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IN THE GARDEN WITH THE WGM



Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

Another New Year! What difference will you make in our beautiful Order? This can be a new beginning of growth in our Order. Will you join me in asking your family and friends to be a part of our Eastern Star? It is time for us to get excited about being an Eastern Star member. Don't rely on another member to make the difference, let it start with you and me.

I have enjoyed the inspections and luncheons and am looking forward to the second half of our year. I know it will go fast and Grand Chapter will be here before we know it. Work has already started for Grand Chapter; can't wait to see all the plans come together. The Session will be the "Celebration of Love" Session. Make your plans now to join us for this celebration.

I didn't schedule anything for January because Indiana weather changes by the minute. This time off gives everyone time to be with their families. I hope you have enjoyed the time.

I had the opportunity on January 16th, 2015 to present a 75 year award to Sister Evelyn Waterson from the Converse Chapter. What an honor it was to listen to her stories. January 20th was her 100th birthday.

Continue to remember that the Grand Star Points honor mornings and nights will start again soon. Please support them with your attendance at their special night. They are doing a great job this year representing the Heroines of our Order.

The Masonic Home Project is going well. I want to thank everyone that has helped with this important project for the Home, but we still need your help to make it become a reality for the residents. Please continue to help in any way you can.

You must scatter the seeds,
Love the seeds,
Have complete faith in the seeds.
Only then, will they become all
that you hope for.

Stay safe and warm.
Betty Swisher, Worthy Grand Matron



GREETINGS FROM DISTRICT 20

Now that December is over I trust everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Christmas is meant for the Joy of what our Lord and Savior gave to us. His gift is the most precious that any of us could ever get, his son Jesus Christ.

It has been nice to have the month of January off. We have not had much snow this year, which I am glad. I purchased a new snow blower and have only used it two times.

I traveled to Bordon Chapter to close it and they consolidated with La Belle. This is the only one that I have done this year. I hope that we do not consolidate any more Chapters.

We are in the process of starting up a new chapter in District 13. Maybe this is a sign that there is a change coming our way.

Now that March and spring are getting close we will be hitting the open road again to finish out the year. Looking forward to the end of the inspections and getting everything ready for the Grand Chapter Session and our deputy's receptions.

Many of you will be happy to learn that Diane's surgery has finally been scheduled for March 4.

The last thing that I want to talk about is to say a very special thank you for all the cards and prayers for the loss that Diane and I went thru the last week of January of losing Diane's mother of 95 years. She was also a member of our chapter in Bristol. **THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART. I LOVE ALL OF YOU.**

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



SANTA & FAMILY VISIT DISTRICT #5

The annual gathering of a combined Christmas dinner for the Masonic Lodge #96 and the OES #93 families was once again a big success when Santa and his family arrived. Santa and Mrs. Claus listened to everyone's wish list and gave each a special treat bag. Santa assured the children that he knew they had been good boys and girls throughout the year. Hmmm--wonder if he told these officers the same thing!

Pictured left to right are Jeff Coon, #96 Master; Connie Nierste, WM; Robin Warner, Chaplain; Londean Warner, Assoc. Cond; Corrine Rees, OES member; and Marion Dalrymple, WP.



Keep a smile in your heart!
Connie Nierste, WM



HARRY LEONS HONORED

Harry Leons of Anderson, Indiana was recently mailed his 75 year membership certificate and pin. He was born on December 5, 1914 and recently had his 100th birthday. He became a Mason in October, 1939.



MORRISTOWN FRIENDS' NIGHT

It was a typical chilly night for December, but the atmosphere was warm and cheery for the Morristown Friends' Night on Friday, December 19. A pitch-in dinner was served in the dining room before the meeting. The theme was Christmas and the tables were bright with tiny green Christmas trees. Jim Thomas, Worthy Patron, welcomed everyone. Food, Fun and Festivities was the name of the game.

Everyone went to the chapter room and found the chapter room was set up in a double half-circle of chairs behind the altar. Five tiny angels in the Eastern Star colors graced the East as decorations. Sandie Thomas, Worthy Matron, introduced the following Grand Chapter Committee Appointments - Cindy Essig, Cancer Fund; Sandra Heath, 6th District Choir Director, Worthy High Priestess and Supreme Escort for Canadian Flag in White Shrine of Jerusalem; Patsy McKee, Bus Trip to Nashville, Tennessee; Barbara Heath, 6th District Star-Lite Reporter; Mary Ann Toll, Flower Committee; and Sandie Thomas, World of Youth. Two Officers of the Masonic Lodge and Gloria Jonas, widow of Jerry Jonas, Past Grand Patron, were also introduced.

Sandie Thomas, WM, read a story about a special Christmas present - her. David Lime, Past Patron of Morristown said that he had hit it lucky and wanted to share his winnings with everybody. He gave each one an envelope and Christmas card. Each card contained a dollar bill except the one that Sally Hamm got with a \$20 inside.

Barbara Heath, District #6 Star-Lite Reporter



Sandie Thomas reads her special Christmas story.



Cindy Essig, Morristown member and her friend Kenny Davis are greeted by "Rufus" the Christmas elf (John Gunderman, AP of Morristown).

SANTA CLAUS CAME TO NINEVEH

Nineveh Chapter's stated meeting on Tuesday, December 2nd was very special. Many things happened at this meeting. Prior to the meeting, a pitch-in dinner was provided for the officers, members and visitors. Patsy McKee, Worthy Matron, and Mike Duncan, Worthy Patron, welcomed all these guests to a festive dining room.

A Cookie Walk was part of the activities: everyone brought two dozen cookies to trade and exchange with others. Contributions of food were taken in November for Thanksgiving and again a food collection was taken for Christmas for Food Baskets.

The highlight of the evening was a visit by Santa Claus, brightly dressed in red, who greeted each one and handed out gifts to all. One special couple that he greeted was his own parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brewer. Santa Claus was their son, Don.

One last item of business was the finalizing of the Nineveh Chapter Scholarship for Indian Creek High School students. The students must meet specific requirements and they must be related to some member of Nineveh Chapter or Nineveh Masonic Lodge.

All had a wonderful time and enjoyed all the activities for the Christmas Season.

Reported by Barbara Heath, District 6 Star-Lite Reporter



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brewer are greeted by Santa Claus



Mike Duncan unwraps his gift for the amusement of Patsy McKee (left) and Santa Claus

What Are These?

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Find the names in the puzzle. The numbers represent the district they are from.
The extra letters spell out the answer to the title of this puzzle.

21 ASHLEY
11 BEECH GROVE
7 BLOOMFIELD
3 BORDEN
5 BROOKVILLE
10 CICERO
9 CLOVERDALE
4 COLUMBUS
16 DAYTON
6 FAIRLAND
14 FORT WAYNE
20 GOSHEN
15 GREENTOWN
6 GREENWOOD

19 GRIFFITH
3 HANOVER
15 KOKOMO
18 LAFONTAINE
19 LAPORTE
11 LAWRENCE
10 LEBANON
14 LEO
12 MIDDLETOWN
13 MUNCIE
12 NEW CASTLE
2 ODON
1 PATOKA
17 REMINGTON

8 RILEY
9 ROACHDALE
4 SEYMOUR
7 SPENCER
21 SPENCERVILLE
13 SWAYZEE
1 TELL CITY
8 TERRE HAUTE
5 VERSAILLES
18 WABASH
20 WARSAW
16 WEST LEBANON
2 WINSLOW
17 WOLCOTT

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBER RECOGNIZED

Lois Chapter #147 in Greensburg, Indiana, recognized Sister Lois Porter for her fifty years in O.E.S. on Thursday, December 11, 2014.

Brother Mike Rumsey, PGP, presented Lois with her pin before the regular chapter meeting. Prior to this presentation, the O.E.S. members enjoyed a pitch-in Christmas dinner with their families along with the members and families of the Greensburg Masonic Lodge.



Pictured are Steven Brown, WP, Mike Rumsey, PGP, Rob Porter, PP, Lois Porter, PM, and Jean Hoffman, WM.



LAFONTAINE NEWS

LaFontaine Chapter #301 in District #18 made plans for the year at their installation. Those plans included supporting Indiana Grand Chapter Projects and the Masonic Home and supporting the local community. Several projects included collecting non-perishable food items for the local food bank, donating an unwrapped toy or game for Toys for Tots, collect items for the Rolling Meadows Health Care nursing home for their entertainment prizes and to hold their Attic Treasures Sale during LaFontaine Days.

The chapter will present 75 year awards to Marguerite Guenin and Lucille Highley on March 8th during a Tea from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the chapter. Everyone is invited. At the inspection on April 2nd, several members will receive their 50 year awards including Becky Shroyer, our District Deputy this year. A 25 year member will also receive his pin sometime this year. The chapter will also host a reception for District Deputy #18 Becky Shroyer on May 23rd at 2:00 pm.

This year will be a full one with many activities planned that should make ourselves know as the charitable and responsible organization that we are.

JOURNEY TO SCOTLAND

Seymour Chapter #134, held a Reception honoring Margaret Kroman, Grand Representative of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland at Jackson Lodge on November 22, 2014. Dressed in Scottish kilts, Margaret and husband, Stephen greeted guests in front of a tartan backdrop adorned on each side by trees and ferns. The Chapter Room was decorated with the flag of Scotland, Bagpipes and the Campbell Clan Crest. The West was decorated with the OES Airways plane from the Wings of Hope Project and daffodils which represent winter is over in Scotland.

WM Janice Brock and WP Terry Byrns welcomed visitors. Assisting were Conductress Terrie Barber and Organist Rick Lassiter, Past Grand Organist. Photographer was Carl Culmann.

The Conductress presented Margaret at the Altar. After dressing her and Steve in crowns and robes they were escorted through a line of paparazzi, aka the current and former Grand Representatives of D#4. The Tribute given by Sonda Schapson, PGM, and Cary Hetrick, PGP, included facts about Margaret's years in Rainbow and OES. She was given a life preserver charm representing the Cruisers and Deck Hands group of Grand Representatives. Margaret presented Sonda and Cary with tartan lambs' wool throws from Scotland.

Margaret introduced H. Fred Smith, WGP; husband Stephen Kroman, Past Master, O.S.M., Grand Photographer of the Grand Lodge F&AM and Grand Master's Area Representative to Area 34, Secretary-Treasurer Board of Directors of Masonic Heritage Foundation, Past Patron Seymour; her brother, Jim Brock, and wife Janice; Loretta Riehl, PGM and OES Representative to the Masonic Home Board; Dwayne Taylor, PGP and Grand Trustee, and Geneva; Sherry Johnson, PGM; and Henry Huff, PGP, and Linda, Past Deputy; Right Worshipful Brother William Reiners, Deputy Grand Master, and Brenda; Most Worshipful Brother George A. Ingles, Past Grand Master, Past Grand Commander, Trustee of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, & President Board of Directors of Masonic Heritage Foundation, and Karen; and Worshipful Brother Carl Culmann, Senior Grand Deacon and Assistant Rabban of the Murat Shrine, and LaDonna.

Also attending were The Bouquet of Love Grand Family: Diane Smith, wife of WGP; Lexi Johnson, Grand Adah; Deb Cramer, Grand Martha; Diana Surfus, Grand Electa; and Les Simonton, Grand Sentinel, and Cheryl: Tammy Bedell, DD#3, and Ben; Tiffany Ingles, DD#10; and Wanda Gray, DD#4, and Denver; 9 Current Grand Representatives and 30 Former Grand Representatives and spouses; Grand Chapter Committee Members; WMs and WPs; PMs and PPs; and Past Grand Organists.

Following each group introductions Margaret gave a Scottish saying. She gave facts about Scotland, their trav-

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els, and the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland Session which they attended in April. She explained the Campbell Clan Crest and her connection to the "Ne Obliviscurius" Clan slogan meaning "Never Forget" reminding us all to know and remember our heritage. She closed with a poem by Robert Byrns, "Auld Lang Syne" with the English interpretation "may the good times never be forgotten."

The Benediction was given by Henry Huff, Margaret's Deputy Pop, and Table Grace was given by Dwayne Taylor. Terry Byrns gave the Dinner Instructions. Dinner was a traditional Scottish meal of Cottage Pie, salad, Bannock rolls, and bread pudding with butter-scotch sauce.

The Dining room was decorated with tartan ribbons and clear vases with tartans, greenery and bittersweet. During the Social Hour traditional shortbread cookies, toffee bars and biscuits with clotted cream and jam along with a cider punch were served. The slide show "Taste of Scotland Tour" was presented along with videos of the Highland Dancers and the street Buskers in Glasgow.



STELLAR STARS

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Please consider honoring or remembering those special Eastern Star people in your family, chapter or district with a Stellar Star for everyone to see and know that they are special to you.



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, prayers and calls during my surgeries and recovery times. I have had my second surgery and I am home now doing well. Thank you again.

Ann Wingate of Mooresville Chapter

Check your Calendars

WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

Mar 21 Worthy Grand Warder Reception
 Apr 6 D#15 Association Meeting
 Apr 10 Grand Star Point Honor Night D#20
 Apr 11 D#20 Last Inspection GOEx
 Apr 25 Last Inspection in State

INSPECTIONS

Baby Dedication 7:10 pm, Award of Gold 7:20 pm
 Inspection 7:30 pm Unless otherwise noted
 Mar 2 D#8 at Riley w/ Terre Haute & Pimento
 Luncheon
 Mar 9 D#5
 Mar 11 D#9 at Alamo w/ Athens,
 Montezuma & Hedges
 Mar 16 D#4
 Mar 18 D#12
 Mar 24 D#10 at Whitestown w/ Lebanon &
 Cartersburg
 Mar 26 D#19
 Mar 30 D#1
 Apr 2 D#18 at Converse w/ LaFontaine &
 Wabash
 Apr 8 D#17
 Apr 9 D#6 at Fairland w/ Franklin,
 Flat Rock & Eden
 Apr 11 D#20 at Bristol w/ Goshen & Starlight
 1:10 Baby Dedication, 1:20 Award of Gold,
 1:30 Inspection
 Apr 13 D#14 at Fort Wayne w/ Waynedale &
 Trinity
 Apr 15 D#8 at Twelve Points w/ Jerusalem,
 West Terre Haute & Prairieton
 Apr 17 D#3 at Old Capitol w/ New Albany &
 La Belle
 Apr 22 D#13 Luncheon
 Apr 25 D#11 at Prospect w/ Oakland, GOEx

RECEPTIONS

Mar 7 Janet Sweet, DD#2
 Mar 7 Sue Hays, DD#7
 Mar 14 Margaret Smith, DD#14
 Fort Wayne Masonic Lodge
 Social 9:00 am, Program 10:30 am

Lunch to follow

RSVP by March 6th to:
 Elizabeth Sullivan, WM
 260-437-9628 aleta325@comcast.net
 In lieu of gifts please make a donation to
 WGM or WGP projects in her name
 Mar 14 Sheri Auld, DD#21
 Mar 21 Fred Rowe, Worthy Grand Warder
 St. Hedwig Memorial Center
 Meet & Greet 4:00pm, Program 5:00pm
 Dinner 6:00pm \$25.00
 RSVP with remittance by March 14, 2015
 Lakeville Chapter #479

Mar 28 Pat Crask, DD#11
 Lawrence Masonic Hall, 9:00 am
 Mar 28 Cheryl Tichenor, DD#12
 Apr 4 Barbara Tate, DD#16
 Apr 4 Ardeth Criswell, DD#17
 Apr 18 Tammy Bedell, DD#3

FRIEND'S NIGHTS

Meetings at 7:30 unless noted
 Mar 13 D#20 Valley
 Mar 16 D#7 Ivanhoe
 Mar 18 D#11 Corinthian
 Mar 19 D#20 Goshen
 Mar 20 D#10 Fishers
 Mar 23 D#11 Englewood
 Mar 27 D#3 Borden 6:30 pm
 Mar 28 D#3 Jeffersonville 6:30 pm
 Apr 7 D#20 Starlight 7:00 pm
 Apr 9 D#10 Plainfield
 Apr 10 D#7 Bloomfield
 Apr 13 D#7 Sullivan
 Apr 15 D#20 St. Joseph
 Apr 22 D#3 Bright Star 7:00 pm
 Apr 27 D#11 Bridgeport
 Apr 28 D#11 Lynhurst
 Apr 30 D#14 Columbia City

GRAND STAR POINT HONOR NIGHTS

Mar 6 D#7 Bloomfield
Mar 13 D#14 Waynedale
Mar 20 D#21
Apr 10 D#20
Apr 18 D#3 Old Capitol
Apr 23 D#6 Mooresville
Apr 29 D#11 Corinthian
Apr 30 D#12

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