gave the invocation. The Worthy Grand Matron, Cindy Skura, directed the Conductress, Joyce McKinley, PM to attend at the altar. Julie, Greg and their two sons with their daughters were presented at the altar for the Baby Dedication. Jack, Julie's



oldest held his 16 month old daughter, Jewels while. Avalyn, born 36 hours after Jewels was held by her father, Julie's son, Donald. Julie was surprised and touched when the Worthy Grand Matron allowed her Star Point sisters to take part in the ceremony. It was a perfect way to begin the reception.

After the baby dedication, Julie was presented at the altar and then taken out to be dressed for the escort. The Paradise of Faith Grand Family formed the escort, wearing hippie attire and holding 1960's signs. Julie, also dressed as a hippie, wore a fringe vest, peace necklace, a wreath of daisies in her hair, and granny glasses. As Julie advanced to the East in a cardboard Volkswagen bus, the POF Grand Family sang "Wild Thing," paying homage to her nickname as the Wild Child.

Sonda Schapson, PGM entertained the crowd with Julie's tribute, including many stories of the shenanigans her sisters played on her while she was growing up. She and Julie also explained how she got the name Wild Child in the POF Grand Family. She and brother Cary Hetrick, PGP, presented Julie with an engraved crystal vase and a love gift.

Julie greeted her guests and introduced those who would be serving as her officers for the day. She then introduced her "momma" Cindy Skura, WGM and her "poppa" Cecil Scott, WGP. After given a hearty welcome, Cindy and Cecil instructed the other Star Points to hide their eyes as they gifted Julie with a beautiful Lantern. Cecil presented her with a love gift from the SLOF Grand Family. Julie explained that she would grace each group introduced a quote about puzzle pieces to represent Julie's calling as a special education teacher and the shape of her pin. She was proud to introduce her husband, Greg, son Jack Perkins, his girlfriend Patricia Green and their daughter Jewels; son, Don, his daughter Avalyn and girlfriend Megan Moon and Megan's son Paxton; and Julie's daughter Patricia. Also introduced were her sister Deborah Widup and husband Bill, sister Amy Gearhart, nephew Zeke Gearhart and niece Gretchen Gearhart.

Escorted, introduced, and given a hearty welcome were 9 Past Grand Matrons and Patrons and their spouses, 13 officers and spouses from the SLOF Grand Family, and 14 District Deputies and their Drivers. Floor introductions were made with more puzzle quotes.

Julie acknowledged Tippecanoe Chapter and District 17 and thanked them for their tireless work in helping the day be a success. She asked the POF Grand Family to stand and expressed her love and gratitude to them. Julie then recognized four of her friends and co-workers, thanking them for their support this school year.

The ceremony closed with a Benediction from Cary Hetrick, PGP and Table Grace by the late Ron Mendenhall, JPGP. Ron then gave dinner instructions as guests retired to the cafeteria.

Grand Ruth Reception

On October 7, 2017 Lebanon Chapter #23 hosted the “Count Your Blessings” reception honoring Sister Angela Hensell, Grand Ruth, of the Indiana Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.

Approximately one hundred seventy guests traveled to Lebanon where during the social hour they were greeted by Sister Angela and her husband, Brother Brian, in a beautifully decorated arbor setting. Chex mix and muffins along with water and lemonade were furnished by the members of Whitestown Chapter for all to enjoy.

In the reception area the head tables were covered in white with gray skirting and yellow tulle. They were decorated with yellow mums and Willow Tree angels. Centered in front of the podium was an angel standing on a cloud of gray material and framed by yellow tulle with lights. All other tables were adorned with gray table covers, a mirror with scattered yellow rose petals and a tall glass cylinder with a floating yellow candle.

Sister Sue Hendricks, WM, welcomed everyone and the Invocation was given by Sister Madonna Meyerrose, PGM. Everyone joined in giving the Pledge to the Flag, singing one verse of the National Anthem and giving the Pledge to the Christian Flag.

Sister Felecia Jordan, Conductress, presented Angela at the altar where she was welcomed and then greeted by Sister Jodi Lemmon singing “I Believe”. Angela and Brian donned cowboy hats and the “Dare to Dream” Grand Family sang a parody to the tune of “The Yellow Rose of Texas”. Their version was called “The Yellow Rose of Eastern Star” and Angela was presented with yellow roses as she and Brian were escorted down the aisle. Sister Tina Vredenburgh, PGM, read Angela’s tribute.



Sister Angela then presided and in addition to the Conductress, recognized Sister Carolyn Blubaugh, Past Grand Organist, who provided the music. She greeted each group introduced with humbling quotes. Introduced from the East were Sister Cindy Skura, WGM, her husband David and Brother Cecil Scott, WGP. Those escorted and introduced included: 1 General Grand Chapter Committee Member, 5 Past Grand Matrons and 4 Past Grand Patrons of the Indiana Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Members of the Shining Lights of Faith Grand Family, including District 10’s Brother Rick Lassiter, Grand Marshal, and the District

Deputies, including Sister Vicky Tudor, Deputy of District 10, and her husband Dennis. Angela’s family members were also escorted and introduced.

Angela acknowledged Lebanon Chapter, Whitestown Chapter, District 10 and the Dare to Dream Grand Family. Sister Toni Cluck, WM of Whitestown Chapter, and Sister Linda Gasper representing the District 10 Association, presented love gifts to Angela.

Sister Jodi Lemmon, Grand Representative of Louisiana sang “Jealous of the Angels” and “Angels Among Us”. Sister Sherry Johnson, PGM, read a special poem. Sister Cindy Cohee, PGM, gave the benediction, Brother Larry Mills, PGP, gave table grace and Brother Charles Hendricks, WP, gave the dinner instructions.

A delicious catered authentic Italian dinner and fellowship followed as we celebrated the day honoring Sister Angela Hensell, Grand Ruth.

Grand Esther Reception

A royal afternoon honored Sister Sheri Auld, Grand Esther, on October 14th at the Ligonier United Methodist Church – Crosswalk. Sheri and John greeted guests sitting on a white wicker bench with pedestals on both sides, topped with the Crown and Scepter and an arrangement of white and purple lilies. The backdrop, created by Past Grand Esther Susan Kalb-Yoder and her husband Monroe, consisted of two tall white columns topped with ferns. A royal purple swag hung between the columns. Social Hour was cake balls in white, lavender – drizzled with dark purple and covered pretzels made by their daughter, along with festive grape punch.

Sheri and John were escorted by Sister Dorothy Bish, WM Pro-tem, and Brother Mark Shellman, WP of Prentiss Chapter. Sister Dorothy welcomed everyone and introduced those assisting her: Sister Beth Shellman, Conductress and Sister Adrienne Mishler, Organist, from Sylvan Chapter #251. Sister Diann Steinbarger, PGM, gave the Invocation. Sheri and John walked through the Bouquet of Love and Star Gazer Grand Families, as well as Prentiss Chapter and District 21. The East was draped swags of purple with bouquets of white lilies on the stage.

A tribute was given by Sister Betty Swisher, PGM and Brother Fred Smith, PGP, who presented Sheri with a white angel glass figurine. WGM Sister Cindy Skura and WGP Cecil Scott were introduced and given a very warm welcome. They presented her a “Shining Lights” Lantern etched with her name and Grand Esther.

Introduced were: PGM Barbara Terry and Jim, PGM Joyce Small, PGM Diann Steinbarger and Jerry, PGM Doris Howard, PGM Shirley Glessner, PGP Robert Surber and Jan, PGM Kathy Livings and Jr PGP Ron Mendenhall and Karen. Shining Lights of Faith Grand Family, the District Deputies and their “drivers” were introduced and given a hearty welcome. Sheri and John’s family were: daughter Krista Rosenogle and children, Hunter and Madison; daughter Karlea Cook and son James – her husband Ryan and son Tyson had to leave prior to the program for Tyson’s last 6th Grade Football game of the season –they WON!! Sheri also introduced her sister Karen Holbrook and husband Dude, her Uncle JC Bonar and his wife Judy.

Floor introductions received a hearty welcome. Sheri recognized the two Grand Families that she served with as District Deputy; as well as members of Prentiss Chapter and District 21. Sheri explained since her Worthy Matron was on a bus trip, it was Dorothy who had done so much for her and preparing for the reception that she presented her with a huge bouquet of White and Lavender Roses.



A Thank You was given to everyone who came to honor her. Sheri stated it was because of the love between family, friends, Sisters and Brothers – the true act of loyalty – that had touched her heart so much that afternoon. Sister Doris Howard, PGM, gave the Benediction followed by WP Mark Shellman giving the Table Grace. Everyone dined on a delicious meal prepared by Brother Daniel Alemu, a member of Prentiss Chapter.

Grand Martha Reception

On October 28, a reception for Jennifer Mansur, Grand Martha was held at Macedonia Christian Church in Kokomo. Guests had refreshments, then had their pictures taken with Jennifer and John. The picture area was decorated with a Bible on a table and a large lantern in front of it. The other side had a beautiful ceramic broken column that has been passed from one Grand Martha to the next. The pictures were taken by Lawrence Barton. Betty Barton played the Prelude and the music for the rest of the afternoon.

The church was decorated with a beautiful wreath placed in front of the podium that was covered with a gold cloth. On each side of the wreath was a tall candle holder with a lit candle in it. The Altar was covered with a white cloth with the WGM's Bible on it.

Jennifer was escorted into the sanctuary by Gary Adkins, WP pro-tem. Her husband John was escorted by Jan Warner, WM. Jenny Nicholson, Grand Conductress, attended the Altar. The Worthy Grand Matron had the Worthy Grand Patron present Pat Smith at the Altar where she was appointed Grand Representative of Arkansas.

Jan Warner, WM, welcomed everyone. Invocation was given by Dwight Singer, PGP. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem.

Jennifer was presented at the Altar. The "Showers of Blessings Grand Family" escorted her. They read questions with the answer always being "JENNIFER", and filled a basket with green candies and green apples. Jennifer introduced Eliz Lashley, PGM, and Darrell Arthur, PGP, her Deputy Mom and Pop. Eliz read Jennifer's tribute and presented Jennifer with a gift from herself, Charles, Darrell and Becky. Darrell then presented her with a card from the "Showers of Blessing" Grand Family.

Jennifer then introduced WGM Cindy Skura and WGP Cecil Scott. They presented her with a gift from them and the WGP presented her with a gift from the Grand Family.

The Conductress escorted seven PGMs and PGPs and their spouses, the "Shining Lights of Faith" Grand Family and their spouses, and the District Deputies and their Drivers. Jennifer asked members of District 15 to join her in the East: Dwight Singer, PGP; Perrietta Appleton, PGM; Rob Maines, PGP; Jenny Nicholson, Grand Conductress; and Elma Brown, DD#15. Jennifer had introductions from the floor. The Conductress escorted Jennifer's family across the East. The Grand Star Points and the Grand Sentinel were escorted to the East, introduced and presented a gift.

Jennifer had the "Showers of Blessings" stand and thanked them for the escort. Center Chapter and District 15 stood and she thanked them for their hard work and support. The WM presented Jennifer with a beautiful crystal lantern, a gift from the Officers of Center Chapter, and a gift was presented by the Past Matrons of Center Chapter.

The entertainment sang a variety of hymns.

Benediction was given by Darrell Arthur, PGP, table grace by Rob Maines, PGP, and dismissal instructions by Gary Adkins, WP Pro-tem.



A beautiful day for a beautiful lady! Jennifer and John Mansur and her mother, Sarah Reed, standing

Grand Electa Reception

More than 120 faces glowed with happiness and pride at the reception honoring Cheryl Pritt, Grand Electa, at the Mount Moriah No. 77 Masonic Lodge on November 4, 2017. Honored guests, family and friends attended from as far away as Florida. Always regal and honoring the tradition of the Grand Electa, Cheryl and her husband Bermon “Ed” Pritt greeted everyone as memento photos were taken of guests with the couple. Mount Moriah glowed with a sense of warmth and friendship well into the evening



Cheryl was escorted into the lodge room by Robert Surber, PGP and Grand Trustee, and Ed was escorted by his sister, Angela M. Pritt. Laura Curtis, WM of New Burlington Chapter, welcomed everyone and the Invocation was given by Patricia Endsley, GGCM and PGM. Cheryl was presented by her mother-in-law, Tina Pritt at the altar. In a tribute to her sense of fun and friendship, she was then escorted to the East by the Fields of Faith Grand Family through objects associated with the “Harry Potter” series of books and films. Items from the fictional Hogwarts were worn by Cheryl and Ed as they approached the East.

Cheryl greeted her guests, and after reading a short poem in memory of Ron Mendenhall, Jr. PGP, she introduced Jill Rice, Jr. PGM, who presented the tribute. Virgia Hendrick, PGM, read the story of Electa. Cheryl then introduced Cindy Skura, WGM, and Cecil Scott, WGP, who presented Cheryl with a lantern.

Introductions were made as many friends state-wide were escorted to the East. Those included a General Grand Chapter Committee Member and spouse; the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and spouses; 20 of the Shining Lights of Faith Grand Officers and spouses; the District Deputies and their Drivers; and other friends.

A special musical tribute was paid by Cheryl’s step-daughters Shelby Rowles and Mereena Pritt. Their perfect harmony was a shining light in an evening filled with many special memories. Cheryl has always loved spending time with the girls and watching them grow into mature young women.

Cheryl thanked those who attended the reception and expressed how grateful she has been for all the love and support she has received since joining Eastern Star. Smiling, she looked toward her husband and recounted the story of their first meeting at a Masonic function where Ed was a member. The first tentative date grew into a lifetime of love and marriage. As Grand Electa, she travels the state many nights of the week. However, they often travel together spending the travel time recounting their special memories.

Following a benediction by Debra Thomas, PGM, table grace was given by Shirley Glessner, PGM. Members, friends and guests were dismissed by Dennis Curtis, WP of New Burlington Chapter, for a wonderful time of dinner and additional fellowship. Music played in the background as Cheryl walked through the room chatting with friends. It was a special night those in attendance will not soon forget.

An “Afternoon of Music” Reception

On Saturday, September 16, 2017, Patoka Chapter No. 281 in District 1 hosted a reception honoring Debra Bryant, Grand Organist, at the Patoka United Methodist Family Life Center. The center was decorated using turquoise, black, white and silver musical themed decorations and roses. Debbie greeted guests in front of a background of a keyboard, Treble Clefs and floral bouquets. Photos were taken by Paul Barnett and Kristie Batey, P.D. Refreshments were enjoyed by all during the social hour. Jodi Lemmon, Grand Representative of Louisiana, provided music during the social time and the reception.

The program began with Debbie being escorted to the East by Bruce Davis, WP of Golden Fleece No. 176 and Grand Representative of Vermont. Jeannie Robbins, P.D., welcomed everyone. The invocation was given by William Shoulders, General Grand Chapter Committee Member for Youth and PGP.

Debbie was escorted to the Altar by Donna Bishop, Conductress from Patoka Chapter. Debbie, dressed in “Nunly Attire” was escorted to the East through a line of music notes and rainbows formed by her Paradise of Faith Grand family and Sister Beach Bunnies as Jodi sang an adapted version of “The Sound of Music”.

Her Momma, Sonda Schapson, PGM, and Poppa, Cary Hetrick, PGP, were introduced and Sonda read her tribute. They presented Debbie with a beautiful vase decorated with the notes of a song as well as a love gift from her Paradise of Faith Grand Family.

Attending along with WGM Cindy Skura and WGP Cecil Scott were 8 Past Grand Matrons/Patrons and spouses, 14 members of the Grand Family and spouses and 8 District Deputies and drivers/escorts. There were several Grand Chapter Committee members, Grand Representatives, Past Deputies, Past Matrons/Patrons, present Worthy Matrons/Patrons and friends all.

Debbie introduced her family and thanked them for all of their support. Her mother, Diane Bryant, PM and GCC for Gifts; her sister and brother-in-law, Becky and James Little; aunt, Karen Bethe; and very special niece and nephew: Ava Little and Ethan Little. Debbie thanked her mother for her help making/finding decorations, corsages, and her family for helping decorate and for their support. Debbie told Ava that she would be traveling this year, but that she would be at all of Ava’s special and important games and dates since this is Ava’s senior year of high school.

Entertainment for the afternoon was provided by Grace Nelson, Jr. Past Grand Worthy Advisor who conducted the Masonic Ribbon Ceremony and Jodi Lemmon who entertained everyone with some beautiful song choices, including the King is Coming especially for Debbie’s mom Diane.

After introductions and remarks were completed, the benediction was given by Cecil Scott, WGP, and the table grace was given by Cary Hetrick, PGP. Bruce Davis gave dinner instructions. All enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the members of the Patoka United Methodist Church.

Debbie greatly appreciated everyone that helped decorate and tear down for the reception, but especially extends thank yous for all that came and shared their continuous friendship and kind words. You are all a blessing to me and I had a fantastic time at my reception!!

Debra Bryant, Grand Organist



WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

Feb 11	D4 Valentine Tea at IMH	812-654-2506 csbranigan@comcast.net
Mar 3	19 th District Assoc. Spring Meeting	In lieu of gifts, please contribute love gifts
Apr 5	Last Inspection D#1Gr. Star Points Honored	to be
Apr 12	Last Inspection D#19Gr. Star Points Honored	divided between Milan & South Ripley Elementary Schools, Ripley County
Apr 21	125 th Anniversary Seymour Chapter D#4	Humane
Apr 28	Last Inspection in State D#11 Prospect, GOEx	Society and Operation SOS
May 5	125 th Anniversary Russiaville Chapter D#15	Feb 3 Betty Lou Shuster, DD#2 At Birdseye
May 12	100 th Anniversary Fort Wayne Chapter D#14	Feb 3 Sherry Snead, DD#3
May	WGM Bus Trip to Frankenmuth, MI	Feb 10 Cynthia Willyard, DD#12
Jun 7-10	Grand Chapter, Marriott East	Feb 10 Mindy Ballinger, DD#13
		Feb 17 Mary Jane Monnett, DD#9
		Feb 17 Vicky Tudor, DD#10

INSPECTIONS

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

Feb 7 D#10	
Feb 15 D#6	
Feb 22 D#13	
Feb 27 D#18	at Converse w/LaFontaine & Wabash
Feb 28 D#15	
Mar 6 D#14	
Mar 7 D#16	Luncheon
Mar 14 D#8	
Mar 15 D#7	Luncheon
Mar 21 D#3	Luncheon
Mar 22 D#2	at Birdseye w/ French Lick & Odon Luncheon
Mar 27 D#17	
Mar 28 D#20	Luncheon
Apr 4 D#4	
Apr 5 D#1	Luncheon
Apr 11 D#21	
Apr 12 D#19	Luncheon
Apr 18 D#5	at Versailles w/Rising Sun & Bennington
Apr 19 D#12	
Apr 24 D#9	
Apr 28 D#11	at Prospect GOEx

RECEPTIONS

Jan 27	Kay Schwade, DD#4
Jan 27	Connie Branigan, DD#5 South Ripley Elementary School 1568 Benham Rd., Versailles, IN Social 2:00 pm, Program 3:30 pm Dinner to follow RSVP by Jan. 19 to: Connie Branigan, Sec. P.O. Box 218, Milan, IN 47031-0218

Feb 3	Betty Lou Shuster, DD#2 At Birdseye
Feb 3	Sherry Snead, DD#3
Feb 10	Cynthia Willyard, DD#12
Feb 10	Mindy Ballinger, DD#13
Feb 17	Mary Jane Monnett, DD#9
Feb 17	Vicky Tudor, DD#10 Whitestown Municipal Complex 6210 Veterans Dr., Whitestown, IN Social 2:00; Program 3:30; Dinner 5:30 RSVP by Feb. 10 to Toni Cluck 1605 Irongate Circle, Zionsville, IN 46077 Jtcluck82@gmail.com
Feb 24	E. Louise Misegades, DD#14
Feb 24	Judy Warstler, DD#21
Mar 10	B. J. Mitchell, DD#6
Mar 10	Susan Bradley, DD#11
Mar 17	Elma Brown, DD#15
Mar 17	Judith Musgrave, DD#18
Mar 24	Betty Davis, DD#7
Mar 24	Carrie Kesler, DD#8
Apr 7	Elizabeth Fuller, DD#20
Apr 14	Sharon Hutchison, DD#16
Apr 14	Tina Terry, DD#17

FRIENDS NIGHTS

Apr 5 D#5	Rising Sun	6:00 pm
Apr 7 D#5	Bennington	5:00 pm

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