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Worthy Grand Matron

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SOAP notes from Jill,

Fields of Faith! Brother Ron and I are beginning our voyage in the East. It is only by our faith, God's will and the support of the OES members, friends and most of all our family that will determine our success.

As you all know, I'm a registered nurse and nurses are required to record all of their encounters. "If it's not recorded, it wasn't done", therefore, I will be writing Subjective, Objective, Assessment and Plan (SOAP) Notes for my Eastern Star Column.

It has been such an enjoyable, but sometimes frustrating experience to assemble the Fields of Faith Grand Family. Brother Ron and I devoted a great deal of time making the selection for each office and we are pleased and proud of those we have chosen. We look forward to serving our Beautiful Order with this group of talented and devoted members.

The Worthy Grand Matron Project this year involves beautifying the Nettie Ransford Chapel. We are calling it "Chapel Fixer Upper". The Chapel is in need of new carpet, wall paper and seating. If you haven't visited the Chapel, you should do so; the stained glass windows are beautiful. It is located on the 2nd floor of the Administration Building. We are also beginning a campaign to "Put a Shine on our Star". This is a project to collect money to redecorate the Grand Secretary's Office. It is also in need of new carpet, wallpaper and paint. It is scheduled to receive new windows, so any decorating will have to wait until the windows are installed.

As you may have heard, Sisters Cindy Skura, Diana Surfus and I met earlier this year and came to the decision to eliminate Grand Star Point

Honor Nights. The attendance at these special events has dwindled and it places a hardship on the Grand Star Points (most of them work) to attend these functions, especially those held on a weekday. You will have every opportunity to meet these lovely ladies at Inspections, Receptions and Luncheons held in your Districts. You may also invite them to District Meetings or Friends' Nights.

District 9 has the distinction of having the 2nd Brother in recent history serving as Grand Warder this year. Brother Bill Allee of Greencastle Chapter was Grand Warder for Sister Cindy Cohee and Brother Frank Norman (District 9) and Brother Ron and I have selected Brother Terry Larkin to serve as our Grand Warder.

Jon and I are gearing up to travel the State this year. He's been practicing saying "husband of the Worthy Grand Matron". Hopefully he won't have to read it from his name badge. I truly don't know how I would survive without his support.

I have been so fortunate to receive support and guidance from several Past Grand Matrons and of course, Hedges' Past Grand Patron, Frank Norman; also my Fraternal Baby Brother/Pop, Cary Hetrick and my Deputy Daddy Big Bird, Henry Huff. District 9's own Sisters: Naomi Mitchell and Cathy Randles; my Fraternal Sissy/Mom, Sonda Schapson; and my Deputy GG Mom, Sherry Johnson have all listened to me and answered my questions.

During the coming year I hope to share some OES Trivia with you, so here goes: "To the Eastern Star, the Altar is the symbolic heart. The prepared Altar symbolized the Spirit of God in the human heart. It is placed between two star points for protection. When the Bible is open on the Altar, it creates a holy area between the prepared Altar and the East and no one is permitted to pass between those two places. The Altar symbolizes that the Great White Light should emanate from every heart to light the pathway of others."

Till we meet again,
God Bless,

Jill Rice, WGM



Clips from the Barber Shop

It is with much anticipation and excitement that Sister Jill and I are looking forward to the year ahead. We are so very appreciative of our membership for your confidence in our abilities to help each of you as we do our best to maintain and hopefully expand our membership during the coming months. We are so thankful for each of those who have consented to fill each part of our Grand Family.

The first thought that I would like to share with you is how much I have enjoyed and how much I have learned following in the footsteps of Brother Larry Frost. He has been a great friend and has been most willing to share with me in order to help make my term as your Worthy Grand Patron as smooth and meaningful as possible. Sister Karen and I have come to know Brother Larry and Sister Nancy as great soul mates and thank them for their kindness during these past four years.

During the coming months I will be challenging each and every one of you to do all in your power to help us maintain and hopefully expand our membership. It is with this in mind that I will be asking you to offer to pick up someone who can no longer drive and take them to your Eastern Star meetings, to encourage a member of your chapter to take an office who has not had one before or who has not served as an officer for a few years, and to be observant at your attendance at Masonic meetings for some brother and his wife who are not members of our Eastern Star and encourage them to join. Perhaps offering to pay their first dues when they do join to let them know how much they are appreciated might be an incentive to get them to be active in the chapter. If we do not share with others our enthusiasm for our order, it will not grow or even sustain itself.

In closing I would like to share with each of you how humble I feel in accepting the office of your Worthy Grand Patron and will do my best to fill that honored position to the best of my ability.

With Star Love,

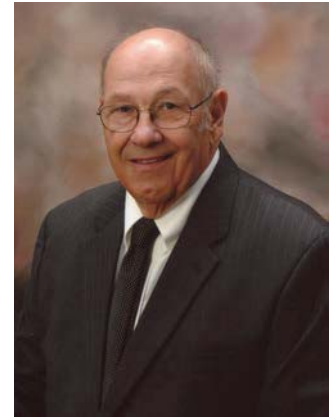
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along with District #9 and District #17

cordially invite you to

"A Day in the Country"

Reception honoring

The Worthy Grand Matron &

The Worthy Grand Patron

Of the Indiana Grand Chapter

Order of the Eastern Star

Saturday, July 30, 2016

South Montgomery High School

6425 US-231

Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Social Hour 12:00 PM RSVP by July 23, 2016

Addendum 3:00 PM Mary Jo Norman

Program 3:30 PM PO Box 314

Dinner (\$16) 5:00 PM Bloomingdale, IN 47862

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Theme

Cultivate Friendship and Faith

Motto

"Life is just like farming – you always reap what you sow." Merry Riana

Aim

To promote the principles of our Beautiful Order by serving with Devotion, Charity, Truth and Love for God and our fellow man.

Watchwords

Live!
Laugh!
Love!

Emblems

The Open Holy Bible—Our blueprint for life
The Cross—the ultimate demonstration of God's love
The American Flag—an emblem of our freedom

Symbols

The sunflower—a symbol of spiritual faith and worship
The rainbow—a symbol of God's mercy

Fun Symbols

Horseshoes
Cowboy boots
Four leaf clovers
Barber poles
Riding lawn mowers

Honor Stations

Secretary
Martha-To honor our Fraternal Mom
Associate Patrons

Honor Groups

District 9 and Hedges Chapter #51
District 17 and Tippecanoe Chapter #96
Worthy Matrons and Patrons

Colors

All shades of pink, teal and dark chocolate with hints of gold and silver

Flowers

Pink roses, Lilacs, White lilies and Wheat

WGM Scripture

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2

WGP Scripture

And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself. Luke 10:27

Our Prayer

You are ushering in another day
Untouched and freshly new
So here we come to ask You, God
If you'll renew us too.
Forgive the many errors
That we made yesterday
And let us try again, dear God
To walk closer in Thy way
But, Father, we are well aware
We can't make it on our own.
So take our hands and hold them tight,
For we can't walk alone.

Helen Steiner Rice

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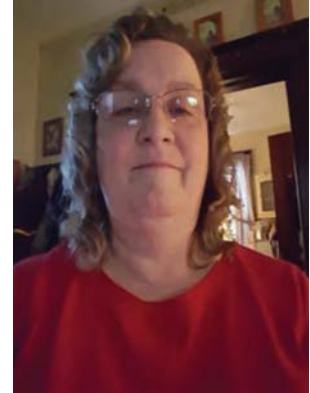
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Join Diana's All Stars at the following fund raising events. All event reservations should be sent to Diana Surfus, 3984 W. 1050 N., Milford, IN 46542. Her phone number is 574-518-1935 and email address is dlsurfus@gmail.com. Make all checks payable to Diana's All Stars. We hope you can come and enjoy all the entertainment!

CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES

Buffet & Theatre Show
 August 21, 2016
 Beef and Boards
 9301 N. Michigan Rd., Indianapolis, IN
 Doors Open at Noon
 Buffet at 12:15 pm, Show Time at 1:30 pm
 Adults \$60
 Reservations by July 21st

THE OAK RIDGE BOYS

Dinner Buffet & Concert
 October 22, 2016
 Blue Gate Restaurant & Shippshewana
 Event Center
 105 E. Middlebury St., Shippshewana, IN
 Dinner Buffet at Blue Gate at 5:30 pm
 Concert at Shippshewana Event Center
 at 7:30 pm
 Adults \$60
 Reservations by September 22nd

DAVID PENDLETON

COMEDIAN & VENTRILOQUIST

Dinner Buffet & Show
 November 26, 2016
 Blue Gate Restaurant & Top Floor
 Theatre
 105 E. Middlebury St., Shippshewana, IN
 Dinner Buffet at Blue Gate at 5:00 pm
 Show at Top Floor Theatre at 7:00 pm
 Adults \$60, Children under 12 \$30
 Reservations by October 26th

75th Diamond Award Celebration

What a lovely day! On Sunday, March 13, 2016, in the heart of Greenwood, IN, a beautiful lady, Sister Mildred Orme, joined in the celebration of her 75th year as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star!



WGM Tina Vredenburg, Mildred Orme, Janet Keith and WGP Larry Frost

Mildred became a member of Southport Chapter #442 when she was a young lady and the proud member of an active Masonic Family. Her dad was a Mason, her mom active in Eastern Star. Meetings were held above a grocery store in 1940 when Mildred was initiated.

Southport Chapter was pleased to honor Sister Mildred, now 101 years of age, at her home on this special day. Worthy Grand Matron Sister Tina Vredenburg and her husband George, and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Larry Frost and his wife Nancy were able to be there to present her pin. Also in attendance were Sister Marilyn Bohrer, Worthy Matron of Southport, Sister Barbara Lanouette, Deputy of District 11, and Sister LeVon Holmes, Past Grand Matron.

Her Chapter presented Sister Mildred with a beautiful corsage and a lovely container of roses. Her sister Janet Keith, 10 years her junior and also a member of Southport Chapter, was there and placed the pin upon Sister Mildred. Her daughter Janet Brown was also in attendance and assisted in serving refreshments to everyone following the ceremony.

Sister Mildred has truly been blessed by God, is in relatively good health for her years and was the life of the party. We heard many stories about her younger days and our Worthy Grand Patron, a history buff anyway, sat enthralled by each and every fact presented. I do believe that Sister Mildred was more of a blessing to those in attendance than they were to her. As stated in the beginning of this article – What a Lovely Day!

Submitted by LeVon Holmes, PGM



Seated - Mildred Orme and Janet Keith
Standing - LeVon Holmes, PGM; Barbara Lanouette, DD#11; WM Marilyn Bohrer; and Janet Brown

75 - Year Member in D#12

On Saturday, March 12th, Evelyn Hill from New Castle Chapter #116 was awarded her 75- year Diamond Award by Tina Vredenburgh, WGM, and Larry Frost, WGP at the Flat Rock Nursing Home in Rushville, IN. Evelyn was initiated into Raleigh Chapter on April 8, 1941. When Raleigh Chapter closed she became a member at Knightstown and then Shirley when Knightstown closed. Shirley then consolidated with New Castle where she is now a member.

Evelyn's son, Steve Hill, pinned her. Other family members attending were: Arnie Hill, her son; Jenny Paddack, granddaughter; Brian Hill and Justin Paddack, grandsons; River Paddack, great-granddaughter; Nash Paddack, great-grandson; and Elaine Hill, daughter-in-law. Also attending were: Nancy Frost, wife of WGP; George Vredenburgh, husband of WGM; Pam Butz, DD#12; Marla Kemerly, WM; and Cheryl Tichenor, D#12 Star-Lite Reporter. Refreshments of cookies and tea were served and everyone enjoyed being together to celebrate Evelyn's special afternoon.



Rosalie Apple 75 - Year Award



Seated – Rosalie Apple and Louise Apple
Standing – Lori Elmore, PGM Lois Wagoner, WM Linda Jordan, Sue Ann Brady, Patsy Lewis, Phyllis Pruner, Karen Fleming, Bob Bailey and Irv Lewis.

Eden Chapter #101 had the distinct privilege of presenting Rosalie Apple with her 75 Year Membership pin.

PGM Lois Wagoner conducted the ceremony, which celebrated this memorable achievement of belonging to the Order of the Eastern Star since 1941. Rosalie was surrounded by her family and friends, many who had traveled from out of the state to join her as she received her pin on this joyous occasion. Her niece, Joetta Hochstetler, Past Grand Organist of Illinois, presented Rosalie with her pin. A reception followed at the Spring Hurst Legacy Club House.

Grand Star Point Honor Night in District #8

Friday, February 19th was an exciting night in District #8. Our Grand Star Point Honor Night was hosted by the Worthy Matrons and Patrons of the District at Pimento Chapter. There were over 60 members and friends in attendance. The Grand Star Points and their escorts were (from left) Betty Poff (seated), Ann Mangus; Wanda Gray, Grand Adah; Denver Gray; Norma Coudry; Alice Rogers, Grand Ruth; Jim Rogers; Teresa Kalber, District Deputy #8; Jennifer Nicholson, Grand Esther; Kathy Farr; Sheryl Lentz, Grand Martha; Carla Farrand; Phyllis Gaff, Grand Electa; Dorothy Keiser, and Dick Gaff.



Swayzee Presents 75 Year Diamond Award

Family, friends and members of Swayzee Chapter #345 assembled April 10th at the Community Parkview Health Care Center in Elwood to witness Flora Anderson receive her 75 year diamond award. Swayzee chapter presented her with a yellow rose corsage.

WM Cindy Lucas introduced PGM Virgia Hendrick who presented the ceremony. Flo was pinned by her daughter. Our new 75-year member received the Grand Honors. Flo expressed her thanks and that she loved everyone.

There were 10 family members, 2 friends and 10 chapter members present. All introduced themselves.

Cookies, tea and coffee were served to all.



Left to right: WP Bill Lucas, PGM Virgia Hendrick, DD#13 Pam Peters, Peg Ours, Rhonda Maggard, Suellen Stokes and Lorene Call. In front: Flo and WM Cindy Lucas.

OPEN HOUSE HONORING LORENE CALL

Columbian Chapter #140 of D#7 in Linton and Swayzee Chapter #345 of D#13 in Swayzee held an open house April 17th to celebrate Lorene Call, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for 75 years. The open house was held at Quincy Lodge Hall in Elwood.

Lorene could be found all around welcoming her nearly 100 guests and chatting with everyone.

A decorated cake with "Lorene – A Star for 75 years" was served along with nuts and OES mints, punch and coffee. There were pink napkins printed the same as the cake. The tables were covered with mauve and pink tablecloths with placemats of a pink rose and "Old friends are like antiques...they are to be treasured." There were also antique boxes and imitation diamonds adorning each table.

Swayzee WM Cindy Lucas welcomed all present and introduced PGM Virgia Hendrick,



who presided during the ceremony. She instructed PGP Darrell Arthur to escort Lorene to the front of the room. Columbian WM Sharon Lynch presented Lorene with a bouquet of flowers from the chapter. PGM Joy Ellen Kuppler voiced a prayer for the occasion. PGM Virgia then presented the ceremony and Lorene was pinned by her daughter. Rhonda Maggard then gave a tribute to Lorene by reading several selections from "Lorene's book" she had written 10 years ago when she was JUST a 65 year member. She had related many memories of OES trips to General Grand Chapters since 1952 along with other adventures.

Janice Gastineau and a group of Rainbow girls from the Linton Assembly #66 presented a tribute to Lorene, as she was the first Mother Advisor of their assembly in 1949. Each girl presented a special gift to Lorene. Remarks were given by Lorene, who introduced her daughter, Janice Mott, and her granddaughter, Deidre Martin. She thanked everyone for coming and was thrilled to see them.

District 12 New 50-Year Members

At the first inspection in D#12 on October 16, 2015, Sister Tina Vredenburgh, WGM, and Brother Larry Frost, WGP, presented three members of D#12 with their Award of Gold. They are Mrs. Marla Kemerly of New Castle Chapter #116 and Merlin and Essie Jean McDaniel of Middletown Chapter #110. After receiving their Award of Gold, each member told of their memories of 50 years of Eastern Star.

Last Inspection in D#12

The last inspection in D#12 was held March 12th at the Connersville Masonic Lodge, with the chapters Connersville #346, Lewisville #463, Loyal #49 and Martha Poe #143. The day began with a wonderful lunch prepared by the Connersville Chapter. The inspection began with the addendum for the WGM and WGP given by the WMs and WPs of D#12. They sent Tina and Larry on a much-needed vacation after their busy year, but assured them they were welcome back to D#12 anytime.

Four members of D#12 received their 50-year awards. Darrell Wilkinson from Martha Poe Chapter was pinned by his wife Ramona, Janet Kile from Martha Poe Chapter was pinned by Suzette Kile, Tommie Hunt from New Castle Chapter was pinned by LeVon Holmes, PGM, and Lenore



Pierce from New Castle Chapter was pinned by her daughter.

The afternoon continued with the Grand Representative appointments of Virginia Newkirk of Lewisville Chapter, Kansas; Patty Pracht of New Castle Chapter, Texas; and Nancy Frost of New Castle Chapter and wife of the WGP, Oregon.

Everyone was welcomed by Stacy Baker, WM of Connersville. Tina Vredenburgh, WGM, and Larry Frost, WGP, were escorted to the altar and then to the East. Other introductions included 3 PGMs, 14 Grand Officers, 13 DDs and 4 Grand Representatives.

The officers relinquished their stations to the Grand Officers who exemplified the work. After initiation the WGM and WGP gave their remarks as did DD#12 Pam Butz. Sally Woodward, PGM, presented Tina and Larry and spouses Honorary Memberships from the chapters in the inspection. After the closing ceremony all enjoyed refreshments in the dining room.

125th Anniversary of Middletown



On a beautiful March 22, 2016, Middletown Chapter #110 celebrated its 125th Anniversary.

Two tables with historical items from the chapter were on display. There were several scrapbooks, yearbooks, pictures and other items of interest. The table grace was given by Pam Butz, DD#12. A wonderful dinner of ham and all the trimmings was prepared by the Middletown Chapter and served by the Job's Daughters Bethel #115. The dining room was decorated with quilts, hurricane lamps and vases of spring flowers. A beautiful cake decorated with the Eastern Star emblem and flowers was served.

The officers entered the chapter room, which was decorated with quilts, hurricane lamps and lace doilies. The East was decorated with a quilt and flower arrangement made by Fran Tedrow and ceramic dolls of the five star point colors. There were two special oil paintings and a chalkboard which stated that tonight's lessons were History 110 and Music 125.

Cheryl Tichenor, WM, welcomed everyone with the poem "Antique Connections". Cheryl introduced Tina Vredenburgh, WGM, and Ned Cline, WP, introduced Larry Frost, WGP. Several members of the Grand Family and District Deputies were introduced as were others in attendance.

Cheryl began the evening's entertainment by telling everyone that she hopes that they had brushed up on their history and music lessons because there might be a "pop quiz" this evening. The chapter was begun when a petition was signed by 26 residents and a dispensation was granted. The Middletown Chapter was instituted by the Knightstown Chapter on March 10, 1891, with the first Worthy Matron being Mary VanTuyl and the first Worthy Patron was John Unger. The first anniversary of the chapter was celebrated by each sister bringing a box lunch with enough food for two people. One box contained two doughnuts.

On February 3, 1897, the Lodge was "impaired by fire", however much of the furniture was saved and is still being used today. Cheryl read many highlights of the chapter and told many historical events that happened during that time. She had several "pop quizzes" and the winners were treated with chocolate Easter rabbits. Marvin Rees, Grand Organist, played selected numbers from different time periods and everyone had to guess the songs.

Middletown Chapter has instituted two other chapters, Sulphur Springs which is now with Middletown, and Hagerstown which is now with New Castle. Middletown Chapter has had a WGM, Dianna Bullock, who served in 1999. After our history and music lessons, remarks were given. Cheryl thanked everyone for coming and thanked her officers and members for helping with the evening's program. The benediction was given by Larry Frost, WGP, and everyone retired to the dining room for refreshments.

A Star-Spangled Celebration in Morristown

Morristown Methodist Church was the scene of the Star-Spangled Celebration for Cindy Essig, Deputy of District #6 on Saturday, February 27, 2016. The theme for this reception was “Patriotic” in honor of all of those who served in the Military and for Cindy’s 21 years of service. The dining room was decorated with Patriotic items, penguins, snowmen and a top hat with a tiara for the WMs and WPs who are serving with Cindy this year. Mary Ann Toll, WM, welcomed all with an essay on a snowflakes travel being like that of all of us. The invocation was given by Lois Wagoner, PGM.



Cindy was escorted to the altar by Debbie Hamilton, PD, for introduction. Rick Lassiter sang “I Believe”. She was then dressed in a white cape and tiara to represent Cinderella and passed through an escort formed by Cindy’s Tiaras and Top Hats (WMs and WPs of District 6) and the Past Deputies of District 6 who were wearing tiaras, top hats and waving United States flags.

Cindy’s tribute was given by Tina Vredenburg, WGM, who mentioned many things about Cindy’s Eastern Star service as well as Job’s Daughters, her Civilian Service career with the Government, her military service in the Air Force Reserves and her family. She retired as a Senior Master Sergeant from the Air Force Reserves at Grissom Air Reserve Base in 1995. Larry Frost, WGP, was absent so Tina presented their gift to Cindy.

Introductions included 7 PGMs and PGP’s and 4 spouses, 10 Dare to Dream Grand Family officers and 8 spouses, 17 Deputies (Pretty Penguins) and 8 Husbands and Escorts (Snow Buddies). The Deputies, spouses and escorts sang the Air Force song, “Off We Go Into the Wild Blue Yonder”, and presented her with teddy bears and other items associated with bears—one was even dressed in an Air Force uniform made by one of the Deputies. Cindy’s nickname is “Cinderella” and there were several gift items presented as well.

Cindy’s family and friends introduced were: her Mother Barbara Essig, PM of New Palestine Chapter; Beth Spangler and Cheryl Williams from Colorado; Jeanette Hauk and a co-worker Carol Goins and her husband, Del. Cindy recognized the 12 Grand Chapter Appointments; 9 WMs and WPs; 7 Grand Representatives; 20 PMs and PPs; Lindsey Potts, Grand Worthy Advisor of Rainbow; the members of Morristown Chapter; District 6; Beech Grove and Millersville Chapters, where she is also a member; and District 11.

The Benediction and Table Grace was given by Joyce Small, PGM, and Grand Trustee.

A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all afterwards, which was catered by the famous Bluebird Restaurant in Morristown. Cindy mentioned at dinner that there was a nine-year old boy with Autism named Alexander, who was in need of a Service Dog and asked for the members’ support of this project. She thanked Deby Thomas, PGM, for getting this project started. A check in the amount of \$200.00 was sent to Northern Indiana Service Dogs to go toward the cost of the Dog. Cindy reports that the Service Dog, named Harper, is now living with his family and doing really well.

Toss the Bitter;

Keep the Sweet

February 20, 2016 all bitter was tossed, only sweet remained at a reception honoring Millie Cooley, District Deputy #7. Nearly 200 Star guests with many potential members enjoyed 70 degree weather while touching base with friends. No cooking or cleaning this time, the ladies & gentlemen stayed fresh as the daisies, bittersweet, doves of peace & butterflies of hope that graced the room.

While there was no cooking, many members of District Seven and Millie's Deputy Sisters helped decorate and tear down for the event. Millie extends her gratitude to all those who helped.

Veterans were remembered by a table dedicated to those earning the Purple Heart. Thanks to Evelyn Sims, sister of Betty Sparks for sharing her husband's service history. Before the Pledge to the American Flag Brother Darrell Arthur, PGP, gave a rendition of Red Skelton's Celebration to the American Flag. Brother Darrell also gave the invocation.

Conductresses for the day were Sisters Dewie Southern and Tracy Soliday. Sister Sharon Lynch presented Millie with flowers and organized the District 7 escort. Millie's deputy sisters' relentless roast was executed by Deputy 14 Jennifer Pelter. Millie's tribute was given by Ellen Davis, Millie's mom when she was Worthy Matron. Sister Becky Arthur touched our hearts with a plea for cooperation by sharing the lyrics to "One Tin Soldier".

Millie was presented at the altar graced with the WGM's bible while Sister Cheryl Kuritz offered voice and piano to, "It is Well with My Soul". Gospel music by the Stockton-Hatt Quartet, lectures by members of Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls and more music by Cheryl Kuritz were sprinkled throughout the



program. Winners of the District 7 coloring contest, Sisters Kathy Axe, Frances Hoagland and Sue Hill received awards for best penguins and snowmen.

Millie was presented with a love gift by Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Larry Frost. Sister Joy Ellen Kuppler, PGM, gave the Benediction with Rev. Mark Villanova offering table grace. Brother Howard Farrand and wife Carla made us all look good in the photos no matter how much we enjoyed the refreshments.

During the program, Sister Melinda Meeks with Rainbow Girls and Brother Danny Gadberry calculated the snowflakes purchased for the WGM's project and the Cancer Fund. Brother Steve Cooley, husband of District Deputy 7, announced that many delicate flakes became a blizzard with \$1075.00 collected and split between the two funds.

Brother Bob Slaughter dismissed the guests who enjoyed dinner. Echoing the "Dare to Dream" family name, Dreamsicle-style ice-cream bars were served for dessert.

Earlier in the program, WGM, Sister Tina Vredenburgh presented Millie with 'the Deputy gift', yes, it was Oooo, Aaaaah, Beautiful! An unforgettable moment for Millie was when WGM Tina assisted Millie in opening the gift, gingerly tossing the wrapping paper behind them. When a bitter moment threatens, this wise Mama tosses the bitter as that wrapping paper; keeping the sweet gift of peace, striving towards harmony. To all attendees, have happy hugs and a gaggle of giggles!

A Butterfly Reception

The Millcreek Civic Center became a butterfly wonderland on Saturday, December 5, 2015 for the reception honoring Pam Butz, DD#12. The piano prelude was played by Ginny McCabe, PGO and DD#15.

A Baby Dedication presided by Tina Vredenburgh, WGM, was held for Lilly and Ivey Andrews, daughters of Lacey Dunwiddie, and for Hayden Moss, son of Nicole Wilbur, who are all the great-grandchildren of Pam and Lowell Butz and Walt and Nancy Spangler and the great-great-grandchildren of Sally Ruefenacht.

The Award of Gold was then presented to Pam. She was escorted to the Altar by Larry Frost, WGP, where her mother, Sally Ruefenacht pinned her. Pam was initiated into Eastern Star in November of 1965 by WM Margaret and WP Eugene Pittsford who were able to attend this ceremony. Pam then gave her special memories of being in Eastern Star.

Cheryl Tichenor, WM of Middletown Chapter #110, welcomed all with the poem "The Golden Chain of Friendship". The invocation was given by Dianna Bullock, PGM.

Pam was presented at the altar by her daughter, Tiffany Patton, Conductress. For her escort, the WMs and WPs of D#12 dressed Pam as a cheerleader to remind her of her high school days as a cheerleader. Pam then led everyone in a cheer for Eastern Star. Pam's granddaughter, Isabel Longaker, sang a special song. Tina Vredenburgh, WGM, read Pam's tribute and then she and Larry Frost, WGP, presented Pam with a special gift. Pam presented Tina and Larry with donations for the Dine and Recline project and the Cancer Fund.

PGMs and PGPs introduced were Dianna



Bullock, Betty Swisher and Charlie, and Fred Smith and Diane. The Dare to Dream Grand Family introduced were: George Vredenburgh, husband of WGM; Nancy Frost, wife of WGP; Jill Rice, AGM, and Jon; Cindy Skura, GC, and David; Diana Surfus, AGC; Les Simonton, Grand Marshal, and Cheryl; Wanda Gray, Grand Adah, and Denver; Alice Rogers, Grand Ruth, and Jim; Jennifer Nicholson, Grand Esther; Sheryl Lentz, Grand Martha, and Clifford; Phyllis Gaff, Grand Electa, and Dick; Charlene Holley, Grand Warder and David; and Robert DeRolf, Grand Sentinel, and Melody.

The Pretty Penguins and Snow Buddies introduced were: DD#1; DD#2; DD#3; DD#4; DD#5; DD#6; DD#7; DD#8; DD#9; DD#10; DD#11; DD#13; DD#14; DD#15; DD#16; DD#18; and DD#21.

Grand Representatives introduced were: Charlie Swisher, GR of Maine; and Charles Merrill, GR of Alabama. The usual introductions were made from the floor and all were greeted with a hearty welcome and a butterfly quote from Pam.

The entertainment for the evening was Kurt Stickrad. He is a young man who is blind, but has not let his handicap stop him. He played several piano selections for us.

The benediction was given by Les Simonton and the table grace was given by Rev. Leon Pomeroy, Pam's Pastor. Following the prayers all were invited to a delicious dinner and fellowship.

Franklin Honors Ruth and Esther Stations



On Wednesday, October 14, at Franklin Chapter's regular stated meeting, all the ladies who had served at some time as either or both Ruth and Esther were recognized. These ladies were escorted across the West for recognition. Sandra Heath, WM, mentioned several historic qualities of each lady in her time of history and the difficulties that each had faced at that time. Both Ruth and Esther had been in a strange land, yet they

were brave enough to face their time of difficulty with their steadfast faith and courage.

Our six ladies were each presented with a plastic canvas box in the shape of a large star of the five colors. They were Martha Duke, Barbara Heath, Kathy Moore, Judy Haynes (absent), Sheila Haag, and Linda Beeler. Some of these ladies have served in these offices several times. Sandra chose these two stations as her honor stations because our WGM, Tina Vredenburg, had served as Ruth and Sandra herself is serving as Esther at Ransford IMH Chapter.

Barbara Heath, Star-Lite Reporter #6

Swayzee Tours Seiberling Mansion

Swayzee Chapter #345 enjoyed a Sunday afternoon touring the Seiberling Mansion in Kokomo on December 6. Each room was decorated with Christmas decorations including 513 Christmas trees of all sizes. Those shown in the picture are (left to right): Vernie and PGM Virgia Hendrick, Arlene Stuttle, Billie Stuttle, Peg Ours, our guide Goldie Snavelly, Linda Weaver, Mary Ratliff, Suellen Stokes, WM Cindy Lucas, Rhonda Maggard, WP Bill Lucas and DD#13 Pam Peters. The picture was taken by Roger Weaver. We were all surprised to see Goldie as our guide. She is an OES member of Kokomo. The group then journeyed to eat at the Windmill Café in Kokomo.



Judy Day Receives 50-Year Pin



Sister Judy Day of Upland Chapter #411 received her 50-year pin in an intimate ceremony on February 2, 2016. PGP Bob Surber conducted the ceremony and several Sisters and Brothers, as well as Judy's family members, gathered and enjoyed cupcakes and refreshments while visiting with Judy.

Judy was a faithful member of Gas City Chapter until its consolidation with Upland Chapter #411, where she continued on as an active member and officer, most recently serving in the station of Adah.

Ransford IMH Presents 50-Year Jewel

Prior to the Opening at Ransford IMH Chapter on Monday, April 18, Joyce Small, Grand Trustee and PGM presided for the 50-year ceremony honoring Nancy Sighting. She was pinned by her husband Carl.

Guests present were: Barbara Heath, D#6 Star-Lite Reporter; Sue Midkiff, Trip to Branson; two Grand Representatives: Carlton Hinshaw, United Grand Chapter of Australia; and Tina Lee, Saskatchewan, and Worthy High Priestess, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem; WM Sandra Heath, Franklin; Nancy Baker, Grand Associate Matron, Order of Amaranth. Many, many Past Matrons and Past Patrons and Lonnie Small, Spouse of Joyce Small.



Nineveh Chapter Honors 50-year Member

Friends, guests, members and officers gathered at Nineveh Chapter on Tuesday, April 5th to honor their fifty-year member, Pat Burns. A very delicious dinner was served before the meeting in the dining room. Tables were decorated with birdhouses.

Guests for the evening were Bonnie Allinder, PGM; Barbara Heath, Star-Lite Reporter for District 6; Patsy McKee, Dine and Recline for WGM's Project; Tina Lee, Grand Representative of Saskatchewan in Indiana; Sandra Heath, WM at Franklin, and many Past Matrons and Past Patrons.

Pat Burns was escorted to the altar by Ivan Lancaster, WP, where Bonnie Allinder, PGM, presented the 50-year ceremony. She was pinned by Tori Kelly, her daughter, brother, James and sister-in-law.

Following the ceremony, Nineveh had their regularly stated meeting.

Barbara Heath, D#6 Star-Lite Reporter

Dean Benbow Dedication

On March 8th at the last inspection in D#18 held at Converse Chapter #334 with LaFontaine Chapter #301 and Wabash Chapter #90, Dean Thomas Benbow was dedicated to the principles of the order. He was presented by his parents, Kip Benbow and Andrea Kumler-Benbow and his big sister Julia. Andrea is a member of LaFontaine Chapter. Dean's grandparents are the late Richard Kumler, PP, and Nancy Walters-Kumler, PM; Great-grandparents are the late Russell Walters and Bonnie Duffey Walters, PM, and great-great grandparents are the late Glenn Duffey and Kate Duffey, all members of LaFontaine Chapter.



Middletown Friends' Night

Middletown Chapter #110 held their Friends' Night, "An Evening of Music and Friendship", on Friday evening, October 23, 2015 at the Masonic Lodge. A delicious soup supper featuring homemade vegetable soup and chili was enjoyed.

The entertainment for the evening was a presentation of piano music by Mr. John Doty, Director of Vocal Music at New Castle High School and Middle School. A native of Columbus, IN, he is a graduate of Butler University and is very active in his community. He serves as pianist at Honey Creek United Methodist Church in Honey Creek and is the organist and co-music director at the Sixth Street Christian Church in Middletown. He is a member of the Middletown Lions Club and enjoys kayaking, camping, traveling and rooting on Butler Men's Basketball. John opened the evening with "Autumn Leaves" for the cool fall evening we had and finished with "God Bless America". A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all.



Pimento Chapter "Going to the Dogs"

This past year the members of Pimento Chapter #516 have been helping others through recycling. Their Worthy Matron, Sister Carol Sloan, began the year by asking her officers and others to help the local Humane Shelter by saving the black and white section of their newspapers. A tote was placed in the dining area of the Temple as a collection site. It soon became too small and monthly trips to the Shelter were necessary. As members of other District 8 Chapters became aware of our efforts they began to contribute, too.

Along with newspapers, the members also collected plastic bottle caps for the Worthy Grand Matron. When word was received that she was no longer accepting them we continued to collect them for the local school system. Our local schools also benefited by our members saving their "Box Tops for Education" labels from various food products.

Of course, a crock was also added to the collection table for members to throw in their "Penny Wars" donations for Sister Tina's and Brother Larry's "Dine and Recline" Masonic Home project. The comment was heard that "these were such simple and easy things to do", yet they made a big difference for other groups in our community. Thanks to all who helped make these projects such a success!

Job's Daughters Honor Masonic Family

On Monday April 6, 2016, Bethel #115 of Daleville hosted a very special meeting to honor the Masons and Eastern Star members who support their Bethel. Honored Queen Stacie Paul has spent the last year or so traveling to Lodges and Chapters in the area to speak about Job's Daughters. Five of those Lodges and three of those Eastern Star Chapters were represented at this meeting. There were over 20 guests on the sidelines! The visitors were presented with bookmarks and candy bars and enjoyed a presentation of the "Tribute to the Masonic Family" ceremony. Afterwards everyone celebrated with some fellowship and refreshments of chicken and rice, cake and ice cream.



Fairland Hosts Last Inspection in District Six

On Monday, April 11th, all the bunnies hopped to Fairland for the last Inspection in District Six. Tina Vredenburgh, WGM, and Larry Frost, WGP, were honored with an addendum that took them down the Bunny Trail. They were dressed up with bunny ears, teeth, and of course, bunny tails. The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons gave them many useful items for their journey through Grand Chapter.



Lonnie Small, spouse of Joyce Small, Grand Trustee and PGM, carried the Holy Bible to the altar. Fairland Chapter dedicated two babies (pictured). They were the great-grandchildren of John and Judy Haynes, officers of both Franklin and Fairland.

Carlton Hinshaw, WP, at Morristown and Ransford IMH Chapters was escorted to the altar and was appointed Grand Representative of Australia in Indiana.



Franklin Chapter led by Sandra Heath, WM, and John Haynes, WP, had the opening ceremonies. Tina Vredenburgh, WGM, and Larry Frost, WGP, were presented at the altar for introduction and escorted to the East. Joyce Small, Grand Trustee and PGM, was also escorted to the altar and then to the East. Grand Officers introduced were Jonny Beeler, Grand Secretary and Cindy Skura, Grand Conductress, Les Simonton, Grand Marshal; Wanda Gray, Grand Adah; Alice Rogers, Grand Ruth; Jennifer Nicholson, Grand Esther; Sheryl Lentz, Grand Martha; and Charlene Holly, Grand Warder.

Only two District Deputies were present: Pam Butz, DD#12 and "our own" Cindy Essig, DD#6. Nine (9) Grand Chapter Committee appointments were introduced as were Wanda Lillyblade, Grand Representative of Puerto Rico in Indiana and, of course, Carlton Hinshaw, Grand Representative of Australia (pictured). The following spouses were introduced George Vredenburgh, Nancy Frost; Gloria Jonas, Lonnie Small, Cheryl Simonton, Denver Gray, Jim Rogers, David Holley, and Lowell Butz.

Our Grand Officers said they are looking forward to Grand Chapter in June.

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Jul 21-22	DeMolay Conclave
Jul 30	WGM & WGP Reception
Aug 6	Grand Master's Reception
Aug 13	Multi-State at Springfield, IL
Aug 20	1 st Inspection at Lebanon, GOEx
Aug 22	100 th Anniversary Upland, D#13
Aug 27	ACG Reception
Sep 10	Grand Organist Reception
Sep 11	Masonic Home Day
Sep 15-18	Kentucky Grand Chapter
Sep 17	Grand Adah Reception
Sep 23-25	Ohio Grand Chapter
Sep 24	150 th Anniversary Sunbeam, D#1
Sep 25	Grand Representatives Luncheon
Oct 1	Grand Ruth Reception
Oct 4-5	Illinois Grand Chapter
Oct 8	Grand Esther Reception
Oct 11-13	Michigan Grand Chapter
Oct 15	Hoedown, D#11
Oct 22	100 th Anniversary Masonic Home
Oct 29	Grand Martha Reception

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Aug 26	D#9 Luncheon, GOEx
Aug 29	D#17 Luncheon
Sep 9	D#5
Sep 12	D#7
Sep 16	D#6
Sep 19	D#1
Sep 21	D#18
Sep 26	D#15 Luncheon
Sep 30	D#12 Luncheon
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