



UNITED WE STAND

Sisters and Brothers,

I would like to begin by saying that it has been a great privilege to me to have been given the opportunity to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron of the Indiana Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.

Looking back in the past 12 months, it has been an exceptionally busy year, yet unbelievably rewarding. I have traveled to and attended 33 Special Meetings, 46 Inspections, 13 Fraternal Family Events, 11 Service Project events, 20 Luncheons, 26 Receptions, 3 Chapter Anniversaries, and numerous Zoom meetings. In all, I have spent 145 days getting to travel, serve, and fellowship with some of the most incredible people on this Earth. Indeed, for me personally, it has been a most eventful journey, at times challenging, but on the whole, the most rewarding experience in my life.

I would like to take this opportunity to briefly offer some of my impressions on how things have fared as members of the Indiana Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. What comes to mind, first and foremost, is the impact that our members have made in their communities through outreach, service, compassion, and prayer. Every time we are actively engaged in service, we are promoting the good work that the sisters and brothers in the Order of the Eastern Star are doing. While reading through the 125 Chapter minute books, it made me realize just how far reaching our works of service extend. I am very proud of the Indiana members, as you are truly making a difference in the lives of so many people. As you see a need, you are springing into action. While every star event was special, watching our ICAN service dogs graduate and walk across the stage with their person brought tears to my eyes and a sense of pride in our commitment to this service project and mission.

I'm so thankful for my time spent with each of you and especially grateful for your friendship. I couldn't have achieved all that I did without your constant support and encouragement. I'll always remember the look of surprise on the faces of those who were given Grand Representative commissions. This was an incredible honor. Being afforded the opportunity to serve under the amazing leadership of Tina Vredenburg, Larry Frost, Cindy Skura, Cecil Scott, Diana Surfus, Les Simonton, Jenny Nicholson, Robert DeRolf, Gleda Brooks, and Rick Lassiter, all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, I've grown not only as a leader, but as a person. No one has influenced me more than each of them in that regard. The Let Freedom Ring grand family, Lady Liberties, and Freedom Riders' close bond of fraternal family love is bittersweet. Even though we will always be a family, we won't be traveling across the state together as regularly as we have this past year. Most importantly, I humbly thank all of you, my sisters and brothers, for the confidence and trust that you have placed in me as it has been my privilege and honor to have served closely with all of you throughout the past 6 years of this epic journey.

Sister Cindy Willyard and Brother Harold Rowe, you are going to be an amazing WGM & WGP team. To the Faith Moves Mountains grand family, I pray for you safe travels and a year packed with great memories.

"I won't say goodbye, I'll say so long. You're a friend indeed, one who is lifelong. The bonds we share will never break. We will keep in touch, there is no mistake." -Catherine Pulsifer

So long for now,
Angela Hensell
Worthy Grand Matron
Of the Indiana Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star



BEGINNINGS AND ENDINGS

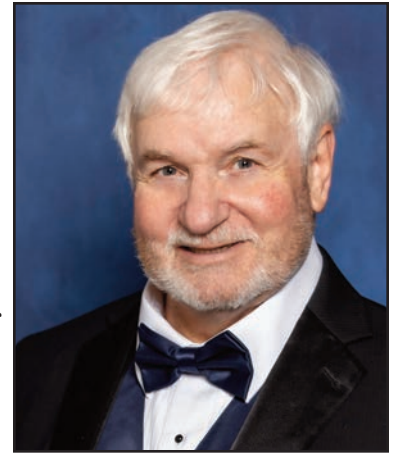
Life, my Sisters and Brothers is made up of two or three main things. We look forward to new beginnings, life's experiences, and finally the endings. Joe Smith can tell you of the wonder of the beginnings. That time he goes into the field and shoves his hand into the soft loam to pull up a newly germinated seed and get a foretelling of the kind of corn crop he will have. Or the feeling my Dad would have as he patrolled the peach orchard in the spring, cutting open the peach buds to see if they were green or black in the center. If they were black, the cold winter had killed the buds. There would a disappointing crop, and Little Jimmy wasn't gonna get a new bicycle this year. If they were green, and if we didn't have a late freeze, it was gonna be a good crop and the family might get both a new pickup truck and a new car.

We look forward to the beginnings because they promise excitement and opportunity. We look forward to the experience we get from the fulfillment of those dreams and opportunities. And then we look forward to the time we can enjoy the end of our year. For those of you who may doubt the enjoyment we get from endings, all I have to do is remind you of the time you could not go to sleep at night until you read the last chapter of that 'Tom Clancy' novel you were reading, or when it was almost midnight and you were only two rows away from finishing the afghan you wanted to give to your favorite daughter-in-law on her birthday. You get the idea!

Sometimes I wish I had two lives to live. One life to explore every new valley and mountain, every alley and dead-end street, to be a soldier or a sailor or a candlestick maker. Then a second life to make choices based on the mistakes or poor choices I had made in the first.

But God gives us but one life to live and the one he gave me has been pretty darn good with good parents, a wonderful wife and daughters, and the opportunity to become a part of the Masonic and Eastern Star families. It has been a wonderful life and a wonderful year thanks to the Grand Family and all of my Sisters and Brothers for the support they have given me all year.

Jim Rogers, WGP



MOORE RECEIVES 50 YEAR AWARD

Jane Moore, initiated in 1972, has received the award of Gold for 50-years of membership. WGP Jim Rogers escorted Sister Jane to the altar, and WGM Angela Hensell presented the award. She was pinned by her daughters Laura and Loretta. In 1988 Jane was Worthy Matron of the Sheridan Chapter which merged into Radiant Chapter. She has served Jobs Daughters as Past Grand Guardian, and is still active with Bethel #34 and as Guardian Treasurer of Indiana.

Sister Linda Maines, Past DD #10 for the Golden Keys Grand Family in 1988 for WGM Geneva Sare and WGP Robert Gillespie and is a Past Grand Adah, traveled all the way from Tennessee to watch her old friend receive her 50-year award and reunite with old friends who had traveled together for the years when she was Deputy. They had all served together as first time Worthy Matrons (Lifesavers) and Worthy Patrons (Maines Marauders). They had an exciting time catching up with each other.



WGP Jim Rogers, Laura Holliday, Bill Holliday, Jane Moore, WGM Angela Hensell, Mike Sutherland, Loretta Sutherland



Cindy Cohee, Dawn Chiles, Greg Chiles, Linda Maines, (photo bombed Larry Mills), Pam Mills, Jane Moore

RECEPTION HONORING MIRIAM PRALL, GRAND ADAH

On March 4, 2023, District 11, and the members from the Prospect and Englewood Chapters hosted the reception honoring Grand Adah, Sister Miriam Murphy (now Miriam Prall), at Prospect Masonic Lodge. It was a delightful event with 158 members and visitors at the reception and program. Everyone enjoyed light refreshments tinted in an appropriate blue shade and having their picture taken with the guest of honor and her fiancé Terry.

Brother Carleton Hinshaw, PGO, provided uplifting music during the prelude and throughout the program playing on the piano that Miriam's mother had donated to the Chapter. The Symphony of Faith and Love Grand Family provided a memorable escort perfectly reflecting Sister Miriam and her love of travel. They had her dressed as the globe with soon-to-be-husband Terry dressed as a lost tourist (he promises 'revenge' at some point in the future for this outfit). The members of the escort heralded their passage with the flags of the countries of the world. Miriam thanked the members of the escort for all their support over the past year.

Sister Gleda Brooks, Jr. PGM, gave the tribute along with Brother Richard Lasiter, Jr. PGP. Sister Angela Hensell, WGM, and Brother James Rogers, WGP, presented Miriam with a beautiful patriotic eagle snow globe and love gift from the Let Freedom Ring Grand Family. Miriam thanked them for the gifts and for providing her with the opportunity to serve the Order in this way.



Distinguished members were introduced including Indiana's own Brother Bill Shoulders, Worthy Grand Chaplain of the General Grand Chapter; and District 11's sisters Bonnie Allinder and LeVon Holmes, Past Grand Matrons; Rovena Harrison widow of Beryl Harrison, PGP; and Robert DeRolf, PGP. The colorful highlight of the introductions was the presentation of the District Deputy "Lady Liberties" who donned festive blue costume accessories in tribute to their 'blue' big sister. Miriam expressed her gratitude to her cousins and friends thanking them for all their love and support. She also provided interesting LEGO facts and sayings for each group introduced. The featured performance was a beautiful rendition of a Mozart minuet on the French horn by Frank Stephens and Angela Schnippel, members of the Philharmonic of Indianapolis. Miriam requested the Conduress, Debbie Stout, escort her beloved Star Point sisters and Brother Keith Zook, Grand Sentinel, to the East where she paid tribute to them and presented each with a gemstone globe paperweight in remembrance of an amazing year together.

The program was followed by a delicious meal served to 125 members and visitors. The dining hall was elegantly decorated with small globe centerpieces and blue flowers. The meal was a perfect pre-Easter celebration of carved ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fresh fruit salad and dessert plates of colorful macarons. Miriam continues to express her gratitude to the members of Prospect and Englewood for all their efforts in making it a successful day.

RECEPTION HONORING SHARON SLAUGHTER, GRAND RUTH

My Grand Ruth reception was held on a beautiful day, March 11th at the Monroe County Fairground Community Center. Beautiful, because of those who attended, which made my day complete with heart-felt friendship.

The room was decorated in golden hues, with Sunflowers and Sheaves of wheat. The dining tables were covered with white linens, mason jars with sunflowers and sheaves of wheat and country-theme items of mini salt and pepper shakers, mini cowboy boots, mini farm animals and mini tractors scattered about between the yellow tissue wrapped table favors.

The social hour consisted of Bobby and me sitting in front of a barnwood wall in rocking chairs for pictures, while enjoying the talent and music of the "Lost River Risin' Band" and the homemade cookies made by Sister Millie Briles and Mary Fettinger.

At 4:00 p.m. we were escorted to our seats by Worthy Matron Sister Karen Easterday, and Worthy Patron Brother Allen Easterday. WM Karen welcomed all, explained the raps of the gavel and read a poem "Golden Chains of Friendship."

Invocation was given by Sister Joy Ellen Kuppler, PGM, followed by the pledge to the American Flag, one verse of the National Anthem and pledge to the Christian Flag in unison.

I was escorted to the East dressed as "The Chef" and Brother Bobby was my taster with the "Journey of Love Grand Family" lining our walk with kitchen items, utensils, dish rags and towels. I was then introduced and given a warm welcome.

My being on the shorter side, I was given a stepstool to stand on as the podium was rather tall which made me taller than Bobby! I introduced Sister Angela Hensell, WGM, and Brother James Rogers, WGP, and thanked them for their faith in me and for my appointment. I was presented with a beautiful snow globe from Sister Angel, Brother Jim,



Brother Brian and Sister Alice, by Sister Angela and Brother Jim who also presented me with a love gift from the Grand Family.

Sister Diana Surfus, PGM, was introduced and gave my loving tribute. I thanked Sister Diana for the tribute and for starting me on this wonderful journey with my being the "Journey of Love Grand Family" District Deputy #7.

Those assisting me: Sister Karen Easterday, Worthy Matron; Brother Allen Easterday, Worthy Patron; Sister Sharon Lentz, Conductress; Sister Rhea Dawn Gadberry, Organist; Brother Doug Sloan, Photographer; Bloomington Job's Daughters Bethel #22; and my entertainment, the Lost River Risin' Band. Introductions were given in accordance with the CR&R. Benediction was given by Brother Darrell Arthur, PGP & Grand Trustee.

At 6:00 p.m. table grace was given by Brother William Shoulders, Worthy Grand Chaplain & PGP. Dinner instructions were given by Brother Allen Easterday. Dinner was a meal of pulled pork and chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, bean salad, and the fixings. Dinner was provided by Sister Diana Surfus with the Journey of Love Grand Family assisting her. A few members of the Job's Daughters helped with addressing guests' dining needs and cleaning the tables.

RECEPTION HONORING CARRIE KESLER, GRAND ESTHER



The reception honoring Sister Carrie Kesler, Grand Esther, was held on March 18th, at the Terre Haute Masonic Temple in District 8. Sisters, Brothers, family and guests were greeted by Carrie as she posed in front of the fireplace for photographs surrounded by the historic beauty of the Masonic Temple. The simple but elegant décor in the parlor and ballroom gave a feeling of comfort allowing visitors the opportunity to socialize and enjoy refreshments.

Jerry Burns, WP of Terre Haute #43, provided a musical prelude. The East was embellished with lanterns, daisies, and a quilt block with an owl. Sister Carrie shared her day with the Baby Dedication of her two granddaughters, Nora and Elsie. It meant so much to her to be part

of this special event.

WM Norma Couldry welcomed everyone and Ruth Thompson, PGM, gave the invocation. WM Norma read a quote “Her courage was her crown, and she wore it like a Queen”. Conductress Christi Deal then presented Carrie to the altar. Sister Jodi Robinson blessed Carrie with a song at the Altar. Carrie was then escorted to the East by The Shining Lights of Faith Grand Family who gave a winning celebration as they dressed Carrie in her Monogrammed Sweater and presented her with a Queen Sash and Crown as they cheered her on. Her husband Kim accompanied her to the East adorned with his letter jacket and Kings Crown. Carrie was introduced and given a hearty welcome; she then assumed her duties in the East.

Assisting Carrie were: Norma Couldry, WM; TK Poff, WP; Christi Deal, Conductress; and Jerry Burns, Organist. After welcoming her guests, Carrie introduced Cindy Skura, GGCCM & PGM, who gave a lovely tribute and presented Carrie with a Willow Tree angel and Love Gift from her Shining Lights of Faith Grand Family. WGM Angela Hensell and WGP Jim Rogers presented Carrie with a Patriotic Snow globe and a Love Gift on behalf of her Let Freedom Ring Grand Family. All in attendance were welcomed with quotes from “Lessons taught by Life” during introductions. After introductions, entertainment was provided by Bill DelMar, a local Ventriloquist and Magician, and Jodi Robinson who provided some beautiful songs.

Carrie’s family and friends in attendance were her husband, daughter and son-in-law, granddaughters, father, sisters, and many others who came to honor her. She gave a heartfelt thank you to all for making this day possible.

Before closing, Carrie’s Star Point Sisters and the Grand Sentinel were escorted to the East. Carrie expressed how much love she has for each of them and presented the Star Points with a handmade stained-glass piece representing their heroine and Brother Keith was presented with an American Flag made of wood.

In closing, PGP Howard Farrand gave the benediction, PGP Cecil Scott gave Table Grace and WP TK Poff provided dinner instructions as all prepared to gather in the dining room for an evening at “The Gala.” The tables were decorated in purple, white and silver to honor our “Queen” Carrie, Grand Esther.

RECEPTION HONORING PAM PETERS, GRAND MARTHA

Swayzee Chapter #345 hosted a reception to honor their very own Pam Peters, Grand Martha, in Elwood on March 25th. Upon registering, each visitor was informed of the FROG CONTEST. They were to count the many frogs sitting around the church and submit their guess. Those winning with the closest guesses were Nikki Rinker and Terri Ring. Each received a frog present.

Social hour began at 2:00 pm. Pam was seated on a white wrought iron chair in front of a country backdrop with frogs watching. George Vredenburgh took pictures of Pam with all her guests.

WM Billie Stuttle and WP Larry Warner assumed their stations. The WM greeted all present. The Invocation was given by PGM Pat Endsley followed by the pledge to the American flag and the National Anthem.



Sister Pam was introduced at the altar where her sister-in-law Tammy Low sang "I Believe". The Dare to Dream Grand Family dressed Pam as wild west "Pammy Oakley" as she is a western movie fan. A tribute was read by PGM Tina Vredenburgh. PGP Larry Frost presented a love gift from Pam's Deputy Grand Family.

Pam welcomed all with a frog trivia and a frog riddle. She introduced AGM Cindy Willard, who was representing WGM Angela Hensell in her absence. She presented Pam with greetings from Angela and a gift. Pam introduced WGP Jim Rogers who presented her a love gift from the Grand Family.

Escorted across the east and introduced were: GGGCM Larry Frost and Nancy; PGP Bob Surber and Jan; PGM Susie Roach and Mike; PGM Pat Endsley and Bill; PGM Deby Thomas; PGM Tina Vredenburgh and George; PGP Robert DeRolf and Melody; and PGM Gleda Brooks and Jerry. Members of the Grand Family escorted were: Alice Rogers; Greg Chiles and Dawn; Karen Hazelman; Carol Davis; Denver Gray and Wanda; Tom Ring and Terri; Miriam Murphy and Terry Prall; Sharon Slaughter and Bobby; Carrie Kessler; Barb Pefley; and Keith Zook and Kim. District Deputies introduced were: #1 Juenell Owens; #2 Ruth Ann Howard; #3 Marsha Daugherty; #4 Jan Hogan; #5 Julie Leap and Roy; #6 Dori Cooper and Sterling; #7 Lynn Brinson and Rick; #8 Debbie Thompson and Leonard; #10 Mary Matlock and Jerry; #11 Linda Buchanan and Ron; #12 Laura Reason; #13 Becky Cleveland; #14 Katherine Caldwell and E Louise; #15 Stephanie Graves; #16 Virginia McCabe; #17 Mindy Hollingsworth and Garry; #18 Roberta Ancil; and #20 Marie Palacios. The Deputies presented her with more Cowboy items. All received a hearty welcome. Pam had her family escorted and she introduced the members of her family. She thanked everyone for coming and sharing her special day.

The entertainment was provided by Brad Luzadder who sang several songs. Pam presented gifts to each of the Grand Star Points and the Grand Sentinel. PGM Deby Thomas gave the benediction followed by PGP Bob Surber with Table Grace and WP Larry who gave the dinner instructions.



RECEPTION HONORING BARB PEFLY, GRAND ELECTA

On a blustery spring day, April 1st, Montezuma and Roachdale Chapters and District 9 honored Sister Barb Pefley, Grand Electa, with a beautiful “Let All You Do Be Done in Love” reception. Barb received guests in a rose garden setting. Sister Peggi Barassi, PGO, provided beautiful music before and during the reception.

Sister Pam Wrightsman, WM, welcomed everyone, and the invocation was given by Sister Cathie Randles, PGM. Barb was presented at the altar by Sister Deanna Carrington, Conductress, and Sister Lisa Kneeland sang ‘Angels Among Us’. Barb was escorted East, dressed as a roll of toilet paper, through a line of Legacy of Hope and Grand Lamplighters Families. TP is very special to the LOH Grand Family because of the covid years (but she didn’t even get any TP). Sister Jennifer Nicholson, PGM, read Barb’s interesting tribute and she and Brother Robert DeRolf, PGP, presented her with a gift.



Barb then introduced Sister Angela Hensell, WGM, and Brother James Rogers, WGP, who presented her with a beautiful music box snow globe and gifts from the Grand Family. Barb then introduced her many guests giving them a saying about the heart and love. Introduced were: 1 General Grand Chapter officer and wife; 1 General Grand Chapter Committee member, Grand Trustee, and wife; 10 PGM’s and PGP’s and 4 spouses; 17 “Let Freedom Ring” Grand officers and 9 spouses/ escorts; 16 District Deputies (Lady Liberties) and 5 spouses/escorts (Freedom Riders); 25 from the “Legacy of Hope” Grand Family; and 5 from the Grand Lamplighters, her Grand family from 45 years ago. Many introductions were made from the floor. She also introduced some of her 4-H girls who helped during the meal. Barb then had 20 family members and friends escorted across the East.

Before closing, Barb had her Star Point Sisters and the Grand Sentinel escorted across the East and presented them with a beautiful red cardinal, her special symbol and reminded them she would always be with them, and expressed her love and heartfelt thanks for this very special year.

Barb’s entertainment started with her reading the ‘Ragged Old Flag’, while Sister Peggi played the Battle Hymn of the Republic. She then turned the entertainment over to the Old Glory Quilters and Annie Marshall, who presented 8 homemade quilts to veterans Larry Frost, Tom Ring, Starling Cooper, Leonard Thompson, Bill Allee, Terry Larkin, Don Navel and Ross Havrick and thanked them for their service. Sister Lyn Lees gave the Rainbow Rose Lecture and Sister Lisa Kneeland sang ‘Only A Rose’ as Lyn presented roses to guests. Many tears were shed.

During the remarks several presentations were made. Sister Jill Rice, PGM, gave the Benediction and Brother Frank Norman, PGP, gave the table grace. Brother Roy Mathews, WP, gave dinner instructions. The dining room was decorated with silver table covers with red runners and elegant rose floral centerpieces and lots of beautiful red cardinals.

FAIRY GARDEN FRIEND'S DAY TEA PARTY

On Saturday, April 15th, Royal Center Chapter #375 in D#18 held their Fairy Garden Friend's Day Tea Party. The dining room was decorated with fairies, ivy, and flowers.

Everyone was invited to bring their Spring hat so we could vote on the best one. There were some very pretty hats, but one was picked as the winner. It was the hat from Linda Lytle. After the judging we all wore our hats and had a tea party complete with hot or cold tea, tea sandwiches, scones, jam and assorted cookies.

Everyone introduced themselves and told about some of the offices they held and what they liked about Eastern Star. Most, if not all, said they enjoyed all the friendships they have made over the years. We played Mad Libs with everyone giving a word which Malissa Poor filled in blanks and then read a very funny story about planning a tea party. We also played "What's in the Bag" game. Malissa won that game guessing 7 out of 10 items. Prizes were decorated birdhouses.

There was one birdhouse left to give away so names were drawn out of a basket of all who were there. The first name drawn had already won earlier so we drew another name. The second name drawn had also won earlier, as did the third and fourth names drawn! We were beginning to wonder how many more names needed to be drawn before we had a winner until finally a name was drawn who got the last birdhouse.

It was a very fun event. The food was very good and the fellowship was the best. WM Leila Ferguson thanked everyone for coming and gave several upcoming dates. She ended the day with a poem about having a tea party for 3 – me, myself and I.



Hats



Linda Lytle

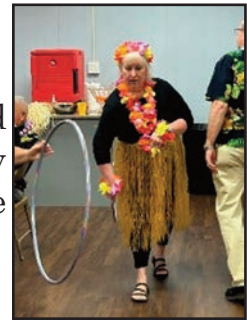


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PLAINFIELD'S LUAU

Plainfield Chapter#404 Worthy Matron BJ Mitchell and Worthy Patron Starling Cooper brought the Island fun by having a Luau. Everyone dressed the part and great time had by all.



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WILLIAM SHOULDERS, PGP, INSTALLED AS WORTHY GRAND CHAPLAIN

This was a very special day with some unusual circumstances. Most Worthy Grand Matron, Glenda Winchester, called a Special Session for General Grand Chapter, for the purpose of electing a new Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and appointing a new Worthy Grand Chaplain. This was the first time a Special Session was needed for the General Grand Chapter.

General Grand Chapter was opened for the purpose of electing a Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, appointing a Worthy Grand Chaplain, and installation of the Officers. Eddie Yaun, PGP of Tennessee, was serving as Worthy Grand Chaplain and was nominated, and elected, to be Right Worthy Grand Sentinel. William Shoulders, PGP of Indiana, was appointed as Worthy Grand Chaplain. The Session then moved to Installation with William Shoulders installed as Worthy Grand Chaplain and Eddie Yaun installed as Right Worthy Grand Sentinel.

The Special Session took place in the Order of the Eastern Star International Headquarters, Washington, D. C., on December 3, 2022. Space is limited at the Headquarters and Jurisdictions were limited to one representative for the Session to keep the attendance under the maximum capacity. Tennessee and Indiana were given permission to have additional members attend, but there was still a maximum.



William Shoulders, PGP, wearing the Worthy Grand Chaplain Jewel



Indiana members attending were: Seated - Diana Surfus, PGM, Lynn Shoulders, Karen Hazelman, Gr Conductress, Betty Swisher, PGM & Gr Trustee. Standing - Barbara Holmes, Right Worthy Grand Associate Conductress, Bill Shoulders, Worthy Grand Chaplain



William Shoulders being installed as Worthy Grand Chaplain & Eddie Yaun being installed as Right Worthy Grand Sentinel



WGP Jim Rogers, Debbie Harris, Mike Harris, WGM Angela Hensell

AWARD OF GOLD FOR DEBBIE HARRIS

Sister Debbie Harris received her 50-year pin at the last official visit at LaPorte Chapter #280 in District 19 on March 7, 2023. Sister Debbie was initiated at Rolling Prairie Chapter #582 on Feb. 26, 1973. She said there were so many friendships and memories made over the years. One of the most memorable events was when her husband, Mike, was initiated at Rolling Prairie Chapter on Feb. 26, 2001. She thanked Sister Angela for the presentation.

AWARDS AT ROYAL CENTER

Royal Center Chapter #375 in D#18 had several members receive their 25, 50 and 75-Year awards in 2023. The first awards were for two 75-year members. Charlyn “Sue” Jones was presented with her 75-year pin at the chapter room on April 12th. Due to medical reasons and living out-of-state, Aretha Carvey Peterson was sent her pin, but she wanted to be a part of the ceremony. So, we set up that we would Facetime her daughter and her daughter would surprise her with her pin and pin her at the same time as Sue was pinned in our chapter room. Aretha was quite surprised by that. Both ladies were very happy to receive their Awards of Gold and told of many memories they have of Eastern Star. We all chatted with Sue after the award and were very happy she was able to attend the ceremony.

On April 23rd, our 50-year member, Dorinda Hylton, was presented with her pin at her residence at Chase Center in Logansport, IN. Several members of her family, including her brother who pinned her, were in attendance to witness this occasion. Martha Brown, PGM, presented the ceremony and said that because of Dorinda, she transferred her membership to Fidelity Chapter in Logansport that later consolidated with Royal Center. Martha is very happy to be a member of D#18 and it is all due to Dorinda’s influence. After the ceremony refreshments of cupcakes and punch was served. The other 50-year members, Betty & Richard Craig, live out-of-state so their pins were mailed to them.

We also give 25-year awards and had 2 that received them this year. One 25-year recipient, David Deeter, couldn’t attend so his pin was mailed to him. Our second 25-year recipient, Andrew Crippen, was presented his 25-year pin at his mother’s home in Rochester, IN. His mother, Maryanna Thousand, and aunt, Nancy Pratt, are 50-year members and his grandmother, Betty Thousand, is a 75-year member. His brother Art Crippen, sister Carrie Lambert, and cousin Christina Eldridge, are also 25-year members.

All the recipients were very happy to receive their awards and spoke of fond memories of Eastern Star.

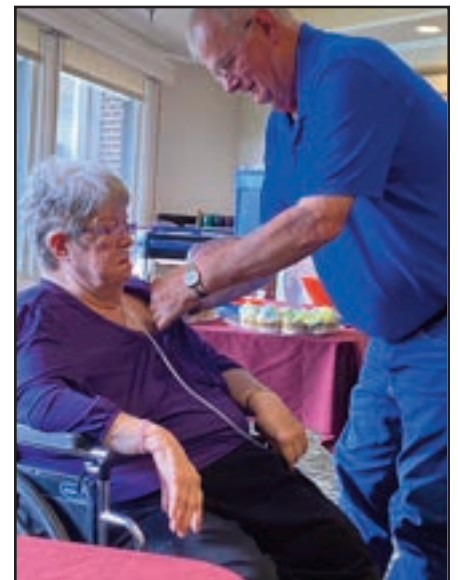
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*Aretha Carvey Peterson,
75-year recipient*



*Dorinda Hylton,
50-year recipient*



*Dorinda Hylton
pinned by her brother*

FOURTH DISTRICT INSPECTION



The Fourth District has had their third and final Inspection of the 'Let Freedom Ring' year. It was held at North Vernon Chapter with Lois Chapter from Greensburg on March 16th. The evening started with dinner next door at the Shrine Club Building. After dinner everyone retired to the Lodge building for 'A Journey Down Memory Lane' addendum for Worthy Grand Matron Angela Hensell and Worthy Grand Patron James Rogers.

WGM Angela Hensell performed the Baby Dedication Ceremony for Raelynn Rose Dorsett. Raelynn is the daughter of Sister Kara Dorsett, the Ruth officer at North Vernon, and Brother Boone Dorsett, the Warder at North Vernon Chapter. Family members of Raelynn that shared in the ceremony were her grandmother Kathy Prechtel, her aunt Kelli Sutherland, her uncle Seth Sutherland, and cousins Curtis, Caleb, and Clara.

Past Grand Matron Loretta Riehl presented Honorary Memberships to WGM Angela Hensell, Brother Brian Hensell, WGP James Rogers, and Sister Alice Rogers.

The upcoming Friends Nights in District Four were announced as March 17 in Seymour Chapter, April 15 at Hartville Chapter, April 22 at Lois Chapter, and May 5 at North Vernon Chapter.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOS FROM AWARDS AT ROYAL CENTER



*Sue Jones, 75-year recipient (center)
with Royal Center Officers*



*Carrie Lambert, Maryanna Thousand, Art Crippen,
Betty Thousand, Andrew Crippen, Nancy Pratt,
Christina Eldridge*

STEPHANIE GRAVES, DD #15 RECEPTION

On a crispy afternoon on the 25th of February, Kokomo Chapter #89 celebrated our own Sister Stephanie Graves, District Deputy of District #15. Seventy-five sisters, brothers, friends, and family came to honor Stephanie on her special day. Guests greeted Stephanie and her husband, Bill, in front of a beautiful backdrop in an area of the dining room. The photographer was Derek Sternaman of Englewood. All were offered refreshments and a place to sit and visit before the program.

Prelude music was performed by Jerry Burns, from Social Lodge #86, WP of Terre Haute Chapter, and Grand Organist for Grand Lodge.

Kariah Blackburn, WM, welcomed everyone and Rob Maines, PGP, gave the Invocation. Sister Stephanie was escorted to the altar and introduced. Jerry Burns sang If I Ruled the World. She was escorted to the East by her husband, Bill, through an arch of elephants formed by members of District 15. She was dressed as an Elephant with large ears, trunk and tail and Bill as the Ringmaster. As she passed through the line, the Ringmaster was

behind sweeping up after her. This was followed by much laughter.

A tribute of Stephanie's life was read by Angela Hensell, WGM. Jim Rogers, WGP, then presented a gift to Stephanie from the WGM and WGP.

Stephanie introduced her guests with short 'elephant remarks'. Assisting Stephanie was Contessa Barber, Conductress. Introduced were: Jenny Nicholson, PGM; 15 members of the Grand Family with the Grand Star Points wearing elephant ears and the men had tails;

and 18 deputies, spouses and traveling companions. The Deputies looked adorable in their elephant ears and trunks. Ginny McCabe, DD#16, read a story from '1-2-3's of Kindness Book' as each Deputy gave Stephanie gifts pertaining to elephants.

Also introduced were 4 Grand Chapter Committee appointments, 3 Grand Representatives; Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, and several Past Matrons and Past Patrons. The Conductress then escorted Stephanie's family across the East. Introduced were her sister Ellen Gray, her niece Samantha Gray; her aunt Dee Burnsworth, and her husband, Bill. Stephanie thanked Kokomo Chapter, District #15, and her family for all their support she has received this year. She closed with an Irish saying.

Presentations were made. WM Kariah presented a card and elephant wind chimes from the chapter and explained that the elephant quilt on the gift table was a gift from her and the Worthy Patron. Jennifer Mansur presented a gift from Stephanie's Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons.

Jennifer Nicholson, PGM, gave the Benediction and Keith Zook, Grand Sentinel, gave the table grace. WP Robert Barnett gave the dinner instructions and the guests retired to the dining room for a mashed potato bar, relishes, and desserts. The tables were decorated in orchid and pink with a parade of elephants on each table.



MIRIAM PRALL, GRAND ADAH

I am so happy to be writing as Miriam Prall having married my long-time sweetheart Terry Prall, a retired teacher, on the recent WGM/WGP cruise. I was born in Indianapolis in 1961, the second daughter of two public school teachers. I was very blessed to be able to pursue my dream career of being a law librarian. I received my Bachelor's degree from Purdue; law degree and Masters in Library Science from IU. I worked at Wake Forest University in North Carolina for thirteen years before coming back home to Indiana to be closer to my aging parents. My new job was at the IU School of Law in Indianapolis where I have been the last twenty-three years serving as Director and tenured faculty member.



My earliest Masonic memories are of attending the suppers at Brookside Lodge where my grandpa was Past Master. My Dad was a sixty-year Mason. I joined Job's Daughters at fourteen and the Eastern Star at eighteen just as I was starting college out of town. I became active in the Star while in North Carolina, holding a few stations then going through the line to serve as Worthy Matron in 1994. I was then honored to be appointed Parliamentarian for their Grand Chapter and later as a member of the Grand Chapter Jurisprudence Committee.

Upon returning to Indiana, I paused my Star activities while I adjusted to my new job. I have held a variety of stations including Worthy Matron with Terry as Worthy Patron. We will be WM & WP for the fifth time this coming year. I have served twice as President of the District 11 Worthy Matron's group. I was honored by Sister Diana Surfus and Brother Les Simonton with an appointment as Grand Representative of Delaware in Indiana and by Sister Gleda Brooks and Brother Richard Lassiter to serve as their Hummingbird #11 in the Symphony of Faith and Love Grand Family. I have served for the last few years as the meal chair for the Grand Chapter Sessions and Arrangements Committee. Terry and I also enjoy creating and displaying LEGO bricks including our District's ICAN LEGO fundraiser show held annually each September. These service opportunities have allowed me to get to know many wonderful Star sisters and brothers throughout the state and see all the work they do in support of our Order.

Like Adah, fidelity to family commitments is central to my life. Each time I relocated, all alone in a new city, be it for undergraduate college, graduate school or work, I found a church right away that provided a center for my faith, fellowship and sense of family. Eastern Star likewise provides a foundation of fellowship and family for Terry and me. Being part of the Let Freedom Ring Grand Family has been a blessing. I have been particularly lucky to have served with some fabulous Star Point sisters, Sharon, Carrie, Pam and Barb. What a wonderful family we have in our Eastern Star.

SHARON SLAUGHTER, GRAND RUTH

It is a Blessing and I am very grateful to represent District #7 and Stanford Chapter #533, Stanford, Indiana, as Grand Ruth, 2022-2023, for Sister Angela Hensell and Brother Jim Rogers for the Let Freedom Ring Grand Family. Studying Ruth has reminded me of the importance of being faithful to my duties and steadfast with honor and justice, keeping GOD first and knowing all things are possible through HIM. I was humbled to serve as Dove of Peace District #7 Deputy for Sister Diana Surfus and Brother Les Simonton in the Journey of Love Grand family. From these opportunities, I gained a family of caring and loving sisters and brothers who support the Service Dog Projects. They also plant seeds of faith to the discouraged and lost. They also plant seeds while working within the community proving the Order of the Eastern Star members do walk the talk.

I was born on August 27th in Indianapolis, Indiana. When I was two, my parents moved to Bloomington, Indiana, to assist my grandparents. I have one younger sister, who is also a member of the Stanford Chapter.

Bobby and I were married August 2, 1997. While on our honeymoon, he was snake bit in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Then our minister called saying we had not signed the Indiana Marriage License and therefore were not legally married. I found myself going home from our honeymoon with a snake-bit husband and not legally married! That started off our marriage of 25 years. Yes, we are now legally married. Our marriage created a blended family of currently 14: Three daughters, 1 son, 3 grandsons, and 2 great-grandbabies, and the appropriate spouses. My mother passed down a family tradition of Sunday dinners after church. I have about 10 on Sundays for dinner.

Bobby and I belonged to a large church for 20+ years. For 16 years, we taught Sunday School to challenged adults. We now belong to a smaller church and are Pre-school Teachers. My hobbies are knitting, crocheting, cross-stitch and camping with family and friends.

I have had three major career changes. I worked 28 years for Westinghouse/ABB - mostly as Executive Assistant to General Managers. Then, I had a calling to go into nursing. After graduating from Ivy Tech School of Nursing, I worked in various areas, but ended up in Hospice. Bobby then decided we needed to start our own manufacturing representative business. We were successful with 12 employees covering 5½ states. I am retired but Bobby is working during the transition of selling our company.

My father was a 50+ year Masonic and Scottish Rite member. I was a JOB'S Daughter. On December 2007, Bobby, my sister, and I were initiated into our Order.

Remember: When GOD opens a door – put your fears aside and walk through that door in faith! Let him direct your path.



CARRIE KESLER, GRAND ESTHER

I am Carrie Kesler of West Terre Haute Chapter #428 in District 8 and very honored to be serving as Grand Esther for our beautiful order. I was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, on April 13th, 1964, to Gary and JoAnn Switzer. I am the second of six children. I have lived my entire life in the small town of West Terre Haute, Indiana. I graduated from West Vigo High School in 1982 and attended Ivy Tech Community College. I am married to Kim, and we have been together for 40 years and have one daughter Courtney. Courtney is married to Zach Bickett, and they have given Kim and me two beautiful granddaughters, Nora and Elsie.

Under the affiliation of my father, I was initiated into Jobs Daughters Bethel #88 in 1978. My Eastern Star Journey began in 1999 when I was initiated into West Terre Haute OES Chapter #428. I was a first time Worthy Matron in 2005-2006 for Vivian Ashton, PGM, and Larry Mills, PGP, and since have had the pleasure of being Worthy Matron multiple times and will be serving as Secretary for the ensuing year.



Kim and I own and operate a family business, Derby Hill Equipment which is a heavy equipment sales and service company. In 1989, I went to work for the AP&S Clinic as a receptionist, leaving that position in 1990, to join the administrative team at the Terre Haute Heart Center and remained with them for over 17 years. In 2007, I realized I needed a change and left

the medical field and went to work for the Local 841 Union of Operating Engineers and remained with them for over 12 years, retiring in December 2019. I have remained active with the day-to-day operations of the family business as well.

In 2017-2018, I had the privilege and was honored to serve as Deputy #8 for Cindy Skura, PGM, and Cecil Scott, PGP, in the Shining Lights of Faith Grand Family.

I am very honored to be serving as Grand Esther for the Let Freedom Ring Grand Family. Thank you, Angela and Jim, for asking me to be one of your Star Point daughters. As I represent Queen Esther, I place my faith in Gods hands and trust the path that he has laid out for me. For it took faith for Esther to step out and play the part that God had orchestrated for her. I wish peace to all and may each of your endeavors, small or large, be a victory!

PAM PETERS, GRAND MARTHA

My name is Pam Peters and I am from the Swayzee Chapter in District 13. I was born in Muncie, Indiana, but I have lived in Elwood, Indiana most of my life. I was raised with two brothers and a sister. Like Martha, I know the sisterly grief of the loss of a brother, both of my brothers have now passed.

I graduated from Elwood High School. At the age of 18, I received my beauty license from Donalds Beauty College. At age 38, I enrolled in and graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University with a degree in Business. Shortly after receiving my beauty license, I changed career focus and went to work for General Motors. Throughout my time at General Motors, I was fortunate to work on both the hourly and salary side. After 35 years of service, I retired from General Motors.

Marrying my high school sweetheart, we enjoyed 54 years of wedded bliss. I have three children, 2 daughters and one son. I have also been blessed with nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. I can be found at most school functions, or sporting events. At one time it was for my children, and now it is for my grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Along with spending my time at the school and at various sporting events, I also have held various offices at my church, especially in the various groups that work with the youth of our community. I enjoy reading, sewing, quilting, crocheting, oil painting, ceramics, and summer yard work.



My first taste of Masonic life was at the age of 12, with the Job's Daughters from affiliation from my grandfather. In 2001, I petitioned Elwood Chapter #71. In 2005, Elwood consolidated with the Swayzee Chapter #345. I was honored to serve as Grand Page for Sister Deby Thomas and Brother Rob Maines in the "Moments of Freedom Grand Family", extending my Masonic family in 2015. I served as District Deputy #13 for Sister Tina Vredenburgh and Brother Larry Frost of the "Dare to Dream Grand Family". I am humbled to serve this year as your Grand Martha in the "Let Freedom Ring Grand Family".

I have enjoyed this year tremendously. I've been privileged to visit many chapters and various Districts, and I am proud to be part of an organization that takes pride in their service, both to their chapters and their communities. I am honored to serve as Grand Martha, as the story of this heroin has been of great comfort and guidance to me in strengthening my faith. Thank you for all your smiles and friendship. Reach for the moon. If you fall short you may land on a star.

BARB PEFLY, GRAND ELECTA



I was born in a little town of Montezuma in West central Indiana to Jack and Louise Norris. Two years later I was joined by my brother Jay. I graduated in 1964 from Montezuma High School, and while in school I was involved in band, choir, 4-H, church choir and youth groups. After graduation I attended cosmetology school in Indianapolis and worked 25 years doing hair. In 1966, I married my high school sweetheart, Philip, while he was home on leave from the U.S. Navy. Five years later we were blessed with the birth of our daughter, the one and only Lyn, and she blessed us with a grandson Evan and a granddaughter Lauren. After a motorcycle accident in 1984, which left Philip unable to continue working as a pipefitter, we bought a small-town tavern, which I kept until I retired in 2012. We lost Philip and Evan in a car accident in 2008, which changed our lives completely. God doesn't take your trials or heartaches away, but He certainly gives you the strength to see them through. You go on one day at a time, asking for guidance, and thanking Him for the time you had together and continue to be an inspiration and help to others.

I have been a 4-H leader for 24 years and secretary of the 4-H Council. I am the longest serving board member of Parke County Incorporated, that's who puts on the Covered Bridge Festival. I am Past Mother Advisor of Rockville Rainbow Assembly No 43. Fifty years ago I joined Montezuma Eastern Star #537 on my grandfather's Masonic affiliation, joining my grandfather, mother and 2 aunts and a great aunt. I have held an office all 50 years and have served as WM 20 times. When our daughter joined Star, we had 4 generations in this beautiful Order. I served as DD# 9 for the late Sister Betty Coffel and Brother Bert Goul in 1978—79. In 2007, I was appointed Grand Representative of Iowa by Sister Cindy Cohee and Brother Frank Norman, then in 2019-2021, I served as Messenger of Hope #9 for Sister Jennifer Nicholson and Brother Robert DeRolf. I was in shock when Sister Angela asked me to serve as Grand Electa, I had to think it over for a while, but with much prayer and God's guidance I accepted.

I am very grateful and humble to be serving as your Grand Electa. May we always remain loyal to truth and above all LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Always remember-- God Didn't give you another day because you needed it, He gave you another day because someone out there needs you. Let ALL YOU DO, BE DONE IN LOVE.

STELLAR STARS FOR JUNE 2023

1 Star

In Honor of Gleda Brooks, PGM
We are very proud of you!
Your faithful friends in District 5

In Loving Memory of
Joan Franklin, PD#7, 1960
Lee Ann Wise, PD#7, 1971
Opal Sluder, PD#7, 1977
Who are missed by the
Past Deputies of District #7

3 Stars

In Loving Memory of Betty Bush, PGW & PD
Hartsville Chapter #550
From your Sister Sue A. Vandagriff

In Memory of Mary B. Davis
Beloved wife of Bill Davis
Born April 11, 1934 Passed away November 4, 2021
Past Deputy of District 11 1999-2000 Past Matron
many times of Daylight and Oakland Chapters
Former Grand Representative
Greatly missed by members of Oakland Chapter
#159

In Honor of our most recent 50 Year Members
Judith Adkins, PM & Elizabeth Ritchie
From the members of Corinthian Chapter #456

4 Stars

In Honor of our most recent 75 Year Member
Jeanne Bain, PM
From the members of Corinthian Chapter #456

5 Stars

In Recognition of Lebanon Chapter #23
Past Matrons & Past Patrons

In Loving Memory of Jim Terry
Always a Gentleman
Our Love, Barb, Tim and Tina

In Honor of the 40th Anniversary of the
"BLUEBIRDS OF HAPPINESS GRAND FAMILY"
Established on April 27, 1983, by
Linda Cline, P.G.M. & Jay Shull, P.G.P.
("Momma Bluebird" & "Poppa Jay")
Also honoring the "Traveling Bluebirds"
and their "Birdwatchers"
With much love from "Momma", Vaughn, & Dottie



ST. MARTIN'S HEALTHCARE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS TEA PARTY

Spencerville OES participated in the 17th Annual St. Martin's Healthcare 2023 Circle of Friends Tea Party, where 250 ladies came together to share good food and laughter with friends to support the mission of St. Martin's Free Healthcare Clinic located in Garrett, IN. Ten OES members and families enjoyed the event while also donating \$500 and a "Sweet Treat Basket" for auction plus celebrating the 86th Birthday of Spencerville OES Member Cora Fetro. Personal donations were also given toward the purchase and operations of a new Mobile Unit.



Maddy Dangler, Cora Fetro, Laura Dangler and Ari Lauer are pictured with our "Sweet Treat Basket"



*1st row - Ari Lauer, Cora Fetro, Maddy Dangler, Ann Merrett, Suzette Rodgers.
2nd row - Diann Stienbarger, Becky Hoover, Laura Dangler, Barb Oster, Dawn Tilkios*

CHECK YOUR CALENDARS

WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

- Jun 1 Grand Court Amaranth
- Jun 9-11 Grand Chapter
- Jul 15 WGM Reception, Spiceland
- Jul 22 WGP Reception, South Bend
- Aug 5 Grand Warder Reception
- Aug 12 1st Inspection in State, Elmhurst
- Aug 19 Grand Organist Reception
- Aug 26 Grand Sentinel Reception

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GREEN WITH ENVY

Everyone was Green with Envy during Radiant Chapter #200 Friends night. The band "Gods Mighty Horns" played some amazing music. It was not enough to just toe tap along to the music, it brought a few of us up to our feet for a little bit of dancing. Dinner was homemade Irish stew, prepared by the Worthy Matron Evelyn Miller. After dinner then out came the games and prizes. Wow! What a fantastic time we all had.



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