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IN THE GARDEN WITH THE W.G.M.

Greetings to the members across Indiana.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year with Brother Fred, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Charlie and Sister Diane.

Putting together and watching our Grand Family grow was a pleasure to watch. Each one has something special to offer our beautiful Order. I welcome the line officers that I have already served with and hope that being a part of our family will bring you something new to grow your own Grand Family. I look forward to serving this year with each of you. To my Deputy Daughters; welcome to an experience you will never forget. Thank you for saying yes to serve this year. As you travel over Indiana you will make many new friends that will make a lasting mark on your heart. Enjoy the journey of love as you travel.

It is the final year for our "Circle of Stars" membership pin. The point system is in the calendar. After you earn the circle you can add as many little stars as you want. That means you have signed lots of petitions.

To our Committee members; thank you for saying yes to serve our beautiful Order. We can do great things with the money we continue to earn. We do make a difference.

Part of this year is dedicated to serving our communities with our elderly and our youth that we need to involve in our organization so that we may grow. We say this phrase often, "You are our future". Let us give them special attention; we need them to be our future.

My IMH "Tranquility Room" project is a need for our Alzheimer patients at the Masonic Home. We will be furnishing a room at the Home to make them comfortable. This is special to me as my Mom had dementia. The room is a soothing room where the patient can be taken to relax when they are agitated and not have to be medicated.

To our Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons; thank you for being part of our S & S Bouquet of Love Grand Family. I look forward to coming into your chapters and being a part of your special year as you serve alongside Brother Fred and me. You are our Forget-Me-Nots.

My Forget-Me-Nots, It's just a little flower,
But it has a great big thought;
'Cause every time you look at it,

It says, "Forget me not!" Connie VanWingerden

I'm honored to serve our Indiana Grand Chapter as your Worthy Grand Matron. I will do my best. I will sow the seeds of Love and gather the harvest from all of our members over Indiana.

Scattering Seeds of Love,
Betty Swisher, W.G.M



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Greetings from District 20

First and foremost, I would like to thank God for the life He has given me and the many opportunities that have been afforded me.

There are so many people to thank, but I would not be addressing you as your newly installed Worthy Grand Patron if it were not for the confidence placed in me by Sister Kathy Livings, PGM, and Brother Bill Shoulders, PGP, when they appointed me as your Grand Sentinel four years ago. It seems like only yesterday, that I was told by so many people that the time would pass quickly, and it certainly has.

Every one of you has touched my heart in one way or another. Thank you all so much and may God continue to richly bless you.

I wish to especially thank Sister Betty for all of the diligent work she has put into planning the year ahead of us. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve with her in the S & S Bouquet of Love Grand Family and so appreciate the way she has included Sister Diane and me in the planning. We look forward to many years of wonderful friendship with her and Brother Charlie.

I have an awesome Steering Committee and am so grateful for all of the time and thought that they have put into the last four years. District 20 has gone above and beyond in supporting three Grand Officers in the last five years. A simple thank you seems so inadequate.

I would like to thank Greentown Chapter and our second District 15 for always making Diane and me feel so warmly welcomed.

To grow a Bouquet of Love, you first need to sow the seeds of love and friendship. I am looking forward to greeting you as your Worthy Grand Patron so we can start sowing those seeds throughout the state of Indiana this year.

The lighthouse is a special emblem to me and it represents the light of Jesus' love for all of us. May it guide us all throughout life's darkest hours.

Sowing seeds of friendship and reaping bouquets of love,
H. Fred Smith, Worthy Grand Patron



****WE WANT YOUR NEWS****

Help keep Star-Lite interesting! Submit your news so all can see what you are doing. Check deadline dates if you want your news in a certain issue, especially items for the calendar. Please limit articles to 500 words. There is no charge to print pictures and more than one per article is permitted. Please remember to identify everyone in the pictures.

To submit articles through the web page Click on ROSTER, scroll down to Star-Lite Magazine, click on Nancy Pratt, fill in the required information, type in a short message and click SEND. I will receive your message and respond so you can then submit your articles and pictures directly to me.

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Nancy Pratt, Editor

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2014-2015

THEME

To sow seeds of Love

MOTTO

All things grow with Love

AIM

Draw from our roots of the past to create something new and empowering today

WATCHWORDS

Faith, Courage, Love

EMBLEMS

Praying Hands – Reverence
Angels – To watch over us
Lighthouse – God’s Light
Heart – Love

SYMBOLS OF GOD’S PROMISE

Bible – Guidance
Cross – Salvation
Rainbow – God’s Promise
Star – For Direction

FUN SYMBOLS

Watering Can – Everlasting Life
Heron – Patience and Inner Quietness
Bird Houses – For Shelter
Golf Clubs & Corvettes – For Fun Time

HONOR GROUPS

Greentown Chapter
Bristol and Starlight Chapters
District 15 and District 20
Our Members

HONOR STATIONS

Electa & Esther

COLORS

Colors of Nature and Touches of Black
Silver, Coral, Peach, Ivory

FLOWERS

Red Rose – Love
Daisies – Loyal
Lilac – Pride & Beauty
Flowers in Season

SCRIPTURES

WGM – 1 John 4:11

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

WGP – Romans 10:9

That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

OUR PRAYER

Lord, may we all work together in love. Give us kindness and understanding in all we do and say, as we demonstrate our love for each other.

Amen

WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS

“Forget-Me-Nots”



"S & S Bouquet of Love"



Worthy Grand Matron
Betty Swisher (Charlie)

Greentown # 195 D# 15



Associate Grand Matron
Tina Vredenburg (George)

Fern # 194 D# 16



Grand Secretary
Jonny Beeler

Franklin # 439 D# 6



Grand Conductress
Jill Rice (Jon)

Hedges # 51 D# 9



Grand Chaplain
Ron Mendenhall (Karen)

Tippecanoe # 96 D# 17



Grand Organist
Sharon Trobaugh (Dave)

Center # 108 D# 15



Grand Ruth
Pat Miller (Cass)

Fountain # 204 D# 16



Worthy Grand Patron
H. Fred Smith (Diane)

Bristol # 273 D# 20



Associate Grand Patron
Larry Frost (Nancy)

New Castle # 116 D# 12



Grand Treasurer
Barbara Terry, PGM (Jim)

Remington # 169 D# 17



Associate Grand Conductress
Cindy Skura (Dave)

Griffith # 583 D# 19



Grand Marshal
Cecil Scott (Pat)

Golden Fleece # 176 D# 1



Grand Adah
Lexi Johnson (David)

Franklin # 439 D#6



Grand Esther
Sherrell Bryant

Muncie # 104 D# 13



Grand Martha
Deb Cramer

Alamo # 498 D# 9



Grand Electa
Diana Surfus

Churubusco # 136 D# 14



Grand Warder
Arlene Mohler

Goshen # 397 D# 20



Grand Sntinel
Les Simonton (Cheryl)

Lawrenceburg # 427 D# 5



Honey Bees and Guiding Lights



District # 1
Juanita Cox

Robert Morris # 87



District # 2
Janet Sweet

Washington # 210



District # 3
Tammy Bedell (Ben)

Old Capital # 467



District # 4
Wanda Gray (Denver)

Seymour # 134



District # 5
Gleda Brooks (Jerry)

Versailles # 333



District # 6
Sandy Harris (Roger)

Mooresville # 260



District # 7
Sue Hays

Stanford # 533



District # 8
Betty Poff (Jim)

Prairieton # 163



District # 9
Tulie Ann Jadzak

Montezuma # 537



District # 11
Pat Crask (Mitch)

Lawrence # 384



District # 13
Linda Stewart

Halfway # 230



District # 15
Stacy Miller (Steve)

Helen Bonebrake # 437



District # 17
Ardeth Criswell

Beulah # 102



District # 19
Margaret Nugent (Brian)

Griffith # 583



District # 21
SheriAuld (John)

Prentiss # 178



District # 10
Tiffany Ingles

Brownsburg # 266



District # 12
Cheryl Tichenor

Middletown # 110



District # 14
Margaret Smith

Fort Wayne # 432



District # 16
Barbara Tate (Danny)

Hope # 5



District # 18
Becky Shroyer

LaFontaine # 301



District # 20
Patsy Kuhn (John)

Plymouth # 26



Check your Calendars

WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

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| Jul 10-13 | Rainbow Grand Assembly |
| Jul 17-20 | DeMolay Conclave |
| Jul 19 | WGM & WGP Reception |
| Jul 26 | Associate Grand Conductress Reception |
| Aug 2 | 125 th Anniv. Warsaw #88, D#20 |
| Aug 9 | Branch 1867/Initiatory D#12 |
| Aug 16 | Multi-State Friends Night, Lansing, MI |
| Aug 23 | 1 st Inspection, Mt. Moriah, D#13 |
| Aug 30 | Grand Master Reception |

INSPECTIONS

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

Aug 23 D#13 Mt. Moriah
Baby Dedication 1:10 pm
50 Year Award 1:20 pm
Inspection 1:30 pm

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please contact your District Deputy or
Nancy Pratt, Editor.**

Please be aware that on occasion a date and/or
location will be changed and it will be too late
to make the correction in the magazine.
Thank you for your understanding.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER APPOINTMENTS 2012 - 2015

Fred Rowe, PGP Worthy Grand Warder
Lakeville #479 D#20

Deby Thomas, PGM Community Service
Pendleton #138 D#13 Committee

Greg Onken, PGP Credentials Committee
Crystal #165 D#17

Kathy Livings, PGM ESTARL Committee
Starlight #181 D#20

Stellar Stars

Stellar Stars is a way to honor or remember an individual or group for a full year (10 issues). Send Stellar Star requests to: Pam Wrightsman Make checks payable to Indiana Grand Chapter, OES, Attn.: Stellar Stars



2 Stars

In Honor of
"Rays of Sunshine"
For safe travels 2013-2014
Momma Eliz & Poppa Darrell

In Honor of
"Showers of Blessings"
Grand Family
For safe travels 2013-2014
Momma Eliz & Poppa Darrell

In Honor of
District 2 for their devotion
to our beautiful order
Elizabeth Lashley, WGM

GRAND TRUSTEES

Susie Roach, PGM, 1 year
Odon #341 D#2

Dwayne Taylor, PGP, 2 years
Salem #286 D#4

Joyce Small, PGM, 3 years
Morristown #316 D#6

Catherine Randles, PGM, 4 years
Athens #97 D#9

Greg Onken, PGP, 5 years
Crystal #165 D#17

Dedications, Awards and Initiation in D#19

April 9th was the last inspection for District #19. Grand Family attending were: WGM Elizabeth Lashley; Grand Marshal Ron Mendenhall and Karen; Grand Ruth Joanna Hornsby and James; Grand Esther Jayne Peterson; Grand Electa Cindy Skura; and DD#19 Marcia Spears-LaBounty and John.

Olive Chapter #396, Hobart Chapter #314 and LaPorte Chapter #280 welcomed WGM Elizabeth Lashley with an addendum of “Kangaroo Kourt”.

Babies dedicated were Brayden Wilkie, son of Jim and Lori Wilkie, and Luca Wilkie, son of Sean and Valerie Wilkie. The babies were the grandson and great-grandson of Paula Wilkie, Worthy Matron of Olive Chapter.

Wilma Marsh of LaPorte Chapter received her 75 year award from the WGM after being escorted to the altar by the Grand Marshal. Wilma was pinned by her daughter-in-law Gail (Paul) Marsh. Her son John Marsh also attended.

Sara Cole, Worthy Matron of LaPorte Chapter was appointed Grand Representative of Ohio in Indiana by WGM Elizabeth Lashley.

LaPorte Chapter initiated two new members – Sister Karyl Kelly and Brother Michael Kelly, mother and son.

Congratulations to all and thank you for sharing these special moments at this official visit!



Jim & Lori Wilkie holding Brayden and
Sean & Valerie Wilkie holding Luca



WGM Elizabeth Lashley, Gail Marsh,
Wilma Marsh receiving her 75 year award,
John Marsh, Grand Marshal Ron Mendenhall

Sara Cole receiving her Grand Representative
of Ohio appointment with Grand Marshal Ron
Mendenhall



Ransford Hosts the Star Point Morning

The five Grand Star Points of Indiana were welcomed into the Sixth District on Saturday Morning, May 10th at Ransford Chapter in the Kresge Chapel of the Indiana Masonic Home. They shared with us their activities in their talks. From left to right they are: Cynthia Skura, Grand Electa; Shirley Moore, Grand Martha; Jayne Peterson, Grand Esther; Joanna Hornsby, Grand Ruth; and Darlene Shepard, Grand Adah. Barbara Heath, D#6 Star-Lite Reporter



75 and 25 Year Awards Presented

A delicious carry-in dinner was held at Lebanon Chapter #23 for all members and guests present. Lebanon Chapter was greatly honored to be able to present a 75 year award to one of our members, Sister Ethel Price.

Sister Madonna Meyerrose, PGM, had Sister Ethel escorted to the altar by Sister Cindy Cohee, PGM, where she was given her pin by her daughter, Anndra Pepples. Sister Ethel is 101 years of age and wanted to come to Lebanon Chapter to receive her pin.

Brother Bruce and Sister Linda Shepherd were then escorted to the altar where his parents, Brother Larry and Sister Carolyn Shepherd, presented their son and daughter-in-law with their 25 year pins. The honored guests received roses from the chapter. Sister Sherry Johnson, PGM, was also in attendance. Carolyn Shepherd, Sec.



Greenwood is 100!

On May 2, 2014, Greenwood Chapter hosted a celebration of their 100 years as a chapter of the Eastern Star. Decorations were clusters of five balloons using the five Star Points colors. They were placed in the chapter room and also in the dining room.

A dinner of pork chops, baked beans, scalloped potatoes and apple sauce was served prior to the celebration. The entertainment was provided by the Matinee Musicale—a ladies group who sang many old songs. One favorite was “Take Me Out To the Ball Game” and of course, “Lollypop.” They sang between sections of the history of the Chapter read by Brenda Trisler, a Past Matron of Greenwood. She wore a black dress she said had been her grandmother’s dress.

Guests for the evening introduced were: Becky Arthur, wife of the Worthy Grand Patron; Jonny Beeler, Grand Secretary; Larry Frost, Grand Chaplain and Nancy; Jayne Peterson, Grand Esther; Shirley Moore, Grand Martha and Cecil; and Lexi Johnson, D.D.#6 and David. Grand Chapter Committee Appointments: Doris Fowler, 6th District Grand Choir Director; Mary Shaffer, Assisting Grand Secretary; and Barbara Heath, 6th District Star Lite Reporter. Linda Beeler, Grand Representative of North Dakota; twelve Past Matrons and Past Patrons; three officers of Masonic bodies; and one youth Group leader.

In 1914 thirty persons petitioned to be organized as a new chapter: Greenwood Chapter. The mother chapter was Queen Esther Chapter in Indianapolis. Later on Greenwood sponsored the beginnings of Southport Chapter.

One unusual event was the time when a cat jumped onto the altar from a balcony above. One of the big events continued annually is the money making for Thanksgiving baskets to be prepared and at Christmas the same needy families are given clothes, food and toys for the children.

Two large plaques were given. Carolyn Russell presented one from the Indiana Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter to Greenwood Chapter, and Jane Sherrill presented a large plaque to the Greenwood Masonic Lodge.

Benediction was by Cleon Wright with the officers forming a circle around the altar. Barbara Heath, Star Lite Reporter



Special Dates: 2014 - 2015

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| June 12 -15 | Indiana Grand Chapter, Indianapolis Marriott East |
| June 15 | Get Acquainted Banquet |
| June 20 -22 | Job's Daughters, Grand Session, North Manchester |
| June 21 | Closed School of Instruction, Greentown Chapter #195 |
| July 10 -13 | Rainbow Grand Assembly, Columbus, IN |
| July 17 -20 | DeMolay Conclave, Huntington University |
| July 19 | WGM & WGP Joint Reception, Western High School, Russiaville |
| July 26 | Associate Grand Conductress Reception |
| Aug. 2 | 125 th Anniversary Warsaw Chapter #88, D-20 |
| Aug. 9 | Branch 1867/Initiatory D/12 |
| Aug. 16 | Multi State Friends Night, Lansing, MI |
| Aug. 23 | First Inspection in State, Mt. Moriah, D-13 |
| Aug. 30 | Grand Masters Receptions |
| Sept. 6 | Grand Organist Reception |
| Sept. 7 | Indiana Masonic Home Day |
| Sept. 13 | Grand Adah Reception |
| Sept. 19 | D-15 Association Meeting |
| Sept. 20 | Grand Ruth Reception |
| Sept. 28 | Grand Representative Fall Luncheon |
| Sept. 27 | D-15 First Inspection, GOE |
| Oct. 2-5 | IMH Project Trip, Nashville, TN |
| Oct. 11 | Grand Esther Reception |
| Oct. 17 | D-20 Association Meeting |
| Oct. 18 | Hoe Down, D-11 |
| Oct. 25 | Grand Martha Reception |
| Nov. 1 | Grand Electa Reception |
| Nov. 2 | Nettie Ransford Day |
| Nov. 8 | Grand Warder Reception |
| Nov. 15 | Grand Sentinel Reception |
| Dec. 6 | D.D. 15 Reception |
| Dec. 13 | D.D. 20 Reception |
| Feb. 8, 2015 | D-4 Valentine Tea, Indiana Masonic Home |
| Mar. 21 | Worthy Grand Warder Reception, Fred Rowe D-20 |
| Apr. 6 | D-15 Association Meeting |
| Apr. 10 | Grand Star Point Honor Night D-20 |
| Apr. 11 | D-20 Last Inspection, GOE |
| Apr. 25 | Last Inspection in State, D-11 |
| May 22 | Grand Star Point Honor Night, D-15 |
| May 30 | 125 th Anniversary Robert Morris Chapter #87, D-1 |
| June 11-14 | Indiana Grand Chapter, Indianapolis Marriott East |

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