



Jesus first - Others between - Yourself last

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

I can't believe that our O.E.S. year is almost over and Grand Chapter is just around the corner. What a wonderful year it has been! I have had the great honor to present many 50-year gold awards and even some 75-year diamond awards, dedicated several little ones to the principles of our Order, and given Grand Representative appointments to many deserving Sisters and Brothers, who we believe will represent our Indiana Order well.

While traveling throughout the state, I have attended many beautiful receptions, (well done ladies and gentlemen) seen good work performed by our members, (thank you for your hard work and dedication) and had the privilege to join in the celebrations of 100-year and 150-year Anniversaries of some of our Chapters. At each event, I was welcomed with hugs, good wishes, and loving kindness. I have been truly blessed by all.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to Anderson Chapter #154 for hosting our last inspection, to the Grand Pages and Grand Ushers for accepting their appointments, and to everyone involved in preparing everything for our Grand Chapter. My heartfelt thanks to my Grand Family for their service to our Order this year and their excellent work, as well as to all of my State and District Chairpersons of each of our fundraising projects.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone again as we wind up our year. Grand Chapter will be held on June 10-12 at the Embassy Suites and Convention Center in Noblesville, Indiana. I hope many of you will be able to attend Our "Symphony of Joy" Grand Session.

This is the letter where I am supposed to say good-bye. However, I am not going to do that as I will still be with you. Maybe not in body, but you will be in my thoughts and prayers. I have truly enjoyed serving as your Worthy Grand Matron and sharing this honor with Brother Rick, Worthy Grand Patron. I pray that I have served you well this year and I am looking forward to serving you in a different capacity in the future. Love and hugs to all.

J-O-Y-fully yours,

Gleda Brooks, WGM





Notes from Rick

It hardly seems possible that this “performance” is about over. We are beginning the fourth and final movement of our Symphony of Faith and Love. What a joy this year has been. There are too many wonderful memories to single out even a few as the best – they have all been “the best.” Each note that all of you have played has been sweet and all of them together has been a masterpiece worthy of Bach, Beethoven or Brahms.

For me, Grand Chapter is bittersweet this year. I will look back on this wonderful year with great affection, but also a bit of sadness that it will be ending. My car will be grateful that it will get a chance to sit the carport for a while, but I will miss seeing each of you. I plan to use my Honorary Memberships, so I hope you won’t omit me from your invitation list.

It has been a dream come true to serve as your Worthy Grand Patron. I never believed that it would actually happen for me. This year has been everything I would have hoped and more. I would like to thank Gleda and Jerry for taking me into their lives and into their hearts. I am also grateful for such a wonderful, caring, loving Grand Family. But most especially, I thank each of you for accepting me and welcoming me into your Chapters and Districts.

Keep a song in your heart!
Richard Lassiter, WGP

Special Occasion in District 1

March 10, 2022, was a special night at Evansville Chapter #555. Sister Ruth Buchanan received her 50-Year Award. She is the fourth Eastern Star member in her family to reach this milestone. The first one to reach 50 years was her sister Helen Grace Ausenbaugh, who joined Eastern Star on her grandfather's Masonic membership. Her father, Harold Grace, then became a Mason at Evansville Lodge #64. He and their mother, Jean Grace, then joined Evansville Chapter. Ruth and Helen were Rainbow Girls and Ruth followed her sister into Eastern Star. This picture of Helen, Harold, Jean, and Ruth represents over 200 years of membership in Eastern Star



75-Year Pinning Ceremony



On Sunday, March 27th, Mrs. Virginia Briggs, received a special award and pin for 75 years of membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. She is a member of the Bennington Chapter #407, located in Southeastern Indiana, in District Five. Virginia was initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star on July 5, 1947. She served as Worthy Matron and, most importantly for her Bennington Chapter, reminded those of the sublime virtues exemplified in the life of Adah for over the past 50 years.

The Pinning Ceremony was very near and dear to those in attendance as Gleda Brooks, Worthy Grand Matron of the Indiana Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and member of District Five, along with Ann Stenger, Past District Deputy Five, presented Virginia with her 75-year pin. Virginia enthusiastically announced her appreciation and thanks to those in attendance after the pinning. Others in attendance were Virginia's family and members from the Bennington Chapter.

It's not often that the Worthy Grand Matron is able to perform a 75-year pinning and even less often the Worthy Grand Matron is a member of the District and has sat beside the honored member.



**“Girls
Just
Want
to
Have
Fun!”**



Lori Barnett, Grand Adah

A Spring into Flip Flop reception was held honoring Lori Barnett, Grand Adah, on Saturday, March 12, 2022, at Bethel United Church of Christ in Evansville, Indiana.

It started out as a bitter chilly morning with snow on the ground, but inside was warm and comforting with all the smiles and hugs that were given by everyone in attendance. Everyone enjoyed cheeseballs and pretzels during social hour, with drinks available under the Tiki Hut. The backdrop for pictures was a beautiful ocean scene with palm trees. The church was decorated with flip flops everywhere. Beautiful music was played in the sanctuary by Sister Debbie Bryant, PGO.

Cecil Scott, PGP, gave the invocation, and the Fields of Faith Grand Family escorted Sister Lori to the East. She wore a "blue" polka dot bikini shirt while they all sang, "She wore an itsy bitsy, teeny weeny, BLUE polka dot bikini." Sister Jill Rice, PGM, gave her tribute. Sister Lori introduced Gleda Brooks, WGM, and Richard Lassiter, WGP, who presented her with a pillow with the OES emblem trimmed in blue ribbon.

In attendance were Barbara Holmes, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress; Elizabeth Lashley, General Grand Chapter Committee Member and PGM; and 8 Past Grand Matrons and Patrons and their spouses. Several members from throughout



the state and district were also in attendance.

The entertainment was a stunning performance by soloist Jennifer Nance with musical accompaniment by her mother, Sue Layman. Those assisting Sister Lori for the day were Sue Layman, WM; Kevin Barnett, WP; Krista Williams, Conductress; Debbie Bryant, PGO; and Photographer Brian Hensell, husband of Angela Hensell, AGM.

Williams Shoulders, PGP, gave the Benediction and table grace. All were escorted to the fellowship hall for a delicious "build your own pasta buffet" catered by Olive Garden. At the tables everyone received small flip flop gifts in appreciation for everyone who was able to attend and spend the beautiful day with Sister Lori.

Many Thanks!

Let me say thank you for the gift

And more thanks for the thought.

The greatest thing I can thank you for

Is all the joy you've brought.

Thank you for all the gifts, shared rides and hotel rooms, good thoughts, contacts of care/concern, hugs, kisses, and morale support in my journey as District Deputy. If I have forgotten to extend a "thank you" to someone, I'm saying it now. Thank you and much love.

Leila Ferguson, District Deputy #18
Symphony of Love Grand Family

Sandy Harris, Grand Ruth

BEElieve it or not, March 19th was a BEEutiful day at Eternal Life Baptist Church in Mooresville, Indiana when OES members, family, and friends assembled to honor Grand Ruth, Sandy Harris. Sandy and her husband Roger received guests and posed for pictures in front of a BEEreathtaking backdrop of shimmering yellow sparkling fabric with black and yellow balloons. Guests enjoyed soft drinks, coffee, and punch along with popcorn, and snack-filled bumblebee snack bags.

Carlton Hinshaw, Past Grand Organist, entertained with a BEEutiful musical prelude. The East was adorned with giant sun-flower topiaries. Pews were marked with floral pieces of wheat, sunflowers, and yellow ribbons. Worthy Matron BJ Mitchell welcomed the guests with a poem encouraging all to be like a honeybee and to be ourselves. PGM Madonna Meyerrose gave an Invocation.

Sandy was presented at the altar by Conductress Carolyn Janik. The escort was performed by the S&S Bouquet of Love Grand Family, and assisted by members of Districts 6 and 10. Sandy walked under arches of yellow roses with the escorts holding signs depicting the icons on her Grand Ruth pin while singing "The Yellow Rose of Mooresville". Her escort was her BEEloved husband Roger, dressed proudly in a lemon-yellow suit.

WGM Gleda Brooks shared a tribute of Sandy's history and then she and WGP Richard Lassiter presented her with a special gift from the Symphony of Faith and Love Grand Family. Sandy assumed the gavel and introduced Gleda Brooks, Worthy Grand Matron and Richard Lassiter, Worthy Grand Patron. After each introduction, Sandy shared a fitting BEE tribute for each group.

Enjoying the reception were: 4 General Grand Chapter Committee Members; 8 Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons and spouses; 23 Symphony of Faith and Love Grand Family members and spouses; and 21 District Deputies and their Escorts.

Sandy's family and friends were introduced, including her husband, children, daughter-in-law from Wisconsin, former husband, grandchildren, nieces, and many others who came to honor Sandy. She expressed her heartfelt thanks to those who had made this day possible. Each guest received a Ruth bookmark, bee tissues, as well as a handmade wooden bumblebee disc made by Dick Hager.

Her Star Point Sisters and Grand Sentinel were escorted to the East where Sandy presented each with a gift and her heartfelt thanks for making her year so very special. The Benediction was given by PGM Lois Wagoner, followed by the table grace given by PGM Joyce Small. Worthy Patron Starling Cooper gave the dinner line-up, and all enjoyed a delicious meal served by the Job's Daughters of Eminence Bethel and OES members of Eminence Chapter. Tables were covered in yellow with BEE hives and sunflowers gracing each table. Special favors included BEE towels, and BEE canvas bags as well as Snicker bars.

Guests were entertained with selections of Gospel Country songs sung by Sandy's minister, Morris Mott, who played the electric guitar and sang and even sported a bright yellow shirt to show his support.



This was a day BEEyond wonderful! Kudos to those who worked so hard to honor our BEEry special Grand Ruth, Sandy Harris!

Carol Davis, Grand Esther

The reception honoring Sister Carol Davis was held with a capacity crowd at the Sullivan Civic Center on March 26, 2022. All gathered to honor Sister Carol as she has represented Grand Esther to the Indiana Grand Chapter and to the State with dignity, poise, and grace.

Sister Lynn Padgett welcomed everyone with this poem:

As we embark on new journeys,
 Let our travels never end,
 Keep us heading in the same direction,
 Though the track may sometimes bend,
 Let happiness be our destination,
 Let our trademark be a smile,
 Let us enjoy every footstep,
 Not begrudge a single mile,
 Let us revel in new discoveries,
 Greet each fresh dawn with pleasure,
 Let us find our inner wealth, and know...
 The true meaning of the treasure.

Sister Joy Ellen Kuppler, PGM, asked for special blessings for the celebration and for all the guests in attendance. The flag of our country was presented and honored by the Greene County Commandry #68 followed by the Pledge and National Anthem. Sister Martha Santus presented the honored guest at the altar and retired to the West for the formation of the escort provided by the Legacy of Hope Grand Family.

Sister Carol was presented through a forest of silver acorns and oak leaves. She was dressed in a robe and crown made with something special to this Family, TP! As in the pandemic years, TP was a valuable resource and perfect gift during receptions and holiday celebrations!

Jr. PGM, Sister Jennifer Nicholson, shared Sister Carol's journey that brought her to this honored place and shared well wishes from all her Legacy of Hope Deputy Grand Family.

The attendees were treated to bits of caffeinated wisdom from Sister Carol during the introductions of distinguished guests and a bit of magic to entertain from professional magician, Brother Dave Wernick. Brother Dave garnered many laughs and recruited both Sister Carol Davis and District Deputy #7, Tamara Shake, to share in the fun!

Closing prayer and Table Grace were provided by Brother Darrell Arthur, PGP, and Brother Robert DeRolf, Jr. PGP. Brother Norman Santus provided instructions (and some laughs!) for all to retire to the dining area. A delicious meal from Petty's Pit Stop Catering was served at the tables by representatives of the Friendship and Linton Assemblies of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Indiana. The variety of bite-sized desserts were provided by master bakers and members of District 7.

Thank you to all who attended and the many that played a role in making the day a special one for Sister Carol!



Cathy Scott, Grand Martha

On a spring day, April 2nd, with thankfully no showers, Clinton Chapter #6 celebrated our own Sister Cathy Scott, Grand Martha. Nearly 200 sisters, brothers, friends and family came to honor Cathy on her special day. Guests greeted Cathy and her husband, Richard, in the ladies lounge, posed for a photograph surrounded by ferns and broken columns, then were treated to green punch and snacks in the lovely decorated Masonic library. Prelude music was performed by Dottie Pilley, Organist.

In the Chapter Room guests were greeted by a signboard in the East stating "Cathy, Grand Martha" aflutter in butterflies. In front of the dais was a large broken column which had a lamb lying in ferns at its base. A large butterfly poster adorned the West. The South displayed a broken column with ferns, butterflies and a white stuffed lamb, gifts from Cathy's counterpart, Jr. Past Grand Martha of the state of Washington. As you are noticing, butterflies are Cathy's special symbol.

Sharon Jones, WM welcomed everyone and Betty Swisher, PGM, gave the Invocation. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the National Anthem, Sister Lisa Mitchell sang "In the Garden" to Cathy who was then escorted to the East by her husband, Richard, through lines of the "Journey of Love" and "Treasures of the Heart" Grand Families. They held items pertaining to Cathy's hairdressing profession. Cathy wore a salon smock and carried a cup with scissor handles and a wig on a wig stand, while Richard was dressed as a barbershop singer - handlebar mustache and all!

Assisting Cathy was Sharon Jones, WM, David Neal, WP, Ledina Bowen, Conductress, and Ginny McCabe, Organist. After welcoming her guests, Cathy was given a tribute of her Eastern Star journey by Diana Surfus, PGM. Cathy then introduced her many guests giving each group a butterfly message. Introduced were: 3 General Grand Chapter Committee Appointments and 1 spouse; 8 PGMs & PGP's and 6 spouses; 15 Grand Officers of the "Symphony of Faith & Love" Grand Family and 11 escorts/spouses; 13 District Deputies (Hummingbirds) and 3 escorts/husbands (Harmonizers); many introductions from the floor; and 16 members of her family and friends.

During remarks several presentations were made. The Grand Star Points wearing butterfly headbands and Tom Ring, Grand Sentinel, were escorted East where Cathy gave gifts of an Angel figurine holding butterflies to her Star Point Sisters and camping items to Brother Tom. Gifts were presented by the WGM & WGP, "Journey of Love" Grand Family, Deputy Sisters (Doves of Peace), "Treasures of the Heart" Grand Family, District 15 and Clinton Chapter.

Entertainment by members of the Clinton Prairie H.S. Choir was enjoyed. Jenny Nicholson, Jr. PGM, gave the Benediction and Linda Singer PD and widow of PGP Dwight Singer, gave the Table Grace. David Neal, PP, gave dinner instructions and the gathering adjourned to the dining room for a delicious meal. The tables were festooned with green runners, ferns, broken columns, lambs and butterflies to honor our own special Grand Martha. A beautiful ending to a lovely reception.



Susan Bradley, Grand Electa

Prospect Chapter No. 452 honored Sister Susan Bradley, Grand Electa, with a reception held at Prospect Masonic Lodge on Saturday, April 9, 2022. Sister Susan and Brother Tom greeted everyone in front of a garden scene adorned with a Grandfather's clock representing Susan's vast clocks collection. Following pictures, in the dining room beautifully set with red and white tables adorned with gorgeous floral centerpieces, guests enjoyed an assortment of popcorns, Chex Mix, lemonade, and iced tea.

Past Grand Organist Carleton Hinshaw provided the beautiful piano prelude as guests socialized. The East was decorated with a vase of lighted red roses and a basket of daisies surrounded by figurines symbolic of Susan's special groups in which she served in District 11 and other Grand Families. Worthy Matron Debbie Stout welcomed everyone. PGM Bonnie Allinder prayed the invocation. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem, Conductress Miriam Murphy, DD 11, presented Susan at the Altar. The Shining Lights of Faith Grand Family declared it "Susan Bradley Day in Prospect Chapter" as they escorted Susan to the East. Susan and Tom were decked out in fine style—Susan wore a sash and crown over her gorgeous orchid gown while Tom sported a glittering red top hat and gentleman's cane as accessories for his tuxedo. SLF Grand Family members wore their daisy sunglasses and carried decks of playing cards, skeins of yarn, and pretty red roses. They sang "Hello, Susan," a parody on "Hello, Dolly!"

Once Susan was introduced and heartily welcomed, she assumed her duties in the East. She introduced Worthy Grand Matron Gleda Brooks and Worthy Grand Patron Richard Lassiter. Following their welcome, they presented Susan with their personal gift, a pillow with the Eastern Star on it, along with love gifts from the Symphony of Faith and Love Grand Family and the District Deputies and Escorts. Susan then introduced PGM Cindy Skura, who gave a lovely, informative tribute about Susan and presented her with a love gift and a Willow Tree angel.

Continuing Escorting and Introductions, Susan shared a personal anecdote with each group. Attending were: 4 General Grand Chapter Committee Members and spouses; 11 Past Grand Matrons and Patrons and spouses; many Grand Officers from The Symphony of Faith and Love Grand Family; and 12 Deputies and escorts. Many guests introduced themselves from the floor. All total about 187 guests were present. Susan then had her very large family and group of friends escorted across the East for introductions. The "One Voice" Circle City Community Choir then sang a medley of eight spirituals, "Over the Rainbow," "Count On Me," and "One Voice." Their inspirational program received a standing ovation for their fabulous performance.

Before closing, Susan's Grand Star Point Sisters and the Grand Sentinel were escorted to the East. Susan expressed her love for all of them and presented the ladies crocheted shrugs in their respective colors that she had made. Brother Tom was given a crocheted afghan that she made in our Eastern Star colors.

In closing, PGM LeVon Holmes prayed the benediction; PGP Robert DeRolf gave Table Grace; and Worthy Patron Bill Stout provided dinner instructions. This day of loving fraternal friendship will always be fondly remembered.



Spencerville OES Members Celebrate Milestone Birthdays



Fara Lee Baidinger, 100, was born on Sept. 30, 1921 in Auburn, IN. She was raised in Spencerville and graduated from Spencerville High School in 1939. She was

married to Joe Baidinger for 74 years and had five children. She is still a member of the Spencerville OES.

Fara Lee received her 75-year pin in 2019. Naturally philanthropic, Fara Lee sought ways to help her community. There was a fire that burned down our Concord Lodge in 1949. As WM of the chapter, Fara Lee headed a fundraising project to rebuild the lodge after the fire destroyed the building. Fara Lee and husband Joe taught Spencerville, OES members how to make donuts at the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair. This project was so successful, it still continues on as our annual fundraiser today - 73 years later, we are still making the same donut!

Fara Lee currently lives in Angola and spends her winters in Florida. Her family celebrated her 100th birthday with an open house luncheon on Oct. 10th at the Presbyterian chapel in Angola. She was greeted by many family members and friends. Several Spencerville, OES members attended.

Jim Dwyer, 90, was born January 21, 1932 at home in Spencerville, IN. Jim attended and graduated from the Spencerville School House. He met the love of his life, Arden Slough, on a double date with friends and they were married March 5, 1953.

Jim was shipped off to the Korean War in 1952-54 where he was a 1st Class Sergeant. Upon returning home from the war, he and Arden had 4 children and Jim built the home he is still residing in today. Jim went on the Honor Flight with his son John in 2018. Jim joined the Masons in August, 1963 and joined Eastern Star a couple years later. He received his Eastern Star 50-year pin in 2013.

Jim's family had a 90th Birthday Party on Dec 5th at the Concord Lodge in Spencerville. Many guests enjoyed a wonderful time. Jim had many Church friends, family members, community neighbors, Eastern Star friends and Masonic friends from Butler, Auburn, Garret, Ft. Wayne and Marion.

Pictured at Birthday Party on the left is John Dwyer (Son), Jim Dwyer and Richard Garrin (Masonic Brother).



Masonic Blue Slipper Pin Presented to Ann Merritt

Are you familiar with the Masonic Blue Slipper? It is a small lapel pin in the shape of a blue slipper. What is the meaning of this blue slipper and why should female relatives of Mason's wear one?



The symbolism comes from the Bible, specifically the Book of Ruth. In the story, a man named Elimelech took his wife Naomi and their two sons out of Bethlehem to the land of Moab. Then, after the two sons were married, Elimelech and both of Naomi's sons died. Naomi returned to Bethlehem with her widowed daughter-in-law Ruth and stayed with a relative named Boaz. Boaz fell in love with Ruth.

Boaz set up court at the city gate and asked the closest kinsmen of Elimelech to settle all of his accounts. This kinsman could not care of Naomi. Boaz stepped forward and said he would take care of Naomi and her family. As was the custom, the kinsman removed his shoe and offered it to Boaz to seal the deal. Boaz accepted the shoe and held it up to the crowd to symbolize the deal had been made. Boaz was then able to take Ruth as his wife, and their son Obed became the father of Jesse and the grandfather of King David.

The shoe is the symbol of a promise, the Masonic blue color is a symbol of perfection. The blue of the sky does not fade and is everlasting. The Masonic Blue Slipper represents that this woman is the relative of a Mason, and is thereby under the protection of all Masons and the unfading oath of all Masons to protect widows and orphans.

In the picture Spencerville Associate Patron and Deputy Grand Master Richard Lentz and District 21 Deputy Christine Fodrea present the Masonic Blue Slipper Pin to Ann Merritt.



Spencerville OES Donates Dog Comfort Bags



Life sometimes puts our children in traumatic, serious or dangerous situations. By providing a small distraction such as a cute little puppy, we can help divert their anxiety by providing a small gift of joy. The Spencerville OES chapter made 10 Comfort Dog Packages containing Dalmatian puppies, a dog fact game with a puppy paw pencil, bracelet and also a bag of Scoobie Doo graham cracker snacks. We donated 5 comfort bags to the LaGrange Masons for gifts when they transport ill children to the Shiner's Hospital in Chicago. We also donated 5 Bags to the DeKalb County Police Department to give when they encounter children in traffic accidents or domestic violence situations.

At the District 21 Inspection in Ashley, I had the good fortune to arrive and park beside WGP Rick Lassister. After introducing myself, I discussed our current service project and asked if he had bought any of his OES puppies. He generously placed 10 puppies in a Christmas Gift Bag he had in his car.

I believe we should involve our families in learning about compassionate ways to give back and finding ways of helping the less fortunate so I included my 6-year-old granddaughter, Arianna Lauer, to help assemble these dog packages. She fell immediately in love with these adorable puppies and asked to keep one. I explained that these packages were for children such as her best friend Gracelynn who traveled to Riley Hospital for her Heart Surgery. She agreed that the puppies needed to go help make other children happy. When she took the last puppy out of the large bag, she was surprised to find 2 Peppermint Patty Candies in the bottom of the bag! She looked at me with a very serious face and said "Look Nana, either Santa or the nice man that got you the beautiful puppies sent me a gift for helping you today!" Joy and Peace can be found in the small places of your heart when you look for them. Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night.

Submitted by Becky Hoover, WM



Jeffersonville Friends Night

Jeffersonville Chapter in District 3 held their Friends Night on January 21, 2022, with Worthy Matron Fran Wilson presiding. The evening had a Hawaiian theme complete with leis and island dress, pineapple decorations and a delicious ham dinner. Everyone received a sailboat, solar lighthouse, pineapple candle, Macadamia nuts, or a decorative stepping stone.



District Deputy Janice Hogan was dressed in a 'grass skirt' and 'coconut shells' then was escorted toward the East where she was instructed on the finer points of hula dance by WM Fran Wilson. Some of the Chapter members joined in the dancing fun as well.

We were honored to have present: WGP Richard Lassiter; AGM Angela Hensell and her husband Brian; wife of AGP, Alice Rogers; Grand Marshal Denver Gray and his wife Wanda; Grand Esther Carol Davis; and District Deputy #4 Debbie Hash. PGM Vivian Ashton is a member at Jeffersonville. Members from all six chapters in District 3 were there and some from District 4.

DD Janice was presented with metal hummingbird wall art and a gas card. A fun time was had by all.

District 6 Eventful Inspection

Our last inspection in District 6 was held on Thursday, March 3rd at the Franklin Masonic Lodge in Franklin, Indiana. Greenwood Chapter #390 and Nineveh Chapter #466 performed the opening, initiation and closing for our Worthy Grand Matron Gleda Brooks and our Worthy Grand Patron Richard Lassiter.

Our WGM and WGP presented Brother Carl Stotsenburg of Naamah Chapter #73, with the appointment of Grand Representative of Missouri in Indiana. Congratulations to Brother Carl! Such a very deserving honor!!!

A new member was also initiated this evening. Aubrey Burtner was initiated into our Order with several of the Naamah Chapter officers present to help

fill stations and be part of her initiation. Welcome Aubrey to Naamah Chapter and the Order of the Eastern Star!

What a wonderful evening was had by all, followed by lots of good refreshments and fellowship in the dining room.



Royal Center Eggcellent Friend's Night

At Royal Center's April meeting on April 13th, we had our Eggcellent Friend's Night. Since Easter would be the next Sunday, the Easter theme was used. The chapter room was decorated with a very large basket filled with Easter grass and many Easter eggs, including a giant golden egg and spring flowers. Rabbits also were found hopping around.

As everyone was introduced, Worthy Matron Martha Brown, PGM, asked them questions about Spring, Easter and rabbits. Everyone enjoyed the funny answers and were rewarded with a mini-Easter basket with an Easter egg filled with Jelly Belly jelly beans and a mini chocolate rabbit.

After the meeting everyone retired to the dining room for refreshments. The tables were decorated with flowers, Easter grass, Easter eggs, and several different kinds of bunnies. Everyone enjoyed the evening and had an eggcellent time, especially because the storms that were predicted did not materialize.



LaFontaine's Spring Fling

LaFontaine Chapter #301 met for a "Spring Fling" Friends night at their April meeting. Decorations in the Chapter Room were Easter baskets and spring flowers. Guests were welcomed from six Districts in the state and three chapters in our District. Special guest was Sister Carol Davis, Grand Esther, from Hymera Chapter. Our District Deputy, Sister Leila Ferguson, was reported ill and unable to attend. Seven Grand Chapter Committee Members, two Grand Representatives, five Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, and eight Past Matrons and Patrons were in attendance.

Everyone enjoyed a trivia game with winners Brother Robert Musgrave from Wabash Chapter, Sister Cynthia Biggs from Royal Center Chapter and Brother Terry Hiple from LaFontaine Chapter. Easter Baskets were given to Sister Carol Sloan, Pimento Chapter, Sister Katherine Lair, Swayzee Chapter and Brother Tom and Sister Rebecca Coath, Center Chapter.

Refreshments and social time was enjoyed by 31 members and guests. The tables were decorated with spring cloths and Easter bunnies and eggs.

Our Chapter is saddened by the passing of 50-year members Mary Louise Mitchell and Loretta Enyeart. Happy news shared was the appointment of Sister Kaye Sorrell as Grand Representative of Connecticut in Indiana and Sister Darlene Turner as Grand Page for the upcoming Grand Chapter Session. At the May meeting we will collect items to donate to the Animal Shelters in Grant and Wabash Counties.

District 3 Happy Events

District Three Past Deputies Association held a luncheon honoring Worthy Grand Matron Gleda Brooks on March 31 in Jeffersonville with president Louaine Sorg presiding. After the luncheon everyone gathered in the Chapter room where WGM presented Sister Carol Shull Gardener with her Award of Gold. Sister Carol was pinned by her mother Sister Dottie Shull, widow of Past Grand Patron Jay Shull. Their close friend Sister Nancy Johnson was there to share in the celebration.

That evening dinner was served at the Hanover Lodge before the Last Inspection of District three. The meeting started with the WGM giving the Baby Dedication of Layla Mae Moore presented by her mother Danielle Moore



and Grandmother Sister Donna Moore, Worthy Matron of Scottsburg Chapter.

Then, Sister Barbara McClanahan and her family members were escorted by WGP Richard Lassiter to the altar where WGM Gleda Brooks presented Sister Barbara with her Award of Gold. She was pinned by her grandson Kyle McClanahan. Her daughter Jenny McClanahan also shared in the celebration.

And that wasn't all!! Then WGP Richard Lassiter escorted Sister Gayle Collins to the altar where WGM Gleda

Brooks presented Sister Gayle with the Grand Representative of Maine in Indiana appointment.

The Inspection of Blazing Bright Chapter, Hanover Chapter and Scottsburg Chapter followed with good work being done by all.



A Special Day in District #4

It was a beautiful day on March 5th that started at 9:00 A.M. with pictures taken and a social hour to greet and welcome everyone to the reception of Deborah Hash, DD#4. The Theme was a Red, White and Blue Blast from the Past recognizing famous Musicians and Movie stars from the past and present.

The reception started by the Worthy Matron's and Worthy Patron's of District #4 providing the commentary and dressing the District Deputy as a Chef in a chef hat and apron then presenting her with paper utensil pictures with hilarious sayings to greet her. Everyone had a good laugh and a good time. During the Introductions sixteen beautiful and funny Deputies and their escorts came across the East wearing headbands of cupcakes. Entertainment by Jody Robinson, who sang beautiful Patriotic and Spiritual songs was enjoyed by everyone.

Following the reception, the attendees sat down to a catered meal of fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls and salad, with tea and lemonade or coffee and many home-made cupcakes of various flavors and cookies.

The day continued with the 2nd Inspection for the district with Lois, North Vernon, and Hayden chapters beginning and ending the Inspection. The Grand Officers provided a wonderful example of Initiatory work and initiated a new member, Patrick Durbin, into Lois Chapter.

To make the day extra special Jerry Barber of North Vernon chapter was awarded the Grand Representative appointment of Nevada by the WGM and WGP (pictured below).

Deborah was blessed to have the presence of 16 of her Deputy Sisters and many members of the Grand Family, along with escorts, in attendance.



Paw Prints of Love Letter

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It has been a privilege to serve as your Paw Prints of Love Chairman this past year. I have attempted to spread the word about our beautiful order with the puppies. We did a few things to raise money and had some fun.

We have gotten our information to over one thousand (1,000) different people outside the organization through the sponsorship of popcorn from LaD Da popcorn in the Puppy Love Valentine Bags. We also included a flat card in these with information about our order and contact information for the Grand Chapter.

Again, thank you for your support. Please if you have not sent in your donation to help cover the cost of the Valentine bag sponsorship, please do so. This will make a huge difference. Look for more fun and exciting events to come in the coming months.

Puppy Love,

Tammy Sweezy, State Chairman Paw Prints of Love



Puppy Love Valentine Bag contents



HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR STAR-LITE?

You have received this issue, but will you get the next one? Check your expiration date on the back page to the left of your address. If it says your last issue is April 2022, then you need to renew now! Fill out the form on the next to the last page and include your check made out to Indiana Grand Chapter, OES and **mail to Nancy Pratt, 3597 N. Old U.S. 31, Rochester, IN 46975.**

Thank you! We couldn't continue without your support!

DISTRICT 11 SPRING FLING

Englewood Chapter held their annual "SPRING FLING" Friend's Night on March 28, 2022! Sister Sue Miller, Past Deputy of District 11 and Worthy Matron along with Brother Ron Buchanan, Worthy Patron welcomed Brother Larry Frost, Member of the Service Dog Committee of General Grand Chapter, and wife Nancy; Bonnie Allinder, PGM of Englewood; Sister Roven Harrison, widow of Beryl Harrison, PGP; Sister LeVon Holmes, PGM; Brother Robert DeRolf, Jr. PGP of Englewood and wife, Melody; Sister Cindy Willyard, Grand Conductress; Brother Carleton Hinshaw, PGO and Escort of Grand Secretary; Sister Miriam Murphy, District 11 Deputy and her escort, Terry Prall.

Included in the Friends Night was to celebrate an outreach program in our local community of the "Second Helping's" Organization. It is a non-profit in Indianapolis that accepts donated and overstocked food items to prepare nutritious meals for thousands of hungry children and adults every day. Brother Carleton Hinshaw is a cook and

volunteer at Second Helpings and he gave an amazing presentation of just what an organization can be in a community! He advised that Second Helpings prepares 4,000 meals per week, and also offers job training and has a culinary school for beginner chefs. One of the main items they are always in need of is pasta and rice. We asked everyone to bring a box or two and as you can see from the picture, we had a huge turnout! Pictured are Sister Sue Miller, Worthy Matron, Brother Carleton Hinshaw, PGO & Brother Ron Buchanan, Worthy Patron.



One final remark that touched us all was when Carleton advised Second Helpings had provided 1 1/2 million meals just last year! Brother Carleton advised us that when he took the items to Second Helpings, all items weighed in at 286 pounds!

At the close of the meeting, everyone joined in repeating the Mizpah Benediction and retired to the Dining

Room for food & fellowship! Under the direction of Joyce Whisman, President of Englewood Auxiliary, white bags of sandwiches, chips & cookies were enjoyed by all!

Stellar Stars

Stellar Stars is a great way to honor or remember an individual or a group for a full year. The costs of Stellar Stars are: \$10 - \$24 for 1 Star; \$25 - \$49 for 2 Stars; \$50 - \$74 for 3 Stars; \$75 - \$99 for 4 Stars; and \$100 and up for 5 Stars.

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2 Stars

In Memory of
Wilma Sausville
Passed away June 15, 2021
Beloved wife of
Doug Sausville
Beech Grove Chapter #465
By Mary & Bill Davis
Oakland Chapter #159

In Loving Memory of
Janice Gastineau, PD#7, 1967
Jewelldean Haseman, PD#7, 1998
Diana Brookshire, PD#7, 2000
Who are missed by
The Past Deputies of District #7

In Honor of
Judith Adkins, PM for her many years of
service as Secretary of the chapter
And
Jeanne Bain, PM for her many years of
blessing our chapter with beautiful
music From Corinthian Chapter #456

2 Stars

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

3 Stars

In Honor of
Marion Bradbury
Grand Representative of Manitoba,
Canada in Indiana
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From your Sister
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Jun 18	School of Instruction, Closed	Aug 6	Grand Warder Reception
Jun 24	Job's Daughters Formal Opening	Aug 13	Grand Sentinel Reception
Jul 7	Rainbow Girls Grand Assembly	Aug 20	Grand Organist Reception
Jul 9	DeMolay Conclave	Aug 27	AGC Reception
Jul 16	WGM/WGP Reception, Lebanon		
Jul 17	MCPA Picnic		

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